



# 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.

### PASTOR

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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

If you are homebound and wish to receive Holy Communion, contact our Parish Office @ [stmark@cbna.org](mailto:stmark@cbna.org).

### CALENDAR of EVENTS

**6/15:** Most Holy Trinity Sunday

**6/15:** Happy Father's Day!

**6/18-27:** 6:30 PM Novena at ICC for the Sacred Heart of Jesus –Rosary, followed by the Novena and Holy Mass.

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

**6/22:** 2:30 PM Corpus Christi Procession starting at SHC ending at ICC. Come walk the street with others.

**6/27:** Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus

**7/6-8:** Catholic Youth Conference in Anchorage

### Catholic Definitions: Consubstantiation

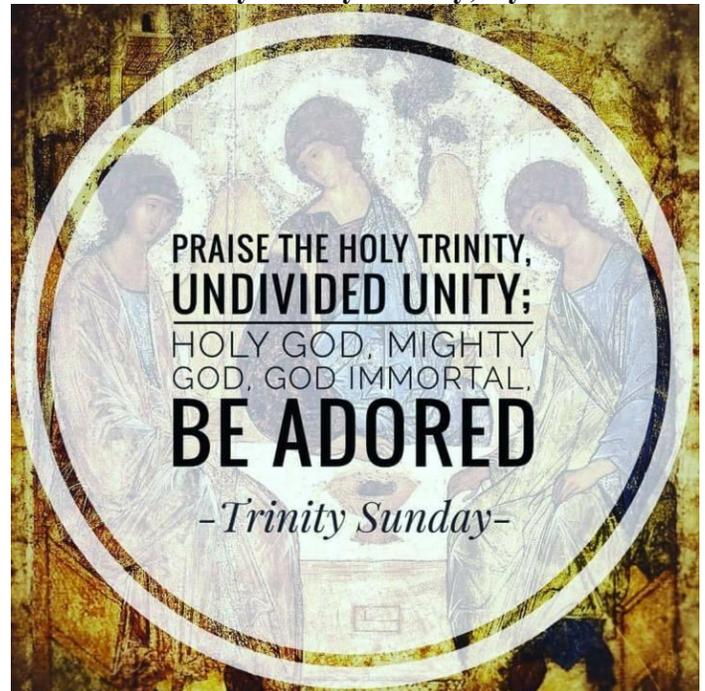
The belief, contrary to Catholic doctrine, that in the Eucharist the body and blood of Christ coexist with the bread and wine after the Consecration of the Mass. John Wyclif (1324-84) and Martin Luther (1483-1546) professed consubstantiation because they denied transubstantiation. [www.catholicculture.org](http://www.catholicculture.org)

### 32 Biblical Virtues to pray for your kids.

**23. Faith.** "I pray that faith will root and grow in my children's hearts, that by faith they may gain what has been promised to them" (Lk. 17:5-6, Heb. 11:1-40)

June 15, 2025

Most Holy Trinity Sunday, Cycle C



**First Reading:** *Proverbs 8:22-31*

Wisdom was born before the earth was made.

**Responsorial:** *Psalms 8:4-9*

O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

**Second Reading:** *Romans 5:1-5*

We boast of our afflictions.

**Gospel Reading:** *John 16:12-15*

Whatever the Father has is mine. The Spirit of truth will guide us.

### Music of the Mass for Trinity Sunday

**701** O God, Almighty Father

**698** Come Now, Almighty King

**215** Holy, Holy, Holy

**216** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Fall

**206** Holy God, We Praise Thy Name



"THE PRIEST IS NOT A PRIEST FOR HIMSELF...HE IS FOR YOU. THE PRIESTHOOD IS THE LOVE OF THE HEART OF JESUS."

-- SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



## Graveside Burial Services for

**John Fox**

will be held at Birch Hill

Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM.

*Please offer prayers for the repose of his soul, as well as remembering Shelia and her family at this time.*



Thank you to all who participated and made the 2025 Summer Oratory another successful program for families with children! Youth Group, Catechism, & Oratory return in Fall. For more info contact [servidoras@cbna.org](mailto:servidoras@cbna.org).

### MONDAY

**SHC Book Club:** Returns this Fall. For more info on book titles, contact Jan Fortune at: [43janetf@gmail.com](mailto: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!

### 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 21<sup>st</sup> at 5pm. All who register on the Diocesan Website by June 13<sup>th</sup> 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 [pbang@cbna.org](mailto:pbang@cbna.org).

**Marriage Preparations** – Contact Fr. Ross at [rtozzi@cbna.org](mailto: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.*

### CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

**Question:** What is the official name for the seats inside of a church used by the general congregation?  
(Answer on page 4.)

Were you aware...that in the Roman Catholic tradition, fathers are celebrated on Saint Joseph's Day (commonly called the Feast of Saint Joseph), 19 March? It is also common to honor their "spiritual father", the parish priest, on Father's Day. It was in 1909, the practice of Father's Day in the United States on the third Sunday of June.



### PRAYER TO THE HOLY TRINITY

Glory be to God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Holy Spirit,  
Who calls us into communion with Him,  
A life of grace and mystery, reconciliation and unity.  
Amen.



**Justice Challenge:** On Sunday we celebrate the Trinity, the union and communion of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Trinity lives in perfect harmony and love as three persons in one God. They are a model to all of us of living together as one in community. Catholic Relief Services reminds us that we are one human family. Your challenge this week is to live in communion with someone in need. Stand in solidarity with a person who is outside your regular orbit of family, friends, fellow workers or students, neighbors, etc. Listen to this person's story, share something of yourself, and offer support of some kind. <https://pastoral.center>

### Connecting the Gospel...

**... to the Second Reading:** Since we have received everything that is of God, the Trinity's divine life is within us (see [Gospel](#)). This life "poured . . . into our hearts" empowers us to be justified and even to "boast of our afflictions"



**... to experience:** Our age has an inherent optimism about unraveling the mysteries of life, whether it be the origins of the universe or the genetic makeup of a person. If there's a mystery, "we'll solve it." This solemnity presents the Trinity as a mystery not to be "solved" or "explained," but as a Trinity of Persons who share their very Life with us. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>

### The Spirit of Truth

**Jesus said, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come."**  
(Jn. 16:12-13a)

**Adults:** In what difficult situation has the Holy Spirit helped you see more clearly?

**Kids:** What kind of decision can the Holy Spirit help you with? <https://pastoral.center>



## Who first called the Church “Catholic”?

*The term dates all the way back to 107A.D.!*

If you’ve ever wondered where the word *Catholic* came from, you’re not alone. Many Christians today use the term, but few know its origins—or how early it was used to describe Christ’s one, true Church.

The first recorded use of *Catholic* to describe the Church comes from **St. Ignatius of Antioch**, a bishop, martyr, and disciple of the Apostle John. Around the year **107 A.D.**, while being transported to Rome for execution, St. Ignatius wrote several letters to Christian communities. In his letter to the Smyrnaeans, he wrote:

*“Wherever the bishop appears, there let the people be; as wherever Jesus Christ is, there is the **Catholic Church.**”*

This was just a few decades after the death of the last Apostle. The early Christians didn’t invent new denominations or start separate churches—they were part of one, visible, united Church, led by bishops and rooted in the teachings of the Apostles.

The word *catholic* itself comes from the Greek *katholikos*, meaning “universal” or “according to the whole.” From the beginning, this Church wasn’t local or tribal—it was for everyone, everywhere, offering the fullness of truth handed down by Christ Himself.

St. Ignatius’ use of the word shows us something powerful: from the earliest days, the Church understood itself as *one, holy, catholic, and apostolic*. That’s not just a line in the Creed—it’s a historical reality.

So, the next time you say you’re Catholic, remember you’re part of a Church that’s been called by that name since the first century—a Church founded by Christ, spread by the Apostles, and still proclaiming the truth to the whole world. <https://catholiccompany.com/getfed/>

We never outgrow our need for Fathers,  
Because we are never too big for  
Fathers to stop holding us, nurturing us.  
That’s the character of a Father.  
Even Jesus, King of Kings, our Lord  
Bowed and cried, Abba, Daddy, Father.  
Today we thank God the Father for giving us  
St. Joseph, Foster Father of Jesus,  
Priests who bring us our sacraments,  
.... and Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles and all those men  
in our lives who care for us and love us unconditionally.



(Practicing) Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment)  
The Best Kind of Mystery



“Do you have a mystery for me to solve?”

If I’ve heard it once, I’ve heard it a hundred times. My daughter is obsessed with mysteries. It’s not enough for her to read about them in the pages of every Nancy Drew book she can get her hands on. She wants more than that. She wants a real-life mystery. A puzzle that resists being solved. A question that eludes an answer. Something that isn’t easy to wrap her head around.

And not surprisingly, she’s not satisfied with the “mysteries” I can offer her. The Mystery of Mom’s Missing Hair Tie (spoiler alert: it was in my purse). The Mystery of the Missing Lunch Ham (oops, Mom finished it).

Simple answers are so boring. “Will I ever have a real mystery?” she moans.

I get it. We’re all this way, really. We are drawn to the mysterious, to the inscrutable. It’s because we *know* that the answers to the really big questions are ones that can’t be explained in a neat and tidy way. We know that the reality of life and love and the human condition is something we can’t quite fit our heads around. We know that there is so much in this world, in this universe, that we can’t...*understand*. So, in a way, mysteries are the only things that really make sense to us.

Why do we love mysteries so much? Because God is a mystery. And that’s never as clear as it is today, on the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, the mystery that boondoggles us all. Four relations. Three persons. One God.

Don’t ask me to explain it. I could, but I don’t have the word space, and frankly, it might not even make sense then. It’s a mystery, you see. A real one. The best kind.

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – June 12, 2025©Lpi.

**Interesting Fact on Trinity Sunday:** Trinity Sunday is a response to an Arian Heresy of the 4<sup>th</sup> century, which denied the divinity of Jesus Christ and instead proposed that he was an inferior god (higher than mankind, but lower than God the Father) and not the Son of God.).



Knights of Columbus donations for aid and Support After Pregnancy at Fynd Out Free can be turned in this weekend. There’s still time to find some change around the house and help in their fundraising. Thank you for supporting their work. (Collecting change from Mother’s Day to Father’s Day.)



## Stewardship Report

June 8: \$ 652.00  
Actual Collection YTD  
(7/24- 6/25): \$ 66,773.60  
Parishioner Count: 109

*Thank you for your continued support!*

*Summer Oratory Lunch Donation: \$ 153.00*

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

***"And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." Romans 5:5***

We are children of a generous God; we are stewards of all God's gifts. Let us be grateful for the gifts God has given to us.

### 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's safety in captivity, that our prayers may give him strength and help in his release.

...all our fathers on Father's Day and throughout the year, for sacrifices and efforts they make to reflect God's love to their family.

...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 ones. May our prayers bring them comfort in their sadness.

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

### The Most Holy Trinity

***"Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason, I told you that He will take from what is mine and declare it to you." (John 16:15)***

The unity of the Holy Trinity invites us to participate in God's life and love. How is God calling you to embody this unity through a vocation? Perhaps He is leading you toward the sacred union of holy matrimony.

### CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Answer: Pews

*"God chooses ordinary men for fatherhood to accomplish his extraordinary plan."*

*~ G.K. Chesterton Happy Father's Day!*



## SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL/ CHANCERY PARKING LOT PROJECT

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](#).



*"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 22<sup>nd</sup>  
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](mailto: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](mailto:humanresources@cbna.org).

† The first person of the Trinity is **The Father**: God the Father is the creator of the world.

† The second person of the Trinity is **The Son**: God the Son, Jesus, became incarnate for us, becoming human to save us from our sins.

† The third person of the Trinity is **The Holy Spirit**: God the Holy Spirit is poured into us, guiding in faith.

*~ While they are three distinct persons, they are not three separate gods. When we make the sign of the cross, we are professing our faith in the trinity.* [Bustedhalo.com](http://Bustedhalo.com)



**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](mailto:vac@cbna.org). For more information access the Diocese Safe Environment

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