



# 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.

### 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)

**Campus Mass for Catholic Student Association (CSA):**

*Held in Upper Lola Tilly Building on UAF campus  
at end of August with start of UAF Fall Semester.*

*See our website for information: [www.stmarksuaf.org](http://www.stmarksuaf.org)*

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

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

**5/10:** 11 AM at SHC - **First Communion** w/Bishop Steve

**5/10: MOTHER'S DAY**

**5/10:** 6:30 PM Young Adult Game Night

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

**5/24:** 11 AM at SHC – **Confirmation** w/ Bishop Steve



May 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> - **Clergy Days** for priests  
throughout the diocese  
will be held in Fairbanks

**Masses on May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> held at  
Sacred Heart Cathedral at 12:10pm  
(no 7:30 am masses).**

Join our priests at the end of Clergy Days at Sacred Heart  
Cathedral as they celebrate on Thursday, 7 May 2026 at 5:30  
pm followed by a reception downstairs.  
All are invited to attend.

MAY 3, 2026

# 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A



### **First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7**

The early Christian community chooses seven people to serve at table so that the Twelve can devote themselves to prayer and the ministry of the word.

### **Responsorial: Psalm 33:1-2,4-5,18-19**

The Lord is merciful toward those who trust in him.

### **Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9**

Those who have faith are chosen in Christ to be a holy priesthood.

### **Gospel Reading: John 14:1-12**

Jesus tells his disciples, "I am the way and the truth and the life."

### Music of the Mass May 3



**610** Alleluia No. 1

**327** One Bread, One Body

**331** One Love Released

**449** You Are My Refuge

**380** Celtic Alleluia: Sending Forth

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*Mass of Creation mass parts #864-868.*



**\*\*\*OCIA, Voces Teens & Verbi, Religious Ed wrap up May 3<sup>rd</sup>\*\*\***  
**Young Adult Summer Activities start in June\*\*\***

**SUNDAY**

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

**Young Adult Game Night:** May 10<sup>th</sup> after 5:30 PM Mass. *Last one before summer!* Meets in Community Room 6:30 PM downstairs at Sacred Heart Cathedral after 5:30PM St. Mark University Parish Mass.

**MONDAY**

**SHC Book Club:** May 4<sup>th</sup> - Meets at 12:30 PM in the Community Room. Title: *Mary's House in Ephesus* by Rev. Carl G. Schulte, C.M. Contact Jan Fortune for info at: [43janetf@gmail.com](mailto:43janetf@gmail.com)

**TUESDAY**

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

**Faith Formation (OCIA):** *Return in September.* Email Fr. Peter Bang at: [pbang@cbna.org](mailto:pbang@cbna.org).

**Young Adult Feast and Faith:** May 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. Meet at Miguel's Authentic Mexican Restaurant.

**UAF Catholic Student Association (CSA):** *Return in Fall.*

**THURSDAY**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** No Adoration May 7<sup>th</sup>. Will resume on June 4<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 AM – 12Noon.

**Voces Verbi Teens:** *Return in September.* Contact: [servidoras@cbna.org](mailto:servidoras@cbna.org)

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

**FRIDAY**

**Voces Verbi:** *Return in September.* (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

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

*Infant son of Roger & Harmonie Peters will be baptized on May 3, 2026. We welcome **Carter Scott Peters** (born February 24<sup>th</sup>) to our Catholic Community of St. Mark University Parish. Godparents are Erik & Carolyn Dukes. Carter joins his siblings - Piper, Luke, & Jasper. Let us pray for this child and their family as they embark on this wonderful adventure of faith!*



*I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*



**In May 1891,** Pope Leo XIII shared his landmark encyclical *Rerum Novarum* with Catholics across the world. In this letter, which is considered the beginning of modern Catholic social teaching, Pope Leo defended the dignity of work and the rights of workers. Your challenge this week is to do something special for someone whose job you may be taking for granted or whose job isn't valued the way it should be. How can you honor this person and his/her work? How can you show your gratitude for the service which this person does in your life? Perhaps a thank you note, a plate of home-made cookies, or a simple "thank you" will let the person know his/her work matters.

<https://pastoral.center>

**Connecting the Gospel ...**

**...to the Second Reading:** Peter can confidently invite people to "Come to [Christ]" and name them "a people of [Christ's] own" because he is writing from an Easter faith; he has encountered the risen Lord. He has made the leap that the troubled and anxious disciples in the gospel have not yet made.



**... to experience:** Being troubled and anxious is a fact of our stress-filled lives. "Do not be troubled" the surgeon says to someone before major surgery; "Do not be troubled" a parent says to a child wakened by a nightmare; "Do not be troubled" ... The only way we can truly not be troubled. [www.slu.edu](http://www.slu.edu)

**Jesus, The Way**

*I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:6)*

**Adult Question:** In a challenge you face right now, what will it mean to live the way of Jesus Christ?

**Child Question:** Name some ways you can be more like Jesus when you are playing with your friends or family.

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**CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN**

**Question:** When does the Easter season conclude?  
*(Answer on last page of bulletin.)*

## Catholic Answer

### Question:

Why should we baptize newborn babies?

### Answer:

Baptism is conferred upon infants to free them from original sin, to initiate them into the Church as Christians, and to give them the supernatural grace of God that will allow them to be formed in sanctity. Baptism is the gateway to the other sacraments, and so it prepares the child for later reception of confirmation and the Eucharist, among other sacraments. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states:

Born with a fallen human nature and tainted by original sin, children also have need of the new birth in baptism to be freed from the power of darkness and brought into the realm of the freedom of the children of God, to which all men are called. The sheer gratuitousness of the grace of salvation is particularly manifest in infant baptism. The Church and the parents would deny a child the priceless grace of becoming a child of God were they not to confer baptism shortly after birth (1250). [www.catholic.com/qa](http://www.catholic.com/qa)



(Practicing Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment)

## THE WAY



A friend of mine who had family members belonging to several different religions once told me that there were as many different routes to Heaven as there were to the grocery store.

This was an analogy her family had used to remember that they all sought the same thing — God — even though they were going about the search in different ways.

I've thought a lot about her words in the years since she shared them with me. It's not an untrue analogy — there are a lot of different routes to the grocery store. An infinite number, in fact. There is actually no "right" way to get to the grocery store because it all depends on where you're starting from and what other errands you have along the way.

And there are a lot of different routes to Heaven — likewise, an infinite number. It all depends on where you're starting from. It all depends on what you have to do along the way.

There it is: the part that matters. *The way.*

Whether we're talking about Heaven or the grocery store as our destination, all routes are not created equal. Some take too long. Some are impassable. Some are hard to navigate. Some are just plain made-up — the glitch of a GPS, the promise of a false prophet. And inevitably, if you take a less-than-ideal route, you will find yourself flagging down a pedestrian, asking, "I'm lost. Which way do I go?"

See, you can meander all you want. But in the end, you have to find The Way. And there's only one. Don't worry, though.

You'll know him when you see him.

[www.4lpi.com/blog](http://www.4lpi.com/blog) April 30 2026

**KEEP OUR 2026 GRADUATES FROM HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE & TECHNICAL SCHOOLS  
IN YOUR PRAYERS FOR GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION.**

"May the perfect grace and eternal Love of Christ our Lord be our ever-failing protection and help." – St. Ignatius



## HEALING NOVENA

This month the Diocese of Fairbanks will be having a Novena for Healing offered for all those who are in need of healing. We invite all the faithful to gather and join us in praying the novena. Starting on May 16<sup>th</sup> and continuing through May 24<sup>th</sup>, videos will be posted on our diocesan Facebook page and YouTube channel of the novena. Booklets are available at the parishes, or they can be downloaded from our [diocese website](http://www.diocese.org). Please join us for a few moments each day to pray for healing throughout our diocese.



"The problem of disbelieving in God is not that a man ends up believing nothing.

Alas, it is much worse.

He ends up believing anything."

– G.K. Chesterton



### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

April 26: \$ 965.00

Total Collection (7/2025-6/2026): \$ 56,994.53

Parishioner Count: 118

**Thank you again for your continued generosity!**

We donated \$132.75 (3% of our April donations) 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. Thank you!

### *Stewardship Charisms*

**“The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” 1 PETER 2:7**

Every steward has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called “charisms” and they are used to build God’s kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God’s salvation plan.

[www.camdendiocese.org](http://www.camdendiocese.org)

### POPE’S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR MAY 2026



#### **That everyone might have food**

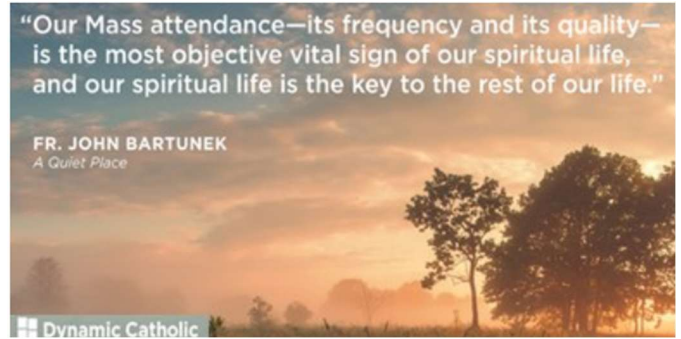
Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

**Pray for the Church:** Pope Leo XIV, Bishop Steven Maekawa, OP, Rev. Ross Tozzi, Dcn. Warren Lucero, and religious communities – pray for safe travel and successful Clergy Days

- + For peace and healing in our world.
- + For our men and women who serve in the military and federal & local government who provide us with protection and essential service.
- + For those who are sick, homebound, and troubled in our community.
- + For the souls of all the faithful departed.

Never stop praying for men to enter the priesthood!  
St. John Vianney, pray for them!

**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>



### Religious Brothers Day - May 1, 2026

***"I am the way, and the truth, and the life."  
(John 14:6)***

Jesus is the perfect guide for those who follow Him in consecrated life. Religious brothers dedicate themselves to His way, witnessing the truth of the Gospel through prayer, service, and community. Today, we honor their faithful witness and pray that more men may be inspired to answer His call. If you feel called to live this life centered on Christ, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office (907) 374-9504 or via email: [vacations@cbna.org](mailto:vacations@cbna.org) or check out [www.facebook.com/FairbanksVocations](http://www.facebook.com/FairbanksVocations).

### VOCATIONS

***"Whoever believes in Me will also do the works that I do."  
(John 14:12)***

Jesus calls us to remain in Him, allowing His love to flow through our lives. In sacramental marriage, couples are like branches rooted in Christ, growing together and bearing fruit for His kingdom through love, support, and service to one another. Pray for guidance in nurturing your vocation and encourage others to recognize God’s call.

### DIOCESAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES!

**Controller** Full-time, exempt position with benefits. Find a job description posted at [www.dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings](http://www.dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings) If you know anyone that may be interested, please direct them to the Diocesan website or contact HR through email [humanresources@cbna.org](mailto:humanresources@cbna.org).

**ST. MARK’S LITURGICAL MINISTRY** – Join us in participating in helping during Mass by assisting as extraordinary ministers, lectors, choir, altar servers, collection, and bringing up the gifts at mass. For more information contact Mary Pat Boger at [stmark@cbna.org](mailto:stmark@cbna.org) or sign up in our book at the entrance of church. Training is provided.

**SOUP KITCHEN NEWS** - If you would like to help in the Soup Kitchen, please contact ICC by phone or email at 907-452-3533 ext. 1003 or at [iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org](mailto:iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org). Help others by donating food items and clothing on a website list. *Prayers are always needed for this important work!*

### CATHOLIC TRIVIA—JUST FOR FUN

**Answer:** Pentecost Sunday, which is the 50<sup>th</sup> day after Easter Sunday. (May 24<sup>th</sup> this year)