



# 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 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

**WELCOME** - Fr. Paul Emmanuel Nnaji, IVE arrived in Fairbanks on Wednesday. Please give him a warm welcome and take a moment to introduce yourself when you see him. Fr. Paul will be serving in the bush parishes.

### CALENDAR of EVENTS

**11/16:** Young Adult Game Night – 6:30pm at SHC

**11/18:** Young Adult Feast & Faith – 5:30 at Miguel's.  
*Bishop Steve is the Guest Speaker!*

**11/19:** 6pm WYD Info Session at Monroe High School Rm 15

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

**11/23:** Christ the King Sunday

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

**11/29:** Diocesan Movie Night at ICC – 6pm On the Waterfront

**12/6:** Altar Server Training at SHC – 10am - Noon

### Catholic Definition: Votive

Candles burned before some statue or shrine to give honor to Our Lord, Our Lady, or one of the saints. The word "votive" goes back to the ancient custom of lighting candles in fulfillment of some private vow (votum).

<https://www.catholicculture.org/>

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.

NOVEMBER 16, 2025

# 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C



### First Reading: *Malachi 3:19-20*

The day of justice is coming, says the Lord.

### Responsorial: *Psalm 98:5-6,7-8,9*

Sing praise to God, who rules with justice.

### Second Reading: *2 Thessalonians 3:7-12*

Paul urges the community to follow his example and to earn their keep.

### Gospel Reading: *Luke 21:5-19*

Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and warns his followers that persecution will come before the end time.

### Music of the Mass – November 16

**717** – To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King

**345** – Gift of Finest Wheat

**716** – At The Name of Jesus

**663** – Be Still, My Soul

**537** – All Creatures of Our God and King

*\*Mass of Creation #867-871*



**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.



## 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 Cizek, 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. 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: Nov:** Nov 18<sup>th</sup> - 5:30pm 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. **On the Waterfront**

## 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:** The Sunday Gospel describes the end times and has Jesus challenging the apostles to live faithfully and persevere through the turmoil. Throughout Luke's Gospel, Jesus paints a picture of his ultimate goal for the future—the realization of his Father's Kingdom here on earth. The Reign of God brings a kingdom of peace and equality, a world in which everyone has what he/she needs to live a life of dignity and hope. It is a world in which love rules over hate. Your challenge this week is to discuss as a family or household one step you can take to bring the reign of God one step closer to being realized. What act of love or kindness, of justice or equality, can you do to make Jesus' dream for humanity a reality? <https://pastoral.center>

## Connecting the Gospel ...

... **to the First Reading:** Unlike the “wicked, lazy servant” in the Gospel, this faithful and loving wife works diligently to bring good to others and is judged praiseworthy for increasing the quality of life within and around her.



... **to experience:** When facing any kind of judgment, our first response is to be uncomfortable. Upon reflection, when our choices and behaviors have led to fuller Life for ourselves and others, we know we have nothing to fear from a judgment. Indeed, we can even look forward to it.

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

## Overcoming Difficulties

**Jesus said, “You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.” (Luke 21:17–19)**

**Adults:** When bad things happen, how do you deal with them?

**Kids:** Have you ever worried about something that might happen? What can help you worry less? <https://pastoral.center>

## CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

**Question:** What are you reminding yourself of when you cross yourself with holy water when you enter the church?

- The tears shed during the passion of Chris
- Jesus is the water of life
- Your baptism
- God's promise after the flood

(Answer found on last page.)

## Advent Wreath Candles & Christmas Eve Choir

A limited number of advent wreath candle sets and advent calendars available for a small donation available at our masses on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. *The First Sunday of Advent is on November 30<sup>th</sup>.*

St. Mark's Choir is providing the music for the 7:30pm Christmas Eve Mass. If you would like to join us on this joyous occasion, please contact George Stefan or Edward Yew after 5:30pm Mass or email: [stmark@cbna.org](mailto:stmark@cbna.org) with your name and contact information and we will keep you up to date on plans for practice.

## Catholic Answers

### Question:

How much of the Bible is read after going through the cycles of daily Mass and Sunday Mass?

### Answer:

Sunday Masses use a three-year cycle of readings, whereas daily Masses use a two-year cycle. [It has been reported](#) by Fr. Felix Just, S.J., that the Sunday and weekday Lectionaries contain:

- 13.5 percent of the Old Testament (not counting the Psalms)
- 54.9 percent of the non-Gospel New Testament
- 89.8 percent of the Gospels
- 71.5 percent of the entire New Testament

[www.Catholic.com](http://www.Catholic.com)



(Practicing) Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment)  
**TWO THINGS CAN BE TRUE AT ONCE**



As my husband and I drove our firstborn child home from the lyI sat alongside my daughter in the backseat. Terrified, exhausted, exhilarated, confused, hopeful — I was all of these things at the same time. I gazed at her, this magnificent little creature whose face was both familiar and strange to me, thinking: *She is exquisite. She is the future. She is life.*

And then I burst into uncontrollable sobs.

“What’s wrong?” my husband cried, panicked, glancing in the rearview mirror.

“She’s — going — to — die — someday,” I blubbered, choking on my own tears.

“Ohhh, honey.” I’ll never forget the tone of his voice as he clearly debated turning this car around and taking me back to the hospital for an emergency psych evaluation. “I think you might be tired.”

Ten years later, it’s a memory we laugh about. I hadn’t slept more than four hours in four days. Postpartum hormones had lain waste to my senses. Here, on the threshold of new life, all I could think of was death. It’s funny. It’s absurd.

But it also makes a lot of sense.

Love and hate. Hope and fear. Joy and sorrow. Death and life. What lasts forever, and what is even now passing away before our eyes. To be human is to know that these feelings, these realities, can and often do occur at the same time. To be Christian is to know that it means something — even if we cannot understand what. Not yet.

In every moment of his earthly life, Christ shows us that two things can be true at once. A virgin is a mother. An exile is a king. The temple will be destroyed, and it will last forever. The world is ending. The world is beginning. The cross is death. The cross is life.

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – November 13, 2025©Lpi.

### 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)

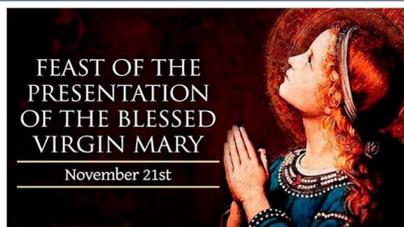
### During the month of November PLEASE PRAY for all who have died; especially those among our parish family.

*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.

This feast is associated with an event recounted not in the New Testament, but in the apocryphal Infancy Narrative of James. According to that text, Mary’s parents, Joachim and Anne, who had been childless, received a heavenly message that they would have a child. In thanksgiving for the gift of their daughter, they brought her, when still a child, to the temple in Jerusalem to consecrate her to God.



“In God’s will, there is great peace.” ~ Josephine Bakhita

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

“Eternal Rest grant unto the, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.”



November 9: \$ 1,379.00  
 Actual Collection YTD  
 7/25-6/26: \$ 30,266.63  
 Parishioner Count: 97

**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.stmarksuaaf.org>.

**Stewardship Imitate**

*"...Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us."*

**2 THESSALONIANS 3:9**

Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don't go around bragging about it. But through their words and actions, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that results and others desire this in their own life. Know that the Stewardship way you live your life may be the only interaction others may have with our Catholic faith.

**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.

Pray that:

- ... all may find peace in their lives and encourage others to grow in their faith by example.
  - ...leaders may have the wisdom and justice, to administer with integrity.
  - ...recovery of all suffering from loss during storms.
  - ...respect for life from conception to death.
- Please include in your prayers during the month of November all those who have died and gone before us.*

**World Day of Cloistered Life – November 21<sup>st</sup>**

*"By your perseverance you will secure your lives."*

**(Luke 21:19)**

Consider the hidden yet powerful witness of those in cloistered religious life. Is God calling you to a life of prayer and contemplation? 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>

Women of Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish  
**YOU'RE INVITED**  
 To **A WOMEN'S ADVENT**  
 A GATHERING OF FAITH, FELLOWSHIP & GIVING  
**NOV 22ND**  
 In the Social Hall  
 10am-1pm



**SIGN UP**

**"Prepare Him Room — Finding Joy in the Waiting."**  
 Join us for a joyful Advent morning of friendship, reflection, and giving!

1. SIGN UP TO- ATTEND (LET US KNOW YOU'RE COMING!)
2. SIGN UP TO- BRING 4 DOZEN OF YOUR FAVORITE COOKIES (OPTIONAL) FOR OUR COOKIE EXCHANGE
3. BRING- A FOOD BANK DONATION (OPTIONAL)

**-Lunch & Snacks Provided-**

Please bring non-perishable food items to bless local families through the Fairbanks Community Food Bank.  
 Coffee, cocoa, tea, and plenty of cheer will be waiting for you! Come enjoy the songs, fellowship, and true spirit of Advent.

**Music, Cookie Exchange, Coffee, Lunch, & Fellowship**

**2025 FAMILY Day**  
 A day of formation, activities, and prayer for the whole family!  
 All ages and states of life are welcome!

SATURDAY | NOV 22 | NORTH POLE MIDDLE  
**10:00AM-5:00PM**




[iccfairbanks.org/familyday](http://iccfairbanks.org/familyday)

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN**

**Answer:** Your baptism.



KEEP UAF STUDENTS IN YOUR PRAYERS!  
 Fall (Thanksgiving) Break – Nov. 26-30  
 Last Day of Classes – Dec. 6th  
 Final Exams - Dec. 8-13  
 Winter (Christmas) Break – Dec 14-Jan. 11.