



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.

"HABEMUS PAPAM"

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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: Spring 2025 Beloved Marriage Pre classes on Wednesday 6-7:30pm at St. Raphael Parish. Contact Elizabeth at elizabeth@straphaelfairbanks.org or 907-457-6603.

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

5/11: World Day of Prayer for Vocations & Mother's Day

5/11: Mother's Day Bake Sale after Mass

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.

Terminology of a Conclave

HABEMUS PAPAM - The phrase means "we have a pope" in Latin. It is the phrase which the church tells the world it has a new leader.

NOMEN - The name the newly elected pope chooses for himself, often in homage to a previous pontiff to whom he feels a close affinity.

ROOM OF TEARS -The freshly elected pope shuts himself in a tiny room adjoining the Sistine Chapel, call the 'Room of Tears,' where he can give free rein to his emotions.

31 Biblical Virtues to pray for your kids.

18. Perseverance. "Lord, teach my children perseverance in all they do, and help them especially to run with perseverance the race marked out for them." (Heb 12:1)

May 11, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year C

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



young-catholics.com

First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52*

Paul and Barnabas preach the good news among the Gentiles and are expelled by the Jews.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5*

A song of praise to God who shepherds us.

Second Reading: *Revelation 7:9, 14b-17*

John describes his vision of the praises that the holy ones sing to the Lamb.

Gospel Reading: *John 10:27-30*

Jesus describes his care for his sheep.

Music of the Mass – May 11, 2025

190 Alleluia! Alleluia!

173 Christ, the Lord, is Risen Again

450 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

369 Shepherd of Souls

714 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS! We see in Jesus, the Good Shepherd, the heart of every calling. Celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Easter, the global church to pray for and support those discerning a call to serve God and others. Everyone is called, and everyone has a vocation in the Church. Please pray for an increase in vocations in the Diocese of Fairbanks!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all mothers of the world and to all of the women we've been blessed with who offer us guidance and love as spiritual mothers!

MOTHER'S DAY BAKE SALE! Support the SHC Hospitality Ministry and pick up some treats for your Mom and family after Mass!



As we approach the summer months some activities are suspended until Fall. If in doubt, please contact church offices.

MONDAY

SHC Book Club: Meets on the first Monday of the month in SHC Community Room. The last meeting will be in June. For more info, contact Jan Fortune at: 43janetf@gmail.com

Bible Study Monday Nite – On break until Fall.

TUESDAY

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

Voices of Hope Prayer Group: 6:00-8:30PM downstairs in SHC Community Room 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

Youth Group - Meets May 15, 22, & 29 from 6-8 PM at SHC. Questions—contact Mother, Way of Salvation at: servidoras@cbna.org

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 – 6 PM on May 16 & 23: Adoration, Formation, & Pizza for Young Adults 18-35 at ICC.

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: Will return in the Fall. Questions—contact Mother, Way of Salvation at: servidoras@cbna.org

EVENTS & GROUPS OF INTEREST

Men’s Spiritual Exercises – May 15-18. A Silent Ignatian Retreat at Immaculate Conception Church. Contact iccfairbanks.org/se or call 907-452-3533 to sign up.

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.*

Pray for priests (both living and dead) who have ministered to you throughout your life.

“Thank you, women who are mothers! You have sheltered human beings within yourselves in a unique experience of joy and travail. This experience makes you become God’s own smile upon the newborn child, the one who guides your child’s first steps, who helps it to grow, and who is the anchor as the child makes its way along the journey of life.”



~ St. John Paul II

“I am the son of Saint Augustine”

~ Pope Leo XIV



Justice Challenge: Justice takes courage.

Those who speak out for and act on behalf of those who are being mistreated often face persecution. In some parts of the world, they face torture and death. Jesus is the good shepherd and promises that no one will snatch his sheep out of his hand. We can face the greatest threats with courage when we stand up for what is right because we know that even if the worst possible thing happens to us, we will end up in the protection of our good shepherd. The challenge this week is to overcome your fear and speak up for or act on behalf of someone who is being mistreated... knowing that Jesus has your back.

<https://pastoral.center>

Connecting the Gospel...

... *to the First Reading:* Jesus is both the Good Shepherd (**Gospel**) and the Lamb who was slain (**Second Reading**). As shepherd, Jesus is the one who cares for us and leads us even when we face jealousy, abuse, and rejection (**First Reading**). As lamb, Jesus is the one who lays down his life in sacrifice for us.



... *to experience:* The tumult of the world is not a sign that God has abandoned us. Jealousy, violent abuse, persecution, expulsions, etc. have always been part of our human condition. In all of this, Jesus will shepherd us, lead us to “springs of life-giving water,” and “wipe away every tear” (**Second Reading**). <https://liturgy.slu.edu>

Protected by Christ

Jesus said, “My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.” (John 10:27-28)

Adults: Whom do you try to protect as Christ protects you?

Kids: Who helps you feel safe and protected? Whom can you take care of and help you feel safe? <https://pastoral.center>

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What pope served the shortest pontificate at only 13 days? (Answer on page 3.)



Meet our new pope!

Pray for Pope Leo XIV, the first pope from the United States of America!

"And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." -Matthew 16:18

"Habemus Papam!"

What a wonderful moment to be Catholic. Following the tradition of visiting the Room of Tears and the Papal dressing, our newly elected pope was announced on the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica...Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost: Pope Leo XIV.

The new Pope delivered his first apostolic blessing, Urbi et Orbi, to the faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square and those watching globally.

Some background on Pope Leo XIV

Pope Leo XIV, formerly Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost was born on September 14, 1955, in Chicago to a family of Italian, French, and Spanish heritage, Prevost's early life was marked by a deep commitment to faith and service. He joined the Order of St. Augustine in 1977, professing solemn vows in 1981. His academic pursuits led him to earn a degree in mathematics from Villanova University, a Master of Divinity from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, and both licentiate and doctoral degrees in canon law from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome.

In 1985, Prevost embarked on a missionary journey to Peru, serving in Chulucanas and later in Trujillo. His roles included parish vicar, seminary rector, and canon law professor, reflecting a blend of pastoral care and scholarly engagement. His leadership qualities were recognized globally when he was elected Prior General of the Augustinian Order in 2001, a position he held until 2013.

Pope Francis appointed him as the bishop of Chiclayo Peru, in 2014, and later brought him to Rome in 2023 to serve as Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops, overseeing the selection of bishops worldwide. His elevation to cardinal in September 2023 further solidified his standing within the Church hierarchy. *(Continued in next column...)*

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Answer: Pope Urban VII. @Lpi

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

The name of Leo - The name "Leo" signifies the strong leadership and doctrinal clarity of the other Pope Leos who have gone before him. Pope Leo the Great famously defeated Attilia the Hun and St. Leo is one of the four great Western fathers of the Church. The name means "Lion" which of course spiritually refers to strength of faith.

Leo XIII was the first pope to be filmed and truly embraced technology, and perhaps this is one of the aspects that Pope Leo XIV will also embrace. Apparently, he is also an avid tennis player and those who knew him in Chicago warmly called him Fr. Bob. <https://catholiccompany.com/getfed/>

(Practicing) Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment)
[We Don't Follow Strangers](#)



I get a little crazy when it comes to my kids' safety. We've probably had a few too many conversations that could be entitled "What to Do If Mommy Loses You at the State Fair" or "Don't Trust People Just Because They Smile at You." Am I making them paranoid? Possibly. But that's something they can sort out later with their therapists.

Because here's the bottom line of it all — I don't want to instill a fear of strangers into my kids, but I do want them to understand that you can't always trust people you don't know (heck, you can't always trust the people you *do* know, but that's another therapy-provoking conversation we can have when they're older).

If someone says, "Hey, follow me," and we don't know them, it's not always a great idea to comply. First, we have to ask questions. "Where are you taking me? Why are we going? Who else will be there?"

But if someone we know and love and trust says, "Hey, follow me," we don't even think twice, and we don't need to ask any questions. We know wherever we're going is a safe place for us because we have a relationship with the person doing the leading. We feel comfortable putting ourselves in their care.

That's why it's so important to Christ that we know him. That we have a relationship with him. That we trust him.

Because we don't follow strangers, do we?

I don't have all the answers to the questions I would love to ask Christ. "Why is this happening? Where are you taking me?" But the beautiful thing is, I do not need those answers. I know him. He's got my hand. Wherever we're going is where I want to be.

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – May 1, 2025©Lpi.



Our Stewardship Report

May 4: \$ 1,390.00
Actual Collection YTD
(7/24- 6/25): \$ 61,229.60

Thank you for your continued support!

If you still have your CRS rice bowl collection, you can still turn it in before the end of the month!

Stewardship Moment

*"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit."
Acts 13:52*

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others will notice and be attracted to!

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... Pope Leo XIV, Bishop Steven Maekawa, OP. Fr. Ross Tozzi, and priests in our diocese.

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

...all mothers; that they will be honored by family for their special vocation of love.

...mothers who are grieving and mourning the loss of a child.

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

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

...Fr. Gerardus Hauwert, IVE, Br. Bob Ruzicka OFM, Fr. Sean Thomson, 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.

4th Sunday of Easter – World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

"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

That we continue to share the joy of our Catholic faith and be an example for others.

*"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God
Is the heart of a mother."*

~St. Thérèse of Lisieux

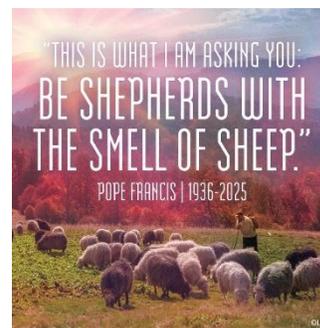


On behalf of St. Mark University Parish, we extend congratulations and rejoice with Michael & Jitlada Lucero who united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Saturday, May 10th in Sacred Heart Cathedral. Jitlada was received into the church fully Thursday at Mass presided by Fr. Peter Bang.

Join in the Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Fundraiser!

Funds raised will be used to purchase a new ultrasound machine for FyndOut Pregnancy Center in Fairbanks. Pick up a bottle after mass and put your loose change or bills in it!

Bottles will be available at weekend masses at Sacred Heart.



*"God loves us, God loves you all, and evil will not prevail!
We are all in God's hands. Therefore, without fear, united
hand in hand with God and each other – let us go
forward." ~ Pope Leo XIV*

Rosary Novena for Healing

Please join us in a time of prayer for the healing of all those in our communities who have experienced abuse. A Rosary Novena for Healing starts on May 23 and concludes on May 31, the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Parishes are encouraged to gather and pray the Rosary Novena for Healing at a time that works best for their local community. Recordings will be available daily at 8 am on the diocesan Facebook page and YouTube channel to allow the faithful to pray along with Bishop Steve and our priests.



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>