

# 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.

# OCTOBER 5, 2025 – 27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you".

(Luke 17: 5-6)

Jesus tells us that it doesn't take much faith. It's the use of that faith in doing what we ought that we should really be focusing on. Instead of asking God to increase our faith internally, we can pray that God will increase our faith externally as we grow in obedience and faith in action. This prayer gets us wondering about how God is calling us to be his servant today, and allows us to build on the sure foundation of faith he has laid for us in our hearts. Our vocation as Christians is to follow Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, but that requires being willing to start practicing before we feel ready or want to do what he is calling us to do—because it is "only what we ought to have done" in his name.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS-CTOBER 5 –12, 2025

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (B)/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

Monday: Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37 Tuesday on 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42

Mass intention: Birthday Anniversary Thanksgiving Edith Orejudos

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4 Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, and 6/:l 11:5-13

Mass intention: Eternal repose of the soul of Luis Lozada

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26

Mass intention: Eternal repose of the soul of Justo Lozada

Saturday: J1 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b) /2Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

# **STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIFE**

Week Ending September 28, 202	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Needed</u>	Over(Under)
	5 \$10,344	\$ 12,000	(\$ 1,656)
Cumulative From July 1, 2025	\$ 122,603	\$ 156,000	(\$ 33,397)

## **EVENTS CALENDAR**

Host	Event	Date/Day/Time	Venue
St. Matthew	<b>Public Rosary Crusade</b>	10/11 Sat/12n	St. Matthew Grotto
St. Matthew	Wine and Cheese Social	10/11/2025 6pm	<b>Community Center</b>
St. Mathew	<b>World Mission Rosary</b>	10/18 Sat/11am	Church/Comm. Ctr

### **OUR COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

### For the October intention of Pope

 Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

## For our Parish Family

 For the poor and homeless in our community, that working together as a parish family, we may continually find ways to respond to their needs.

### For the Sick

To hold on to the Lord who is close to the broken hearted knowing that God's nearness brings peace, hope and healing in difficult times.

### For the Deceased

 That the Lord may unbind them and let them go free in the kingdom of his glory.

### **GRATITUDE FOR OUR JUBILEE ROSARY PROJECT**

With grateful hearts, we thank all who joined us for the Jubilee Rosary Making Event during our Feast Day. Together, we joyfully surpassed our goal of 2,025 rosaries! Many have already been shared with our Parish Family, 500 rosaries were distributed by Fr. Davis to the faithful in Ghana, and another 500 rosaries were received by the archdiocese to bless lives in prisons, hospitals, among seafarers, immigrant communities, the grieving, and more. Each rosary carries not only prayer, but also the love and care of those who made it.

We are truly thankful for your prayers, presence, and the many helping hands that supported preparations and rosary making, especially the St. Matt Seniors Rosary group. Your generosity of time, talent, and faith is a beautiful gift to our parish bringing joy, peace, and comfort to all who hold these rosaries in prayer.

We plan to continue making Jubilee Rosaries until the end of Jubilee year 2025. If you know of any ministries, parishes or places that would welcome the Jubilee Rosaries, please reach out to Prisca or Sao via parish office.



# School News

# TRUNK OR TREAT, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

# More Trunks Needed

Graduates, alumni families and parishioners are invited to host a trunk at Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 24. Set up the trunk of your car with a theme



and decor and hand out candy or host a game for visiting guests.

Contact the school office at **206-362-2785** to sign up to host a trunk

## **ROSARY WEEK OCTOBER 20 TO 24**



Join students and staff to pray the rosary each day at 8:30 am at the Mary Grotto during the week of October 20 to October 24. It is a beautiful and peaceful way to start the day.







Join the Vatican and the Rosary 10AM Pacific Time on

**Tuesday, October 7**<sup>th</sup> for hope and peace on World Rosary Day. Catholics around the world will unite in one symphony of prayer for hope and peace. From the Vatican to local parishes, from classrooms to living rooms, let us join hearts across nations. A representative from the Vatican will lead the Rosary from Rome at 7 pm Rome time. Catholics in the Archdiocese of Seattle will be praying with him at 10 am Pacific Time. Everyone is invited to pray together.

# ROSARY ON OCTOBER 11TH SATURDAY, @ 12N ST. MATTHEW GROTO

St. Matthew Knights of Columbus invites everyone to join this year's Public Rosary Rally on October 11th Saturday at St. Matthew Parish Grotto starting 12noon. On this date, Parish Family 12 parishioners will join more than 23,000 rosary rallies to be held at noon across the entire country, commemorating the Miracle of the Sun, by Our Lady. With thousands of rosary rallies nationwide, we will send a powerful message to God to bless America. Join us for light refreshments afterwards.

Pray the World Mission Rosary St. Matthew Church, Saturday, October 18, 2025 at 11am (Followed by an 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.

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

To participate in the World Mission Rosary, please visit

St. Matthew Catholic Church's website https://www.stmatthewseattle.org, or scan the QR Code to sign up, or contact Prisca or Sao via St. Matthew Parish Office at (206) 363-6767.



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# YOU'RE INVITED

OPEN HOUSE ON **SUNDAY OCTOBER 12TH** 9AM-2PM

# **Special Blessings**

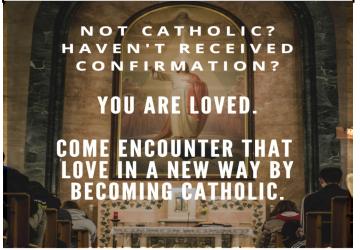
10% off Burial Packages **Low Monthly Payments** Free Pre-Panning Booklet

# **OPEN HOUSE LOCATIONS**

CALVARY 5041 35<sup>TH</sup> Ave. NE Seattle, Wa.

HOLYROOD 205 NE 205<sup>TH</sup> Street, Shoreline, Wa

**GETHSEMANE** 37600 Pacific Highways S Federal Way, Wa.



**'BECOMING CATHOLIC"/OCIA CLASSES WEDNESDAYS** 6:45 - 8:15 PM SULLIVAN HALL, ST. MARK

# WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL 10/11

Join us on October 11<sup>th</sup>, Saturday in the community center after the 5pm Mass. This is a time for our Saturday Mass goers to socialize. All ages are welcome. Bring yourself and meet new and already friends.



# PARISH STEWARDSHIP TIME, TALENT, TREASURE.

CAMPAIGN DRIVE ON 10/26<sup>TH</sup>

St. Matthew will kickoff a **Stewardship** Campaign of *Time, Talent* and *Treasure* on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

Stewardship is based on the spiritual principles of the Old Testament and the

teachings of Jesus. It is a way of thanking God for all the blessings He has given us by returning to Him a portion of time, talent, and treasure. Stewardship can change the spiritual lives of both individuals and the parish as a whole. Everything we have is a gift from God, and we are called to share these gifts with others.

# Dear Parish Family 12, PHOTOGRAPHY DATES Oct. 22—24 @ St. Mark (2pm-8:30pm) Oct 25 @ St. Mark (10am - 4pm) Oct 28-31 @ St., Matthew (2pm -8:24pm) Nov. 1 @ St. Matthew (10am - 4pm) Nov. 3-6 @ St. Mark (2pm -8:30pm) Nov 24-25 @ St. Matthew (2pm-8:24pm

# FIRST PARISH FAMILY DIRECTORY- PHOTOGRAPHY SESSION ON LINE SCHEDULING INSTRUCTION:

- Go to Universal Church Directories website (www.ucdir.com)
- Click on the box on the right side of the homepage.
   entitled "photography appointment scheduling signup"
- \* Enter your church code: wa103
- \* Enter your church password: photos
- \* Click on the Enter button.
- Click on the desired photography date
- Click on the <u>Reserve Time</u> button beside the desired photography appointment time
- Enter the appropriate information in all required fields (indicated by the asterisk)
- \* Click on the <u>Schedule Appointment</u> button at the bottom of the screen to reserve the photography appointment time in your family's name.
- If you have more than 6 family members being photographed, please reserve two appointments consecutively (e.g. 6:00 & 6:24).
- Print the next screen to use as a reminder of your family's photography appointment.
- \* Contact your church's scheduling administrator to change or cancel your photography appointment.

# YOU ARE INVITED

# Wills & Estate Planning SEMINAR

November 3, Monday 10-11:15AM St. Matthew Parish Community Center



**Learn how** planned giving can support our parish and Catholic ministries—creating a lasting impact for future generations.

**Hear from** representatives of the Archdiocese of Seattle, Associated Catholic Cemeteries, and attorney John Keckemet as they share practical guidance on wills, trusts, and other estate planning tools.

To register contact: emilina.seats@seattlearch.org

Presented by the Archdiocese of Seattle







# 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Adult Dinner Dance

An Evening of Thanksgiving

Saturday, November 15, 2025, at 6pm St. Matthew Parish Community Center 1240 NE 127<sup>th</sup> St. Seattle, WA, 98125

\$50 per ticket / \$55 at the door Beneficiary: St. Matthew Parish Greatest Needs



ATTIRE: SUNDAY'S BEST BUFFET DINNER (FLAME CATERING) DJ MUSIC 50/50 RAFFLE

FOR TICKETS, PLEASE CALL PARISH OFFICE - (206) 363-6767

Check payable to: St. Matthew Parish (Dinner Dance ticket)

# **Mental Health Sunday**

The National Catholic Mental Health Campaign (NCMHC) has designated that the Sunday that falls within the Novena for Mental Health timeframe October 10-18), as Mental Health Sunday. That Sunday is *October 12, 2025.* 

In preparation for Mental Health Sunday, Catholic communities and dioceses/eparchies may consider the following:

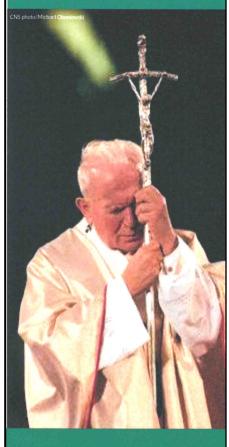
- Use the NCMHC as an impetus to promote existing local mental health initiatives or programs, or to launch a resource around mental health and wellness from a spiritual perspective. This can also be an occasion for connecting to other Catholic efforts such as the Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers.
- Invite Catholics to get the conversation going within the local community. There are materials available from the USCCB (novena, videos and resources) designed to engage deeper dialogue on this issue.
- Promote the annual novena from October 10 through 18 through parish, diocesan, or eparchial communications linking directly to the usccb.org./mentalhealth.
- In advance of Mental Health Sunday, invite people to bring their particular intentions/petitions about how mental health issues are impacting them personally to the parish community. These can be collected online or in person through a book of prayers, or anonymous cards dropped off.
- The USCCB invites all people to pray for mental health and wellness with a special nationwide novena beginning of October 10, continuing to the feast of St. Luke, patron of health care October 18.
   Visit usccb.org/mentalhealth for more information.

# DURING THE LITURGY FOR THE 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (10/12)

- Integrate mental health matters into the homily around the readings for Sunday, October 12.
- Offer a special prayer or blessings for all those struggling with mental health issues.
- Include mental health issues during the Prayer of the Faithful in all Masses
- Offer a blessing and commissioning of those who accompany women and men who struggle with mental illness or health concerns, inclusive of people who may be a part of or starting a mental health ministry. The association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers suggests the Rite of Commissioning for a Mental Health Ministry Team available through its website.
- In the narthex/vestibule of the church after all Masses, have local and national mental health resources available for parishioners..

Whoever suffers from mental illness 'always' bears God's image and likeness.

POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II





# O&A HOSPITALIZED CATHOLIC PATIENTS

"When the Church cares for the sick, it serves Christ himself in the suffering members of his Mystical Body." (Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship)

# **HOW DO I REQUEST A PRIEST FOR SACRAMENTAL SUPPORT?**

When possible, arrange to receive the sacraments of reconciliation and anointing of the sick in your home parish before hospitalization. In emergency situations, you can contact your home parish. In addition, the Spiritual Care department or chaplain at your hospital can often contact a priest on your behalf. Because of the shortage of priests, it normally takes up to 48 hours from the time a request is made until a priest or other minister is bedside. For this reason, whenever possible, please do not defer contacting a priest until it is an emergency. Some hospitals also have pastoral ministers available for non-urgent pastoral care. Please contact the Spiritual Care department at your hospital to request support.



# WHEN SHOULD I BE ANOINTED OR HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER ANOINTED?

Whenever possible, arrange to receive the sacrament of anointing of the sick in your home parish before going in for surgery. Anointing of the sick is a sacrament of healing for the living and should not be deferred until death is imminent.

# WHAT ARE THE LAST RITES? DOES THE CHURCH STILL OFFER THAT?

Traditionally, the "Last Rites" of the Church include the sacraments of reconciliation, anointing and viaticum (the last holy Communion of a dying person) and the commendation of the dying. While only a priest can provide confession and anointing, a deacon or lay minister can offer viaticum and the commendation of the dying.





# I WANT TO RECEIVE COMMUNION WHILE I'M HOSPITALIZED. IS THAT POSSIBLE?

Yes, it is possible to receive communion in the hospital. Almost every hospital has lay Eucharistic Ministers, deacons, or priest chaplains who can bring Holy Communion to those who are hospitalized and their loved ones. Please contact the Spiritual Care Department of the hospital to see if this is possible in your setting. Always check with the medical team to ensure you or your loved one is medically able to receive Holy Communion.