

St. Matthew Parish

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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 24, 2025 – 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Someone asked Jesus, "Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?" He said to them, **"Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many will try to enter and may not be able to. Many will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. Indeed there are those who are last who will be first and first who will be last."** (Luke 13:22-30)

In this Gospel, Jesus implies that, whereas God does not wish to exclude anyone, it is possible for people to exclude themselves. We choose which we want to follow. We have been given freedom to choose for or against God. The reading is mainly a warning against complacency. The 'oh well, the afterlife will just take care of itself'—attitude is what Jesus is warning against. We can't just freewheel into the banquet of eternal life. We need to make the effort to walk through the narrow door and keep moving forward. So live your life with unwavering faith to Jesus knowing that salvation is for all who believe in Him as Lord and Savior.



SCRIPTURE READINGS—AUGUST 24-31, 2025

Sunday : Is 66:18-21/Ps 117-1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30
Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26
Mass intention: Thanksgiving for graces received -Susan Rivera
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13 /Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mk 6:17-29
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt. 25:14-30
Next Sunday Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIFE

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Needed</u>	<u>Over(Under)</u>
Week Ending August 10, 2025	\$ 4,013	\$ 12,000	(\$ 7,987)

Cumulative From July 1, 2025	\$ 58,134	\$ 72,000	(\$ 13,866)

EVENTS CALENDAR

Host	Event	Date/Day/Time	Venue
St. Matthew	Catholic Conversations	8/24 Sun/11:00am	Comm Center
St. Mark	End of Summer BBQ & Picnic	9/7 Sun/9am	Gym & Parking Lot
St. Matthew	Wine & Cheese Social	9/13 Sat/6-8pm	Comm Center
St. Matthew	Big Filipino Breakfast	9/14 Sun/9-12N	Comm Center

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY:

For the August intention of the Pope—

- That societies where coexistence seems more difficult, might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, reasons.

For our Parish Community

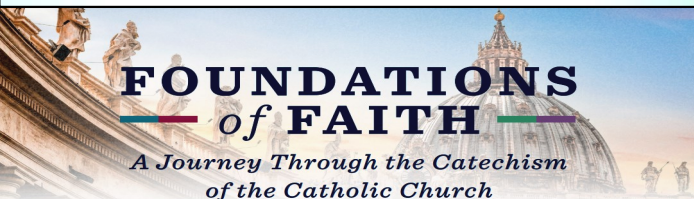
- We pray that you would instill unity among the members of our community .

For the Sick

- Dear God we pray for those who are unwell, especially Mark Lunde. Bring them comfort and healing and fill their hearts with hope and peace.

For the Deceased

- Heavenly Father, we ask for your mercy and grace for the faithful departed. May they find eternal peace and joy in your presence. Amen



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Join us for Foundation of Faith at **St. Matthew's Parish in Seattle, WA**, beginning **Wednesday, September 17, 2025** from **7pm to 8:30pm**, and every Wednesday for 10 weeks. Sessions will resume on January 14, 2026 for the final 10 sessions. For more information or to register for the study, contact Sara Lane, sslane5@comcast.net, Jolene Lynch, jnslynch@comcast.net, or Mike and Maureen Sloane at mmsloane@gmail.com. The cost to participants is as low as \$6.95 for online materials. An optional workbook can be purchased for \$39.95, and scholarships are available. You can preview and/or purchase online access to materials for the class at: <https://ascencionpress.com/collections/foundation-of-faith-a-journey-through-the-catechism-of-the-catholic-church>

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 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.



MARINERS VS ANGELS SEPT 13

ORDERS DUE
SEPT 2

SEATTLE MARINERS VS. ANGELS ON SATURDAY. 9/13 AT 6:40PM

The Seattle Mariners are 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 \$15 and main level seats \$25. Use the ticket order form enclosed in this bulletin and give it to the school office. Please make the check payable to St. Matthew School.

Ticket orders due September 2.

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!

POOL PARTY on **August 29th**, Friday 6-8:30 pm at **Lynwood Recreation Center**. Please register week before event to reserve a spot. At \$7.50 per participant.



WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL SEPTEMBER 13TH SAT. @ 6PM

Join us in the community center after the 5pm Saturday Mass. This is a time for our Saturday Mass goes to socialize. All ages are welcome. Bring yourself and meet new and already friends.

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. 9-12 parishioners will be selected to serve on the Council. 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.

BIG FILIPINO BREAKFAST ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th

St. Matthew Knights of Columbus will hold its first fund raising event for 2025 - A Big Filipino Breakfast on September 14th, Sunday at the Community Center from 9 -12 noon. Cost of ticket is \$25/pax.



Dishes are cpa (chicken pork adobo), longanisa (pork sausage), fried glass noodles (pansit sotanghon) vegetable lumpia (spring rolls), eggs scramble/sunny side-up, garlic fried rice, cakes & fruits, & a cool drink of sago & gulaman (sagu pearls & gelatins). For tickets and reservation orders, contact Cris, 206 -363-6767.

SAVE THE DATE!

we are excited to announce that the St. Matthew Annual *Dinner Dance* will take place on *Saturday, November 15, 2025*,



6 PM at the Community Center. Stay tuned for more details. The event will be co-chaired by Mariela Fletcher and Kara Herber.

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 10 1/2) especially running shoes
- Twin sheet sets, Bath towels except white color

If you have questions please call

Colleen Flanigan at 206-778-0132.

SAVE THE DATE!

ST. MARK PARISH & SCHOOL

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SUNDAY, SEPT. 7



Sign up on SignUpGenius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A094BAEA729A3F58-endofsummer#/>



Sacramental Preparation Sign-Up

September 6th and 7th

Sessions are now being planned for our Parish Family of St. Mark/St Matthew for those preparing to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation and Holy Communion, Confirmation, and to participate in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) “Becoming Catholic”.

Baptism is the first sacrament one receives when entering the Catholic Faith. It is a sacrament of initiation (which you can only receive one time), meaning once you received it, one officially enters into the body of Christ, the Catholic Church. The recipient receives justifying and sanctifying grace when baptized, and the Holy Spirit begins to dwell within them.

The sacraments of First Reconciliation and Holy Communion are a wonderful expression of God’s presence in our lives. Through First Communion and First Reconciliation, one continues the journey that began at baptism when God chose us as His own. It is the second step of initiation in the Catholic Church.

Confirmation is the final Sacrament of Initiation in the Catholic Faith through which the one who is confirmed receives the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Confirmation brings Catholics a deepening of baptismal grace and unites us more firmly to Christ. It increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit and leaves an indelible mark on the soul just like baptism.

Parents, godparents, children, and adults who are interested may register using the Sacraments Sign-Up Sheet, available after all Masses at St. Matthew and St. Mark on September 6–7.

We also need volunteers to assist with teaching the classes.

For more information please contact:

Linda Haptonstall at paa@stmatthewseattle.org

or Anne Lombard at annel@saintmarkshoreline.org

Annual Catholic Appeal and Update

Thank you St. Matthew parishioners for your generous response to our Annual Catholic Appeal. We have already received pledged payments totaling \$10,000 above the Archdiocesan assessed goal of \$47,209.



All additional moneys received are going towards repair and painting of our beloved Community Center. We have already done needed roof repairs and cleaning of the community center roofs. The work will continue in the coming weeks with the struts and beams on the entry to the community center being repaired and painted.

After the work on the beams and struts is finished, work will start on the window and door metal strips.

As you can see in the pictures, the exterior is badly in need of this work to keep the facility exterior in good condition for future use.



Although we may not have enough to do the remainder of the exterior painting, even with the Koch grant we received, the work we are able to do will significantly improve both the appearance and life of our Community Center.

If you would like to make a special donation towards this project, please make sure you specify it's for the Building Fund, or by selection "Building Fund" on our website giving portal. Thank you again for your generosity.

Just a reminder...



One of the signs of unity with our brothers and sisters after receiving Holy Communion is that we all observe the same posture. Archbishop Etienne has given liturgical instruction for the faithful to **kneel (or be seated)** upon returning

to our pews after reception of Holy Communion. There are pockets of people at different masses still standing following communion—which is not the correct posture. When we kneel together (or are seated) after communion, our posture unites us in the time of reflection and meditation as we invite Jesus most fully into our hearts.



Each year, Next Step honor & celebrate the sacredness of life by having an evening of inspiration, awareness, and fellowship. Registration for the 2025 Gala is now open to purchase tickets to this beautiful event.

PROGRAMS:

- *SILENT AUCTION -5:30-6:30 pm
- *DINNER
- *FAMOUS DESSERT AUCTION
- * A CLIENT STORY
- * KEY NOTE SPEAKER—REBECCA KIESSLING

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