

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

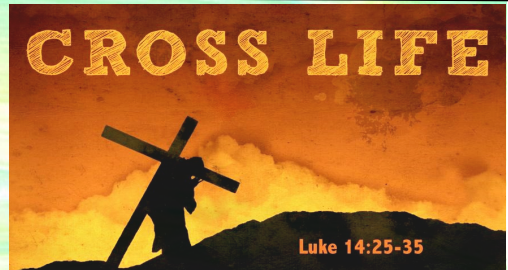
Sacraments

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.

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 – 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to the crowd, "And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have, cannot be my disciples (Luke 14:27 & 33)

The large crowd listening to Jesus's words about "counting the cost" discipleship, featuring imagery of a king assessing his army before battle, a builder calculating funds for a tower, and people renouncing all possessions to follow Him, symbolizes the radical, commitment required to be a true disciple. That following Jesus requires a radical commitment, prioritizing Him above family, possessions, and involves willing surrender, the willingness to endure hardship, and a calculation of the personal cost before committing to discipleship. The passage uses these metaphors to emphasize that this commitment must be made with a full understanding of its consequences.



SCRIPTURE READINGS—SEPTEMBER 7 - 14, 2025

Sunday : Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17(1)/
 Phim 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14-25-33
Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19
Mass intention –for the repose of the souls of Janet and Raphael Julius
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIFE

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Needed</u>	<u>Over(Under)</u>
Week Ending August 24, 2025	\$ 8,962	\$ 12,000	(\$ 3,038)

Cumulative From July 1, 2025	\$ 76,276	\$ 96,000	(\$ 19,724)

EVENTS CALENDAR

Host	Event	Date/Day/Time	Venue
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 St.
St. Matthew	Public Rosary Crusade	10/11 Sat/12N	St. Matthew Grotto
St. Mathew	World Mission Rosary	10/18 Sat/11am	Church/Comm. Ctr

PRAYERS INTERCESSIONS:

For the September intention of the Pope—For our relationship with all of creation

- That inspired by St. Francis, we may experience our interdependence with all creation who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

For our Parish Community

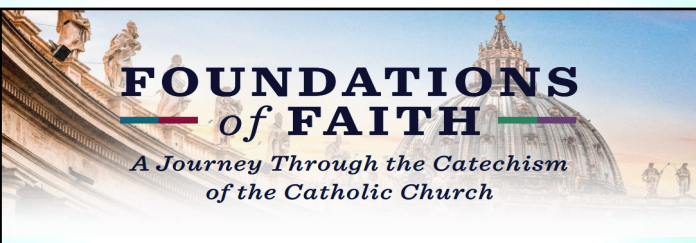
- We lift our community in prayer, entrusting its well-being into your hands. May our community flourish and shine as a beacon of your love.

For the Sick

- We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servants to health again.

For the Deceased

- Eternal rest grant unto our dear departed ones and let perpetual light shine upon them.



Discover the heart and soul of your Catholic beliefs with **Foundation of Faith: A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church**. This engaging 20-sessions series reveals the universal beauty of the Church. Participants will meet weekly to view dynamic video presentations followed by lively group discussion and fellowship. Learn from the most renowned Catholic educators of our time including Dr. Edward Sri, Jeff Cavins, Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, and Fr. Mike Schmitz explore the Catechism, unpacking its rich theological insights and helping you apply them to your everyday life. Strengthen your connection to the truth, beauty, goodness, and fullness of the Catholic Faith.

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 mnmsloane@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

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



learn more at STMATTSSCHOOL.ORG

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

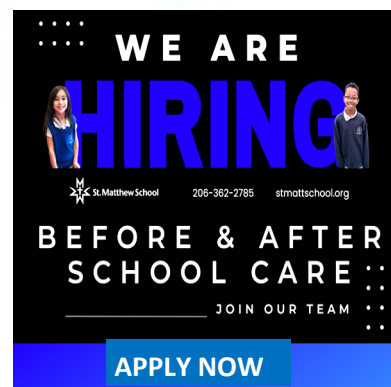
spacious campus. Explore our diverse pre-k to grade 8 community by calling 206-362-2785 or schedule your tour at stmattschool.org.

JOB OPPORTUNITY AT ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL

Do you love working with kids and enjoy working in a supportive, diverse environment?

We are now hiring a staff person for our before and after school care program (ESS for Extended School Service). 15 hours each week, from 7 and until 8:10 and after school 3

pm (2 pm on Mondays) until 5 or 6 pm. Perfect for a parent or recent graduate. Contact **Mrs. Prepotente** at jprepotente@stmattschool.org for more information.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION SIGN-UP

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, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation, and to participate in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) "Becoming Catholic". Parents, Godparents, children, and adults who are interested may register using the **Sacraments Sign-up Sheet** available at both St. Matthew and St. Mark. We also need volunteers to assist with teaching the classes. For more information please contact:



Linda Haptonstall at paa@stmatthewseattle.org or **Anna Lombard** at annel@saintmarkshoreline.org

Dear Parish *Family 12,* It's time for OUR FIRST Directory!



*Living our faith.
Connecting families.
Becoming one parish.*

As we begin our journey together in the Partners In the Gospel, all Parish Family 12 parishioners are invited to participate in our new Directory.

"There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." Eph 4:4-6

Directory Committee

All are invited!

Our Parish Family 12 directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

Set your appointment with Universal today!



*Gathering families,
Connecting generations.*



PHOTOGRAPHY SESSIONS (additional dates will be scheduled AS NEEDED):

October 22-24: St. Mark (2pm-8:30pm)
October 25: St. Mark (10am-4pm)
October 28-31: St. Matthew (2pm-8:30pm)
November 1: St. Matthew (10am-4pm)
November 3-6: St. Mark (2pm-8:30pm)

Parish Family #12

Operations Update

Parish Family #12,

Our Parish Family's search for a Director of Operations (DOO) was a smashing success! I'm thrilled to announce that **Julianna D'Angelo** has accepted the position of DOO. The DOO is a new position for our Parish Family- a position which will be critical in helping us come together as one Parish Family in the Partners in the Gospel initiative.

Julianna is a familiar face with 2 daughters attending St. Mark Classical School, as well as serving as the CYO Athletic Director for St. Mark & St. Matthew. She brings extensive professional experience in accounting and business practices.



In Julianna's own words:

"As a financial executive and strategic consultant, I have built my 20-year career around helping companies and business owners solve problems and get their companies to a place of financial stability and optimized operations. To be able to use what I've learned from my professional background to aid in getting our Parish Family to a place of operational and financial strength and bringing our Parish Family together is a humbling endeavor I am most honored to participate in. With the help of God- I know we will get there."

We will be introducing Julianna (in person) at St. Mark/St. Matthew (back & forth) the weekend of August 30/31st. Her first official day on site will be September 15.

At the same time, I want to profoundly thank our Parish Administrators (PA)- **Todd Chapman** and **Linda Haptonstall** for serving many faithful years in their roles as Parish Administrators. The DOO position will take on many of the administrative duties as the PA positions come to an end. We are grateful for Linda & Todd's service and look forward to celebrating them individually in this transition. Linda's final day is still to be determined. Todd's final day will be September 18, 2025.

Please join me in welcoming Julianna to our Parish Family as well as thanking Linda and Todd for their years of service!

+Fr. Ross



St. Mark/St. Matthew Combined Parish Family School Strategic Planning Update September 2025



The St. Mark/St. Matthew School Strategic Plan committees have made great progress over the summer, preparing a plan for the combined school to commence in the 2026-27 school year. Initial recommendations are being created in the following areas:

- **School Program –**
 - PreK-8 or K-8, 6-8 self-contained classes or middle school rotation?
 - What textbooks/resources are needed to support the teachers in teaching all subjects and continue to have a strong Catholic identity
 - What sort of staff is needed to support the school program?
- **Community/marketing – How do we form a community and grow?**
- **Finance –**
 - What will be the tuition structure and staffing cost?
 - What will the cost be to the parish?
- **Strategic – How do we align with the parish family and where will the combined school be located?**

As we draft recommendations, the steering committee will test them with a couple of focus groups in early October. A draft report should be available at the end of October and listening sessions for parents and parishioners will take place in November to provide feedback. A final set of recommendations will be given to Fr. Ross in early December, in time for parent contracts for the 2026-27 school year.

Meanwhile, efforts to build community are already underway. A number of joint events for families have occurred through the summer. More joint events between St. Matthew and St. Mark students and faculties will take place throughout the current school year. In addition, CYO sports have been combined for the coming sports seasons. All this is done with the intent of families to get know each other.

We want to thank the various committees for prioritizing the well-being of all our students and teachers and for their hard work throughout the summer.

Please pray for the efforts of the Steering Committee as we move forward to create a quality Catholic education for our combined faith community.

If you have questions, contact Tom Martin at tmmartin090159@gmail.com.

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 this Parish Family Advisory Council, an application is on the website and can be found also in the vestibule of each church. Applications should be completed by the end of September with the selection of members in October. Monthly meetings will likely be held starting 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 SEPTEMBER 14th

St. Matthew Knights of Columbus will hold a **"Big Breakfast"** fundraiser on **September 14th, Sunday** at the Community Center from **9 –12 noon**. Cost for a ticket is **\$25 per person**.

Dishes are: chicken pork adobo, pork sausage, fried noodles, vegetable spring rolls, scrambled eggs, garlic fried rice, cakes and fruits, and a cool drink of zagu pearls and gelatins. For tickets and reservation orders, contact Cris, **206 –363-6767**. All proceeds will go to the Knights' community, family and church projects.

YOU'RE INVITED



27TH ANNUAL DINNER DANCE—"AN EVENING OF THANKSGIVING"

Saturday, November 15, 2025 at St. Matthew Parish Community Center
Doors open: 6:00 PM
Catered buffet: Flame
Attire: Sunday's Best
Tickets: \$50 presale · \$55 at the door

Come enjoy a joyful evening of dining, dancing, and fellowship as we celebrate together! Tickets available during coffee hour and at the parish office at 206 363-6767.

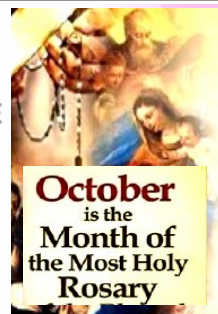
SAVE THE DATE!

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

The annual Public Square Rosary Crusade at **St. Matthew Parish Grotto** will be held on **Saturday, October 11, at 12 Noon**.

On this date, St. Matthew Parish will join more than 23,000 rosary rallies to be held around noon across the entire country, commemorating the Miracle of the Sun, by Our Lady near Fatima in 1917.

This is our chance to stand for faith, pray for peace, and be part of something greater. With over 23,000 Rosary Rallies nationwide, we will send a powerful message and draw down God's grace upon America.



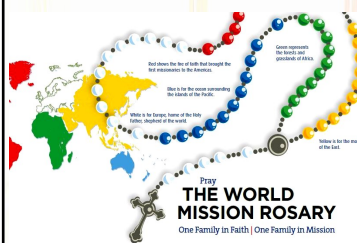
ST MATTHEW'S 5TH ANNUAL WORLD MISSION ROSARY

Date : Saturday, October 18, 2025

Time: 11:00 am

Location: St. Matthew Church

(Followed by International Potluck lunch at the St. Matthew Community Center)



The World Mission Rosary prayer is a unique opportunity to pray together and honor our global community. We will recite the "Hail Mary" prayers in many different

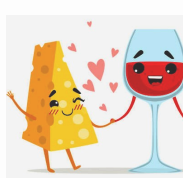
languages, celebrating the rich diversity of our faith and the worldwide mission of the Church.

This inspiring event will bring together parishioners from Parish Family of St. Mark and St. Matthew as we unite in prayer and solidarity. We encourage everyone to participate and be part of this meaningful gathering. More information to follow.

Would you be interested to recite one or more "Hail Mary" prayers in your native language or studied language?

Please contact Prisca or Sao through the Parish Office at 206-363-6767 for any question.

WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL ON SEPTEMBER 13TH SAT.



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