



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

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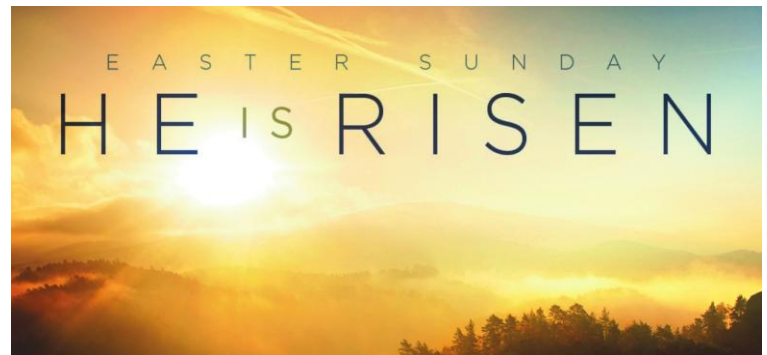
Music Director: George Stefan

CSA Advisor: Devan Larson

Finance Council: Marilis Bennett, Jen Tucker,
Fr. Ross Tozzi

April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



St. Mark Sunday Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass: 5:30 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral (SHC)
No April 5th 5:30 PM Mass on Easter.

Campus Mass for Catholic Student Association (CSA):

7:15 PM Mass on Tuesdays in Upper Lola Tilly

7:45 PM Meeting after Mass

**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.

First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43*

Peter preaches about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23*

Rejoice in this day of the Lord.

Second Reading *Colossians 3:1-4* or *1 Corinthians 5:6b-8*

Colossians 3:1-4: Having been raised by Christ, be concerned with what is above.

OR

1 Corinthians 5:6b-8: Let us celebrate this feast with new yeast.

Gospel Reading: *John 20:1-9*

Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

UPCOMING EVENTS

4/3-4/12: Divine Mercy Novena chaplet prayed at 3 PM

4/7: UAF CSA 7:15 PM Mass/7:45 Meeting-Discussion

4/12: **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** – 3:00 PM Holy Hour led by Bishop Steven Maekawa, OP,

4/18: 9am-5pm a Men's Retreat at Monroe High School

4/19: 6:30pm Young Adult Game Night downstairs at SHC in Social Hall

4/21: 5:30pm Young Adult Feast and Faith at Miguel's



The **Divine Mercy Novena** at Sacred Heart Cathedral began on Good Friday, April 3 following the Stations of the Cross. The chaplet will be prayed at 3pm in the Cathedral every day and conclude on April 11, **Divine Mercy Sunday**, at 3pm with a Holy Hour led by the bishop. All are invited to join the Church around the world in this annual novena of grace.



HAPPY EASTER – THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO!



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: April 19th Meets in Community Room 6:30 PM downstairs at Sacred Heart Cathedral after 5:30PM St. Mark University Parish Mass.

MONDAY

SHC Book Club: April 6th at 12:30 PM in the Community Room. Contact Jan Fortune for info at: 43janetf@gmail.com

Diocesan Bible Study: Study Matthew on Monday, now until April 13th, 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: Meets April 21st, 5:30pm at Miguel's Authentic Mexican Cuisine for Young Adults ages 18-35.

UAF Catholic Student Association (CSA): 7:15 PM Mass/7:45 PM Meeting in Lola Tilly Building on UAF Campus.

THURSDAY

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 8 AM-12 PM at SHC.

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

SHC Holy Hour: 7 PM on 1st Thursday every month.

FRIDAY

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SHC Confessions/Adoration: 3-4 PM (None on April 4th).

Altar Server Training – TBA at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

SUNDAY

Young Adult Game Night – Sunday, April 19th at 6:30pm – downstairs in the Social Heart Cathedral Social Room.

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.

Funerals: Contact Fr. Ross Tozzi.



We celebrate the core event of our faith this week, the Resurrection of Jesus. Through the Resurrection, we are brought to new life and grace. We are assured that God's love is more powerful than anything—even death—and that Jesus fulfilled his mission of redemption. Your challenge this week is to celebrate your own new life in Christ by promoting respect for life in your community. Think of a way you can promote life. You could pray for women who are considering abortion so that they have a change of heart, and pray for doctors who perform abortions, that they, too, will have a conversion and remember their oath to protect, not destroy, life. You could pray for an end to war and violence, or for an end to the death penalty in our nation. If you aren't already, consider becoming active in your local pro-life community. How can you promote the Catholic vision of life that says every human life is sacred, from womb to tomb? <https://pastoral.center>

Focusing the Gospel ...

Key words and phrases: came to the tomb, early in the morning, stone removed from the tomb, taken the Lord from the tomb, came to the tomb, arrived at the tomb, went into the tomb, arrived at the tomb, had to rise from the dead.

To the point: Mary arose “early in the morning” to go to Jesus’ tomb. This image of a new day speaks to us of a new beginning, new opportunities, new encounters. Early morning speaks to us of the freshness of new life. By contrast, this gospel uses the word “tomb” seven times, speaking to us about the seeming finality of Jesus’ death. By even greater contrast, the gospel ends with the Scripture certitude that Jesus “had to rise from the dead.” Death is overcome. Death has no victory. God is the Lord of life. Easter celebrates a new beginning, our certitude of new life. May we choose that Life. www.liturgy.slu.edu



The Resurrection of the Lord

Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, as you really are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. (1 Corinthians 5:7)

Adult Question: What change could the hope of the resurrection of Christ inspire you to make?

Child Question: What bad habit would you like to "clear out" during the hopeful time of this Easter season? <https://pastoral.center>

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: How many items does the Vatican Secret Library hold? (Answer on last page of bulletin.)

Catholic Answer

Question:

If Christ died on a Friday and was raised on a Sunday, how come the Bible speaks of his being in the tomb for three days and three nights before his Resurrection (Mt 12:40; Mk 8:31)?

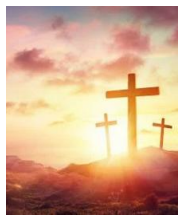


Answer:

Christ died around three in the afternoon on Friday and was entombed shortly thereafter. The Resurrection occurred by dawn on Sunday. Thus, he was in the tomb less than nine hours Friday (by the modern reckoning), twenty-four hours Saturday, and less than six hours Sunday—at any rate, far less than the seventy-two hours that comprise three full days and nights.

Is there a contradiction here? No, because the ancient Jews counted as a whole day any part of a day, so “three days and three nights” (which means the same as “three days” in modern usage) could be as little as twenty-four hours plus a few seconds on either side—if there had been, back then, clocks that could register seconds.

In our way of reckoning things, from lunch time today to lunch time tomorrow is one day. Ancient Jews would have counted it as two days because it includes parts of two distinct days.



Question:

Does the Easter vigil Mass count for my Sunday obligation?

Answer:

If you attend the **Easter** vigil, you have fulfilled your obligation to attend Mass on Easter. You are not required to attend on Easter Sunday. Attending any Saturday evening Mass fulfills one's Sunday obligation.

Canon 1248, 1. The precept of participating in the Mass is satisfied by assistance at a **Mass** which is celebrated anywhere in a Catholic rite either on the holy day or on the evening of the preceding day. www.catholic.com

EASTER SUNDAY

Happy Easter!

As our CRS Rice Bowl journey comes to an end, may the Eucharist continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God's call to serve our global family. Let us commit to sharing the joy of the Resurrection with people in our local community and around the world. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at our 5:30 PM Sunday Mass on April 12th or donate online at crsricebowl.org/give .

(Practicing Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment)
While It Is Still Dark



If you are a person who is religious in any way, chances are that at some point, someone has asked you to give a reason why.

I meet lots of people who identify as *spiritual* but not *religious*, lots of people who are more comfortable splashing in the shallow end of belief but hesitating to wade into the more uncertain depths of doctrine. So, when they ask the question “Why do you believe what you believe?” it usually comes out as “Why do you go to church?”

They want to know why I come to this specific place at this specific time. What am I expecting to happen?

We read that Mary Magdalene went to the tomb “while it was still dark.” I imagine she could not sleep. She was traumatized. Grieving. Confused. Angry, perhaps. Doubting? Maybe. It's possible. We cannot know what was in her heart.

We only know what she did. We only know where she went. And we know that it was dark, that the light of Easter's dawn had not yet pierced the sky.

Often, I am grieving when I go to church, or angry, or confused, or all three. I have gone many times with a doubting and resentful heart.

Because, you see, it is still dark. The dawn of eternity, which will illuminate all understanding, has not yet even begun to creep across my horizon.

My answer to the question, when I am asked, is that I go to church — to Catholic Mass, specifically — for the same reason Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. I go because it is the last place I saw Christ, and I am desperate to see him again. www.4lpi.com/blog April 2 2026

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SAINT FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

March 29: \$ 1,154.00

Total Collection (7/2025-6/2026): \$ 52,569.53

Parishioner Count: 123

Thank you again for your generosity!

Operation Rice Bowl Donations can be returned by April 12th. There will be a basket on the entrance table to put them in, or place coins in a baggie with CRS or RICE BOWL on it and drop in the collection basket.

Stewards Grateful

“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.” COLOSSIANS 3:2

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you because of your stewardship. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God. This is also the first commandment – I am the Lord your God, you shall not have any strange gods before me. www.camdendiocese.org

POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FO APRIL 2026



For priests in crisis: Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Pray for the Church: Pope Leo XIV, Bishop Steven Maekawa, OP, Rev. Ross Tozzi, Dcn. Warren Lucero, and all pastors, deacons, and religious in our diocese.

Please keep all our priests in your prayers as they travel throughout rural Alaska to ensure that those who go without the sacrament for weeks at a time may receive the ministering of priests with the sacrament during Holy Week.

Pray for the return of fallen away Catholics; new members initiated at Easter Vigil Mass; our sick, homebound, and hospitalized parishioners, and their caretakers.

Keep our UAF Catholic young adults in your prayers and members of our parish family.

Remember our dearly departed and the loved ones they leave behind.

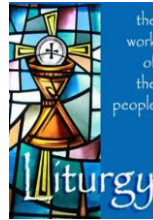
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Answer: 150,000

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CHURCH SUNDAY MINISTRY

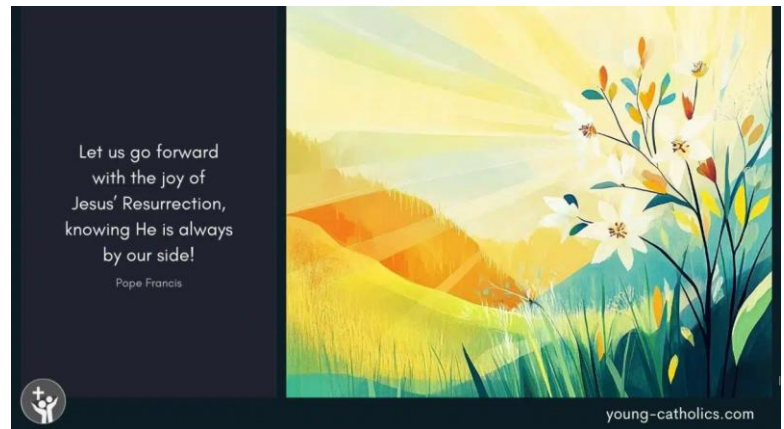
We invite you to take a moment to sign up in advance to help Sunday Mass. The following is needed each Sunday: Altar Server (2 or more), Lector (1), Extraordinary Minister (2-3), Sunday Collection & Bringing up the Gifts (4), and Collection Counters (2) for Sunday Mass. Contact Mary Pat Boger at the Parish Office 907-374-9544 to make sure you have the required training and paperwork for helping.



Called to Share Bread for Life

Holy Week, the heart of the liturgical year, invites us to journey with Christ through his Passion, Death, and Jesus' gift of the Eucharist, we are reminded of our call to be bread broken for others. Let us draw strength from the Bread of Life and dedicate ourselves to serving our sisters and brothers who bear heavy crosses, bringing hope and resurrection to the world.

Visit www.crsricebowl.org/holy-week to learn more.



SOUP KITCHEN NEEDS YOUR HELP

Please consider supporting the soup kitchen at Immaculate Conception Church as part of your service to the poor and hungry this year. There are many ways to uplift the ministry of the soup kitchen, be it in material or monetary donations, prayer, or the gift of your time. We especially need volunteers for our weekend meal service. Prep begins at 12:00 Noon and walk-up meal service goes from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays. Come and help for however long your schedule allows. For more information and to get the volunteer sign-up sheet sent to you, please contact Samantha Reynolds at:

samantha-reynolds@outlook.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. For more information, access the Diocese Safe Environment site at

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