

March 15, 2026



Daily Readings
Fourth Week of Lent

Monday – 3/16

Isaiah 65:17-21
John 4:43-54

Tuesday – 3/17

Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12
John 5:1-16

Wednesday – 3/18

Isaiah 49:8-15
John 5:17-30

Solemnity of St. Joseph,
Spouse of the Blessed Mary
Thursday – 3/19

2 Samuel 7:5-5a, 12-14a, 16
Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29
Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a
OR Luke 2:41-51a

Friday – 3/20

Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22
John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday – 3/21

Jeremiah 11:18-20
John 7:40-53

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2026

Ezekiel 37:12-14
Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-45

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings>

Saints of the Week

Mar 16: St. Abban
Mar 17: St. Patrick
Mar 18: St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Mar 19: St. Joseph
Mar 20: Bl. John of Parma
Mar 21: St. Enda
Mar 22: St. Lea

Learn about their stories at:
<https://www.org/saints/sofd.php>

Food for thought....

Blessed are the students who pray about and think through important decision, they will probably do God's will.

Blessed are the students who keep in touch with family and friends, they will have a good support system.

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Catholic Student Association

The Catholic Student Association (CSA) is a community of faith and caring; interested in growing and practicing our Catholic faith.

Our mission is to provide support for students on campus who are practicing Catholics and those wanting to learn more about the Catholic Faith. We support continuing instruction and provide the opportunity to practice their faith with support from St Mark University Catholic Parish. CSA will assist in community service activities within UAF campus, the Diocese of Fairbanks, and Fairbanks community when time allows.



**Tuesday - 7:15 PM CSA Weekly Mass in Upper Lola Tilly.
7:45 PM CSA Meeting & Discussion after Mass.**

Join us for these weekly gatherings. We are aware of class conflicts, feel free to come late if necessary. Stay in touch. To see what events we have planned!

Tuesday, March 24th, Young Adult Feast and Faith will be celebrating the Vigil of the Annunciation! Mark your calendars and join the group as Fr. Robert Fath shares a Lenten reflection with the group. Contact Director of Faith and Family Formation, Michael Olsta, if you have any questions.



Campus Pastor Fr. Ross Tozzi – Pastor for St. Mark Parish & CSA.
Contact Information: Email: rtozzi@cbna.org or Ph: 907-347-3005.

Interested in learning more about Catholicism? Becoming a Catholic? Completing Sacraments? Contact Fr. Ross Tozzi or call (907) 347-3005. to get more information or come to our meetings this semester.

Michael Olsta, Director of Office of Faith and Family Formation for the Diocese of Fairbanks can be reached at olsta@cbna.org. Check out the Diocese of Fairbanks Ministries for Young Adults at <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/young-adult>.

CSA Advisor Devan Larson - UAF- catholic-Club@alaska.edu. Contact Devan if you have questions about the upcoming semester.

Check out www.stmarksuaf.org CSA/Young Adult tab for events and engage.uaf.edu/events for more information on campus activities.

- Once a month **Young Adult Feast and Faith** meet at Authentic Mexican Cuisine for a free meal and listen to a guest speaker.
- **Once a month Young Adult Game Night** meets March 15th at SHC.
- Fridays at **Voces Verbi** at ICC 6:00-8:00 PM for Young Adults ages 18-35.
- Monthly **Diocesan Movie Night** at ICC.



St. Mark's Sunday 5:30 PM Mass held at Sacred Heart Cathedral (1300 Peger Rd). Rides provided for those living on campus without available transportation. Contact Mary Pat Boger in advance at stmark@cbna.org or 907-379-9544.

UPCOMING EVENTS ON CAMPUS:

Mar 19: 7-8:30 PM - The Power of Local Journalism: Now More Than Ever in Usibelli Bldg. 401A Design Theater. Zoom option is available for those unable to attend.

Mar 20: 5-9 PM Dexter MFA Exhibition Opening Reception in Elvey Bldg. Exhibit runs March 16-27 in UAF Art Gallery.

Mar 20: 7:30-9 PM Ground Squirrel Improv "The Beach Show" improvisational kits and games at the Salisbury Lab Theatre

Mar 22: 7-8 PM Ball in the House Concert at Davis Concert Hall. Five-member cappella ensemble from Boston, joined by vocalists from Aurora (UAF student-led group).

Events of Interest off Campus:

March 6-28: Up With Art FNSBSD Student Art Show (K-12) at Pioneer Park Bear Gallery

March 11-12: Annual Convention Arts & Crafts Bazaar by Tanana Chiefs Conference
Now until June 24: Weekly Bike Clinic at Beaver Sports 5:30-6:30 PM every Wednesday

March 12: Tanana Lakes Recreation Area Spring Fest: 11AM-3PM

Feb 13-May 15: Fairbanks Trails Challenge. For info: 907-459-1070

Feb 16-Mar 31: World Ice Art Championships. TV Fairgrounds 12-10 PM

Neighboring Parish Mass Times

Sacred Heart Cathedral

(907) 474-9032

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday 8:00 & 11:00 AM

Spanish Mass at 1:00 PM

St. Mark Mass at SHC 5:30 PM

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

Saturday 9:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday from 3:00 to 4:00 PM

Immaculate Conception

(907) 452-3533

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Half hour before every Mass (except Mondays). 6-7 PM Wed. & 3-3:45 PM on Saturdays

Saint Raphael

(907) 457-6603

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 PM

Sunday: 9:30 AM

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

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sat: 5:00 – 5:30 PM

Saint Nicholas, North Pole

(907) 488-2595

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 & 12:00 PM

***Weekdays:** Mon, T, Th, Fri: 9:00 AM

Wed 7 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Wed: 6:00 PM & Sat: 4:00 PM

Ft. Wainwright Southern Lights Chapel

Sunday: 9:00 AM

***Weekday** – Wed 7 PM

Eielson Air Force Base Chapel

Sunday 10:30 AM

Adoration

Sacred Heart Cathedral

Thursday 8:00 AM – 12 Noon

Saturday 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Immaculate Conception

Sat": 12AM-11PM; Sun: 11AM-7PM

Mon-Thu: 7AM-7PM; Fri: 7AM-11PM

Contact Parish office to make a commitment.

St. Raphael Catholic Church

Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

Wednesday 4:30 AM-5:30 PM

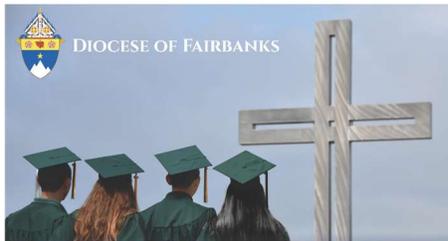
Friday 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM

St. Nicholas Catholic Church

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri – 8:00 AM- 9:00 AM

Good Shepherd – Ft. Wainwright

Every First Friday after 11:45 AM Mass



Alaska Native Catholic Scholarships

Five scholarships will be awarded: One each for Catholic K-8 Schools, Catholic high schools, and vocational programs; Two will be awarded for colleges or universities.

Deadline to apply is May 31st.

Must be an Alaska Native.

\$1000 Minimum Award.

Apply now by going to

<https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/diocesan-scholarships>

FROM THE OFFICE OF FAITH AND FAMILY FORMATION:

The website for signing up for World Youth Day is live, those interested will need to register. There is also a new registration deadline of April 1st. Go to the Diocesan webpage

<https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/world-youth-day-seoul-2027>

If you have questions contact Director of Faith and Family Formation – Michael Olsta, S.T.L. at olsta@cbna.org or 907-374-9526.



5 Reasons to Go to Confession

(Besides Forgiveness of Sins)

Confession to a priest for the forgiveness of sins is one of the classic "Catholic distinctives," the defense of which makes up so much of the substance of Catholic apologetics. Here are five ways that confession is made not just to fulfill a divine command, but also to serve natural human needs.

+ Confession gives us a human, objective assurance of forgiveness. "I absolve you from your sins." Not only do the priest's words effect God's forgiveness—they settle on our ears and into our brains, leaving the matter beyond doubt.

+ Confession keeps us accountable to ourselves. Confession cuts through such nonsense. We have to say our sins aloud, hear them echo in our own ears, know that another person has heard them.

+ Confession prompts us to examine our conscience. How have I done wrong, to God, neighbor, and self? How have I failed to do good? In what areas do I need God's grace the most? The answers to these questions are the gateway to becoming an integrated, fully alive human being. Or to use another word, a saint.

+ Confession can be an occasion for (quick) counseling. Confessionals are not the ordinary place for spiritual direction or conversation. (Anyone who has ever checked his watch from the back of a confessional line, wondering if he'll make it, will say, "Amen.") The old adage about the three Bs of confession—"be brief, be specific, be gone"—holds true. And our confessor is there first and foremost to be a conduit of Christ's pardon, not to shrink our heads. Maybe our confessor has spotted a pattern in our sins and has a suggestion for breaking it. In such cases, even a routine Saturday afternoon confession can be a time for us to hear words of correction, exhortation, or encouragement that we need.

+ Confession makes for example and solidarity. We have seen so far that, unlike the "directly to God" approach, confession gives us an audible assurance of forgiveness; it keeps us accountable; it compels us to examine our conscience; and it can provide an opportunity for hearing good spiritual counsel. A fifth and final advantage that confession offers is its effect on our relationship with our fellow Christians.

by Todd Aglialoro 4/1/2022 (Catholic Answers www.catholic.com)



Annual Dinner and Raffle

March 17th – 6:00 PM

At Catholic Schools of Fairbanks MPR.

Doors Open at 5:30 PM.

Join them for Dinner, Cash Raffle, Dessert Auction, Fishbowl Raffle.

Corned Beef – \$15 Adults - \$10 Children. Free for kids 5 and under.

Drawings begin at 7 PM – Dessert Auction winners at 7:30 PM

For tickets go to catholic-schools.org/stpats.html

