



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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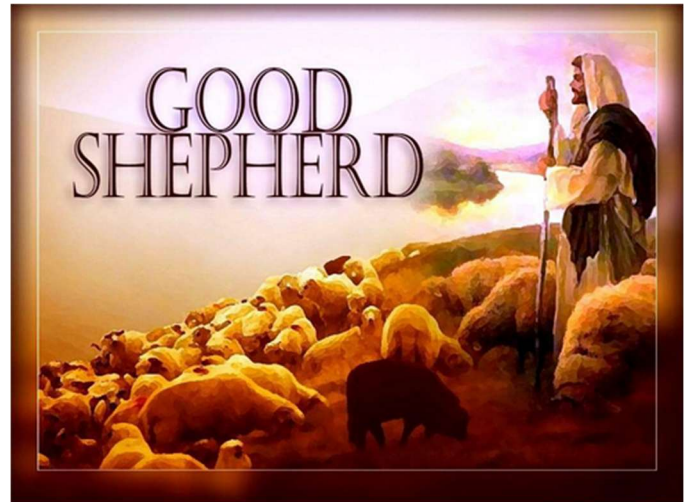
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Fr. Ross Tozzi

April 26, 2026
4th Sunday of Easter



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

4/26: World Day of Prayer for Vocations

4/28: Last Day of Instructions at UAF

4/28-5/2: UAF Final Exams

5/1: 5:30 PM May Crowning of Our Mother Mary at SHC followed by potluck downstairs.

5/2: Resident Halls at UAF closed.

5/3: Baptism of Carter Scott Peters at 5:30pm Mass

5/6-7: Clergy Days in Fairbanks for Diocesan priests

5/7: 5:30 PM SHC Mass with Clergy Day priests

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

First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 2:14a,36-41*

Peter and the other apostles baptize 3,000 people.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 23:1-6*

The Lord is my shepherd.

Second Reading: *1 Peter 2:20b-25*

We have been healed by the wounds of Christ.

Gospel Reading: *John 10:1-10*

Jesus is the gate for his sheep.

Music of the Mass April 26



175 The Day of Resurrection

524 I Heard the Voice of Jesus

520 Shepherd Me, O God

519 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

730 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Mass of Creation mass parts #864-868

CATHOLIC DEFINITION - AMBO

Elevated pulpit with a flight of stairs on each side, from which the Epistles and Gospels were read and sermons preached in the early Church. Later two ambos were used, one for the Epistle reading, the other on the right side of the altar for the Gospel. Generally, now, one ambo or lectern suffices for the entire Liturgy of the Word.

In the Greek Church, the ambo is a table in front of the iconostasis, or screen where baptisms, confirmations, and marriages are celebrated. In the Russian Church the ambo is a flight of stairs in front of the iconostasis. (Etym. Greek *ambo*, an elevation.)

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We ask each household to pray on how they can become more involved in our Liturgical ministry – Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister, Alter Server, Lector, or Music. St. Mark is trying to cover for when people are traveling or sick. Thank You!

"If you believe what you like in the gospel, and reject what you don't like, it is not the gospel you believe but yourself."

~ St. Augustine



Young Adult Summer Activities start in June

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: May 10th after 5:30 PM Mass. Last one of the school year. 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: May 26th at 5:30 PM. Meet at Miguel’s Authentic Mexican Restaurant.

UAF Catholic Student Association (CSA): Will have an activity after 5:30 PM Sunday Mass.- April 26th.

THURSDAY

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: On 1st Thursday of the month will resume on June 4th – 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM.

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.



Sunday’s Gospel has Jesus saying, “I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture.” (John 10:9) We are called to salvation through Jesus. If he is the gate, then we need to live as he did, to follow his teaching, to be his disciples in the world. Jesus always stood for the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world. And he told us we would be judged by how we treated the least of our brothers and sisters. Your challenge this week is to find a brother or sister who is ignored by others but in need of help. Reach out and practice the works of mercy. If they need food, clothing, or shelter, help them find it. If they need someone to listen to their story, lend an ear. Be the face of Christ for them. <https://pastoral.center>

Connecting the Gospel ...

...to 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? **... to experience:** We don’t come to belief through proofs; we come to belief through the attestation of others whom we trust. The same is true of our belief in the risen Jesus. We have not seen him, but we do encounter him and come to believe in him through the words and actions of others.

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Called To Be Shepherds

[The shepherd] goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. (John 10:4)

Adult Question: How are you a shepherd to those in your care?

Child Question: What will you do this week to show you love those around you? <https://pastoral.center>

Christ only know how to count to one
and that one, is each of us!
~ Fr. Raneiro Cantalamessa
Preacher to the Pontifical Household

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: The Catholic Church says that of all the virtues, one is the most excellent one. Which one is it?
(Answer on last page of bulletin.)

Catholic Answer

Question:

I have heard of Catholics “going to the rosaries” for people who have died. Could you tell me what is meant by this?



Answer:

When a Catholic dies, his friends and family often gather together to pray the rosary for the repose of his soul. Saying that one is “going to a rosary” is a shorthand way of saying that someone is gathering with other people in order to pray a rosary together.

Question:

Does receiving Confirmation make you an adult member of the Church?



Answer:

The reception of the sacrament of confirmation completes the sacraments of initiation. It makes a person a “full member” of the Church. However, it does not make someone an “adult member” of the Church. After all, in the Eastern Catholic Churches infants receive the sacrament of confirmation at the time of their baptism.

As far as Church law is concerned, canon 97 §1 states that “a person who has completed the eighteenth year of age has reached majority; below this age, a person is a minor.”

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World Day of Prayer for Vocations Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God’s call.

Welcome to St. Mark University Catholic Parish!

Thank you for joining us for Holy Mass and worshipping with us! Our mission is to support students on the UAF campus. Please keep them in your prayers this week.

(Practicing Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment)

THE DEVIL’S LONG CON



Some man presents himself to some woman as Prince Charming. He wines her. He dines her. He charms her mom and makes her friends jealous. Little red flags pop up here and there, but she shrugs them all off. She accepts convenient explanations.

She just wants to be happy.

And then one day, Prince Charming vanishes, along with the contents of the woman’s savings account. Every victim says the same thing: “I should have known better, but I wanted it to be real.”

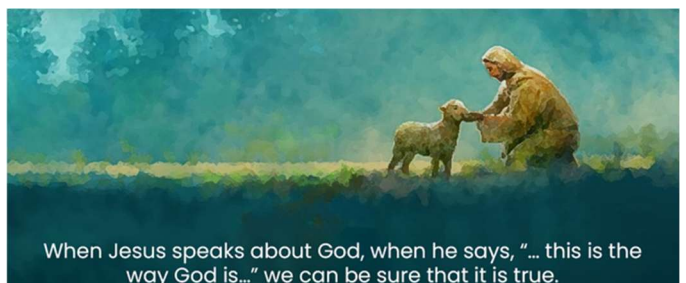
I think the reason I’m so drawn to these shows is that I identify with these women. No, I’ve never been the victim of a romantic scam (if my husband married me thinking he would gain access to some kind of fortune, he’s the one who got scammed). But we have all told ourselves that something *is* right because it *feels* right. We have shrugged off doubts about a choice, a relationship, a habit.

We have accepted easy answers that don’t pass the sniff test — because we really, really wanted an answer, and we really, really wanted it to be easy.

The devil is a romantic scammer. A third-party retailer hawking knock-off joy and fulfillment. A wolf in sheep’s clothing. A false prophet. A thief, a robber who has climbed the fence, knowing the gate will not admit him.

These are all different ways of saying the same thing: we can recognize what is real by where it comes from. What it sounds like. This ability to discern truth is written into our souls. We can ignore it, if we want. Suppress it. We can follow the stranger But where will he lead?

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

April 19: \$ 1,505.00

Total Collection (7/2025-6/2026): \$ 56,029.53

Parishioner Count: 118

Thank you again for your continued generosity!

3% of our April 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 Repent

“And Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...”

ACTS 2:38

The word “repent” means to turn from sin - to change our thoughts, words, and actions. Change that is permanent comes from within – a transformation or conversion of heart. This requires stewardship, prayer, discipline and perseverance. Change is hard. The first step is recognizing that we are broken and that we need God’s help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

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POPE’S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR MAY 2026



That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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 as they enter their week of exams and graduation.
- + Pray for the souls of all the faithful departed – especially, Marilis Bennett’s mother.

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>

A retired Paulist priest from the Fairbanks area, **Father Jim Kolb**, will be celebrating his Golden Jubilee on May 15, 2026. The Paulist order will be honoring him with a service at St. Elizabeth of Hungary in Portland Oregon on May 2 at 11AM.

A Golden Jubilee Blessing



For decades Fr. Jim was the beloved parish priest for almost every church in Fairbanks including St. Nick’s, St. Raphael’s, St. Mark’s, and St. Mary’s of the Lake. He is now in an assisted living facility in Oregon.

If he touched your life in any way or you just want to thank someone who has given his life to the Church, please mail a note or card to Fr. Jim Kolb, 17450 Pilkinton Road, Apt 215, Lake Oswego, Oregon 97035. Please help spread the word to those that you know.

Check out Ed & Anne Graykowski Memorial Scholarship Fund for Alaska Native students, offered by the Diocese of Fairbanks, 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 31st.*

Weekly Prayer of the Faithful: As we struggle to live a faith-filled life, we as Christian Stewards recognize we are not along. Jesus is there to help guide us.



The Diocese of Fairbanks has a Job Opening for **Controller**. This is a full-time, exempt position with benefits. If you know anyone that **may be interested**, **please direct them to** job description or more information on a position posted below please at www.dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings or email humanresources@cbna.org.

The 2026 Diocese Summer School Program

Registration is happening now at

www.iccfairbanks.org/summer2028 for

Summer Oratory 7/14-17 (ages 7-17)

Girls & Boys Camp 7/20-23 (ages 10-17)

Popular Mission 7/26-31 (ALL ages)

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Answer: *Charity*