



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

6/4: Spring 2025 Beloved Marriage Prep classes on Wednesdays 6-7:30pm at St. Raphael Parish. Contact Elizabeth at 907-457-6603 or elizabeth@straphaelfairbanks.org.

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

6/9: SHC/Chancery Parking Lot repaving starts!

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

6/13-14: SHC Annual Hospitality Yard Sale

6/15: Father's Day

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: Ascension

Christ's going up to heaven forty days after his resurrection from the dead. All the creeds affirm the fact, and the Church teaches that he ascended into heaven in body and soul. He ascended into heaven by his own power, as God in divine power and as man in the power of his transfigured soul, which moves his transfigured body, as it will. Doctrinally the Ascension means the final elevation of Christ's human nature into the condition of divine glory. It is the concluding work of redemption.

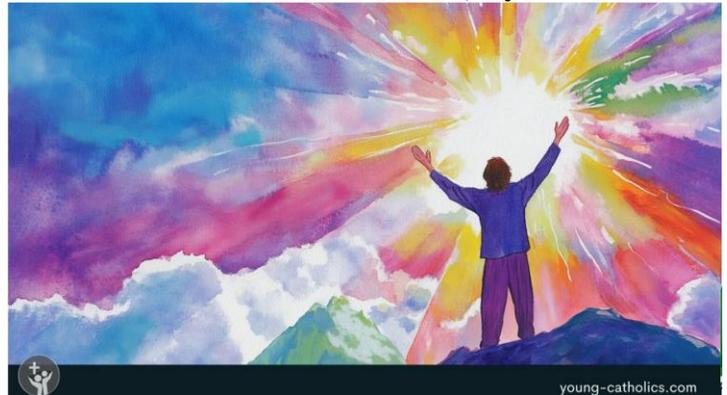
www.catholicculture.org

32 Biblical Virtues to pray for your kids.

21. Responsibility. "Grant that my children may learn responsibility, for each one should carry his own load."
(Gal 6:5)

June 1, 2025

The Ascension of the Lord, Cycle C



First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11*

Jesus is taken up to heaven in the presence of the Apostles.

Responsorial: *Psalm 47:2-3, 6-9*

Sing praise to God as he mounts his throne.

Second Reading: *Ephesians 1:17-23 OR*

Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23

God raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at his right hand.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 24:46-53*

Jesus is taken to heaven and the disciples remain in Jerusalem awaiting his sending of the Spirit..



Music of the Mass – June 1, 2025

178 At the Lamb's High Feast

197 Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

714 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

716 At the Name of Jesus

195 Go Make of All Disciples

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL/CHANCERY PARKING LOT PROJECT

St. Mark's will take up a 2nd collection this week to contribute to the cost of this improvement...

which begins this month on June 9th. Drive carefully and follow the signs when using the parking lot. It will be done in different stages, so be aware of changes that occur. Check the Bulletin Board in the vestibule or the [website](#) to keep updated. Thank you for your patience!

Happy Anniversary (3rd) to **Fr. Ross Tozzi** as Pastor to St. Mark University Parish. Thank you for all you do! Take thank him personally and offer up a prayer for him!



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 on June 1st with potluck meal at 12:30pm. 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 pbannng@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.

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... As the Easter season moves to its end, we are reminded once again that Jesus offered final words to the young Church and then left the work in their hands, and through them, in our hands. Social justice calls us to both pray and act. Some Christians make the mistake of missing the Ascension. They pray and expect Jesus to act without their active cooperation. Jesus ascended and promised to send the Holy Spirit to act in and through us, not just for us. The challenge this week is to formulate a prayer on behalf of someone or some group suffering injustice. Then act on your prayer to release the power of the Holy Spirit in some real way.

<https://pastoral.center>

Connecting the Gospel...

... to the First Reading: The “power from on high” with which Jesus promised his disciples would be clothed before his ascension is made explicit in the first reading. It is the Holy Spirit whom they receive and who empowers them to be faithful witnesses “to the ends of the earth.”

... to experience: When a strong cultic leader is present, a cult thrives and grows. In the absence of such a leader, a cult most often diminishes. This is not so with Christianity. The ascension of Jesus prepares the way for the powerful and enduring presence of the Holy Spirit in the disciples who continue his ministry and witness to his risen presence.



<https://liturgy.slu.edu>

The Gift of Wisdom

[T]hat the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. (Ephesians 1:17)

Adults: Who in your family has the gift of wisdom? How does he or she use this gift?

Kids: Who is the wisest person you know? What has he or she taught you?

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is a conopaeum veil used to cover?

(Answer on page 3.)

...Are you a registered member of St. Mark University Parish? We are always grateful that you attend Mass with our community. By registering we can keep you connected, get to know you and any needs you have. Please consider calling the parish or emailing stmark@cbna.org.

The Catholic Company presents



Why do we extinguish the Paschal Candle at the Ascension Mass?

This extinguishing is a visible reminder of what the Ascension is.

The Paschal Candle is one of the joyful symbols of Eastertide. First lit at the Easter Vigil, it stands in the sanctuary for forty days, reminding us that the Resurrected Christ—the Light of the world—is among us.

This tradition extends back to the early Church. Catechumens were baptized—as they usually are to this day—at the Easter Vigil Mass. After their baptism, they held candles to illustrate the light of Christ now shining in their souls. These special candles were lit from one which represented the Resurrection, the “Paschal Candle.”

This symbolism remains the same. After the Resurrection, Our Risen Lord is with us on earth in a special way. Every time we see the Paschal Candle shining at Mass, we rejoice that the Bridegroom is among us.

The Candle’s presence in the sanctuary over the next forty days represents the time Our Risen Lord spent on earth with His Mother and the Apostles. When the Feast of the Ascension arrives, this special period comes to a close.

The Candle is extinguished at the Ascension Mass because Our Lord has returned to His Father. He is still with us—as God, He is omnipresent, and He also remains with us in the Blessed Sacrament. But He no longer walks among us. He has gone to prepare heaven for us, and we remain to prepare ourselves for Him.

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The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

“Behold this Heart which has loved men so much, and yet men do not want to love Me in return.

Through you My divine Heart wishes to spread its love everywhere on earth.” ~ Jesus to Saint Margaret Mary



(Practicing) Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment)
That the World May Believe



I love today’s Gospel because, in it, Jesus prays for me.

And you.

And the guy sitting next to you at Mass. And the priest, and the altar server, and all the people in all the churches in all the towns in all the world who woke up this morning and headed to Mass because, while it’s true that God is everywhere, the Body and Blood of Jesus is only found in one place.

And he prays for the barista who will sell you your coffee later today and see your crucifix and hear you say, “God bless,” and think, “That’s a weird necklace, and I don’t believe in God,” but who will one day, at her lowest point, wonder if anyone ever truly loved her, and remember the sight of that broken and bloodied Corpus.

Today, Jesus prays for the person you passed on the way into the parking lot this morning, the one who doesn’t go to Mass anymore but who always walks his dog on this street, on this morning, for reasons he can’t explain.

He prays for your great-great grandparents and your great-great grandchildren.

“Those who will believe in me through their word.” That’s me. That’s you. That’s us. We’re the ones who believe through the word of the Apostles, who bore witness to the life and death and Resurrection of the God-Man, Jesus Christ, and whose testimony to that life is an eternal flame illuminating the understanding of every human being who will ever say, “I believe.”

But if we listen to what Jesus says today, we must understand: it’s not just the Apostles’ job, and it’s not done. It’s not a book that is closed. It’s a mission that is alive and ongoing, and it’s as much ours as it was theirs: *that the world may believe that you sent me.*

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – May 29, 2025©Lpi.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Answer: The tabernacle. @Lpi

June 4: Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

...celebrates the most fundamental dogma on which everything in Christianity is based, and in whose name all Christians are baptized.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” ~Matthew 28:19



Our Stewardship Report

May 25: \$ 845.00
Actual Collection YTD
(7/24- 6/25): \$ 64,605.60
Parishioner Count: 92

Thank you for your continued support!

Our May 3% donation goes 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

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. (Revelations 22:13)

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work, or at school. Living gratefully and generously is an intentional lifestyle. Every decision you make either moves you closer to God or farther away. Choose wisely!



JUNE 2025 PRAYER INTENTION

That the world might grow in compassion

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

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 young adults that they may continue to grow in their faith.

...the safety of all who are traveling this summer to visit family, business travel, or vacation.

...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.

Ascension of the Lord

"You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." (Luke 24:48-49)

Just as Jesus entrusted His disciples with the mission of sharing the Gospel, He may be inviting you to continue His work within the Church. Trust in the power of the Holy Spirit to equip you for this journey. Talk to your priest to your priest or reaching out to Fr. Robert Fath in the Vocation Office at rfath@cbna.org.



The Annual Sacred Heart Cathedral Hospitality Yard Sale is coming up on Friday & Saturday – **June 13 & 14.**

Gather up your unwanted items to donate for a worthy cause! Make sure they are clean and put a price on them so you can drop them off for the sale. A time and place will be announced as the sale weekend gets closer.

And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age. Matthew 28:20



CORPUS CHRISTI EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

2:30 PM Sunday, June 22nd

From Sacred Heart Cathedral to Immaculate Conception Church

Join for a joyful Adoration of the Eucharist, in a reverent procession. Be part of the best public display of your Faith!

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.

"The whole truth is generally the ally of virtue; a half-truth is always the ally of some vice."

~G.K. Chesterton

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>