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Masses

Weekday morning Mass:

Monday (Day Off): NO MASS
Tuesday-Saturday: 8:45am

Weekend:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10 am

Sacraments

Confession: Saturday at 4 pm or by appointment. Call 206-363-6767.

Marriage, baptism, funeral mass or confirmation. Call

206-363-6767 Ext 200

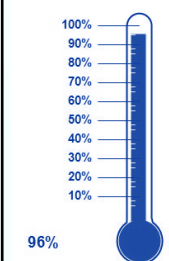
Office Hours: 1 pm to 5 pm
 Monday through Friday.

Jesus sent out his disciples: "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Go and tell them the kingdom of God has come near to you" (Luke 10:1-9)

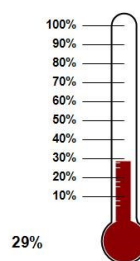
ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has made their gift to the 2025 ACA. We are nearing our goal!

ACA and Parish Goal



Families Pledging



Please prayerfully consider your pledge and help us raise the additional funds needed to take advantage of our Koch Foundation Grant to do repairs and paint the exterior of the community center. Our participation goal is 50%. We can do this! Click on the QR code on the right to donate:



GIVE TODAY
Archseattle.org/GiveACA

SCRIPTURE READINGS - JULY 6 -13, 2025

Sunday : Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-7, 16, 20 (1)/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20
Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8ab and 15/Mt 9:32-38
Mass intention for the repose of the soul of Rudy Lacsamana
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a/17-21a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29, 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-21/Mt 10:7-15
Mass intention for the repose of the soul of Nenita Lacsamana
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mt 10:16-23
Mass intention for the repose of the soul of Rufino Lacsamana
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37 (see 33)/Col 1:15-20/
 Lk 10:25-37

STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIFE

	Actual	Needed	Over(Under)
Week Ending 6/22/25	\$ 8,199	\$ 12,000	(\$ 3,801)
Cumulative from 1/1/25	\$252,891	\$ 300,000	(\$ 47,109)

EVENTS CALENDAR

Host	Event	Date/Day/Time	Venue
St. Matthew	Fr. Davis 40th Ordination Anniv.	7/12 Sat/5pm	Church/CC
		7/13 Sun/11am	Church/CC
St. Mark	Fr. Davis 40th Ordination Anniv.	7/19 Sat/5:30pm	Church/gym
		7/20 Sun/11:30am	Church/gym
St. Mark	Jubilee Pilgrimage, Nat'l Sanctuary of our Sorrowful Mother (The Grotto)	8/13 Wed/8am	Bus to Oregon

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY:

For July intention of the Pope— 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.

For our Parish Community:

- That we may be a welcoming and hospitable place.

For the sick:

- Loving Father, we ask for your comforting touch for those who are sick. Ease their suffering and grant them moments of relief.

For the deceased:

- That they may reach your kingly presence and shine your divine light upon them.

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The **Archdiocese for the Military Service (AMS), USA** provides pastoral care to the 1.8 million Catholic men and women serving the US Armed Forces, enrolled in US Military Academy, and Veterans undergoing treatment in any Veterans Affairs Medical Centers—and their families. Without the AMS there would be no Catholic chaplains who also serve in churches experiencing shortage of ministers. Our services include evangelization, catechesis, sacramental records and tribunal vocations of members. The AMS does not receive any funding from the government or the military, but solely relies from donors like you. This week **St. Matthew Parish** will take up the collection on behalf of the AMS. Please prayerfully consider a contribution to this special collection to support our mission. Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D

Archbishop for the Military Services, USA



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS FOR PARISH FAMILY 12.

Have you ever considered working for the Church? Our parish family—St. Mark and St. Matthew—is recruiting a **Director of Operations**. The ideal person is a practicing Catholic with varied experience in project management, finance, human resources and facilities. They would need experience in building and managing a team. The role is particularly important as our parish family continues its journey to becoming a single parish. If you are interested please visit ArchSeattle.org/careers.

School News

ENROLLING PRE-K TO GRADE 8

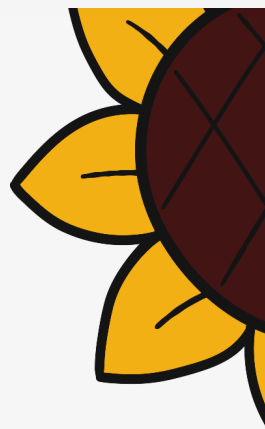
We are now enrolling for 2025-2026! Share with your friends and family. St. Matthew School offers options like walk to math, big & little reading buddies, affordable before and after school care, sports, middle school service learning and a spacious campus. Explore our diverse pre-k to grade 8 community by calling 206-362-2785 or schedule your tour at stmattschool.org.



PARISH12 FAMILY FRIDAY

ST. MARK & ST. MATTHEW PARISHES

Please contact Celine Hernandez at hernandez_celene@yahoo.com for more information about these events. We're looking forward to fun times this summer!



JULY 11th | Carkeek Park
ROCK PAINTING & SEASHELL HUNT
4:30-6:30PM Making fun summer memories

JULY 25TH | Kenmore Lanes
BOWLING & PIZZA PARTY
4:30-6:30PM Please register one week before event. Save with kidsbowlfree.com

AUGUST 8TH | Hazel Miller Spray Park
SUMMER FUN PICNIC
4-7PM. Family fun for all ages.

AUGUST TBC | Lynnwood Recreation Ctr
POOL PARTY
6-8:30PM. Please register one week before event to reserve a spot. \$7.50 per participant.

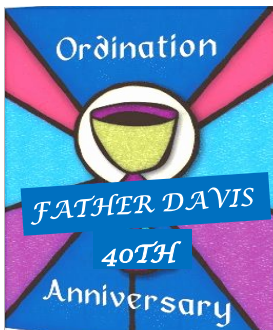
August 22ND | Carkeek Park
LET'S GO FLY A KITE PARTY
4-7PM. Please register one week before event to reserve a spot. \$7.59 per kite.

MY OH MY! BACK TO SCHOOL BASEBALL GAMES

Seattle Mariners vs. Angels, Saturday, September 13 at 6:40 pm.



The Seattle Mariners are celebrating **Fan Appreciation Night** on September 13th, and extending a discounted ticket offer to parishioners, students, parents, faculty and staff at St. Matthew and St. Mark. Enjoy a special outing with your friends and family members! View level seats tickets is \$15 and main level seats tickets is \$25. Ticket order form is coming soon.



St. Matthew will be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood of Fr. Anthony Davis on the weekend of **July 12 and 13**. On July 12, 2025, Saturday Fr. Davis will celebrate a special Anniversary Mass followed by a Community potluck dinner, music and dances.

Fr. Davis requests that you come dressed in your cultural attire and bring your favorite dish or dessert to share. Parishioners desiring to give a thank you gift should give that gifts directly to the celebrant and not through the parish.

To RSVP for this event click on the QR code on the right. For parishioners with email accounts on record, you should have received an invitation to RSVP. A link is also available on our website. For assistance to RSVP call the parish office 206-363-6767. The deadline to RSVP is Monday, July 7, 2025.



On July 13, 2025, Sunday, there will be a simple reception during coffee hour after the 8 and 10am Masses, for those unable to attend Saturday night.

ARCHDIOCESE SAFE ENVIRONMENT UPDATE

The Archdiocese of Seattle, Diocese of Yakima and Diocese of Spokane continue to ensure safe environment for children and vulnerable adults in all diocesan and parish programs and locations. Numbers below demonstrate the church commitment to not only reporting suspicious of abuse, but preventing abuse when possible:

•**21,520***

Children and youth trained in Children's Teaching Safety programs in schools and parish faith formation programs

•**28,165***

Active adults in the Archdiocese of Seattle who completed the background check and training requirement including all priests, deacons, seminarians and church volunteers

•**5,333***

Adults completed Protecting God's Children for Adults foundation training

•**11,000***

Approximately 11,000 background checks were completed

* Year 2024 figures

IMPORTANT NOTICE

REGARDING DAILY MASS TIMES!

Our Parish Family #12 **Daily Mass Schedule has changed** To be consistent with weekday morning Mass times at both parishes and schools, and to recognize the scheduling demands on our Pastor and Parochial Vicar, the daily Mass times starting July 1, 2025 are as follows:

Day	Church	Time
•Monday	St. Mark	9am
•Tuesday	St. Matthew	9am
•Wednesday	St. Mark	6pm (5pm Confession)
•Thursday	St. Matthew	9am
•Friday	St. Matthew	8:30am (On 1st Fridays— Anointing of the Sick)
	St. Mark	9am (followed by 24-hour Adoration)
•Saturday	St. Mark	9am (Benediction before Mass)

When we have a funeral Mass scheduled on a day where we normally have a daily Mass, daily Mass is canceled, and regular attendees are invited to attend the funeral Mass to support the family. **This does not change the Saturday 5pm Mass or the Sunday morning Masses!**

**Do you have a child
over the age of 11
who has not yet
received his/her
First Holy
Communion?**



Reach out to
annel@saintmarkshoreline.org for
more information about
summer preparation classes.

These classes are designed to help your child prepare for this important sacrament, providing them with the spiritual education and understanding needed to fully participate in the ceremony.

SVdP CHRISTMAS IN JULY IS COMING:

This year we will be celebrating our traditional Christmas in July the weekends of July 19-20 and 26-27. We will be collecting money, food, paper goods, hygiene and cleaning products. Look for more information in upcoming bulletins.





St. Mark/St. Matthew Combined Parish Family School Strategic Planning



Listening Session feedback from June 4 and 5, 2025

St. Mark and St. Matthew schools will combine for the 2026-27 school year due to declining enrollment and resulting financial issues. Fr. Ross convened a Strategic Planning Steering Committee to develop a plan for the new combined school. The members of the Steering Committee include:

- Fr. Ross
- St. Mark – Tom Martin (chair), Ian Audette, Ruth Foisy, Kathy Keck, Leo Van Hollebeke
- St. Matthew – John Hickman, Rick O'Leary, Julie Prepotente, Monica Williams

The Steering Committee held listening sessions at each parish on June 4 and 5. About 100 people attended. Tom Martin shared the work plan for the committee and the work groups who will address many of the key issues for the combined school. The work groups are made up of parents, parishioners, staff and teachers to address the following areas:

- Curriculum – Kathy Keck and Julie Prepotente (leads)
- Community/Marketing – Ruth Foisy, Leo Van Hollebeke (leads)
- Finance – John Hickman (lead)
- Staffing – Kathy Keck, Julie Prepotente (lead)
- Strategic – Tom Martin (lead)

The work groups will complete tasks by September/early October. A draft report will be available for review by parishioners in November. Feedback sessions will be held in November with a final set of recommendations given to Father Ross in December of 2025. This will provide the necessary information needed by parents to sign a contract for the 2026-27 school year.

In addition to answering questions at the listening sessions, a survey of hopes and concerns was conducted. Key themes from the survey include:

Hopes

- Strong Catholic Identity

- Sustainable school, enrollment, finances, staff, buildings
- Strong curriculum that prepares students for high school and builds disciples
- Strong community integrated with the parish
- A transparent process for the creation of the combined school

Concerns

- Not enough students will enroll
- Change is hard
- Challenges with combining/collaboration of cultures
- Connection to the Partners in the Gospel process and long-term impact on use of parish sites.

These themes and the detailed survey results will be used by the Steering Committee and the work groups as inputs in the process. In addition, the most frequent questions and responses from the listening sessions can be found below.

Thank you to all that attended. If you have any questions, please email Tom Martin at tmmartin090159@gmail.com

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: Where will the combined school be located? How will the school location impact use of churches and other buildings at the two parishes?

Response: The school location will be recommended by the Steering Committee. That decision will be independent but serve as a consideration to the process of determining the long-term use of parish buildings and properties under Partners in the Gospel. This phase will begin over the next year.

Question: What will the curriculum for the combined school be?

Response: The Curriculum work group will draw on the best elements of each school to develop a curriculum of the combined school.

Question: What will happen to teachers who are not asked to teach at the combined school?

Response: Beyond normal turnover and retirements, any teachers not asked to work at the combined school, will work with the Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Schools to identify other opportunities in Catholic schools in the area.

Question: What will happen to the endowments of the two schools?

Response: The legal documents for setting up of the endowments will be adhered to. Each has clauses that would allow Pastoral Council and the pastor to allow the endowments to be committed to the new combined school.

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