

St. Nicholas Catholic Church

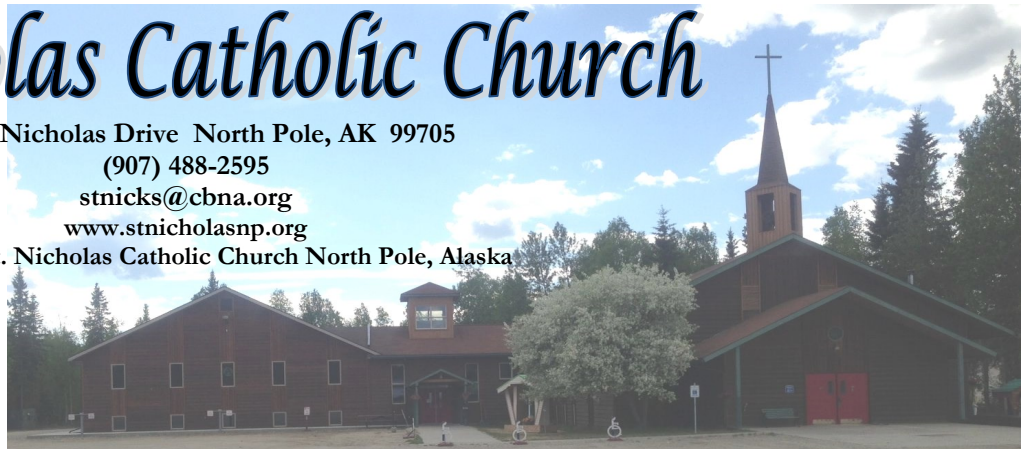
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Your Church

A place for everyone to gather at the table of the Lord.

Our Vision

A community centered on the light of Christ through word, works, and worship.

Regular Liturgical Schedule

Confession:

Wednesday 6 PM

Saturday 4 PM

Holy Mass Schedule:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday ... 9 AM

Wednesday 7 PM

Saturday 5 PM

Sunday 9 AM & Noon

Eucharistic Adoration:

(with Morning Prayer)

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8 AM to 9 AM

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gayle Somers

Jesus sends out seventy-two disciples on a missionary journey, granting them significant spiritual authority. Wasn't that risky?



Gospel (Read Lk 10:1-12, 17-20)

As Jesus traveled to Jerusalem from Galilee for the last time, St. Luke tells us He commissioned seventy-two disciples "whom He sent ahead of Him in pairs to every town and place He intended to visit." In His reliance on others to help Him proclaim the kingdom of God, He reminds us of Moses, who commissioned seventy elders to be prophets in Israel during the Exodus (see Num 11:24-25). The Sanhedrin, with its seventy-one elders, modeled itself after this leadership structure. Why seventy? In Genesis, we find that there were seventy nations that formed the foundation of the ancient world. The ministry of approximately seventy disciples, therefore, anticipates a worldwide spread of the Gospel.

Jesus sees the readiness of the "harvest" of God's people. The world's long anticipation of Someone to come save it was now being fulfilled. Jesus speaks of the timing as entirely within God's Providence. Although the "harvest" is "abundant," it is God Who will choose and send the laborers to reap it. All that led up to the Incarnation in the history of the world, and all that follows from it is in God's hands.

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Anne, Katherine, Heather and Beth are available to assist you during the week:

- * Anne is working from home. Email or call her at 907-322-1901
- * Katherine's hours are Monday through Friday 9:45am to 4pm
- * Heather is out during the summer but will be checking email periodically
- * Beth's office hours fluctuate - Please call, text, or email for appt, 907-978-4786

Heather's and Beth's hours are subject to change depending on ministerial duties.

<u>If you have a question about ...</u>	<u>Please contact...</u>	907-488-2595	<u>Ext #</u>
FINANCES	Anne	call 907-322-1901	
RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTS	Heather		22
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Jesus gives specific instructions to the disciples. This is to be a brief expedition, because Jesus Himself will follow after their visits. No need to pack and prepare for a long stay. Because of its brevity and urgency, announcing the arrival of Jesus, they must avoid all distractions (“greet no one along the way”). They are to accept the hospitality of those to whom they are sent (“the laborer deserves his payment”). This is the principle, often repeated in the New Testament (see 1 Cor 9:14; 1 Tim 5:18), that those working in the service of the Gospel are to be supported by the beneficiaries of that service. The Church, therefore, following this instruction, obligates her members to contribute to the Church from their earnings (see CCC 2043, 2122). We give our tithes not because the priest asks it of us, but because Jesus does.

The disciples are to cure the sick and to preach the coming of God’s kingdom. Those who do not receive them are to receive a warning. Jews were familiar with this action of shaking dust off their shoes. They did it whenever they traveled into Gentile territory and then returned to the Holy Land. It was a sign that they wanted to separate themselves from the uncleanness of the pagans, who lived outside God’s covenant. For the disciples to use this gesture against Jewish towns that refused to receive them or Jesus would be a strong statement indeed, because it would suggest that the covenant people of God, by this rejection, were actually rejecting that covenant. Stiff medicine!

When the seventy-two returned from their work, what did they first want to tell Jesus? “Lord, even the demons are subject to us because of Your Name.” Ah, yes. Might we have expected this? And isn’t this why it was risky for Jesus, then and now, to build His Church through human beings? The disciples returned with heady excitement over the authority they were able to exercise. It can be intoxicating to have power like this. Jesus acknowledges that His kingdom makes advances against the forces of Satan through the laborers in His Church. However, He warns them not to “rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your

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If you want to have something placed in the bulletin, please leave it in Katherine’s mailbox by the **Monday prior to the weekend you want it posted in the bulletin.** Thank you!

Liturgical Ministers: July 12 & 13

5 PM	Altar Servers: Roland H., Josh H., Brayden B., & Brielle B. Lectors: Kyle A. & Ainsley S. EMHC: Avery S. & Daniel H. Counters: Tyra G. & Kat G.
9 AM	Altar Servers: Elena G., Volunteer, Volunteer, & Volunteer Lectors: Francine B. & Phyllis K. EMHC: Stu D. & Peter B. Counters: Ellie T. & Francine B.
Noon	Altar Servers: Paul B., Levi S., Eamon D., & Owen S. Lectors: Jarod D. & Joan D. EMHC: Lorrie B. & Leigh S. Counters: Leigh S. & Jessica D.

SACRAMENTS AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Baptism contact Fr. Aiden
1st Reconciliation & 1st Eucharist contact Heather
Confirmation contact Heather or Beth
Marriage contact Fr. Aiden
Anointing of the Sick contact Fr. Aiden
Vocations contact the Chancery 907-374-9500
OCIA/OCIC contact Fr. Aiden or Heather
Children’s Religious Ed contact Heather
Youth Ministry contact Beth

Day	Date	Intention	Feast Day	Readings
Monday	07/07	For the safe return of Fr. Alphonsus Afina		Gn 28:10–22a • Ps 91:1–2, 3–4, 14–15ab • Mt 9:18–26
Tuesday	07/08	†Nicki Snow		Gn 32:23–33 • Ps 17:1b, 2–3, 6–7ab, 8b and 15 • Mt 9:32–38
Wednesday	07/09	Anniversary of Justin & Andie Renner	<i>St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs</i>	Gn 41:55–57; 42:5–7a, 17–24a • Ps 33:2–3, 10–11, 18–19 • Mt 10:1–7
Thursday	07/10	For Marie & Philip, for God’s continued healing & support of them		Gn 44:18–21, 23b–29; 45:1–5 • Ps 105:16–17, 18–19, 20–21 • Mt 10:7–15
Friday	07/11	†Mark Dapore	St. Benedict, Abbot	Gn 46:1–7, 28–30 • Ps 37:3–4, 18–19, 27–28, 39–40 • Mt 10:16–23
Saturday	07/12	Birthday of Margarita Hunt	<i>Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Ex 12:37–42 • Ps 136:1 and 23–24, 10–12, 13–15 • Mt 12:14–21
Sunday	07/13	People of the Parish Intentions of Fr. Yakubu Aiden	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Dt 30:10–14 • Ps 69:14, 17, 30–31, 33–34, 36, 37 or Ps 19:8–11 • Col 1:15–20 • Lk 10:25–37

names are written in heaven.” It will not be apostolic success that matters eternally; it will be the obedience that comes from faith that will write our names (and keep them) in the heavenly “book of life” (see Ex 32:32; Ps 69:28; Dan 12:1; Rev 3:5). Jesus was willing to take the risks that come with building a human Church, sharing His authority and power with mere men. What a remarkable statement of God’s love for the creatures made in His image and likeness. May He give us grace to walk worthy of it.

Possible response: Lord Jesus, help me stay focused on doing what You ask of me, not on the outcome.

First Reading (Read Isa 66:10-14c)

This reading comes from a portion of Isaiah’s prophecy in which he foretells a great restoration of Jerusalem, home to God’s covenant people. This would come after its utter devastation from Babylonian conquest, punishment for sin. Jerusalem will be a place of delight, abundance, comfort, and joy. When was this fulfilled? It began to be fulfilled in our Gospel reading, when Jesus sent His disciples out to cure the sick and preach about the coming of Jesus. That was a time when “the Lord’s power shall be known to His servants.” The prophecy continues to be fulfilled not in the earthly, geographic city of modern-day Jerusalem but in the worldwide Church, the kingdom of God’s covenant people that stretches over all the earth. This kingdom pushes back and defeats Satan wherever it flourishes; its members are safe and blessed as a child in his mother’s arms. Not for nothing do we call the Church our “Mother.”

Possible response: Heavenly Father, thank You for keeping Your promise to restore and renew a home for Your people, all the way from the Garden of Eden and into eternity.

Psalm (Read Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20)

When we work through our lectionary readings, we certainly have cause for joy, don’t we? If we comprehend how momentous it is that Jesus came to fulfill God’s promises of old and to build a secure kingdom that will stretch into eternity, we will want to join the psalmist and say, “Come and see the works of God, His tremendous deeds among the children of Adam.” That is precisely what the seventy-two disciples experienced on their thrilling missionary journey. Understanding this, we are quite ready to sing: “Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.”

Possible response: The psalm is, itself, a response to our other readings. Read it again prayerfully to make it your own.

Second Reading (Read Gal 6:14-18)

St. Paul shows us, from the inside, what it is like when men called by God to preach the Gospel live their vocation in the right way. His “boasting” was not about himself and his authority. His only boast was that, through the Cross, “the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.” St. Paul didn’t care about success as men measure it. He did not care about the “rules” of religion only for their own sake. He knew that what matters is being “a new creation” in Christ, living in faithful obedience to the Lord. The Galatian Christians had come under the influence of critics of St. Paul, who tried to convince them they must keep the ordinances of the Old Covenant, like circumcision, in order to be saved. About them he says, “Let no one make troubles for me; for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body.” In that day, slaves were “marked” to show possession by their owners. St. Paul’s many physical persecutions had left “marks” on him. They were living proof of his slavery to the Lord—just the kind of life we would expect of a name written in heaven.

Possible response: St. Paul, pray for us to live as you did—slaves of Christ, new creations in Him.

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WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

St. Nicholas extends a warm welcome to those who have recently joined our parish family, are visiting, or are new to the area.

If you are interested in our parish, please stop by the Office and introduce yourself and your family.

Registration is Easy

If you are new, please register online at
fairbanks.parishsoftfamilysuite.com

If you are leaving our community, please let us know so we can update your record to keep our database current



“Are any of you sick?...”

James 5:14-15



The Sacraments of Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick and the Eucharist celebrated together provide spiritual strength and nourishment to the sick.

If you are expecting a surgery, procedure or entering the hospital or nursing home for any reason, you should receive these sacraments *before you go to the hospital or nursing home.*

If you are ill or care for the sick it is very reasonable to request these sacraments.

Please contact the priest for this.



If you previously signed up for FlockNote but have not been receiving texts or emails from St Nick’s, please contact Katherine to verify or update your FlockNote contact info.

To join FlockNote, text the keyword ‘Nicholas’ to 84576, or email Katherine with your name, cell number and email and she will get you enrolled.

Want to sign up for FORMED?

Go to formed.org/signup

*Select your parish (using zip code is easiest)

*Register with your name and email address

*Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED



July 6, 2025

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, formerly known as RCIA)

Classes will resume in September.
If interested in learning more about OCIA and/
or Catholicism, please contact Heather, the DRE,
at stnicksre@cbna.org or 907-488-2595, ext. 22

BIBLE STUDY / DISCUSSION GROUPS

Sunday & Monday Morning Catholic Discussions

We have paused our Sunday and Monday
morning Catholic Discussions.
Date of resumption TBA.

Monday Night Bible Study

Will resume this fall.

*"Pray without
ceasing."*
1 Thessalonians 5:17



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for: Francisco A. & Family, Janelle Allen & Family, Lois Armentor, Aletia Atkinson, Morgan Atkinson, Fred Austin & Family, Callie Jo, C. Bowman & Family, †Patricia Barth, Christopher Brown, Katrina Butler, †Wanda Byerly, Amanda Byrd, Terry & Beverly Cannon, †Marietta Castillo, Chip Channa, Jean Erickson, Bob and Anna Fath, †Tony Fazio, Mary Fish, †Wyatt Fleming & Family, Christina Fortenberry, Frazier Family, Kat Gannon, Pat Goble, Cody Gorrell, Lois Gould, †Ashley Groholski, Michael J. Guadagnoli, †Adolfo Guadiz, †Lori Harrand, Harvey Family, Fr. Gerardus Hauwert, Fr. Joe Hemmer, Nathan Horne, John, Donald Jones, Joan Jones, Josh & Lauren & Family, Cynthia Julien, Eve Karczmarczyk, Kim, Kraft Family, Tom Laridaen, Brian Lashinski Family, †Maxwell Lashinski, †Eleanor LeBeau, †Chelsey Luker, Casey McKee, Deshawn Miranda, Moon Family, Ron Murray, Nathalie, †Ann Nickerson, Doris Noblet, Evette Odhiambo, Bob Okri, Parr Family, Heather Patterson, Tom Pendergast, Powers Family, †Sunday Powers, Gwen Price, Larry Purbis, Rob R., Tamara Renner, †Rosie Shearer, Shearer Family, Matthew Smith, †Rose Marie Smith, †Nicki Snow, Snow Family, Stephanie, Racheal Stifford, Regis Swanson, Daranee Teapthong, Yingyos Teapthong, Maria Terch, Theo, Jim Took, Mike Wehner, Betty Wells, Bridget Wells, Harper Wicker, Mary Wing, Arthur & †Rose Wood

Pray for: For the Holy Souls in Purgatory. For the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV. For the Most Reverend Steven Maekawa, the priests serving our diocese, for an increase in vocations for Fairbanks, For our elected officials, especially President Donald Trump. For our country. For the protection of the unborn. For those most alone. For those grieving. For a just and peaceful resolution to conflicts in areas of the world where military troops are deployed. For all our service members. For healthcare workers, and all the sick.

YOUTH MINISTRY

SNYM SCHEDULE

(St. Nicks Youth Ministry)

<https://www.stnicholasnyp.org/youth-ministry>

SUMMER SUNDAYS

7/6 - Youth Room **CLOSED**

7/13 - 4-6pm, Youth Room

Youth & Teens entering grades 7-12
in Fall 2025 are welcome to attend.

*The Youth Room will be open on specified Sundays
this Summer for Free Time and Fellowship.*

FIRST FRIDAYS

No FF in July for Independence Day

The next SNYM First Friday will be
on Aug. 8th.

***Youth & Teens entering grades 7-12
in Fall 2025 are invited for an evening
together
on the First Friday of each month***



Scan this QR Code using a
smartphone camera to view the
Youth Ministry webpage for
information, calendar, and events.

"Shout joyfully to God, all the earth;
singing of his glorious name;
give him glorious praise."
Psalm 66:2

Vocations

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The harvest is abundant but the
laborers are few."



God's vineyard is overflowing with opportunities,
and there's a heartfelt need for dedicated laborers.
Could Christ be inviting you to join this vital work?

Take a moment to consider a vocation to the
priesthood or consecrated life. Your unique gifts
could make a profound difference! Talk to your
priest or reach out to the
Vocation Office at 907) 374-9504.

HAIL
HOLY QUEEN



THE HOLY FATHER'S JULY ROSARY INTENTIONS: For formation in discernment

Let us pray that we might again
learn how to discern, to know how
to choose paths of life, and reject
everything that leads us away from
Christ and the Gospel.

*THIS WEEK AT ST NICKS...

MONDAY

July 7

8 AM - Adoration &
Morning Prayer
9 AM - Mass

TUESDAY

July 8

8 AM - Adoration &
Morning Prayer
9 AM - Mass
6 PM - Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY

July 9

10:30 AM - Moms Group at Parks
6 PM - Confession
7 PM - Mass
7:30 PM - Knights of Columbus

THURSDAY

July 10

8 AM - Adoration &
Morning Prayer
9 AM - Mass

FRIDAY

July 11

8 AM - Adoration &
Morning Prayer
9 AM - Mass

SATURDAY

July 12

4 PM - Confession
5 PM - Mass

SUNDAY

July 13

9 AM - Mass
Noon - Mass
3 PM - Mass at Harding Lake
4 PM - SNYM Summer Sunday



Altar Flowers

To make an Altar Flower
dedication, fill out a
donation envelope, located on
the bulletin board, and drop it
in the collection basket.
Suggested donation is \$55.



Parish Picnic

SUNDAY, JULY 20

After the Noon Mass

The picnic is fast approaching!
The picnic is a huge parish event and this year it will be extra special.

The Social Committee cannot put on this event without an investment from the parish in volunteer time. Thank you so much to all who have already signed up. We still have some slots to fill for set up & clean up, carnival game help, and four more people are needed to be contestants in our Pulled Pork Contest.

Please visit the sign up using the QR code and carefully read the descriptions to see how you can best help or contact the Social Committee chair, April Smith (907-347-1357), to sign up & for more info.

There is a job for everyone!
Thank you for signing up today!



SPONSORED BY CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP

SUMMER PARK-A-PALOOZA

Meet other moms and TONS of kids for weekly casual hangouts. Bring your lunch, have fun and build relationships

WEDNESDAYS

TERRY MILLER PARK

1030-1230

Bring lunch

CONTACT LISA AT 907-347-2462

JOIN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE INFO AND PARK SCHEDULE:

ST. NICHOLAS CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP

Diocesan JOB OPENINGS

The Diocese of Fairbanks is now hiring a Chief Financial Officer (CFO).

This is a full-time, exempt position with benefits.

To apply, submit a cover letter, résumé, and three references to humanresources@cbna.org.

For a detailed list of job duties and other information, please visit <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings>

THANK YOU CORNER

Thank you very much to Carol Piser for all of her hard work and dedication with organizing the rosaries to pray for our country!

Many thanks to all who came out and prayed the Rosary for America this last Wednesday at the church.

VOLUNTEER

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sanctity of Life



Thank you so much to all who brought back their baby bottles filled with donations for the Sanctity of Life Fundraiser.

Thanks to your kind generosity,

\$2,338.44

will go to support the FYND Out Pregnancy Center.

It's not too late to make a donation!

If you still have your bottle and would like to donate, please bring it in during the week to the parish office.

St. Nick's Youth Ministry is in urgent need of Adult Assistants at our Summer programs for the following dates and times:

SNYM
SUMMER
SUNDAYS

JULY

- 13th
- 20th
- 27th

AUG

- 3rd
- 10th
- 17th
- 24th

SEPT

- 7th

Sundays
4-6 PM

SNYM First
FRIDAYS

EVERY FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH

- Aug. 8th
- Sept. 5th

5:30-8:30 PM
on Fridays

Your support will ensure that our Parish can continue offering programs for our Youth & Teens throughout the Summer!

thank you!

All volunteers must have current certification for the course of Serving Vulnerable Populations and a Criminal History Record Check on file with the Diocese of Fairbanks.

To complete training and certification on the Diocese of Fairbanks website, scan the QR code or visit: <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/training>



Contact St. Nick's Youth Minister, Beth Sauer with any questions, concerns, or to volunteer.
Email: stnicksym@cbna.org • Text or Call: 907-978-4786

Reflections on Stewardship

In today's Gospel passage, from Luke, we find our Lord appointing disciples to go out and prepare others to receive His invitation into the Kingdom of God. Every verse has something to say about the way a Christian steward should approach others. Let's consider at least one of the coaching tips Christ gives.

"The Lord appointed seventy-two others whom He sent out ahead of Him in pairs to every town and place He intended to visit." In His wisdom, Christ sent His disciples out not as individuals but in pairs, as teams. This approach to evangelization certainly provided practical advantages. The disciples could lean on each other for mutual support and encouragement, helping each other to stay on task and to put their heads together to pray and problem-solve. This teamwork approach is just as relevant to us modern-day Christian stewards. It takes courage and commitment to go out and invite others into the Christian life. We need to work together to do it well.

But there is also symbolic importance to working in teams. It points to the reality that when we invite others to embrace the Good News of the Gospel, we are not merely inviting them into a belief system, but into a relationship with Christ and through that relationship, into Christ's family — our fellow Christian disciples near and far.

Our parish is our immediate spiritual family in this extended worldwide fold. We are not meant to live as isolated individuals within the parish any more than we are meant to live in isolation within our families. We are meant to be a community. That is why it is so important for us to foster a vibrant, supportive, welcoming parish life. This is why we emphasize hospitality as one of the pillars of stewardship. It is not enough just to point others to Christ; we must invite them to join us in community with Him; we must offer a place and mission for them in the Church and within our parish family.

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loves a cheerful giver*
~ 2 Corinthians 9:7 ~



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Our parish ministries depend on the steady, consistent support provided by monthly givers. It is a lifeline that sustains us year-round when summer vacations, holiday travels, inclement weather, and other forces keep people away from services. Plus, it eases the workload on our hardworking staff (who also want to take vacations!), since they have less cash and check donations to process.

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Follow the instructions using KD433 for St Nicholas Catholic Church.

Earn money for St Nick while still earning rewards for yourself.

**Soup Kitchen serving hours
are Saturday & Sunday only,
1pm-3pm.**

***Soup kitchen is in need of
volunteers!*** If you'd like to
volunteer to help with the
Soup Kitchen, please contact
Immaculate Conception at
907-452-3533 ext. 1003, or
iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org

**Requested Donations for
Soup Kitchen**

CLOTHING ITEMS:

Baseball caps, new socks (men's
and women's), toothpaste

FOOD ITEMS THAT ARE NEEDED:

Bottles of water, grocery bags,
salad dressing, coffee, fruit,
protein bars, peanut butter, jelly

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

*"Love alone have I ever given to the good God; with love He
will repay me."* - St. Therese of Lisieux

ADORATION TIMES

St. Nicholas Church

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8:00AM - 9AM Adoration with Morning Prayer

Sacred Heart Cathedral

Thursday 8:00AM—12:00 PM, Saturday 3:00PM-4:00PM

Immaculate Conception Church

Sun 11AM—7PM

Mon—Thurs. 7AM - 7PM

Fri. 7AM—11PM

Sat.. 12AM—4PM

St. Raphael Catholic Church

Tues. 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM, Wed. 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Thurs. 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM, Fri. 7 AM - 6 PM

Road System Holy Mass Times

Sacred Heart Cathedral, Fairbanks

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm (Spanish)

Weekday: M - F 7:30 am

Tridentine Mass of the Roman Rite

(Latin Mass)

Held at Immaculate
Conception

JULY SCHEDULE

TBA

Saint Mark University Parish, Fairbanks

Sunday: 5:30 pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Immaculate Conception, Fairbanks (452-3533)

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am, 10:00 am

Weekday: M 8:30 am, T-F 12:10 pm & W 12:10 pm & 7pm

Saint Raphael, Fairbanks (457-6603)

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm

Sunday: 9:30 am

Weekday Masses: T & Th 9:30 am &
W 5:30 pm

Our Lady of the Snows, Eielson AFB

Sunday: 10:30 am

Weekday: T, W & TH 11:30 am

Good Shepherd, Ft. Wainwright

Sunday: 9:00 am



Sung Vespers

Sundays at **4:45pm** | Sacred Heart Cathedral

Evening Prayer (or *Vespers*) is one of the hours of
the Liturgy of the hours.

Consists of praying the psalms put to traditional
chant tones.

We Are Sent Forth: All Are Apostles

There are many words that are more than mere words. The words of the Holy Mass are such, being fraught with a power and purpose that flies far beyond immediate meaning. Some command miracles, such as the words of consecration. Others command missions, such as the celebrant's dismissal when the Mass is ended. The end of every Mass is intended as a beginning. The word, "Mass," is derived from "dismissal," which is rooted in the idea of many people being sent forth upon different ways on a common mission. The priest's dismissal, therefore, is not merely a statement inviting the congregation to take their leave, but rather a restatement of Christ's commandment to His apostles: those who were sent forth.

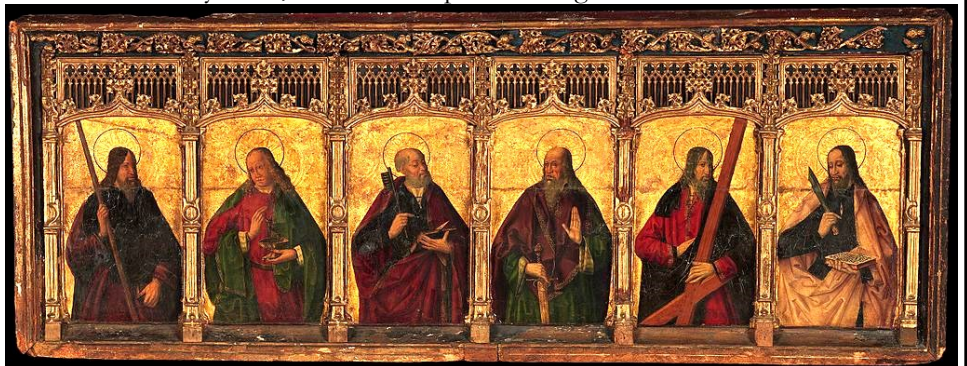
The "Go" at the close of the Mass is, indeed, the same in meaning as the "Go" at the close of Christ's earthly ministry. "Go; it is the dismissal." "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." This selfsame "Go, you are sent forth" is spoken not only to apostles—to priests and bishops who baptize and teach—but also to those who have become their disciples. We are not called to be disciples only. By our discipleship, we are all sent forth. We are all apostles.

The Catechism teaches that the whole Church is apostolic in two ways (CCC863). Firstly, the Church remains in communion in the faith and life of Jesus Christ through the successors of St. Peter and the original apostles; and secondly, she is sent forth into the world. Every member of the Church, whether priest or layman, shares in this mission to be a missionary. Every Catholic has a mission to teach and preach the Gospel. All are sent forth under different degrees of holy orders as witnesses. Every vocation that serves and obeys Christ is an apostolic vocation, for an apostolate is nothing more than the activity of the Mystical Body of Christ in the work of living and proclaiming the will of God on earth as it is in heaven.

The union with Christ, He Who was sent by the Father, gives the name of "apostolate" to all ordained ministers and laity who follow openly and freely in His grace and love. Therefore, the term can be applied widely as every natural vocation can be answered in the Name of Jesus. As St. Paul writes in Romans, "For as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another." Together, the many united in One with the guidance and gifts of the Holy Spirit and the life-giving mystery of the Eucharist, are all baptized men and women sent forth upon apostolic missions as apostles, according to station, strength, and circumstance. The Church is one, and therefore it is one with regard to its apostolic nature, and recognizes the single apostolate of her family. In this way, all Catholics are apostles insofar as they are disciples, and as such, participate in the source and soul of the Church's whole apostolate.

Though honor and must not be taken from those who carry the torch of the apostles through the sacrament of Holy Orders, there is a priesthood of the people that participates in their priestly mission, for there are two participations in the one priesthood of Christ. According to the Catechism again, drawing from *Lumen Gentium*: "The whole community of believers is, as such, priestly. The faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood through their participation, each according to his own vocation, in Christ's mission as priest, prophet, and king. Through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation the faithful are 'consecrated to be... a holy priesthood.'" (CCC1546)

The priesthood, the apostleship, that falls to lay people is important to recognize, for it is in the conscious intention to act apostolically that this office, this mission, is fulfilled. Just as priest must intend the sacrifice of Transubstantiation, people must intend to be witnesses in their lives in order to be priestly, to be apostolic. We are all called to follow the apostles as apostles ourselves, heeding the call to action that ends every Mass, and take our part in being faithful members of the nations baptized in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit by carrying the word—and the Word—further by Catholic example, Catholic joy, and Catholic peace. Just as the word implies, "Catholic" means "universal," and thus Catholics live in the universality of the Catholic Church, which is one, holy, and apostolic.



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