



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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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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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**

5/16-24: Novena for Healing – see *Diocesan website*

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

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

6/7: **Corpus Christi Procession**

From the desk of Michael OIsta, S.T.L.
Director of Faith and Family Formation:

The last Feast and Faith before the summer will be on
Tuesday, May 26th @ 5:30 at Miguel's!

Bishop Steve will be our guest again for this final talk, I look
forward to gathering the young adults of the diocese again
to hear from him!

Better to instruct a child than to collect riches.
~ St. Herve of Brittany

"Motherhood then becomes a kind of priesthood."
– Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen!

MAY 10, 2026

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A



First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8,14-17*

The people of Samaria accept the Gospel of Jesus proclaimed to them by Philip.

Responsorial: *Psalm 66:1-7,16,20*

Sing praise to God, all the earth.

Second Reading: *1 Peter 3:15-18*

Be ready to give explanation for your hope in Christ.

Gospel Reading: *John 14:15-21*

Jesus promises his disciples that he will send them another advocate, the Spirit of truth.

Music of the Mass May 10

576 Glory and Praise to Our God

593 Isaiah 49

439 Be Not Afraid

448 You Are Near

568 All Creatures of Our God and King

Mass of Creation mass parts #864-868.



Wishing all our mother's
a day filled with blessings.



Young Adult Summer Activities start in June.

SUNDAY

Religious Education (SHC): Contact Mother, Way of Salvation at: servidoras@cbn.org

Young Adult Game Night: May 10th 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: Contact Jan Fortune for info at: 43janetf@gmail.com

TUESDAY

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

Faith Formation (OCIA): Contact 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. Bishop Steve will be our guest again for the final talk!

THURSDAY

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Will resume on June 4th – 8:00 AM – 12Noon.

Voces Verbi Teens: Contact: 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: Contact Mother, Way of Salvation at: servidoras@cbn.org.

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

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



St. Damien of Molokai is honored on May 10. Damien was canonized a saint because of his dedication and service to the lepers on the island of Molokai in Hawaii. Lepers were considered pariahs who were a threat to healthy people because of their contagious illness. Many of them were torn from their families when they were diagnosed with leprosy. They were taken to Molokai and never saw their loved ones again. (Lepers at the time of Jesus faced a similar alienation. They were often forced to wear a bell around their necks so that people could run from them when they heard the bell.) Damien ministered to the physical and emotional needs of the lepers on Molokai. He followed Jesus' example of reaching out to these rejected human beings, offering them the human contact—the simple touch—which they were denied. Your challenge this week is to look for a leper in your life, but not necessarily in the literal sense of a person with a skin disease. Rather, look for someone who craves human contact and human touch but is denied it. It might be someone who is lonely or angry, smelly or dirty, mentally ill, imprisoned in some way, or living alone without a family member or friend to touch them. Whatever the person's reality, reach out in love and compassion. Offer the human touch which every person on earth needs to survive and thrive. <https://pastoral.center>

Focusing the Gospel ...

Key words and phrases: keep my commandments, Spirit of truth, world ... neither sees nor knows, you will see me, you will live, one who loves me, loved by my Father To the point: In John's gospel, "world" refers to everything opposed to God and being obedient to Jesus' commandments. The world sees neither Jesus nor the "Spirit of truth;" faithful disciples do. The world does not love; faithful disciples do. The world does not have life; faithful disciples do. Faithful disciples see, love, and live because of the Father's gift of the Spirit dwelling within them. This divine indwelling is God's very love. We are to be God's love made visible, that the world may see Jesus, come to the truth, and choose to live in faithful love.



Connecting the Gospel ... to the Second Reading: Peter is writing to a community who has welcomed "Christ as Lord in [their] hearts" and has remained faithful by their "good conduct in Christ." These disciples have heeded what Jesus asks in the Gospel: to keep his commandments. Through their faithfulness, the world that conducts itself with evil is "put to shame."

... to experience: The world and its trappings are attractive. The "Spirit of truth" poured into our hearts by the Father leads us to discern where true satisfaction lies in Jesus himself and being faithful to love as he has loved us. www.slu.edu

The Strength of Faith

Jesus said, "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever." (John 14:16)

Adult Question: The Spirit gives us inner wisdom and strength. When have you experienced this?

Child Question: The Holy Spirit makes you strong inside. When do you need to be strong? <https://pastoral.center>

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: Why do we genuflect?
(Answer on last page of bulletin.)



Read the entire entry on “By Get Fed Blog” for May 5, 2026.

Why do we say, Thanks be to God at the end of Mass?

It is such a familiar exchange that we can easily miss it. The priest says, “Go in peace.”

And we respond, “Thanks be to God.”

We have heard it countless times. It marks the end of the Mass, the moment when we gather our things, prepare to leave, and return to the routines of our day. But the words themselves are worth noticing, because they reveal something deeper about what has just taken place.

We are not simply being dismissed. We are being sent.

The Mass does not end with a conclusion so much as a beginning. Having encountered Christ in His Word and in the Eucharist, we are now sent out to carry that encounter into the world. The phrase “Go in peace” is not a suggestion to relax or to move on. It is commissioning. It assumes that something has changed within us, and that we are now meant to live differently because of it.

That makes our response more meaningful than it might seem at first.

“Thanks be to God.”

It is not just a polite reply. It is an acknowledgment that what we have received is a gift. We have been given something we could not give ourselves: the presence of Christ, His grace, His peace. And so, we respond with gratitude, even as we are being sent out.

We do not leave Mass empty. We leave filled and with a purpose. The peace we are told to go in is not something we generate on our own. It is something we have received, something that comes from being in the presence of God. And now it is meant to extend beyond the walls of the church. www.catholiccompany.com

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 16th and continuing through May 24th, 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. Please join us for a few moments each day to pray for healing throughout our diocese.



Stay connected with us for free!

Text ‘SMDOF’ to 84576 or connect with us online at

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(Practicing Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment)

THE CHRIST YOU SEE



“What if you are the only version of Christ someone sees today?” a friend once asked me.

My blood ran cold. *Jeez*, I thought. *That would be...really unfortunate.*

The world cannot accept the Holy Spirit, Christ tells us, because the world cannot see and know the Holy Spirit (John 14:17). But the world can see us. The world can know us. In this way, we accomplish the Great Commission: we go forth, and we make disciples of all nations. In all that we are and all that we do, we offer an explanation for our hope (1 Peter 3:15).

We face a unique situation, 2,000 years after the Resurrection, because our mission field is full of people who have already heard about Christ.

And they have zero interest, thanks-and-please-get-off-my-porch.

This Christ they’ve seen? He puts himself first. He’s suspicious of other people. He’s not interested in mixing with the wrong crowd. He’s been known to lie, to abuse trust, to protect himself.

Here’s the problem: they haven’t seen Christ at all. They’ve only seen Christians.

It’s easy to blame the obvious culprits: the priest consumed in public scandal, the parish trustee who stole from the coffers. But these are only larger versions of the same failure of which I am guilty each time I shiver at the thought of someone associating my behavior, my words, and my attitude with my Savior.

I am not Christ. I am nowhere close. But I am fortunate enough to be a member of his Body.

We all fail, of course. Every apostle, every saint, every bishop, every priest, every man and woman in the pews: we are all broken. We are all in need of redemption. When we accept that redemption, however, we also accept responsibility. Because now, we become what the world sees of Christ.

Am I ready to be the only version of Christ someone sees today?

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – May 7, 2026 ©Lpi

Check out Diocese of Fairbanks Publications – **Missionary Disciples** and **The Alaskan Shepherd** - on Diocese of Fairbanks website: <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/> and keep updated on activities on their Facebook page.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

May 3: \$ 1,006.00

Total Collection (7/2025-6/2026): \$ 58,080.53

Parishioner Count: 99

Thank you again for your continued generosity!

Good Stewards

“For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God’s will, than for doing evil.” 1 PETER 3:17

The old line says, “if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans.” Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don’t get the result we anticipated or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times, we may respond negatively and ask, “Why me? I did everything right!” Here’s the thing – adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for his stewards. www.camdendiocese.org



Pope Leo XIV’s Monthly Prayer Intention 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 priests and religious within our diocese.

Remember...

To all the First Communicants who received the Eucharist for the first time this weekend.

All who are seeking employment after graduation or during their school break.

The safety of all travelers within our state.

Those who are ill, alone, or homeless.

Those who have died.



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. For more information, access the Diocese Safe Environment site at <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/bishop-abuse-reporting>



This Mother’s Day weekend, we invite you to pray to Our Blessed Mother Mary seeking her intercession and thanking her for her maternal, loving care.

Pray for mothers needing support and encouragement;

mothers facing unexpected pregnancies;

those awaiting the birth of a child;

couples struggling to have a child

or longing for a child through adoption;

and especially those mourning the loss of a child.

Let us honor our mothers for all they do in supporting and encouraging us with their special love and care!

DIOCESAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES!

The diocese has two positions they are hiring for: an **Accounting Assistant** and **Donations Processing Clerk** and a **Controller**. If you know anyone that may be interested, please direct them to the Diocesan website <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings> for job description or contact HR through email humanresources@cbna.org.



Corpus Christi
PROCESSION 2026

We invite all to participate in the Eucharistic Procession for *Corpus Christi* going from Sacred Heart Cathedral to Immaculate Conception

SUNDAY JUNE 7TH
2:30 pm

Start: Sacred Heart
End: Immaculate Conception

If you or your parish group would like to volunteer to set up one of the Benediction Altars please contact the ICC parish office, 907-452-3533

VOCATIONS

**“If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.”
(John 14:15)**

Christ’s command to love shapes the priesthood, where priests pour out their lives for God’s people. Could this be your path to love others as Christ does? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office (907) 374-9504 or via email: vocations@cbna.org. Check out www.facebook.com/FairbanksVocations.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA—JUST FOR FUN

Answer: To humble ourselves and show respect. We are to genuflect to the Tabernacle on the right knee. We are to genuflect to the pope, if we are in his presence, on the left knee.