



ST. MARK UNIVERSITY PARISH

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MISSION STATEMENT

St. Mark's University Parish provides a *welcoming faith community* for students, families, and individuals that share a geographic, intellectual, or historic connection to the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF). We exist to *encourage, inform, and support* the *faith journey of all who have come to UAF* with a background in the Catholic tradition. St. Mark's also provides reliable information for non-Catholics inquiring about our faith and contributes to inter-faith discussion and ecumenical action.

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St. Mark Mass & Confession Schedules

Sunday Sung Vespers: 4:45 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Sunday Mass: 5:30 PM at SHC

CALENDAR of EVENTS

4/30-6/4: 6 – 7:30 PM Spring 2025 Beloved Marriage Preparation at St. Raphael Parish

5/4 (Sun): 11:00 AM 1st Communion at SHC

5/6: (Mon) 12:30 SHC Reading Group

5/6-8: Clergy Days in Fairbanks

5/7: Conclave in Rome to select next Pope.

5/10: (Sat): 9:00 AM **Altar Server Training** at SHC

5/11: **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

5/15-18: Men's Silent Ignatian Retreat at ICS

6/7 (Sat): 11:00 AM Confirmation at SHC.

6/9-13: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Summer Oratory at St. Nicholas Parish in North Pole for ages 6-17.

Catholic Definition: CARDINAL

A high official of the Roman Catholic Church ranking next to the Pope. He is a member of the Sacred College and is appointed by the Sovereign Pontiff to assist and advise him in the government of the Church. The names of newly created cardinals are usually announced at a papal consistory. The Code of Canon Law, promulgated in 1918, decreed that all cardinals must be priests. In 1962, Pope John XXIII provided that they should all be bishops. <https://www.catholicculture.org>

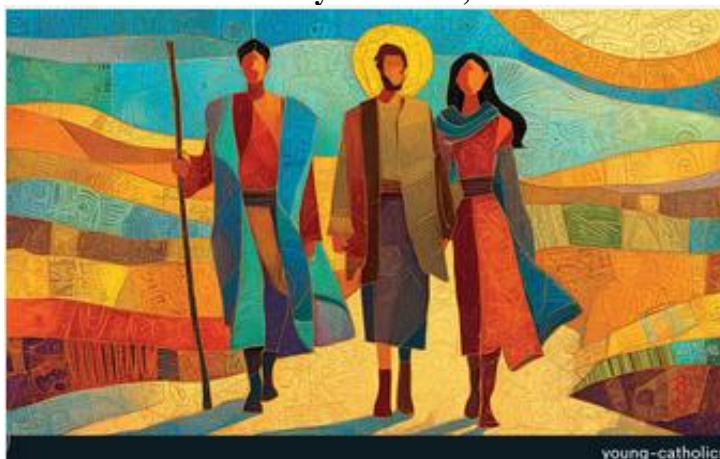
31 Biblical Virtues to pray for your kids.

17. Joy. "May my children be filled with the joy given by the Holy Spirit." (1 Thess. 1:6)

*Without priests, we have no Eucharist.
Without the Eucharist, we have no Church!*

May 5, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter, Year C



First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40b-41*

The apostles are brought before the Sanhedrin and ordered to stop speaking in Jesus' name.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13*

A song of praise to God who rescues us.

Second Reading: *Revelation 5:11-14*

John describes his vision of the praises that will be sung to the Lamb by every creature on heaven and earth.

Gospel Reading: *John 21:1-19*

Jesus appears to the disciples for a third time after his Resurrection and shares a meal with them.

Music of the Mass – May 4, 2025

178 At the Lamb's High Feast

309 (Vs 1,2,4) Here At This Table

183 Two Were Bound For Emmaus

338 The Supper of the Lord

180 Christ, The Lord, is Risen Today

PIPER OLIVIA PETERS

Congratulations on receiving First Holy Communion!

Piper is the daughter of Roger and Harmonie Peters - Luke and Jasper are her young brothers! The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life." The other sacraments, and **indeed** all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it.



Test your knowledge of sacramental preparation used across the Catholic Diocese at

<https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/sacramental-preparation-guidelines>



***As we approach the summer months some of the following activities are suspended until September. If in doubt, please contact the church or contact listed below. ***

MONDAY

SHC Book Club: 12:30 PM in Social Hall 5/8. The Life of St. Catherine of Siena by Blessed Raymond of Capua, c.1960.

Bible Study Monday Nite – Will start up again in September.

TUESDAY

Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA): 7–8:30 PM.

Voices of Hope Prayer Group: 6:00–8:30PM downstairs at SHC every Tuesday. All are welcome!

WEDNESDAY

Beloved Marriage Prep – 6:00 – 7:30 PM at St. Raphael's (April 30 – June 4). Contact Elizabeth to register at elizabeth@straphaelfairbanks.org.

THURSDAY

Confirmation/Youth Group at SHC. Questions—contact Mother, Way of Salvation at: servidoras@cbna.org
Confirmation – 5:30

Voces Teen Youth Group - 6:30-8:00 PM

FRIDAY

To request Food Boxes - people may call in orders at (907) 374-0572 from 10:00 –11:30 AM and pick up their food boxes from 12:15 – 1:00 PM.

Voces Verbi – Adoration, Formation, & Pizza for Young Adults 18-35 at ICC. - 6:00 PM.

SATURDAY

Young Adult Game Night – May 17 at 7 PM in SHC Social Hall. Contact Diocesan OFFF Director Olsta at 907-374-9526 or olsta@cbna.org.

Confessions & Adorations of the Blessed Sacrament – 3:00 – 4:00 PM at SHC.

Religious Education: Held at SHC. Questions—contact Mother, Way of Salvation at: servidoras@cbna.org

Oratory – 1:00 PM

Religious Ed 3:00 – 4:15 PM

EVENTS & GROUPS OF INTEREST

Summer Oratory – June 9th-13th (M-F) 9AM-3PM at Saint Nicholas Parish in North Pole for ages 6-17.

Baptism Classes: The three-part Baptism class is for parents of infants and children under the age of 7. For more information, email Fr. Peter Bang at pbanng@cbna.org.

Marriage Preparations – Contact Fr. Ross at rtozzi@cbna.org or call (907) 347-3005 six (6) months prior to wedding.



Justice Challenge: May 5th is a day to remember St. Hilary of Arles, a 5th century bishop. He used his office to serve the poor. He did manual labor to earn money for the poor and was known to sell sacred vessels to pay ransom for those who were held captive. He was a man who did what he could do with the resources at his disposal. This is the call of all Christians. Do something good for Christ using whatever is available to you. The challenge this week is to examine your daily routine. What kind of influence do you have? What are your resources? How can you use your influence and your resources to do something good for someone or some community that needs your help?

<https://pastoral.center>

Connecting the Gospel...

... **to the First Reading:** Strict orders from the Sanhedrin did not deter the disciples from obeying “God rather than men.” Ever faithful to Jesus’ command to follow him, they even rejoiced that they were able to “suffer dishonor for the sake of the name.”



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<https://liturgy.slu.edu>

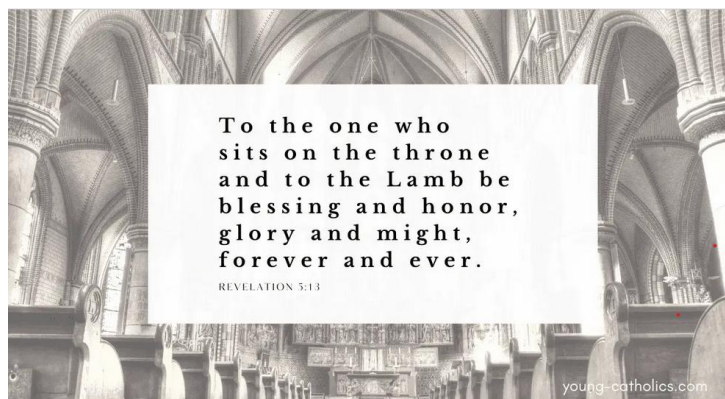
Feed My Sheep

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” (John 21:5)

Adults: In what ways are you answering Jesus’ command to Peter to “feed my sheep”?

Kids: What do you do to take care of others as Jesus asked Peter to do?

<https://pastoral.center>



To the one who
sits on the throne
and to the Lamb be
blessing and honor,
glory and might,
forever and ever.

REVELATION 5:13

young-catholics.com

IN MEMORIAM POPE FRANCIS

December 17, 1936 – April 21, 2025

Ordained to the Priesthood:

December 13, 1969

Elected Supreme Pontiff:

March 13, 2013

"Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord..."

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What saint is symbolized by a flaming torch?
(Answer on page 3.)

God does not love us because we are valuable. We are valuable because God loves us. ~ Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



Who is the patron saint of First Communicants?

Blessed Imelda Lambertini had one lifelong desire: to receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

Little Imelda was just five years old when, one day in 1327, she went to her parents and expressed her greatest desire: to receive her First Holy Communion immediately.

For the next few years, Imelda spent most of her time contemplating Jesus in the Eucharist and the ecstasy of one day receiving Him into her soul. Periodically, she asked again to make her First Communion. Even though the answer was always the same, she never stopped asking.

When Imelda was nine, she was permitted to enter the Dominican order as a postulant. Her thoughts and prayers still centered on Jesus' presence in the Eucharist.

Two years later, on the Feast of the Ascension, she made her request again. The answer came back the same: "No, Imelda, not yet. Soon, but not yet."



After Mass, all the sisters left the chapel. Soon they found that Imelda was not with them and hurried back to find her. There she was kneeling before the tabernacle and gazing with sparkling eyes upon a Eucharistic host miraculously suspended above her. Seeing this, the priest gave her First Holy Communion.

Imelda received Jesus with keen joy and adoration. Her communion with Him was so complete that He called her soul to be in heaven with Him immediately.

<https://catholiccompany.com/getfed/>

The entire month of May is dedicated honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary - Mother of God, our spiritual mother, and the model of perfect discipleship.

Take a moment to better understand why we dedicate the month of May at <https://catholiconline.news/faith/a-month-for-mary-our-mother-our-model-our-queen>



CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN
Answer: St. Aidan of Lindisfarne. @Lpi

To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.
– C.S. Lewis

(Practicing) Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment)
[The Witnesses of What Makes No Sense](#)



It never fails to amuse me that the disciples in today's Gospel don't recognize Jesus until he asks them to do something that makes absolutely no logical sense.

He's just some random stranger on the shore — until he gives them an order that, in any other circumstances, would have them rolling their eyes into the backs of their head: *Drop the nets again. I know you haven't caught anything all night. I know you're tired. Just do it one more time. Trust me. Again.*

That's when they recognize him.

The disciples display such poor recognition of Jesus after the resurrection. I'm sure there's a good, theologically sound reason for it, one I am not smart enough to explain. Whatever that reason is, it's very clear that God was carefully orchestrating these moments of realization. He is trying to tell us something about how we recognize the risen Christ — the one who has conquered sin, the one whose love was stronger than death. The one who never made any sense, and never will, because his kingdom is not of this world, and to understand him — to recognize him — you have to detach from the priorities, the expectations, the limitations of this present world.

You have to be willing to do what makes no sense.

Love — again, even when it doesn't make sense. Forgive — again, even when it doesn't make sense. Believe — again, even when it doesn't make sense.

"We are the witnesses of these things," Peter tells the Sanhedrin (Acts 5:32). Peter, who was so full of joy when he recognized Jesus that he leapt into the sea, fully clothed, desperate to be near him.

It makes no sense, and that's okay. That's kind of our whole thing, as Christians. We are the witnesses of the things that make no sense.

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – May 1, 2025©Lpi.





Our Stewardship Report

April 27: \$ 823.45

Actual Collection YTD

(7/24- 6/25): \$ 60,448.60

Thank you for your continued support!

Our May 3% donation of our total donations came to \$187 for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

Stewards Love

"...Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'" (JOHN 21:17)

How often in **Stewardship** do you actually say the words "I love you" to Jesus, to family members, or to friends? We are made to be in relationship with God and each other. Sincerely telling someone that you love them is the best gift you can give them because it comes from your heart. You are giving them the gift of yourself. We were all made by love and for love. Tell someone you love them every day.

MAY 2025 PRAYER INTENTION

For working conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

Pray for... Bishop Steven Maekawa, OP and priests of the Diocese of Fairbanks as they gather for Clergy Days this week in Fairbanks – may it be a time for connection, learning, prayer, spiritual growth, and relaxation.

...religious brothers, sisters, deacons, and volunteers serving in the Diocese of Fairbanks.

...the Holy Spirit to guide the Cardinals with unfailing care in finding a loving pastor Your Church.

... those preparing for marriage this month.

...those who are sick, facing medical treatment, or hospitalized.

...respect for life from conception to natural death.

...Fr. Gerardus Hauwert, IVE, Dorothy & Frank McGilvary, Ben Orr, Deborah Leabee, Fr Sean Thomson, Cedric Grace.

... Gerri Jahoula and all who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again.

Third Sunday of Easter – May 4, 2025

"It is the Lord!" (John 21:7)

Recognizing Jesus in your life opens the door to responding to His call. If you feel His presence prompting you toward a vocation, consider talking to your priest or reaching out to Fr. Robert Fath in the Vocation Office at rfath@cbna.org.

Weekly Prayer of the Faithful

For prayerful openness in our young people, that they will see their vocation discernment as a call to love the Lord and respond generously to His choice of them.

Heading to Denali over the weekend this summer?

Take note of the following Mass times you can catch in Healy, Denali, or Nenana while away from home –

Saturday: 5:00 PM Healy

Sunday: 9:00 AM in Denali

Sunday: 11:00 AM in Healy

Sunday: 1:30 PM in Nenana

Mass times on the road system in Diocese of Fairbanks can be found at <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/mass-times>

Family or friends coming to visit? – Flyers with mass schedules (*prepared by the Chancery*) for the Diocesan Road System are placed around town in churches and visitor locations. **Keep them on hand!**

For travel elsewhere in the state go to:

<https://aoaj.org/parishfinder>

Diocese of Fairbanks Job Opening Chief Financial Officer (CFO).

This is a full-time, exempt position with benefits for the Diocese of Fairbanks. To apply, submit a cover letter, résumé, and three references to humanresources@cbna.org. For a detailed list of job duties and other information, please visit <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings>.

Spring Marriage Preparation at St. Raphael

April 30 – June 4, 2025

Wednesdays: 6:00– 7:30 PM

St. Raphael is offering the Beloved marriage preparation classes this Spring. We invite all those who are engaged or thinking about marriage to join in learning how to have a healthy, happy, and holy relationship. Sessions at St. Raphael Parish on April 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28, and June 4.

To register - Contact Elizabeth at

elizabeth@straphaelfairbanks or 907-457-6603



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**KEEP
CALM
AND BECOME
ALTAR
SERVER!**

There will be a scheduled training on Saturday, May 10th, at 9:00 AM in Sacred Heart Cathedral. Take that first step with joining and become confident in building new skills in assisting the priest in celebration of the liturgy during Mass and actively participate in the liturgy! You will be guided each step of the way until you have it down.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT: Our diocese is committed to creating a safe environment for everyone. If you are aware of abuse, you are encouraged to report the abuse to local law enforcement agencies and to contact our Victim Assistance coordinator, Jocelyn Niedziela by calling (907) 374-9553 or emailing vac@cbna.org. For more information access the Diocese Safe Environment:

<https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/report-abuse>

Join us next week as we celebrate Mother's Day!