



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 also provides reliable information for non-Catholics inquiring about our faith and contributes to inter-faith discussion and ecumenical action.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS:
'SPRING FORWARD' 1 HOUR



PASTOR

Fr. Ross Tozzi: rtozzi@cbna.org Ph: 907-347-3005

DEACON

Rev. Dcn. Warren Lucero

PARISH OFFICE: ph: 907-374-9544

Office Hours: 10:00 AM– 12noon

Parish Admin: Mary Pat Boger – stmark@cbna.org

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Music Director: George Stefan

CSA Advisor: Devan Larson

Finance Council: Marilis Bennett, Jen Tucker,

Fr. Ross Tozzi

St. Mark Sunday Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass: 5:30 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral (SHC)

Easter & Christmas Masses are celebrated with SHC – please check their schedules at sacredheartak.org

Campus Mass for Catholic Student Association (CSA):

- No Mass due to UAF Spring Break March 9-13

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

CARE OF THE SICK: Please notify the Parish Office or priest when someone is seriously ill so that we can provide spiritual care.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

3/8: WYD Sneak Peek on Zoom – 4:00 PM

3/9-12: Priest Convocation in Anchorage

3/12: Chrism Mass – 7 PM at SHC

3/15: Young Adult Game Night 6:30 PM at SHC

3/17: An Examination of Conscience with Dante – 7 PM at ICC

3/17: Catholic Schools of Fairbanks St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Raffle 6:00 PM

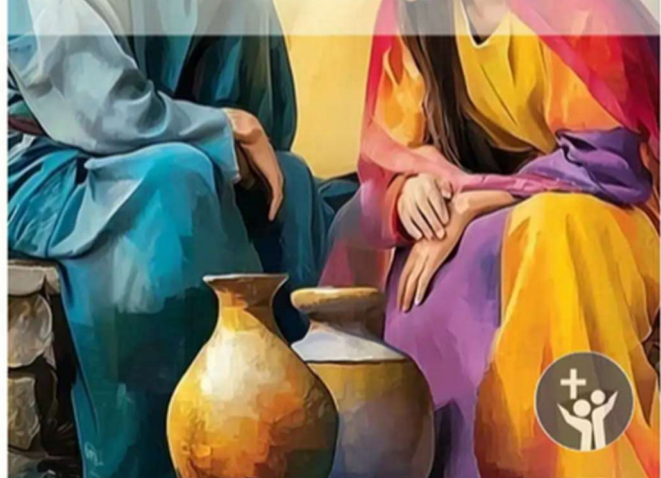
3/18: 6 PM Sacred Heart Cathedral Communal Penance

Please Welcome...

Carter Scott Peters, the newborn son of Roger and Harmonie Peters. Carter was born February 24th joining his siblings – Piper, Luke, & Jasper. We look forward to his Baptism later.
Congratulations!



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A



First Reading: *Exodus 17:3-7*

God tells Moses to bring forth water from the rock.

Responsorial: *Psalm 95:1-2,6-9*

Sing joyfully in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading: *Romans 5:1-2,5-8*

Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel Reading: *John 4:5-42*

Jesus reveals himself to the Samaritan woman at the well.

Music of the Mass – March 8



140 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

403 Christians, Let Us Love One Another

134 Save Your People From

400 What Wondrous Love Is This

411 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Mass Part: Mass of Creation #867-871

***Please check schedules with parishes if there are changes due to Spring Break March 9th-13th.*



SUNDAY

Religious Education (SHC): 9:30-10:30 AM downstairs in the classrooms. Questions—contact Mother, Way of Salvation at: servidoras@cbn.org

Young Adult Game Night Meet in Community Room, March 15th at 6:30 PM downstairs at Sacred Heart Cathedral after 5:30PM St. Mark University Parish Mass.

MONDAY

SHC Book Club: Meets 1st Monday of the month. Contact Jan Fortune for info at: 43janettf@gmail.com

Diocesan Bible Study: Study Matthew on Monday, now until April 13th, *except for April 6th*, at 6:30 pm will continue in the Mary Chapel of SHC.

TUESDAY

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

Faith Formation (OCIA): 7 PM every Tuesday at SHC. Email Fr. Peter Bang at: pbang@cbna.org

Young Adult Feast and Faith: Next meeting TBA. For Young Adults ages 18-35.

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. There will be no 1st Thursday of the Month Adoration in Jan.

Voces Verbi Teens: 6-7:30pm (ages 13-17). Contact: servidoras@cbna.org

SHC Holy Hour: 7 PM on 1st 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.

SHC Confessions/Adorations of the Blessed Sacrament 3-4pm

Diocesan Movie Night – Next showing TBA.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptism, First Communion & Confirmation: Contact the Parish Office at 907-374-9544 if interested in receiving instructions or Fr. Ross Tozzi at rtozzi@cbna.org or call (907) 347-3005

Marriage Preparations: Contact Fr. Ross *six (6) months prior to wedding date or call the parish office at 907-374-9544.*

On Becoming Catholic: Those seeking information about the Catholic Faith are invited to contact the Parish Office at 907-374-9544

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: According to the Acts of the Apostles, who was selected to replace the Apostle Judas of Iscariot?
(Answer on back page)

Priest Convocation in Anchorage is March 10th – 11th. There will be *no masses on 10th & 11th*; Thursday the daily mass will be the 7:00 PM Chrism Mass at SHC. *On Tuesday and Wednesday Sacred Heart there will be a 7:30 AM Communion Service.* Please keep them in your prayers

Catholic Definition: SAMARITANS

The people of Samaria, who were originally Jews but had intermarried with the pagan Assyrians, who had conquered Israel in 622 b.c. (II Kings 18:9-12). They developed a different form of Judaism, based mainly on their own Pentateuch, which was the only part of the Old Testament the Samaritans accepted. They had their own temple on Mount Gerizim and were bitterly hated by the Jews (John 4:9, 20). They were featured in three narratives of the Gospels: The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:33), the Ten Lepers (Luke 17:16), and the Samaritan Woman (John 4:5-42).



Justice Challenge: The Samaritan woman, also known as the woman at the well, is featured in Sunday's Gospel. She was a member of a tribe with which the Jews did not interact, she was a woman, and she had a fairly bad reputation after being married several times. Even with these three strikes against her, Jesus made her the first evangelizer of her village. Your challenge this week is to identify someone in your life who is not from your immediate circle of family and friends, someone you might consider an outsider, and listen to or closely observe that person. See if you can learn something about Jesus from the way he or she lives and speaks. Show appreciation for this "outsider" in any way you can. <https://pastoral.center>

Connecting the Gospel

...to the Second Reading: The Second Reading spells out explicitly what the "gift of God" is: "the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." The Holy Spirit empowers us to recognize Jesus for who he is and be changed by him.



...to experience: How often in daily life do we simply "talk at" one another! Genuine conversation is harder work, but it opens up encounter with the other and brings life-giving transformation. In fact, transforming encounters with others are encounters with Jesus. www.liturgy.slu.edu

Source of Strength

Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." (John 4:13-14)

Adult Question: Where have you found a source of "living water" for your own journey of faith?

Child Question: Name some times when your belief in Jesus helped make you stronger. <http://pastoralcenter>

Catholic Answers

Question:

Does abstinence from meat include byproducts of animals, such as eggs, cheese, and milk?



Answer:

At one time Lenten abstinence from meat was much stricter than it is today. In the past, Catholics did fast from meat byproducts well as from meat. That is why there arose in some areas in the West the tradition of Fat Tuesday, the day that preceded the opening of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Catholics would clean out their pantries of meat byproducts by using them in special meals on that Tuesday before Lent. Even today in England, there is a tradition of pancake races on Fat Tuesday in honor of the one-time custom of making pancakes on this day to use up milk, eggs, and butter.

Such Lenten abstinence from meat byproducts is no longer required for Latin-rite Catholics, although it is still mandatory in Eastern churches that are in union with Rome. <https://www.catholic.com/>



Nourishing Futures in Guatemala

In Guatemala nutrition classes and saving programs give mothers and families better opportunities to improve their health, nutrition, and financial well-being. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-e to read how your support of CRS Rice Bowl is helping the Guatemala community thrive.

If you would like to donate toward the **Easter Lilies** decorating the church in memory in honor of a loved one, please use an envelope by the Sacred Heart Cathedral Office door or use a plain envelope and drop in the collection box.



Include your name and the name of those you wish to remember – please print clearly. Suggested donation is \$25 per flower. Any donation to help defray the expense of beautification of the church for Easter is appreciated.

If you have questions, please contact SHC Office at (907) 474-9032.



THANK YOU to those who are stepping forward and volunteering to serve in our church ministry. After the call for help last Sunday, we had four

come forward to fill the needs for Altar Servers, Readers, and Choir. After training you will see some new faces. We can always use more to fill in for when members are on vacation or taken sick.

(Practicing Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment)
WHEN GOD ASKS FOR WATER



The last few months of her pregnancy with my little brother were tremendously painful for her, and more than once the pain brought her to tears. I have a hazy image of her in my mind, belly swollen with a 12-pound baby lying transverse in the womb, sitting on the edge of her bed, dabbing at her face with toilet paper.

I had brought her the toilet paper. I would do that when I saw her crying, to wipe away her tears. I have a hazy memory of that, too — of the way my heart was wrenched by the sight of her suffering, of my desperation to do something to help, and of my immense satisfaction when she would take the toilet paper, smile and say, “Oh, thank you, sweetheart!” as if I had just airlifted her out of a war zone.

What a powerful gift to give to a child still learning the meaning of compassion and selflessness — the gift of being able to feel that she has, even in some small way, “rescued” a person she worships. Her smile of gratitude lives, immortal, in my mind, along with the swell of satisfaction it produced in the deepest corner of my heart. This was when I learned that it feels good to help people, and this memory is a perpetually replenished well of living water for me. I draw from it daily, three decades later.

This is a gift that Christ gives, over and over again, in the Gospels. He allows us to encounter him tired, afraid, sad, and hungry. Omnipotent power subjected to the utter vulnerability of human form.

Before the Incarnation, God looked down from Heaven and said, “You are thirsty. Here is something to drink.”

After the Incarnation, God sits down beside us and says, “I’m thirsty. Give me something to drink.”

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – March 5, 2026@Lpi

“Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God if we have given what we could.” ~St. Gregory Nazianzen



**Sacred Heart Cathedral
Lenten Fridays**

Join the faithful during Lent for 5:30 PM Mass & 6 PM Stations followed by 7 pm Simple Meal Potluck.



Stewardship Report
 March 1: \$1,559.00
 Actual Collection:
 7/25-6/26: \$47,4708.18
 Parishioner Count: 92

Thank you for your continued prayers and donations!

During Lent you'll find Operation Rice Bowl bowls on a table at the church entrance. Please feed the bowl until Easter (April 5th) and return by April 12th.

God-Centered Stewards

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again."

John 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us over the long run. When we build our lives around material possessions we will always want more, and no amount will ever satisfy our desire. True joy and peace only come when we follow Jesus – when we as His Stewards become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

www.camdendiocese.org



MARCH 2026 PRAYER INTENTION
For disarmament and peace:

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

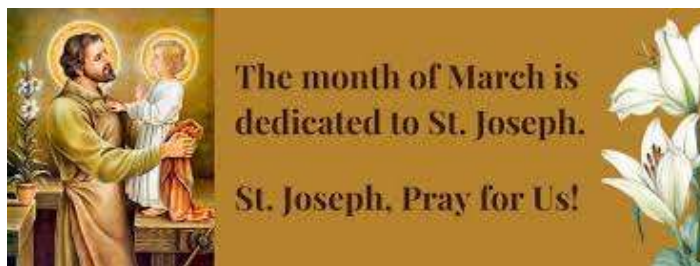
Pray for the Church – Pope Leo XIV, Bishop Steven Maekawa, OP, Rev. Ross Tozzi, Deacon Warren Lucero, and all pastors, deacons, and religious in our diocese.
Pray for the health and well-being of all in our community, especially those who have died.
Pray for all who protect us from harm.
Pray for all those preparing to receive Sacraments at Easter.
Pray for the safety of children and their families during Spring Break that God will preserve them from harm, help them to make wise decisions, and protect them as they travel.

VOCATIONS

"Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst." (John 4:14)

Only Jesus can satisfy the deepest desires of our hearts. When we encounter Him, our lives overflow with the living water of grace. Some are called to share that grace as priests, religious brothers or sisters, or consecrated virgins. Could God be inviting you to share His living water with others? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or via email: vacations@cbna.org or check out www.facebook.com/FairbanksVocations.

If you have the opportunity, thank a Knights of Columbus member from Archbishop Seghers Council #5011 for sponsoring their annual Lenten Fish Fry and Stations of the Cross held Friday (3/6) at Catholic Schools of Fairbanks.



LENTEN IDEAS: + Pray it Forward. Pray the Rosary every day (or on specific set days) for the intentions of someone in your life. + Do Rice Bowl well and with a spirit of real almsgiving. Give digitally on their site if you want.

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 site at <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/bishop-abuse-reporting>

CATHOLIC TRIVIA—JUST FOR FUN
 Answer: St. Matthias.