



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.

June 8, 2025 Pentecost Sunday, Cycle C



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St. Mark Mass & Confession Schedules

Sunday Mass: 5:30 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Confessions: Saturday at 3pm at SHC or before 5:30pm Mass

CALENDAR of EVENTS

6/7 (Sat): 11:00 AM Confirmation at SHC followed by Reception in the Social Hall.

6/8: Pentecost Sunday

6/9: SHC/Chancery Parking Lot repaving begins.

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

6/13-14: SHC Annual Hospitality Yard Sale

6/15: Most Holy Trinity Sunday

6/15: Happy 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

First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11*

The Holy Spirit descends upon the Apostles gathered in Jerusalem.

Responsorial: *Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34*

God's Spirit renews the earth.

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Romans 8:8-17*

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading: *John 20:19-23*

Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Music of the Mass for Pentecost Sunday

440 Come, Holy Ghost

38 Sequence before the Gospel

438 Come Down, O Love Divine

198 Come, Creator! /Veni Creator Spiritus

202 Creator Spirit by Whose Aid

Catholic Definitions: Pentecost

Feast commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. It takes its name from the fact that it comes about fifty days after Easter. The name was originally given to the Jewish Feast of Weeks, which fell in the fiftieth day after Passover, when the first fruits of the corn harvest were offered to the Lord (Deuteronomy 16:9), and later on the giving of the law to Moses was celebrated. In the early Church Pentecost meant the whole period from Easter to Pentecost Sunday, during which no fasting was allowed, prayer was only made standing, and Alleluia was sung more often. (Etym. Greek *he pentekoste*, the fiftieth day.

www.catholicculture.org

32 Biblical Virtues to pray for your kids.

22. Contentment. "Father, teach my children the secret of being content in any and every situation, through Him who gives them strength." (Phil. 4:12-13)

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL/CHANCERY PARKING LOT PROJECT...

...begins Monday, 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 of SHC or their [website](#) to keep up-to-date. We all will benefit from the improvements. Should you wish to donate you can go to the [SHC website](#).

Pray for Fr. Alphonsus Afina and all who are in captivity!



Looking for help from St. Mark Parishioners –Tuesday afternoon 125 sandwiches need wrapped and fruit cut at SHC (downstairs) for Oratory lunch we are providing on Wednesday, June 10th. Contact Mary Pat Boger at mboger@cbna.org or 907-374-9544 if you can help.

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: Will meet the first Monday of the month in SHC Community Room in the Fall. For more information on book titles, 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!

THURSDAY

Youth Group - 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.

Young Adult Summer Outing to the Goldpanners Game - June 21st at 5pm. 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>

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.

...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.

Please consider volunteering for Parish Ministry. We need people more to help with our Extraordinary Ministry of the Cup, Reader, Music, and/or Altar Serving at our 5:30pm Mass. When our current volunteers are gone due work, travel, or sickness, we need others to call on. See Mary Pat Boger after Mass or email: mopat@cbna.org. Sign up at the entrance in our notebook with your contact information. Training will be provided. Thank You!



Justice Challenge...The spirit of Pentecost celebrates the power of forgiveness. The Scriptures say that Jesus breathed on the apostles and gave them the power to forgive and to bind. God wants

no one to be bound by sin and extends forgiveness to all who are sorry and seek God’s forgiveness. But forgiving others is really hard when we are the victim of injustice. The challenge this week is to forgive so that you and your enemy will not be bound by sin. Forgiveness is a power of the Spirit, not a human power. If you find it hard to forgive, go deeper by doing what Jesus taught: pray goodness upon your enemy and do good for him/her. <https://pastoral.center>

Connecting the Gospel...

... **to the First Reading:** Saint Paul enumerates the effects of the Spirit’s dwelling within us: we belong to Christ, are made righteous, are given new life, become adopted children and heirs of God. Here is God’s gift of Love to us: an unprecedented relationship made possible by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.



... **to experience:** It is so much easier to act with love when we know we are loved. We can act with love in all times and places, all situations and circumstances, because we know we are filled with the Spirit who is God’s love. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>

Gifts for Service

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord. (1 Cor. 12:4-5)

Adults: What gift of service have you received from the Holy Spirit and how well are you using it right now?

Kids: What gift do you hope to receive from the Holy Spirit? How could you use it to serve others? <https://pastoral.center>

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What year was the first time that Catholics in the United States were allowed to receive the Eucharist in their hands?
(Answer on page 3.)

“Sameness is to be found most among the most ‘natural’ men, not among those who surrender to Christ. How monotonously alike all the great tyrants and conquerors have been; how gloriously different are the saints.”
C.S. Lewis



Happy Birthday, Church!

Today we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. Why do some call it “the birthday of the Church”?

Pentecost is far more than the end of the Easter Season and the renewal of Ordinary Time. It’s the day when the Holy Spirit filled the Apostles’ souls, empowering them to go out into the world and make disciples of all nations even in the face of persecution and death.

The word “pentecost” is derived from the Greek word for “fiftieth.” In ancient Jewish tradition, Pentecost was a feast day known as the Feast of Weeks, which was celebrated the fiftieth day after Passover. According to Scripture, the first fruits of the grain harvest were offered to God during this feast (Leviticus 23:15-21 and Deuteronomy 16:9-11).

In the New Testament, Jesus’ Apostles stayed in the Upper Room on the Feast of Weeks. There, they were filled with the Holy Spirit and made ready to preach the Gospel.

As soon as St. Peter received the Holy Spirit, he preached his first homily to non-Christians. He told the crowd that the prophet Joel had predicted the future coming of the Holy Spirit. He then attests that the very Jesus whom they had crucified has risen from the dead. Immediately, those in the crowd were “cut to the heart” and sought repentance (Acts 2:37).

Peter told these new converts that in order to be saved, they had to repent and be baptized. According to the book of Acts, about three thousand people converted to Christianity that day (Acts 3:41).

Because the Church gained its first converts on this day, a pious custom arose to call Pentecost “the birthday of the Church,” even though the name is not official Church teaching. After all, far from being born as an infantile entity, the Church—which was “born” from the pierced side of Christ on the cross—comes forth from Pentecost fully formed and ready to take Jesus’ message of redemption to the ends of the earth.

From this point forward, the Apostles and their successors went out into the world and made new disciples, as Jesus had commanded them. Thanks to their courage and the grace of God, the Church is the majestic entity it is today.

On this Feast of Pentecost, we should ask ourselves, *“How can I, like the Apostles, step out of my comfort zone to share the Good News?”*

Remind yourself of the power of the Holy Spirit with these Holy Spirit items. <https://catholiccompany.com/getfed/>

(Practicing) Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment) Leaving the Room



I was a full-grown adult before I realized that Pentecost is known as “the birthday of the Church,” and it only resonated with me because someone showed up to a church function with cake and candles. Leave it to buttercream frosting to drive home a theological reality I had been missing for 25 years.

I knew what Pentecost was, of course. It simply went over my head that, despite all the incredible, world-changing things that had come *before* the moment of Pentecost, prior to this day, the Apostles were just a group of guys in a room. It wasn’t until Pentecost that they became the Church.

So, what makes the Church...well, *the Church*, capital C? What makes it more than just a group of guys in a room?

It’s true, they were a very special group of guys. They had the Truth — capital T. They had borne witness to Christ’s miracles, to his life and to his passion and death.

But they were still in that room.

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they received graces and gifts that made them fit to carry out the Great Commission. The Truth wasn’t enough, even with a capital T. They needed the Spirit — capital S — and more than that, they needed to receive it with the courage and faith necessary to do what needed to be done.

To get up and leave the room.

Because what good is any of it unless they leave the room? What does it matter, the tongues of fire and the miraculous bilingualism and, frankly, the coming of the Spirit, if no one ever hears about it?

The mission is what made them the Church. It’s what makes *us* the Church. Without it, we’re just a bunch of guys in a room.

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – June 5, 2025©Lpi.

3 Visible Signs of in Pentecost Readings

1. Rushing of the mighty wind.
2. Tongues of fire that settled on each of the gathered in the Upper Room.
3. Apostles speaking in foreign languages, which they had not learned through normal means.

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Our Stewardship Report

June 1: \$ 1,501.00
Actual Collection YTD
(7/24- 6/25): \$ 65,371.60
Parishioner Count: 94

2nd Collection for Parking Re-pavement Project: \$720.00

Thank you for your continued support!

Our May 3% donation of \$121.38 went to the Archdiocese of Military Service!

June's 3% will go towards the Peter's Pence Collection to provide the Holy Father with the financial means to respond with emergency assistance as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease.

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. ...Fr. Alphonsus Afina and his companions safe return from captivity.

...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.

...the those on our parish who lost loved recently - Sheila Fox, Jim & Mary Cerney, Carol Johnson, Maria Billings, and others not mentioned.

...eternal rest for all our faithfully departed relatives and friends.

Pentecost Sunday

"Receive the Holy Spirit." (John 20:22)

As the Holy Spirit filled the disciples with power, so too can He fill you with the strength to answer a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Be open to His prompting. Talk to your priest to or reaching out to Fr. Robert Fath in the Vocation Office at rfath@cbna.org.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Answer: 1977



Sacred Heart Cathedral Hospitality Garage Sale

Friday & Saturday – June 13 & 14
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM @ 1109 Coppet St.

*“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. If you know anyone that may be interested, please direct them for description of position to <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings> or have them email humanresources@cbna.org.

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 emailing vac@cbna.org. For more information access the Diocese Safe Environment:

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

JUNE 15TH IS FATHER'S DAY!
NEXT SUNDAY, PLEASE JOIN US AT MASS.
BRING YOUR FATHER TO PRAY WITH AND FOR HIM!
AND THANK A PRIEST THIS FATHER'S DAY.