



# 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.

### PASTOR

Fr. Ross Tozzi: [rtozzi@cbna.org](mailto: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](mailto:stmark@cbna.org)

**Bookkeeping:** Marilis Bennett

**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)

*No April 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**4/3-4/11:** Divine Mercy Novena chaplet prayed at 3 PM – Holy Hour led by Bishop Steven Maekawa, OP

**4/12:** **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**4/14:** UAF CSA 7:15 PM Mass/7:45 Meeting-Discussion

**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

**5/1:** 6 PM May Crowning of Our Mother Mary at SHC

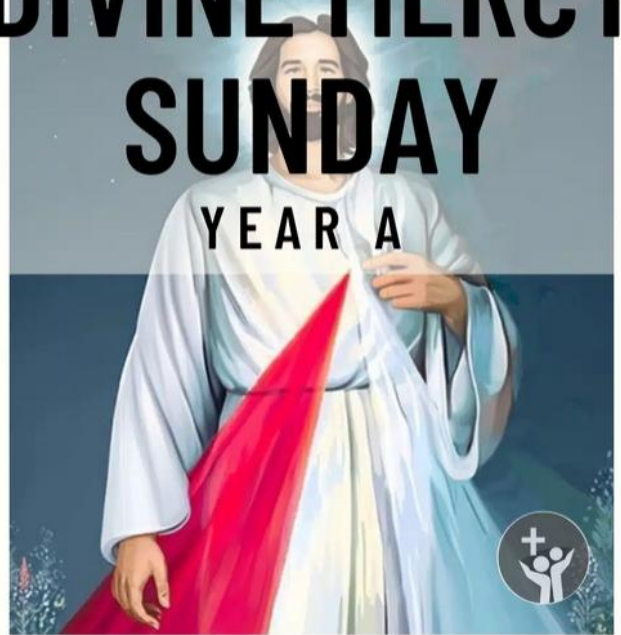


grace.

The **Divine Mercy Novena** at Sacred Heart Cathedral *began on Good Friday, April 3*. The chaplet will be prayed at 3pm in the Cathedral **every day** and *conclude on April 11, Saturday*. On Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, at 3pm a **Holy Hour** will led by the bishop on. All are invited to join the Church around the world in this annual novena of

April 12, 2026

# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY YEAR A



**First Reading:** *Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47*

The first community of Christians grows as its members meet to pray and break bread.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 118:2-4,13-15,22-24*

God's love is everlasting.

**Second Reading:** *1 Peter 1:3-9*

We have new hope because of Jesus' Resurrection.

**Gospel Reading:** *John 20:19-31*

Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

### **Music of the Mass April 12**

**177** At the Lamb's High Feast

**343** O Sacrament Most Holy

**183** Ye Sons and Daughters

**190** Jesus Is Risen



**To our young adults (ages 18-35):** Do not forget Game Night in the Sacred Heart Community Room (downstairs) after Mass tonight – April 12<sup>th</sup>!



### SUNDAY

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

**Young Adult Game Night:** April 12<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM in the Community Room. Contact Jan Fortune for info at: [43janetf@gmail.com](mailto:43janetf@gmail.com)

**Diocesan Bible Study:** Study Matthew on Monday, now until April 20<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:pbang@cbna.org).

**Young Adult Feast and Faith:** Meets April 21<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto: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.

**Altar Server Training:** May 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM- 12 Noon at SHC in the Sanctuary. Contact SHC or St. Mark Parish Office.

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

**Altar Server Training** – TBA at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

### SUNDAY

**Young Adult Game Night** – Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

**Contact** Fr. Ross Tozzi at (907) 347-3005.



Training is scheduled for Saturday- May 16<sup>th</sup> - at 10:00 AM at Sacred Heart Cathedral. If you are interested in training, contact SHC Office at (907) 474-9032 or St. Mark at (907) 374-9544 and information will be forwarded to Instructor, Elizabeth Crail.



**Sunday's Gospel** recounts the appearance of Jesus to the apostles after the Resurrection. Fear ruled the day until Jesus came back with his message, "Peace be with you." Fear can paralyze us, just as it did the apostles until Jesus breathed his Spirit and his peace into them. Your challenge this week is to examine how much fear rules your life. When does it stop you from speaking the prophetic word, challenging injustice, or living an ethical life? Pray for the peace of Christ to enter your own heart and find the courage to fight injustice wherever you see it. <https://pastoral.center>

### Connecting the Gospel ...

**To the First Reading:** In the Gospel Jesus extols those who come to believe that he has risen even though they have not seen him. In the first reading Peter also extols those who have not seen yet still love and believe in Jesus. Belief in Jesus' risen Life elicits "indescribable and glorious joy." So, who would not want to believe?



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

### Encouraging Others

**Then Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." (John 20:27)**

**Adult Question:** We show our faith when we demonstrate courage in the face of difficulty. What could you do this week to help strengthen someone?

**Child Question:** What could you do this week to encourage someone who is sad or discouraged?

<https://pastoral.center>

### CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

**Question:** Who was the Polish nun that received visions of Jesus regarding the Divine Mercy, which are celebrated on this day (April 12, 2026)?  
(Answer on last page of bulletin.)

Welcome to St. Mark University Catholic Parish!  
Thank you for joining us for Holy Mass and worshipping with us! May God Bless you and remain safe as you leave us and have a blessed week.

## Catholic Answer

### Question:

With the Chaplet of Mercy novena, during the chaplet of mercy part, do we focus on the special novena prayer or on the chaplet?

### Answer:

You are free to meditate on any aspect of the Divine Mercy devotion while you pray the chaplet. That would include the intentions of the novena, and any other intentions, including simply meditating on the mysteries of the Savior's life, ministry, passion, and glory and his presence in the Blessed Sacrament (which is all of the above!) as you would in the Marian rosary. When we ask for mercy "on the whole world," that pretty much allows us to pray about anything we are moved to pray about!



### Question:

How does one make a novena?

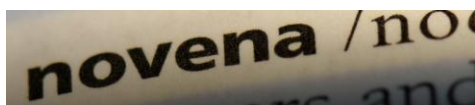
### Answer:

A novena is a nine day prayer petition for a particular intention we may have. We make the novena to God or to one of the saints in heaven to intercede on our behalf with God.

A novena can be an informal one we do on our own, provided it's consistent with Church doctrine, or it can follow the prescriptions of one that the Church has formally approved.

One of the most popular novenas is the novena connected with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, which can be prayed all year round but is especially recommended beginning Good Friday and leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday, also known as the Second Sunday of Easter. Novenas get their origin from the nine-day period when the apostles, Blessed Mother and other disciples gathered to pray between Christ's Ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

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



## Thank You!

Together, we changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl. THANK YOU for being a part of this effort! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl on Sunday at our 5:30 PM Mass by not later than April 19<sup>th</sup> or donate online at [crsricebowl.org/give](http://crsricebowl.org/give).



"There is no surer formula for discontent than to try to satisfy our longings for the ocean of infinite love with a teaspoon of passing joys." ~ *Venerable Fulton J. Sheen*

(Practicing Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment)  
WITHIN THY WOUNDS



The prayer I love best in the world is the Anima Christi. This private, devotional litany of supplication, begins with the phrase "*anima Christi, sanctifica me*" ("soul of Christ, sanctify me") and continues on to appeal individually to each aspect of Our Lord's crucified flesh: "*Body of Christ, save me; blood of Christ, inebriate me; water from Christ's side, wash me; passion of Christ, strengthen me; Oh good Jesus, hear me.*"

Then comes my favorite part: "*within thy wounds hide me.*"

The Anima Christi is a prayer traditionally said after receiving Holy Communion. The ancient Celts spoke of *liminal places*, where the veil separating this world from the next is particularly thin, and I believe the moments immediately following the reception of Holy Communion, when the Host is dissolving on my tongue, create a liminal place. When I am in that place, I am as intimately connected to God as I can be while my heart is still beating.

And when I am there, holding God within me, what are the words that I speak? It's overwhelming to think about. What could possibly be right to say?

There is no right or wrong answer, I suppose. But the best words I can think of are these: "Within thy wounds, Lord, hide me."

There is a reason Christ showed his wounds as he said the words, "Peace be with you." It was not just a means of identifying himself — it was a catechism lesson. *Here*, he was saying. *Here is the peace you will not find anywhere else.*

[www.4lpi.com/blog](http://www.4lpi.com/blog) April 9 2026

## DIVINE MERCY BLESSING

Dear Jesus,  
May your mercy flow over us,  
filling our gaps and healing our wounds. Open our hearts more deeply with knowledge of your love for us, understanding of the depth of your passion, and trust in your never-ending mercy.  
Amen

"The man of faith who has never experienced doubt is not a man of faith." ~ *Thomas Merton*



### 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 this Sunday - April 12<sup>th</sup>. Place them in a baggie with CRS or RICE BOWL on it and drop in the collection basket.

For April, 3% of our collections will go towards Catholic Home Missions. These are dioceses and parishes here in the United States that need the same kind of support as those we support overseas.

### Stewards Welcome

**“Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” JOHN 20:19**

Are you a good steward by making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships –with God and each other. When you see yourself as a beloved son or daughter of God, you tend to see others the same way, too – just as God, Our Father, sees us. [www.camdendiocese.org](http://www.camdendiocese.org)

### POPE’S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR 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.

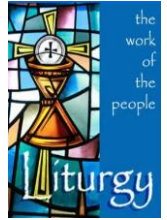
- + Pray for peace and healing in our world.
- + Pray for all who entered the Church at Easter Mass and who will be confirmed within the month;
- + Pray for our UAF Catholic student and all our young who are coming to the end of their school year.
- + Pray for the end of violence by harsh + Pray for the souls of all the faithful departed and for all those in need of healing – especially, Marilis Bennett’s mother who passed away this week.

### CATHOLIC TRIVIA—JUST FOR FUN

Answer: St. Faustina Kowalska

### 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.



### 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](mailto:samantha-reynolds@outlook.com)

Check out **Ed & Anne Graykowski Memorial Scholarship Fund** for Alaska Native students for the upcoming Fall School semester where you’ll find forms and guidelines: <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/diocesan-scholarships>

+ Ed & Anne Graykowski Memorial Scholarship Fund for Alaska Native students attending Catholic elementary, junior high, or senior high school in Alaska and accredited college, university or vocation program.

+ Deadlines for Fall Application is May 31<sup>st</sup>.



“Father of mercy and God of all consolation, graciously look upon me and impart to me the blessing which flows from this holy Sacrament. Overshadow me with Your loving kindness and let this divine Mystery bear fruit in me.” — St. Blaise

**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/bishop-abuse-reporting>