



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

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DEACON

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Parish Admin: Mary Pat Boger – 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 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

4/18: 9AM-5PM Spiritual Combat Men's Retreat at Monroe Catholic High School

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

4/25: **Feast Day of St. Mark**

4/28: Last Day of Instructions at UAF

4/28-5/2: UAF Final Exams

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

5/2: Resident Halls at UAF closed.

5/22: Family Formation & Third Order 6 PM at Monroe



Spiritual Combat

Men's Retreat

SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH,

9AM-5PM

Monroe Catholic
High School

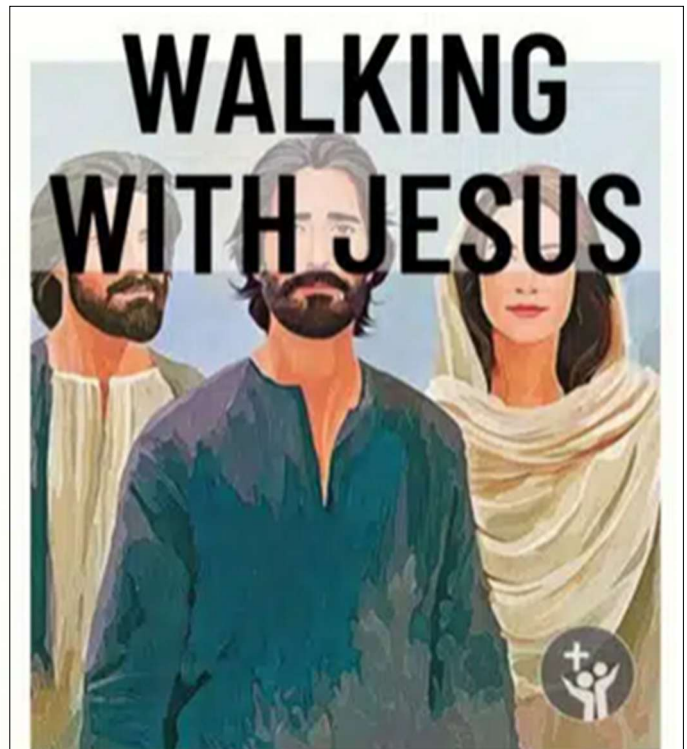
\$10 fee, breakfast and lunch provided.

Visit <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/retreats>

or scan the QR code to reserve a spot!



April 26, 2026
3rd Sunday of Easter



First Reading: *Acts 2:14,22-33*

Peter and the apostles announce that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 16:1-2,5,7-11*

God will show us the path of life.

Second Reading: *1 Peter 1:17-21*

You were saved by Christ's sacrifice.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 24:13-35*

Jesus appears to two disciples who are walking to Emmaus.



Music of the Mass April 19

312 Table of Plenty

182 Two Were Bound for Emmaus

172 Christ, The Lord, Is Risen Again

524 I Heard the Voice of Jesus

191 Alleluia! Alleluia!



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

MONDAY

SHC Book Club: TBA. Meets 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 20th, 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): Meets off campus at 5:30 PM at Miguel's with Young Adult Feast and Faith for free meal and talk.

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.

Altar Server Training: May 16th 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 4th).

Altar Server Training – TBA at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

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.

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



Training is scheduled for Saturday-May 16th - 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.



Today's Gospel recounts the Emmaus journey of the two disciples. They recognized the resurrected Christ only when he broke bread with them. Saint Damien of Molokai, whose feast day is May 10, is well known for breaking bread with lepers. Your challenge this week is to reflect on the people who need you to break bread with them. Is it the people who come to the local Catholic Worker House for lunch or the homeless shelter? Is it the young person sitting alone in the cafeteria at school? Spend some time searching your heart and your community to see who needs you to be bread in their lives. Then break bread with someone new this week and discover the face of Christ when you do so.

<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



Recognizing the Lord

When he was at the table with the disciples, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. (Luke 24:30–31)

Adult Question: In what way have you come to know Jesus better through the breaking of the bread at Eucharist?

Child Question: When you join Jesus at the table of the Eucharist next Sunday, what would you like to thank him for?

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

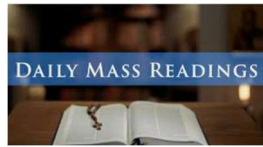
Question: According to tradition, what event took place in the home of the apostle Mark's mother?

(Answer on last page of bulletin.)

Catholic Answer

Question:

Why are there different daily Mass readings at different churches?



Answer:

There are a few reasons this could happen:

- There could be a special group present at the Mass that day. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (GIRM) notes: “In Masses for special groups, the priest shall be allowed to choose texts more particularly suited to the particular celebration, provided they are taken from the texts of an approved Lectionary” (358).
- Some days have optional feasts with optional readings. One parish may be celebrating the feast with the optional readings and another parish may not.
- The GIRM also permits on weekdays of ordinary time that the priest may celebrate a votive Mass, and this could result in different readings from the normal Mass of the day celebrated at another parish (355, 359).
- If an obligatory feast interrupts the continuous readings of the week, the priest can also choose to substitute those readings on the following day(s) (GIRM 358), while another priest/parish may not.



Question:

Why do we have patron saints for our parish and cathedral churches?

Answer:

The practice goes back to the early Church and serves as a reminder to the faithful that we are not simply a local parish within a regional diocese, but also members of the universal Body of Christ (Matt. 28:18-20), which also includes members who can intercede for us in heaven (see Heb. 12:1, 23). Having a church named after a saint—or a church (including a cathedral) named after our Lord Jesus Christ—is a reminder that this world is not our ultimate home and that we are called today to be in communion with the Holy Trinity and the angels and the saints in heaven—and join them in heavenly glory one day.

The central purpose of a church—offering the Sacrifice of the Mass—further affirms our bond as members of the universal Church with a salvific goal, [as heaven and earth become most profoundly one in the celebration of the Mass](#). Finally, relics of patron saints are placed in the altar to remind us further that the saints intercede for us, particularly at Mass (Rev. 6:6-9; see 5:8). www.catholic.com

(Practicing Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment)

THE STORY THAT NEVER ENDS



The biggest mistake we can make as Christians is to think that the Resurrection is the end of the story.

Of course we *know*, logically, that it isn't — there are whole books of the Bible that come after it, detailing not just the activities and teachings of the Risen Christ, but the development of the early Church and the Gospel's first baby steps into the wider world. We know this.

But sometimes we don't act like it.

The thing is, we like stories that can be tied up neatly in a bow. It's why “happily ever after” is a thing. These tidy endings are especially satisfying following an emotional gut punch and a twist — for instance, let's say the crucifixion of the story's hero and a *gotcha!* moment where it turns out he's not dead after all. Drinks all around! And...scene. The curtain falls.

But the curtain didn't fall. It still hasn't.

Look at Cleopas. He has heard the testimony of people he knew, people he trusted — and yet, he's in a world of confusion. He's stumbling along the road, wondering what to believe.

Christ gave us “happily ever after.” But what do you do with “happily ever after?” What do you do with the Resurrection? What do you do with salvation?

The Resurrection left loose ends — not because it was insufficient, but because it was not a final chapter. So being a Christian means embracing the life of a loose end. It means figuring out what to do with the Resurrection, with salvation, with forgiveness — with this hard-won “happily ever after” that is a gift but also a commission.

Because the curtain is still up, and we are all characters in the Greatest Story Ever Told.

So, what's the next scene?

www.4lpi.com/blog April 16 2026

*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.*



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

April 12: \$ 1,260.00

Total Collection (7/2025-6/2026): \$ 54,544.53

Parishioner Count: 121

Thank you again for your continued generosity!

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.

Heartfelt Stewardship

“Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?”

LUKE 24:32

How often do you take the time to discern what Jesus is calling you to do with your life? Are your prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for you? If so, that’s a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing stewardship in a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time, in silence, to listen to what Jesus is asking of you today.

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 our men and women who serve in the military or federal and local government to provide us protection and essential service.
- + Pray for UAF students and all our young who are coming to the end of their school year.
- + Pray for the souls of all the faithful departed – especially, Marilis Bennett’s mother who passed away this week.

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>



SAINT OF THE WEEK – St. Mark

Feast Day: April 25. Mark or John Mark the Evangelist was born of wealthy Libyan Jewish parents who moved to Cana in Galilee. Tradition has it that St. Peter’s wife was a relative of Mark’s father. When Mark’s father died, Peter looked after

him. Consequently, Mark’s gospel is made up of the memories of St. Peter. Peter’s humility allowed Mark to record his mistakes. It is very likely that the Upper Room, site of the Last Supper, refuge for the Apostles after Jesus’ death, and Pentecost was Mark’s childhood. Because of the Last Supper being followed by the arrest of Jesus, it is also believed that Mark might have gone to the garden and thus he wrote about the young man, himself, who fled naked from the scene. (Mark 14:51–52) After Peter’s death, Mark took his memoirs to Egypt to preach. He was martyred there in 68 AD by being dragged through the streets of Alexandria until dead. St. Mark, pray that God transforms our lives through your Gospel!

2026
SPRING
Fundraiser

Join us for a TACO BUFFET

THURSDAY, APRIL 23RD

6PM – 8PM

SPECIAL SPEAKER
Bret Colledge

8 STAR EVENT CENTER
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Weekly Prayer of the Faithful: That we take time in silence, every day, to ask God what he wants us to do.

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Answer: *The Last Supper*