



# 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

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### St. Mark Sunday Mass Schedule

**Sunday Mass:** 5:30 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral

**CSA Weekday Mass:** 7:00 PM at UAF Lola Tilly Commons

*Low Gluten Host – If you need a low-gluten at Mass, please contact the priest before mass.*

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

**Eucharistic Adoration at SHC:** Thursday 8 AM – 12 Noon

### CALENDAR of EVENTS .

**11/11:** Veterans Day Mass – SHC 5:30-7:00 pm with Eucharistic Holy Hour and Sung Night Prayer

**11/22:** Annual Family Day – N.P. Middle School 10am-5pm

**11/23:** Christ the King

**11/27:** Thanksgiving [*Chancery & Church Offices Closed*]

**12/13:** Diocesan Women's Retreat

**12/11:** Las Mananitas to the Virgin at 11:30

**12/12:** Feast Day of *Our Lady of Guadalupe* - 6pm at SHC

### Catholic Definition: Basilica

A lengthy oblong religious edifice, rectangular in shape with an apse at one end. This name was originally given to certain ancient churches in Rome, the Holy Land, and elsewhere that were converted from pagan edifices to Christian use. The width of a basilica building is never greater than one half of its length. It is divided by rows of columns into a central nave and a surrounding aisle, or ambulatory. The upper part of the nave is lighted by clerestory windows overlooking the roof over the aisles. Similar lower windows light the aisle sections. The altar is placed within or before the apse arching from the nave and opening into the transept, or cross hall. At the main entrance to the basilica is the narthex, beyond which the early neophytes were not admitted. <https://www.catholicculture.org/>



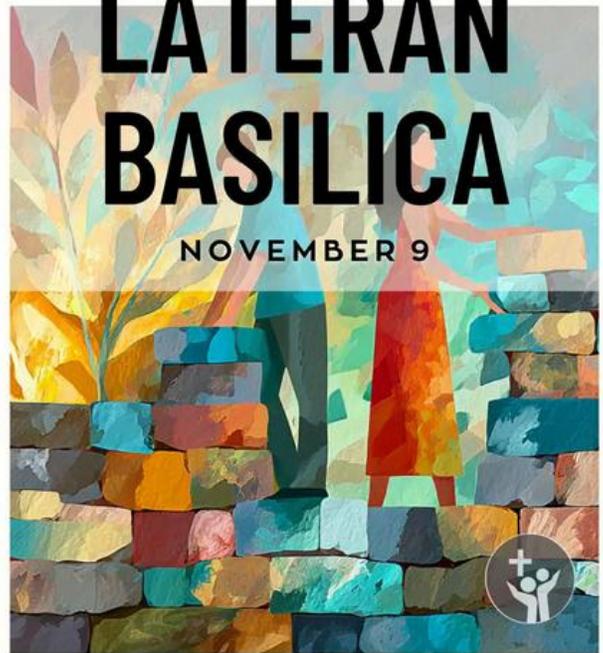
**Votive candles** at the back of the church are meant as an opportunity for prayer and devotion to our Lord for the souls in purgatory who can't pray for themselves, but we can pray for them.

NOVEMBER 9, 2025

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# LATERAN BASILICA

NOVEMBER 9



### First Reading: *Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12*

I saw water flowing out from beneath the threshold of the temple toward the east.

### Responsorial: *Psalm 46:2-3,5-6,8-9*

God is our refuge and our strength.

### Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 3:9-11,16-17*

You are the temple of God.

### Gospel Reading: *John 2:13-22*

He spoke about the temple of his own body.

### Music of the Mass – November 9

**220** – Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

**448** – Church of God, Elect and Glorious

**207** – Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

**216** – Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

**550** – O Bless the Lord, My Soul

*\*Mass of Creation #867-871*

In front of the altar at Sacred Heart Cathedral is the **Book of the Dead**. Feel free to add names of loved ones in the book *before/after* mass during the week. You can also add *pictures of beloved dead on the table in the back of the Church*. Pictures **MUST be removed** by 2pm on 11/23.



### SUNDAY

**Religious Education (SHC):** 9:30-10:30am downstairs in the classrooms. *Families of St. Mark are encouraged to attend SHC or ICC religious instruction.*

**Young Adult Game Night (SHC):** 6:30 PM – Nov 16<sup>th</sup> at SHC.

### MONDAY

**SHC Book Club:** 1<sup>st</sup> of the month from 12:30-2:30 pm in SHC Community Room. Dec 1<sup>st</sup> - Christmas Party. January book – He Leadeth Me: An Extraordinary Testament of Faith by Fr. Walter Ciszek, S.J. c.1973. Contact Jan Fortune for info at: [43janetf@gmail.com](mailto:43janetf@gmail.com)

**Diocesan Bible Study:** Study Matthew at 6:30 pm in the Mary Chapel of SHC Nov. 3, 17 & 24. *(Every Monday)*

### TUESDAY

**Voices of Hope Prayer Group:** Every Tuesday from 6 – 8:30pm in the Community Room at SHC.

**OCIA Classes:** Every Tuesday at 7:00pm at SHC

**Young Adult Feast and Faith:** 3<sup>rd</sup> of the month at Miguel's Authentic Mexican Cuisine. Food & beverages provided, alcohol not included. *Special guest speaker this month - Bishop Steve!* [Register for Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.](#)

### WEDNESDAY

**Mother's Group:** 10AM-Noon. Held at St. Nicholas Parish Great Room in North Pole. Child Care provided. Call or Text April at 907-347-1357.

### THURSDAY

**Adoration:** 8 AM – 12 Noon at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

**Voces Verbi Teens:** 6-7:30pm (ages 13-17).

**SHC Holy Hour:** 7 PM on 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday every month.

### FRIDAY

**Voces Verbi:** 6:00-8:00pm Friday at Immaculate Conception Church. (Young Adults ages 18-35).

**To request Food Boxes** - people may call in orders at (907) 374-0572 from 10:00 –11:30am and pick up their food boxes from 12:15 – 1:00pm.

### SATURDAY

**Oratory & Third Order** – Held at SHC from 10am-12noon.

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

**Diocesan Movie Night** – Nov 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm held at Immaculate Conception Church.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Diocesan Women's Retreat** –Saturday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 9am. Contact [molsta@cbna.org](mailto:molsta@cbna.org) for more information.

**Catholic Engaged Encounter Retreat** –Feb 6-8, 2026, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church. For more info and to register online, visit <https://fairbanks.engagedencounter.com/>

### SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

**New policies for sacramental preparation in our diocese** can be found at: <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/sacramental-preparation-guidelines>. Contact St. Mark office if you are interested in sacramental training. **Baptism:** Three-part Baptism class for parents of infants and children under the age of 7 offered at SHC. Contact email Fr. Peter Bang at [pbang@cbna.org](mailto:pbang@cbna.org).

**First Communion & Confirmation:** SHC classes are offered during the school year. For more info contact [servidoras@cbna.org](mailto:servidoras@cbna.org).

**Marriage Preparations** – Contact Fr. Ross at [rtozzi@cbna.org](mailto:rtozzi@cbna.org) or call (907) 347-3005 *six (6) months prior to wedding date or call the parish office at 907-374-9544*



**Justice Challenge:** November 11 marks the celebration of Veterans Day. We honor those who have fought to defend our country and its citizens, including those who paid the ultimate price and sacrificed their lives.

Many of today's veterans suffer from mental or physical illnesses, stress, and financial difficulties. Our Church has a long tradition of supporting our Armed Forces while always looking for the most peaceful resolution to conflict and the denial of human rights. Your challenge this week is to look for ways to honor a veteran in your community. Is there a homeless shelter where you can serve, seeking out a veteran who is present? Is there a veteran in your neighborhood whom you can thank—through a card or a personal greeting—for his/her service to our country? Take time to reach out to someone who has served faithfully. Give veterans the human dignity and respect they deserve.

<https://pastoral.center>

### Connecting the Gospel ...

**... to the first reading:** The "Spirit of God" dwelling in us instills zeal, makes possible the fidelity that keeps us from destroying the temple we are, and makes us holy. The "Spirit of God" ensures that we stand only on Jesus as our foundation.



**... to experience:** When is zeal for something or someone stirred up in us? When we love to do something so much that we sacrifice time and energy; when we care for another so much that we give tirelessly of ourselves. This feast calls us to have passion for Jesus, church, our faith, ourselves as Body of Christ.

[liturgy.slu.edu](http://liturgy.slu.edu)

### God's House

**"Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and the Spirit of God dwells in you?" (1 Corinthians 16)**

**Adults:** In what ways can you better honor and care for your body, God's holy temple?

**Kids:** How can you take good care of your body, since it is God's house? <https://pastoral.center>

### CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

**Question:** Which of the following was a goal of the First Council of Lateran?

Reassert the infallibility of Scripture.

Reassert the infallibility of Church councils.

Free the clergy from state-instituted taxation.

Free the election of bishops and abbots from secular influence.

*(Answer found on last page.)*

"LORD, IF YOUR PEOPLE  
STILL HAVE NEED OF MY SERVICES,  
I WILL NOT AVOID THE TOIL.  
YOUR WILL BE DONE."



-- ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

## Catholic Answers

### Question:

What is purgatory and who goes there?

### Answer:

The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes purgatory this way:

All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. (*Catechism*, 1030)

[Purgatory](#) is a state of purification for those who have died without [mortal sin](#) but still need to be purified from [venial sins](#). The reason for this is that nothing unholy can stand before God (Rev. 21:27) and we need to be completely purified of sin before we can experience the Beatific Vision. [www.Catholic.com](http://www.Catholic.com)



### Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.

Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.

Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen. [www.uscb.org](http://www.uscb.org)



**During the month of November PLEASE PRAY for all who have died; especially those among our parish family.**

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

John Fox, Kerri Garcia (*the daughter of Jim & Mary Cerney*), Ron Johnson, John Hebard, Fr. Kasparaj Mallavarapu, Mary Beth Perreault, George Kakara (Fr. Francis' father) and friends and family who have gone before us.

(Practicing) Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment)  
**MODERN MONEY\_CHANGERS**



The “liturgy wars” are something of a hot topic in contemporary Catholic circles.

Latin chant or guitar hymns? Communion on the tongue or in the hand? Chapel veils or bare heads? Surplice or alb? It's giving me a headache just writing it all out.

I don't mean to say that none of this matters. The worship of the Almighty God, especially in the context of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, is no trifling matter. It is good for people to be concerned about whether or not their worship is pleasing to God. I am happy that Catholics care enough about these things to have an opinion.

I'm not going to say where I fall on this spectrum of liturgical sensibility (the headache intensifies thinking of the emails I would get). And I won't pretend it's not something I feel passionate about, in my own way.

But too often I find myself sniffing dismissively at the “other camp,” the folks who are drawn to a different style or tradition. Too often I see them sniffing dismissively back to me. We are, both groups, obsessed with the form of a thing — so much so that we risk forgetting the function of it.

And when I stop to think about it, I wonder if Jesus shouldn't crack the whip at us all, the modern money-changers of the temple, who have allowed worship to become a transaction (I offer x sacrifice, I am rewarded with y feeling of fulfillment and satisfaction).

I look at the Gospel today, and I can see the purpose of the money-changers. It could be argued that, in a way, they were facilitating the laws of Moses, making possible the temple sacrifices stipulated by God.

But it matters why you do something, not just *how* you do it.

What good is any act of worship, if at its conclusion we do not more closely resemble the One before whom we kneel?

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – November 6, 2025©Lpi.

***This month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls of Purgatory.***

Think of this – if we do not teach our children to pray for the poor souls in purgatory, who will remember to pray for us when we are there?



November 2: \$ 1,349.00  
 Actual Collection YTD  
 7/25-6/26: \$ 28,962.63  
 Parishioner Count: 82

**Thank you for your generous contributions!**

In November, a national collection is taken up to help the Archdiocese for the Military Services, U.S.S. (AMS) accomplish its mission of "Serving those who Serve." 3% or our November collection will be given for this collection. Over the years St. Mark has been covered by our military priests. Visit WeShare for online giving at: <http://www.stmarksuaf.org>.

**Stewardship Spirituality**

*Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells within you?"*

**1 CORINTHIANS 3:16**

Remembering that Stewards are "temples of the Holy Spirit", should make our daily decision making relatively easy. If we truly want to imitate Jesus, then our words and actions should reflect the love, mercy, and forgiveness that flow from His Sacred Heart. Try it for one week. Try to remember that we temples of the Holy Spirit and see how it affects the way that you live.

**NOVEMBER 2025 PRAYER INTENTION**



**For the prevention of suicide.** Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

*Please include in your prayers during the month of November all those who have died and gone before us.*  
 ... all who have dedicated their lives to protecting our freedoms.  
 ...our leaders that they may have the wisdom in finding peaceful solutions to conflict.  
 ...recovery of all suffering from loss during storms.  
 ...those less fortunate than us.  
 ...respect for life from conception to death.

**Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

*"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."  
 (John 2:19)*

The Church needs those who are willing to dedicate their lives to nurturing the Body of Christ. Are you being called to help build up the Church as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to a priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 907-374-9504 or email: [rfath@cbna.org](mailto:rfath@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](mailto:vac@cbna.org). For more information access the Diocese Safe Environment site at <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/report-abu>

**VETERANS DAY MASS WITH A EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR & SUNG NIGHT PRAYER**



When:  
**Tuesday**  
**11 November 2025**  
 Where:  
**Sacred Heart Cathedral**  
 Time:  
**5:30 pm-7:00 pm**  
*Lord, if your people need me, I will not refuse the work. Your will be done.*  
 - St. Martin of Tours

**2025 FAMILY DAY** is coming up on **Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>!**

This year it will take place at North Pole Middle School and run from 10am-5pm. There will be formation talks for adults, games and crafts for the children, and the main events will be the Eucharistic procession, and the Holy Mass. Lunch is included in the registration fee. All ages, and all states life (single, married, families young and old) are invited to come and take advantage of this event to help us grow in our Catholic faith.

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN**

**Answer:** Free the election of bishops and abbots from secular influence. [www.funtrivia.com](http://www.funtrivia.com)

**MATER POPULI FIDELIS**



**English please?**

The Church just released a document through the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, the Church's chief body for doctrine, which in English is translated "Mother of the Faithful People"! It regards certain titles for the Virgin Mary.

**What did it say?**

There are many great titles for Mary which the Church has affirmed in the past, she is the Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, the Immaculate Conception, just to name a few. However, there must be good reason to apply new titles to Mary. In the recent past two titles, "Coredemptrix" and "Mediatrice of All Graces", have arisen as pious meditations on Mary's intercessory role in Salvation History. After a very thoughtful reflection, the Dicastery has asked the faithful to no longer use these titles.



**Why stop using these titles?**



It is always praiseworthy to honor Mary, who was chosen to receive a unique role as Mother in the Church. Still, every name of Mary must receive a great deal of reflection on its Scriptural foundation, its use in the Tradition of the Church, especially the support of the Church Fathers, its theological soundness, and its use among the Faithful. No one reason can stand alone. In this case, there is no Tradition among the Fathers, and the imprecision of these titles distract from Christ's singular role in redemption and as Mediator between God and men.

**But the Church tells us to pray to Mary.**

Absolutely! This document in no way discourages the faithful to make recourse to Mary as our most powerful intercessor among the Saints. In this way it encourages deeper reflection on her as our Mother! Still, we must remember the words of St. Paul, "What do you possess that you have not received?" apply to Mary as well. Therefore, it is improper to say she is "Coredemptrix", as if she was not also redeemed by Jesus, and "Mediatrice" when she was first filled with Grace through no action of her own!



**Holy Mary, Mother of the Faithful, pray for us!**



PRAY as though everything depended on God.  
 WORK as though everything depended on you.  
 ~ St. Augustine  
 Father and Doctor of Faith the Church