



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.

St. Mark 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
Fall & Spring Semester

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

PASTOR

Fr. Ross Tozzi: 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

Bookkeeping: Marilis Bennett

Music Director: George Stefan

CSA Advisor: Devan Larson

Finance Council: Marilis Bennett, Jen Tucker,

Fr. Ross Tozzi

Pastoral Council: Marilis Bennett, Cynthia Klepaski, Ritchie Musick, Sean & Jen Tucker, Mary Pat Boger

UPCOMING EVENTS

6/28: 1 PM St. Nicholas Picnic

7/4: 12 pm Young Adult Fourth of July Feast & Float

Meet at Graehl Park. Contact faith@cbna.org

7/12: 9:30 AM St. Raphael Mass 35th Anniversary Mass
followed by celebration with food and games!

Register for the following iccfairbanks.org/summer2026

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

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

7/26-31: Popular Mission (All ages)

7/9-11: Catholic Schools of Fairbanks SUPERSALE

**Drop off details:*

Mon-Fri. Hours: 9AM-3PM

Location: 718 Betty Street

Ph: (907) 313-3219



Accepting donations NOW! Support our Catholic Schools!

Please pray and fast for these intentions in June.

- † For all fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, and father figures.
- † For greater devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
- † For our country as it prepares to celebrate 250 years on July 4th.
- † For the safety of summer vacationers and travelers.
- † For those called to religious life.

June 28, 2026

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16a

Hospitality extended to Elisha will be rewarded.

Responsorial: Psalm 89:2-3, 16-19

Sing God's praises forever.

Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4,8-11

Through Christ we are dead to sin but alive in God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus outlines the costs and rewards of discipleship.

Music of the Mass June 28

464 Christ, Be Our Light

385 Servant Song

701 O Sanctissima

222 Soul of My Savior

573 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Mass Parts – Heritage Mass 869-876



Welcome to St. Mark University Parish.
Whether you are visiting, new to the parish, or long-time member,
we are grateful you are here with us today!



SUNDAY

Summer Park-A-Palooza: 10 AM – 12:30 PM sponsored by St. Nicholas Catholic Church Catholic Moms Group. Contact April at 907-347-1357 for more information.

MONDAY

SHC Book Club: 1st Monday of the Month from Sept-June. 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.

Young Adult Feast and Faith: 3rd Thursday of the month September – May.

FRIDAY

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 at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

SATURDAY

SHC Confessions/Adoration: 3-4 PM

Young Adult Summer Activities: July 4th – Fourth of July Feast and Float. Email faith@cbna.org for more info!

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, & Marriage:

Contact the Parish Office at 907-374-9544 for information on instructions or Fr. Ross Tozzi at rtozzi@cbna.org or call (907) 347-3005. Contact Fr. Ross six (6) months prior to wedding date or call the parish office at 907-374-9544 regarding Marriage prep.

On Becoming Catholic: Contact the Parish Office at 907-374-9544 or Fr. Ross Tozzi at (907) 347-3005.

SOUP KITCHEN NEEDS YOUR HELP

Consider helping the Immaculate Conception Church Soup Kitchen. They need volunteers for their weekend meal service – Saturday and Sunday. Prep begins at 12Noon and walk-up meal service goes from 1-3PM.

Consider giving your time, material, or monetary donations. For more information or to sign up, please

contact Samantha Reynolds at: Samantha-reynolds@outlook.com. Keep their ministry in your prayers.



CATHOLIC TRIVA JUST FOR FUN:

Question: What is unique about the name Pope Marcellus II who reigned in A.D. 1555?
(Answers on back page.)

CATHOLIC DEFINITION: Regnal Name

Of a sovereign, sovereignty, or rein. A pope usually chooses to honor a predecessor or someone he admires. It may be chosen to give an indication of the course of his papacy. It is an unwritten custom that popes do not choose the name Peter. It is generally considered a matter of prudential judgment for popes not to invite comparisons between themselves, and the pope Christ himself chose.



We mark Independence Day every July to celebrate our freedom as a democratic nation. We honor the creation of the Declaration of Independence, which describes the equality of all people and their right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Your challenge this week as you prepare for July 4th is to celebrate human rights, but to also ask yourselves—as individuals and as families—how much you uphold these rights. Do you vote? Do you study the positions of candidates so you can vote with an informed conscience? Do you advocate with your state and national legislature for bills which defend the human rights of all God's people? On a personal level, do you defend others from persecution, ridicule, or the denial of their right to life, freedom and happiness?

<https://pastoral.center>

Showing Christ to Others

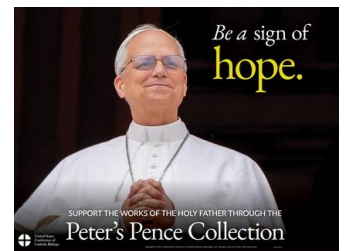
Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. (Matthew 10:39)

Adult Question: When have you felt more fully alive by giving of yourself to another?

Child Question: When have you been able to put what someone else needs ahead of what you want for yourself?

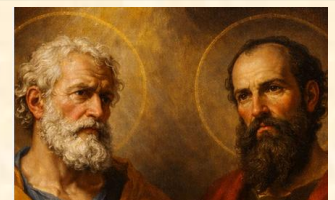
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Peter's Pence Collection is a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Leo XIV to be a sign of hope to our suffering brothers and sisters. For more information, At St. Marks's we give 3% our June Collection towards this cause. Thank you for your generous donations.



St. Peter, Patron Saint of Fishermen, Net Makers, and Shipbuilders

St. Paul, Patron Saint of Missionaries, Evangelists, Writers, and Public Workers.



On June 29, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul to honor the two great apostles Peter and Paul. St. Peter, one of the Twelve and the chief of the Apostles, the Rock upon which Christ built His Church, and St. Paul "called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God" (Romans 1:1) and Apostle to the Gentiles. Together they are honored as founders of the Church of Rome, having been separately martyred there during the reign of Emperor Nero.

"Christian tradition has always considered Sts. Peter and Saint Paul to be inseparable: indeed, together, they represent the whole Gospel of Christ." (Pope Benedict XVI)

St. Raphael Church would like to invite everyone to join us on July 12th to celebrate our **35th anniversary as a parish family**. A special Anniversary Mass at 9:30am followed by a Pork BBQ Cookoff contest, flag raising, music, games and fun for kids and adults, and a bouncy house for kids.



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus reminds his disciples of the personal sacrifice it takes to follow His teachings but also of the great rewards that come with doing so. [Find Today's Reading Here](#)

I receive a lot of junk mail. I'm on a bunch of people's asking-for-money lists, and so were the people who owned this house before me, and when you put it all together, it results in quite the pile of paper accumulating on my counter.

I leave it there because, while I have received this mail, I don't want to *receive* it. Do you see the difference? To really receive someone or something, you have to look at it, assess it, make space for it. Accept it. Decide it will have a place in your home or your life or whatever, and give it that place.

It's what the righteous woman did with Elisha. She received him. She had a room all ready, waiting for him, even when he wasn't there.

But I refuse to receive the junk mail. I don't have space for it, in my head or on my counter, so after a day or two, I just throw it away without looking through it.

"Whoever receives me receives the one who sent me," Jesus tells us in the Gospel of Matthew.

But what does that mean, exactly?

It's easy to receive Jesus, or at least to receive the Jesus presented to us by modern imagination — that laidback hippie who lets anyone sit at his table, no questions asked. But it's harder to receive the Christ, God the Son, who is consubstantial with God the Father who sent him.

Ah, yes, God the Father — maybe you've heard of Him? He's the one from the Old Testament who says and does a bunch of things that make modern people uncomfortable.

That's a little more of a challenge, isn't it? Takes a little bit more thought. A little more assessment. A little more making-space.

Can we do it? Well, we have to find a way. Because for the record, laidback hippie Jesus doesn't exist. And Old Testament God makes a lot of sense, if you give Him a little thought. If you make a little space.

So, make the space. Receive.

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – June 18, 2026 ©Lpi



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

To provide for the faithful of our diocese, I am pleased to announce the following assignments.

- Fr. Randy Arca as Priest in solidum, with Fr. Abraham Nemaia, of St. Catherine, Cheformak and Immaculate Conception, Bethel
- Fr. Raymond Simtong Dayang as Priest Moderator of Sacred Heart, Emmonak; St. Ignatius, Alakanuk; St. Joseph, Kotlik; and St. Peter, Nunum Iqua
- Fr. Shepherd Munaro as Priest Moderator of St. Peter the Fisherman, Toksook Bay; St. Joseph, Tununak; and Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Nightmute
- Fr. Charles Olweny as Parochial Administrator of St. Patrick, Utqiagvik (Barrow)
- Fr. Marlowe Rosales as Priest Moderator of St. John Berchmans, Galena; St. Peter in Chains, Ruby; and St. Aloysius, Tanana
- Fr. Joseph Tangka as Chaplain of Pioneer Home, Denali Center, Fairbanks Correctional Center, Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, and Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center

Thank you for your prayers and support of our priests. Please continue to pray for vocations to the Diocese of Fairbanks.



Sincerely in Christ,
Most Reverend Steven J. Maekawa, O.P.
Bishop of Fairbanks



From Diocese of Fairbanks Vocations:

I am happy to announce that Mr. Solomon Youngbird will be leaving for Mount Angel Seminary in Oregon to begin his Propaedeutic (Spirituality) year. Please pray for Solomon as he deepens his discernment and call to the diocesan priesthood. Continue to pray that the Lord of the harvest will send more workers into His vineyard.

Diocesan Employment Opportunities!

- † **Safe Environment/Victim Assistance Coordinator:** full-time with benefits or part-time (minimum 20 hours/week).
- † **Construction and Facilities Manager:** full-time with benefits.
- † **Data Processing Clerk:** full-time with benefits.

Go to <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings> for more details or email humanresources@cbna.org. If you know anyone who might be interested, please pass along this information.





STEWARDSHIP REPORT

June 21st & 28th Collection will be reported next week.
Total Collection as of June 14: (7/2025-6/2026): \$ 69,784.12

3% of our June Collections will go towards Peter's Pence, a way to support the Universal Church. This collection, supported by Catholics around the globe, funds the ongoing activities of the Holy See and helps the Holy Father reach out to people suffering in our world. Please be generous. If you wish, you can also write a check to St. Mark University Parish – with the notation "Peter's Pence."

Thank you for your generous support & prayers!



Pope Leo XIV's Monthly Prayer Intention for July 2026

For respect for human. Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

Pray for all celebrating our independence on the 4th of July.

Pray for protection from destructive fires and weather.

Pray for all traveling that they may stay safe.

Pray for the sick; Fr. Gerald Ornowski recovering from a heart attack.

Pray for the Dead - Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let Your perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

VOCATIONS

"Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." (Matthew 10:38)

Following Christ means embracing sacrifice. Are you willing to carry your cross, offering your hopes and dreams in order to follow Him and discover true peace and purpose? Have you asked God what He is calling you to in your life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or via email: vocations@cbna.org or check out www.facebook.com/FairbanksVocations.



HAVE A SAFE 4TH OF JULY WEEKEND!

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>

Neighboring Parish Mass Times

Sacred Heart Cathedral ~ Ph. (907) 474-9032
1300 Peger Rd (Corner of Peger Rd & Airport Way)

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday 8:00 & 11:00 AM

Spanish Mass at 1:00 PM

(Moving to 1:30 beginning July 1st.)

***Weekday:** Mon-Fri: 7:30 AM

Saturday 9:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday from 3:00 to 4:00 PM



Immaculate Conception

Ph. (907) 452-3533

2 Doyon Place

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Latin Rite Mass 6 PM – TBA

Sunday: 7:30 & 9:30 AM, 12:00 PM

***Weekday:** Mon – 8:30 AM

Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri: 12:10 PM



Saint Raphael

Ph. (907) 457-6603

1125 Old Steese Highway (Intersection

Hagelbarger & McGrath Rds.

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 PM

Sunday: 9:30 AM

***Weekday:** Tue, Th: 9:30 AM,

Wed 5:30 PM/Fri: 6:00 PM



Saint Nicholas, North Pole ~ Ph. (907) 488-2595

707 Nicholas Dr. (off the Richardson Hwy)

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 & 12:00 PM

***Weekdays:** Mon, T, Th, Fri: 9:00 AM, Wed 7 PM



St. Mary's of the Lake Mass at Harding Lake - (located on the south side of the lake)

Sunday, at 3:00 PM until September 6, 2026

Covered by Saint Nicholas, North Pole



Summer vacation is here! MassTimes ministry is an app available to help find churches while traveling. Find a Catholic Church at your destination.

www.masstimes.org/location.

NOW ACCEPTING items for our upcoming

SUPER SALE,

July 9th, 10th, & 11th.

SUPER SALE Donations can be dropped

off anytime between 9am-3pm, Monday-

Friday, at 718 Betty Street.

(**HIPOW** entrance, back of school) – look for our reserved parking signs or drop off at the school's multi-purpose room (gym entrance at back of school).

We are also accepting **HIPOW AUCTION** item donations.



THANK YOU – for helping fill our Super Sale tables and our

Auction shelves! Call ahead if you will need help unloading – we would love to help you bring it in! 907-313-3291.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA—JUST FOR FUN

Answers: Last pope to use his birth name instead of adopting a regnal name.