

St. Matthew Parish

A Parish of Many Cultures But One Faith

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Masses

Monday & Wednesday: NO MASS
Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00 am
Friday: 8:30 am

Weekend Mass:
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 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: 8:30am to 3:30pm Monday through Friday.

AUGUST 17, 2025 – 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said "I came to cast fire upon the earth and how I wish it were already blazing. I have a baptism (Cross) that I must still receive, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished!"

In Luke 12:49-53, Jesus speaks about the division his coming will bring, that will cause conflict within families. He states that he came to bring fire to the earth and is eager for it to be already kindled, highlighting the intensity of his mission. This "fire" represents the Holy Spirit's influence, which purifies and refines the believer, but also exposes sin and creates division. This division will be so profound that even those within close relationships will be split, with some siding with Jesus and others opposing him. It's a fiery judgment that separates those who passed the trials of discipleship against those who failed. While the message can be divisive, the ultimate goal is to bring people together in love and faith even if it means facing conflict along the way. The passage also calls for discernment, urging people to recognize the signs of the times and to be ready for the consequences for not following Jesus.



SCRIPTURE READINGS—AUGUST 17-24, 2025

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36, 37-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30
Mass intention: Eternal repose of the soul of Lucita Abad Dimakiling
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:-5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-z, 16, 22/Ps 146:5-6abc-7, 8-9abc-10/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday Is 66:18-21/Ps 117-1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIFE

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Needed</u>	<u>Over(Under)</u>
Week Ending August 3, 2025	\$ 11,078	\$ 12,000	(\$ 922)

Cumulative From July 1, 2025	\$ 54,122	\$ 60,000	(\$ 5,878)

EVENTS CALENDAR

Host	Event	Date/Day/Time	Venue
St. Matthew	Catholic Conversations	8/24 Sun/11:00am	Com Center
St. Matthew	Wine & Cheese Social	9/13 Sat/6-8pm	Com Center
St. Matthew	Big Filipino Breakfast	9/14 Sun/9-12n	Com Center

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY:

For the August intention of the Pope—

For mutual coexistence

- Let us pray for societies where coexistence seems more difficult, that they might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

For our Parish Family

- That over the coming days, we may continue to come together in faith and hope as disciples of Jesus Christ.

For the Sick

- Lord God by the might of your command heal the sick and restore strength to their spirit, that they will forever call your Holy Name.

For the Deceased

- That God may welcome into his glory those of our family and friends who have departed from this life



PARISH FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL FORMING

Our parish family of St. Mark and St. Matthew is ready to begin a strategic pastoral planning process. We will be following the Partners in the Gospel process called the **One Parish Plan (OPP)**. The planning process will start in earnest in early 2026 and be completed in 2028. The One Parish Plan will address several questions:



- Who are we?**
- What do we want to become?**
- How do we get there?**
- What should we be called?**

To guide the process, Fr. Ross will be appointing a Parish Family Advisory Council. Think of it as the pastoral council for the parish family of St. Mark and St. Matthew. The Council will consist of 9 to 12 parishioners who will be selected to serve. If you are interested in serving on the Parish Family Advisory Council, an application is on the website and can be found in the vestibule of each church.

Applications should be completed by the end of September, with the selection happening in October. There will likely be monthly meetings starting in November 2025, along with several listening sessions over the 2+ year period. Please prayerfully consider your interest and pray for the work of this important council.

School News

**ENROLLING
FOR 2025-2026**
PRE-KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 8



learn more at STMATTSCHOOL.ORG

**ENROLLING PRE-K TO
GRADE 8**

We are now enrolling for school year 2025-2026! Share with your friends and family. St. Matthew School offers options like walk to math, big and 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.



Back to School Night!

The Seattle Mariners are extending a discounted ticket offer to the students, parents, faculty and staff at St. Matthew and St. Mark. Enjoy a special outing with your friends and family members!

GAME DATE

ANGELS vs. MARINERS
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 - 6:40 P.M.

Bring out your family and friends and join St. Matthew and St. Mark at T-Mobile Park to watch some exciting Major League Baseball action.

Promotion: Fan Appreciation Night!

Payment by Cash or Check

PRICING & DETAILS

VIEW LEVEL (300-level) SEATS \$15
MAIN LEVEL (100-level) SEATS \$25

This special offer is for all students and their families. If you would like to sit with another family, please place one order for the entire group. Orders are filled on a first come first served basis and are based on availability.

Watch for our school's name on the video board at the end of the 3rd inning for our special welcome to T-Mobile Park.

PARISH 12 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!



August 29TH | 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.

SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COLLECTION (CCHD)

For more than 50 years, the CCHD has helped low-income people address the root causes of poverty and injustice — not through a “one-size-fit-all” approach, but by funding



local organizations that employ low-income people to make positive impacts in their own communities.

With CCHD funding, the Community Lighthouse program, developed by Together New Orleans, has transformed churches and other neighborhood institutions into solar-powered facilities where people can shelter when natural disasters struck. Together New Orleans expanded its project to 9 facilities, and it garnered recognition and project funding from the Mayor's office to the U.S. Congress to expand the program even further.

This record of success shows how your support for CCHD makes a positive impact in vulnerable, under-resourced communities.

When you give to the CCHD collection, 25% of your contribution stays within your own diocese, so you help your own community build on this legacy of success while also helping other communities.

For more information, please visit ncprom@usccb or contact Margaret Hren at 202-541-3346.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Timothy C. Senior

Chairman, USCCB Subcommittee on CCHD

“Home Mission Diocese” are those Catholic dioceses in the US, that cannot provide basic pastoral services without



outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass, the sacraments, religious education, and ministry training. Nearly 40% of dioceses in the US are considered home mission dioceses. As a result of the parishioners' generosity, CHM impact the lives of nearly 9 million Catholics in the US. Please support the CHM collection.

Visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

SAVE THE DATE!

Big FILIPINO BREAKFAST ON SEPTEMBER 14TH, SUNDAY 9-12N

That's right folks. **St. Matthew Knights of Columbus** will hold its first fund-raising event for the year — a Filipino Breakfast on Sunday, September 14th, at the Community Center. Details of the event will be announced soon.



DONATION WISH LIST FOR HONDURAS MISSION



St. Matthew Honduras Mission Team will be returning to Honduras in October. We hope to fill at least 12 duffle bags of donations for the **Children's Homes** that we support. If you are able to donate, a box labeled **“Honduras”** will be in the vestibule of the church through **September 7th**.

Wanted Items:

- Tylenol pills and liquid, Desitin or similar diaper rash cream for infants, Antibiotic Cream (similar to Neosporin)
- Toothbrushes for young children
- Crayola markers, Colored pencils, Dry erase markers, Sharpie markers, black and color (permanent markers), Pens (black and red ink), Construction paper, Report Folders, Glue, Glue Stick, Pencils, Erasers, stickers
- Gorilla brand tape, duct tape, 1 inch masking tape
- Soccer balls
- Warm hats for infants and toddlers,
- New socks (black or white), young children to adult sizes
- New underwear for boys and girls ages 2 - 18 (older Boys prefer boxers—medium and large)
- Used children's clothes in good condition, size 8 and larger
- Shoes in good condition (toddler to men's size 10½), especially running shoes
- Twin sheet sets, Bath towels except white color

If you have questions please call **Colleen Flanigan** at **206-778-0132**.



Looking for something to liven up your relationship this autumn? **A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** will give you all the

tools you need for a better, stronger, more loving marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences are on:

October 03-05, 2025 @ Spokane, Washington

October 10-12, 2025 @ Tacoma, Washington.

October 24-26, 2025 @ Beaverton, Oregon

Early registration is highly recommended.

For more information, visit our website at wwme.org or contact **Jeff** and **Sandy Corneil** at **360-930-2321**



FOUNDATIONS — of FAITH —

*A Journey Through the Catechism
of the Catholic Church*

Dates – Time – Location

Wednesday's beginning September
17, 2025 for 10 Weeks
and resuming January 14, 2026 for 10
weeks

7:00pm- 8:30pm

St. Matthew Community Center
Conference Room

For More Information

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Sara Lane - sslane5@comcast.net

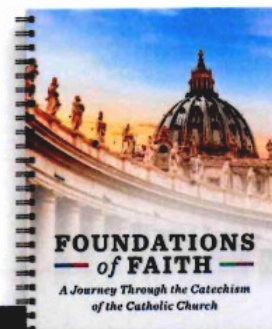
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email Maureen Sloane

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- Dr. Edward Sri
- Jeff Cavins
- Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio
- Fr. Mike Schmitz

Whether you're just beginning to explore your Catholic Faith or are seeking a deeper understanding, ***Foundations of Faith*** provides a thoughtful yet approachable way to explore the breadth of Catholicism. Strengthen your connection to the truth, beauty, goodness, and fullness of the Catholic Faith!



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