



St. Raphael Catholic Parish

Ascension of the Lord: May 29th

Pentecost Sunday: June 5th

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Liturgy Schedule

Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays :
9:30am

Wednesdays 5:30 pm

Saturdays: 6:00 pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 5:00 to
5:30 pm or by appointment

Rosary: Wednesday at 6:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration: Every 2nd
Thursday 4:00 –8:00 pm

Our Parish Mission:

*As a Catholic parish working together
in harmony with God, we share our gifts
and talents to promote healing, helping
and hospitality.*

WELCOME VISITORS AND GUESTS

*We are glad you chose to join us. If you have any
questions please ask our hospitality ministers.*

*If you are new in town and looking for a parish
home we welcome you. If you are visiting and
only here for a weekend we welcome you.*

Visit our website:

www.straphaelfairbanks.org

Our homepage has the daily readings as well
as Father Ross' daily homilies. There is also an
updated calendar link, a link to the weekly
bulletin, and information on our COVID safety
procedures.



Ascension of the Lord May 29th

Entrance Antiphon: Acts of the Apostles 1:11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at
the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw
ascending into heaven will return as you
saw him go, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Jesus promised they would soon be baptized
with the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

God has put all things under Christ's feet.

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

Jesus was taken up to heaven.

"They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem."

Please call the office if you are ill or need assistance.

In the Hospital? Contact Fr. Ross to arrange a visit, Holy Communion, Confession, and/or Anointing of the Sick.

Do you have a need for the parish prayer chain? Please email Gloria Slagle at stclare4@gmail.com

EVENT CALENDAR

Saturday, May 28th:

~Mass 6:00pm

Saturday, June 4th:

Pentecost ~Mass 6:00pm

Sunday, May 29th:

~Mass 9:30am

~Ascension of the Lord

~Welcome & Farewell Reception for Fr. Jingbe and Fr. Ross in Social Hall after Mass

Sunday, June 5th:

Pentecost ~Mass 9:30am

Tuesday, May 31st & June 7th: Mass 9:30am

Wednesday, June 1st: & June 8th:

~Healing Mass 5:30pm (June 1st)

~Mass 5:50pm (June 8th)

~Rosary 6:00pm

Thursday, June 2nd & June 9th: Mass 9:30am

~Adoration June 9th 4:00pm-8:00pm



Background on the Gospel Reading - May 29th



Today is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the 40th day after Easter. In Cycle C, our Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Luke.

There are similarities in the reports of Jesus' Ascension found in the Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke. In each account, Jesus assigns his disciples the task of proclaiming the Gospel to the entire world. There are also notable distinctions. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, the disciples are sent by Jesus to baptize as well as to preach. In Luke's Gospel, however, this commission to baptize is absent. Instead, Jesus directs the disciples to return to Jerusalem to await the fulfillment of his promise to send them the Holy Spirit. Curiously, only Mark and Luke actually report Jesus' Ascension into heaven. Matthew's Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise to remain with his disciples forever. Only the Gospel of Mark notes that Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of God. In noting this, Mark teaches that Jesus' Ascension affirms the glory Jesus received from God after his death and Resurrection.

Those who believe in Jesus will be empowered to do what Jesus himself has done. Already in Mark's Gospel, during his ministry, Jesus sent his disciples out to preach, to heal, and to drive out unclean spirits. Now, they are sent again to do these things and more. From his place with God in heaven, Jesus helped his disciples, and he continues to help us as we try to live as his followers.

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Pentecost Sunday June 5th

Entrance Antiphon: Wisdom 1:7

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

On Pentecost the Holy Spirit was sent to the disciples in the form of fiery tongues. They began to speak in different tongues "as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim."

Responsorial Psalm

104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading: 1 Cor. 12:3b-7, 12-13

The apostle Paul wrote that there are many gifts but the same Spirit, different ministries but the same Lord.

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Jesus appeared and told the disciples, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you...Receive the Holy Spirit."



Happy 90th Birthday Ellen Brown

May God light your path
brighter than ever and
bless you with gladness
and joy!

Birthday wishes can be sent to: **Ellen Brown**, 2221 Eagan Ave, Apt. 140 Fairbanks, AK 99701.

Family Connection May 29th Gospel



Any family that has tried to sit down to a family dinner or packed the car for a trip has heard children argue at least once about who should sit where. To sit next to someone, especially if that person is important, is to have a place of honor. Jesus has this place of honor, seated now at the right hand of the Father (as we say in the Nicene Creed and the Apostles' Creed), but there's more to this metaphor than where Jesus sits in relation to God. To be in the place of honor is also to be in a place of power. Knowing people in powerful places can be very helpful. Children remind us of this each time we are called upon to referee a conflict. Jesus, honored now at God's right hand, is a powerful ally for us.

As you gather as a family, recall a time when there was a discussion, or perhaps even an argument, about where people were going to sit. Talk about why it might be important to a person to sit in a particular place. Mention that in this Sunday's Gospel we learn about Jesus' place in heaven. Read together Luke 24:46-53. Talk about how in the Creed we describe Jesus' place in heaven as "seated at the right hand of the Father." Discuss what we might learn about the relationship between God and Jesus from today's Gospel and from the Creed and what we can learn about Jesus' relationship to us. Observe that one of the things we learn is that Jesus continues to help us from this place of honor in heaven. Pray together the Apostles' Creed.

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Family Connection June 5th Gospel



Pentecost is sometimes called the birthday of the Church. The Gospel for Pentecost reminds us that the Church begins with the command to forgive. Within the family, the domestic Church, we learn how to forgive and we learn to accept forgiveness. It is the gift of the Holy Spirit that enables us to do both. Today is a fitting time to share a family celebration of reconciliation.

As you gather together as a family, sit quietly for a few minutes, inviting all to reflect upon their need to forgive and to receive forgiveness. If there is a situation or issue within the family that needs attention, spend some time reflecting upon the concern and how your family might address it. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:19-23. Talk together about how Jesus gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit to help us in the work of forgiveness and to bring us peace. Pray together today's psalm, or the Prayer to the Holy Spirit, asking that the Holy Spirit help your family. Share with one another the sign of peace.

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Background on the Gospel Reading - June 5th



The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, taken from the Gospel of John, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts to each other. It is enough to know that, after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

We previously heard today's Gospel on the second Sunday of Easter. At that time, we also heard the passage that follows, which describes Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led to reflect on belief and unbelief.

In the context of the feast of Pentecost, this reading reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." As he breathes the Holy Spirit upon them, Jesus sends his disciples to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins.

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. This reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are washed clean from sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God in forgiving sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

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EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION Please join us as we celebrate Corpus Christi, June 19th, with a Eucharistic Procession starting at 2:30 PM from Immaculate Conception Church to the Cathedral in order to inaugurate the Year of the Eucharist.

St. Raphael Parish is looking to hire a part time **Lay Pastoral Administrator** to help coordinate; Liturgy, Education, Pastoral Care, and Administration. We ask for your prayers that God will send the right person to fill this position. If you have suggestions of someone we might ask please let Robin, Camille or Fr. Ross know.

Office Hours
Tuesday-Friday: 10am-3pm

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Sacramental Information:

Baptism: Please call the office to schedule class a month in advance.

Marriage: Please contact the office at least six months prior to schedule your date and begin preparation classes.

Area Mass Times

Sacred Heart Cathedral

Sat. 4:30 PM

Sun. 8:00 AM; 11:00 AM livestreamed

1:00 PM Spanish

Mon-Friday. 7:30 AM

Immaculate Conception

Sat. 4:00 PM; Sun. 7:30 AM 10:00 AM

M, T, Th, F. 12:10 PM Wed 5:30 PM

Saint Nicholas, North Pole

Sat. 5:00 PM; Sun. 9:00 AM 12:00 PM

M, T, Th, F. 9:00 AM; W 7:00 PM

Morning Prayer & Adoration 8:00 AM

M,T,Th,F.

St. Mark University Parish

Sun. 5:30 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Good Shepherd, Ft. Wainwright

Sun. 9:00 AM

Our Lady of Snows, Eielson AFB

Sun. 10:30 AM

Tue.-Fri. 11:30 AM

Latin Mass: Sacred Heart Cathedral @ 6:30pm

June 4th & June 25th

Mass Intentions

Sat	May 28th & June 4th	6:00pm	Jubilees of 49 Sisters of St. Joseph
Sun	May 29th &	9:30am	Our Parish
Tues	May 31st & June 7th	9:30am	Jubilees of 49 Sisters of St. Joseph
Wed	June 1st & June 8th	5:30pm	Jubilees of 49 Sisters of St. Joseph
Thurs	June 2nd & June 9th	9:30am	Jubilees of 49 Sisters of St. Joseph

If you would like to have a mass said, call the parish office 907-457-6603 to have one scheduled.



St. Raphael is in need of a reliable car in good condition, that is

preferably donated or available for purchase at an affordable cost, for our incoming priest, Fr. Jingbe. Please speak to Fr. Ross or one of our Finance Council members: Jeff Gibson, Mike Mathers or David Szumigala, if you have an available vehicle. You can also email the parish at secretary@straphaelfairbanks.org and your message will be forwarded to them. Thank you for your consideration of this need.

*The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful ...
~ James 5:16*

Please remember these friends in your prayers....

For the people of Ukraine and the people of Russia; for their countries and their leaders.



All those suffering from Covid-19

For the sanctity of life from conception until natural death.

For health concerns of our parishioners, their friends and their families, especially Ken Mattison, Rachel Zeek Kenner, Colleen Zeek, JoAn Talvi and Barbara Gaston

Annunciation House workers and shelters across the Southern borders.

For seminarian: Josh Miller, Newly Ordained Priests: Piotr Oprych and Dominik Wojcick, and all priests & religious everywhere.