



ST. MARK UNIVERSITY PARISH

The Catholic Community of University of Alaska Fairbanks

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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: Spring 2025 Beloved Marriage Pre classes
374on Wednesdays 6-7:30pm at St. Raphael Parish.

Contact Elizabeth at 907-457-6603 or

elizabeth@straphaelfairbanks.org.

5/24: World Day of Prayer for the Church in China

5/25: Join us for Ice Cream after 5:30pm Mass.

5/26: Memorial Day

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.

6/21: 5 PM Young Adult Outing – Goldpanners Game

6/22: 2:30 PM Corpus Christi Procession starting at
SHC ending at ICC

7/6-8: Catholic Youth Conference in Anchorage

Catholic Definitions: Memorial

Religious commemorations, especially the Eucharistic Sacrifice. Unlike other memorials, however, the Mass is no ordinary commemoration. It does recall the mysteries of Christ's life and particularly his Crucifixion. The Mass, however, "is no more empty commemoration of the passion and death of Jesus Christ, but a true and proper act of sacrifice, whereby the High Priest by an unbloody immolation offers Himself a most acceptable victim to the eternal Father, as He died upon the cross" (Pope Pius XII, *Mediator Dei*, 68). (Etym. Latin *memoralis*, belonging to memory, from *memoria*, memory.) www.catholicculture.org

32 Biblical Virtues to pray for your kids.

20. Compassion. "Lord, please clothe my children with the virtue of compassion." (Col. 3:12)

May 25, 2025 Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year C



First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29*

The early Church community determines, with the help of the Holy Spirit, not to impose the requirement of circumcision on Gentile Christians..

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8*

A prayer that all the nations sing praise to God.

Second Reading: *Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23*

The vision of the splendor of the heavenly Jerusalem is described.

Gospel Reading: *John 14:23-29*

Jesus promises his disciples that the Father will send the Advocated, the Holy Spirit.



Music of the Mass – May 25, 2025

169 Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

587 I Know that My Redeemer Lives

429 Where Charity and Love Prevail

179 The Day of Resurrection



Join our Bishop and priests in

offering a Rosary Novena for Healing every day from May 23-31, 2025, with a video on the diocesan Facebook page and YouTube channel. This is being offered for those who have been affected by abuse in the church and in our communities. The prayers may be found online at: <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/safe-environment-online-resources>.

SAVE THE DATE: June 11, 2023 – 2:30 – 4:30 PM

[Corpus Christi Procession](#)



The Office of Faith and Family Formation will be holding its first Young Adult Summer Outing on Saturday June 21st at 5pm! The first outing will go to a Goldpanners baseball game at Growden Park in Fairbanks followed by a visit to the Midnight Sun Festival. All who register on the Diocesan Website by June 13th will receive free tickets to the Goldpanners game. Parishioners must be 18-35 years old to participate. Registration can be found at <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/young-adult-summer-outings>

SUMMER ORATORY!

June 9-13, 2025, 9 AM – 3 PM

At St. Nicholas Catholic Church

Fee: \$30 per child up to \$100 maximum per family

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

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 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.

SATURDAY

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

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

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) prior to wedding.

Please keep the parish offices updated if you know someone in the hospital or needing a visit because they are homebound.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP THROUGH TIME AND TALENT:

We are looking for more individuals to serve at St. Mark's mass as Extraordinary Ministers of the Sacrament, Lector/Reader, Altar Server, or joining the choir? Mary Pat Boger after Mass or at mboger@cbna.org. Edward Yew will be leading the choir while George Stefan is out until mid-July. Talk with Edward after mass or show up early on Sunday.. Servers are trained by Elizabeth Crail. Please contact Sacred Heart Cathedral – 907-474-9032; Mary Pat Boger 907-374-9544 or mboger@cbna.org. Help us build a stronger community!

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!



Justice Challenge: May 26th is the feast of St. Philip Neri, who lived during the time of the Protestant Reformation and the Council of Trent. Philip did much of his holy work as a lay person, which was unusual for his time. He gathered people together, rich, and poor, for informal conversation and prayer. He was known to be a man who knew how to have a good time with friends, and he had a great sense of humor.

<https://pastoral.center>

Connecting the Gospel...

... to the Second Reading: The Second Reading describes the heavenly Jerusalem which “gleam[s] with the splendor of God ... and the Lamb.” The divine indwelling in us and our believing make us citizens of this city.



... to experience: Gifts are most often tangible and the most prized ones satisfy our wants and desires. Jesus offers us a gift beyond anything we can imagine or desire—his risen presence as the Holy Spirit dwelling within us. This gift satisfies beyond all human expectations.

<https://liturgy.slu.edu>

Keeping Jesus' Word

Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.” (John 14:23)

Adults: What difference has it made in your life when you made a decision in accord with Jesus' teachings?

Kids: When will you have to make a decision this week? What will help you make a good decision?

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: How many scripture passages from the Bible are usually read during each Mass?

(Answer on page 3.)



Why are chalices made of gold?

These vessels are noble in more ways than one.

Gold chalices have been used in the Catholic liturgy for centuries and the reasons go beyond simple aesthetics.

Let's take a closer look at some of the factors that helped shape this tradition...

In the early Church, chalices were sometimes made from wood, glass, or even clay. However, these materials had drawbacks—wood absorbed wine, glass was fragile, and clay could crack.

St. Jerome (c. 347-420 AD) once wrote about a using a glass chalice that broke mid-Mass, spilling the Precious Blood. By contrast, gold does not corrode, does not interact with wine, and is easy to clean, making it a reliable material for holding the Blood of Our Lord.

One of the earliest recorded gold chalices belonged to Pope Sylvester I, who lived during the early 4th century. According to tradition, Emperor Constantine, after legalizing Christianity, gifted the Church several golden vessels for use in worship. This set a precedent: if the Church could use the best materials for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, why settle for less?

Around that exact same time, St. John Chrysostom emphasized that if kings on earth drank from gold cups, how much more fitting was it to use gold for the chalice that held Christ's Blood?

Today, Church law still requires that chalices be made of noble materials that do not absorb liquids, with gold or gold-plated interiors preferred (Canon 930).

The gold chalice should be a beautiful reminder to us: if we are to receive the Real Presence in the Eucharist, shouldn't we also make ourselves noble vessels for Our Lord?

It's important to remind ourselves of the beauty and richness of the faith we practice.
<https://catholiccompany.com/getfed/>

(Practicing) Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment)
My Peace I Give to You



When John has a vision of heavenly Jerusalem, he sees walls.

"A massive, high wall," to be more precise. In the modern lexicon, walls have a negative connotation; we use them as metaphors for all that is exclusionary and rigid. But throughout much of history, walls have meant something very different. In the ancient world, walls meant safety.

Walls meant peace.

"My peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you," Jesus tells his disciples in today's Gospel. "Not as the world gives do I give it to you."

So what's the difference between the peace we know in the world, and the peace we know in Christ?

Well, I would argue that the difference is that the peace we know in Christ *exists*. We know no real peace in this world. Sometimes, we witness a sort of mirage of peace — something *like* it, but just a little off, and always on the horizon, never within reach.

Peace, to me, means rest. It means quiet. It means the absence of confrontation, of conflict, of anxiety. But I can't actually experience any of that in this life, not in a substantial way. I can rest — but I never really feel rested. I can retreat to a room by myself to have silence, but someone always knocks on the door, and even if they don't, my thoughts get pretty loud.

And boy oh boy, are those thoughts full of confrontation. Full of anxiety, full of conflict. Wherever I go to find peace, the world finds me and banishes it.

I think of the walls of heavenly Jerusalem, so high and so sturdy, guarded so scrupulously by God's strongest angels. These walls are not barriers. They are shields. They are arms, encircling us, gathering us in.

In Christ alone can we find peace in this world.

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – May 22, 2025©Lpi.



CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Answer: Three. @Lpi



Our Stewardship Report

May 18: \$ 922.00

Actual Collection YTD

(7/24- 6/25): \$ 63,745.60

Parishioner Count: 82

Thank you for your continued support!

Our May 3% donation will go to the *Archdiocese of Military Service*! If you would like to make your own donation for this...drop a check in collections this Sunday making a notation "*Archdiocese of Military Service Collection*."

JUNE 1ST WE WILL TAKE A 2ND COLLECTION TO HELP SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL'S PARKING LOT REPAVING THAT WILL HAPPEN THIS SUMMER.

Stewardship Moment

"...Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."
(JOHN 14:27)

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we often think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety, or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you. Make God your first choice and not your last resort.



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, priests, and religious in our diocese. May the Holy Spirit support our future with them. ...our military who have given their lives for freedoms we enjoy. ...our Catholic community this Memorial Day weekend. ...respect for life from conception to natural death. ...all who are sick, hospitalized, or facing medical treatment. ...those have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again.

6th Sunday of Easter

"The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." (John 14:26)

How has the Holy Spirit spoken to or guided you? Do you feel called to the priesthood, consecrated life, or sacramental marriage? Talk to your priest or reaching out to Fr. Robert Fath in the Vocation Office at rfath@cbna.org.

THE BEST WAY TO PREPARE FOR DEATH IS TO SPEND EVERY DAY OF LIFE AS THOUGH IT WERE THE LAST.

—ST. PHILIP NERI

Heavenly Father, we lift up in prayer today our brothers and sisters who have gone before us, sacrificing their own lives for the protection and safety of others. We are grateful for their service. May they inspire us to live selflessly in our own lives, as Christ calls us to do. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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>. *Know someone who with the accounting degree and would fit this job? Pass this information on if you know someone who might be interested.*

God of power and mercy,
you destroy war and put down earthly pride. Banish
violence from our midst and wipe away our tears,
that we may all deserve to be called
your sons and daughters.
Keep in your mercy those men and women who have
died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into
your kingdom of justice and peace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*



PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU; MY PEACE I GIVE TO YOU. NOT AS THE WORLD GIVES DO I GIVE TO YOU. DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED OR AFRAID.

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>