

# 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.

## NOVEMBER 30, 2025 – 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

As in the day of Noah, people knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. **"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. So you also must be ready because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."** (Matthew 24:42-44)

The passage emphasizes for everyone to be vigilant and ready, as not everyone will be prepared. Life flood us, Chaos will come, and in the midst of it, Christ will come like a thief—not to steal from us, but to steal us back. He is the intruder we should want to rescue us. Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And He invites to join him by participating fully in our parishes. By making our homes places of prayer. By guarding our hearts with truth. Be refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance. This Advent don't just stay vaguely "awake." Prepare, Build, Watch. The flood will come, But so will He. - Fr. John Mui



## SCRIPTURE READINGS - NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 7, 2025

**Sunday** Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44  
**Monday:** Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11  
**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10/Ps 723:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24  
**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6/Mt 15:29-37  
**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27  
**Friday:** Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31  
**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8  
**Sunday:** Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/  
 Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

## STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIFE

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Needed</u>	<u>Over(Under)</u>
Week Ending Nov. 16, 2025	\$ 7,766	\$ 12,000	(\$ 4,234)
Cumulative from July 1, 2025	\$ 192,202	\$ 240,000	(\$ 47,798)

## EVENTS CALENDAR

Host	Event	Date/Day/Time	Venue
St. Matthew	Wine & Cheese Social	12/06/6pm	Com. Center
St. Matthew	Mass, Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day)	12/08/9am	Church
St. Matthew	Simbang Gabi Mass & Dinner	12/20/5/6pm	Church & Com Ctr.



## OUR COMMUNITY PRAYERS

### For the November intention of Pope Leo:

- That those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

### For our Parish Family :

- That through our shared commitment to stewardship, we may grow in unity, deepen our faith, and continue to build a vibrant Church rooted in Christ.

### For the Sick:

- That those who are sick, especially Walter Von Moos, Patrick Sloane and Mark Lunde, may receive the cure, comfort, and peace they need in these difficult times.

### For our Departed Ones:

- That those who have gone before us may find peace & fulfillment in the loving embrace of God.

## THANK YOU FOR A BEAUTIFUL NIGHT OF THANKSGIVING



The Parish Life Committee extends its heartfelt gratitude to everyone who attended, supported, and contributed to our **St. Matthew Parish Dinner Dance**. It was a truly beautiful and successful event—a night filled with joy, community, and genuine thanksgiving. Because of your generosity and participation, we are pleased to share that we raised **\$7,514**. Thank you for your presence, your prayers, and your unwavering support. May God continue to bless our St. Matthew Parish families.



## School News

# Thank You



Thank you to all of the parish, alumni and current School families who have shown their love and given to the St. Matthew School Fund Drive. We greatly appreciate your generous support! Your gift helps our students and teachers this school year. If you would still like to donate visit:

<https://stmattschool.org/giving/donate/>

## ADVENT PRAYER SERVICES

Please join students and staff for Advent Prayer services each week in December. Advent services are on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8:30 am through December 17. They are a peaceful break during the busy season. All are welcome!



## FOOD DRIVE FOR ST. VINCENT de PAUL

Students are collecting food items for St. Vincent

de Paul Food Drive. Each item must have a "use by" or "best by" date by January 1, 2026, or later. Please bring items to the school office by Friday, December 7.





## ADVENT GIVING TREE

### THE ADVENT GIVING TREE HAS STARTED!

We invite you to select  
from the gift tags located

in the baskets on the steps of the altar. The color-coded  
tags represent the agencies that help needy families and  
individuals in our community. Please return by Dec. 14th.

Last year St Matthew donated over 260 gifts through the  
Advent Giving Tree. Please join us in this long-standing  
tradition during Advent season.

St Matthew SCRIP program has a few cards to  
purchase. Email [spretti@stmatthewschool.org](mailto:spretti@stmatthewschool.org) to  
purchase and pickup of the gift cards.

Below are the recipient Agencies we support:

**WESTSIDE BABY**—serving children of families in  
need by distributing diapers, clothing, and supplies.

**NORTH HELPLINE**—Lake City Food Bank feeding  
the poor.

**JUBILEE WOMEN CENTER**—provides  
transitional housing & support for women so they  
may heal from crisis and domestic abuse.

**PROVIDENCE HOUSE** —food and clothing bank.

**FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM**—counseling  
through the Seattle Public Schools for the education  
& care of homeless, children and grandparents  
raising grandchildren.

**RITA'S HOUSE**—transitional housing that helps  
homeless, adult women in recovery.

**PREGNANCY & SUPPORT SERVICES**—Serves  
low-income women who are pregnant and newly  
parenting to stay in stable conditions.

**FULL LIFE CARE**—provides compassion and  
support for the elderly and people with chronic  
illnesses and disabilities and provides respite to  
caregivers.

**KATHERINE'S HOUSE**—Transitional housing that  
helps homeless, adult women in recovery.

If you have questions, please contact Monica by  
email at [monica@twcseattle.com](mailto:monica@twcseattle.com), or by phone at  
206-915-7555.



## PARISH STEWARDSHIP - TIME TALENT TREASURE



### GOD SHARES EVERYTHING WITH US—THEN CALLS US TO SHARE THESE GIFTS WITH OTHERS.

*So far, we have heard from 102 families—we would love  
to hear from more families. Your pledge is integral to our  
budget planning, and your support of St. Matthew Parish  
is greatly appreciated.*

#### New this year—On Line Pledge:

You can make your pledge online this year. Please go to  
[www.StMatthewSeattle.org](http://www.StMatthewSeattle.org) and click on the on-line  
pledge link. If you are using our online giving option



already, please scan the QR code to set up  
or change your recurring donation. If you  
currently give online, we will list that as  
your pledge for the coming year.

Stewardship reminds us that giving is not just a personal  
act—it's a communal one. Your stewardship supports  
not only the daily operations of our parish, but also the  
spiritual growth and outreach that touch lives in  
profound ways. Join us by completing the commitment  
card found in the church pews.

### "SOCK IT TO HOMELESSNESS"

**Operation Nightwatch** needs  
men's **White Socks** for the  
homeless. Please help by  
bringing new white socks to the  
Parish Office on weekdays or to  
the Church's narthex before  
Mass. Deadline to bring sock is  
on December 18<sup>th</sup> Thursday, for pick up and  
distribution on December 20<sup>th</sup>.



### WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL ON 12/06



Join our **Wine & Cheese** social  
**December 6<sup>th</sup>** after the 5pm Mass. All  
ages are welcome. Bring yourself and  
meet new and already friends.





### *Simbang Gabi Mass in the jubilee Year*

Join Bishop Schuster and Catholics from around the archdiocese for the 28<sup>th</sup> annual commissioning Mass of **Simbang Gabi**. This festive, colorful and prayerful Advent celebration will be held on **December 13<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, 11 am at St. James Cathedral**. This Filipino tradition ushers in Simbang Gabi, a novena of nine Masses meant to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Read more about how the archdiocese has celebrated Simbang Gabi for the past 27 years Visit <https://archseattle.org/events/simbang-gabi/>

### **MARIAN ART SHOW DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> AT ST. MATTHEW CHURCH.**



As we approach the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8<sup>th</sup>, we plan to have a display to honor Mary that will be in the front of the church. The art show will run from Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup>.



If you have a small (no larger than



10 inches) favorite statue that you would like to have on the display, please bring it to the office before December 6th.

Mary is honored across all cultures, so we are especially seeking multi-cultural Statues of Mary, such as Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of La Vang, Our Lady of the Rosary, or other statues that represent the cultures in our parish. Contact Linda [paa@stmatthewseattle.org](mailto:paa@stmatthewseattle.org), or call the parish office at **206-363-6767**.

### **BENEFIT CONCERT TO HELP THE NEEDY:**

The **Northwest Chorale** presents **John Rutter's Gloria** and a selection of carols to benefit those in need. The event will be on Saturday, Dec. 6, 7pm at Sand Point Community Methodist Church (NE 70<sup>th</sup> St, Seattle) and Saturday, Dec. 13, 3pm at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church (Greenwood Ave. North, Seattle). Admission is complimentary and a free will offering will be taken to benefit Northwest Harvest. This is a family-friendly opportunity to help the needy in our community. For details, visit [www.nwchorale.org](http://www.nwchorale.org).



### **CONFESSION TIMES ON WEEKDAYS FOR THIS ADVENT SEASON ONLY.**

Both St. Matthew and St. Mark have opened up **Confession** times on weekdays during this Advent season. The confession times are **30 minutes** before each morning Masses. For St. Matthew, the confession hour is as follows:

<u>Days</u>	<u>Confession Hour</u>	<u>Mass Times</u>
Tuesday	8:20-8:50 am	9:00 am
Thursday	8:20-8:50 am	9:00 am
Friday	7:50-8:20 am	8:30 am

Regular Confession Hour:  
Every Saturday 4-5pm





## RESTORE THE CHURCH BUILD THE FUTURE

Decades ago, the bishops of the United States established a program to aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe and help it rebuild after decades of communist oppression. The program is funded by an annual collection taken up in dioceses across the United States. That response continues today, even as the rebuilding Church faces the new challenges of war and the mass migration of refugees.

From the beginning of the Russian Federation's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 and the subsequent war, the Catholic Church has vigorously responded to the ongoing humanitarian catastrophe by offering shelter, food, medicine, and necessities—as well as spiritual support and comfort—to displaced persons and other war victims. Among those leading this charitable response are the consecrated religious sisters and brothers of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. Whether by providing shelter and basic necessities to internally displaced persons who have fled their homes for safety in other regions of the country, or by helping priests provide pastoral and humanitarian support in areas where the fighting is most heavy, these sisters and brothers have truly showed Christ's mercy to those most in need.

For them, the human suffering of war is compounded by the unique challenges that wartime conditions present for them as consecrated religious. Questions of how religious communities balance ministry to the needy with the sisters and brothers' needs to live their vows of prayer and community under such extraordinary circumstances require thoughtful responses.

Aided by funding from the collection, the Patriarchal Curia of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church gathered sisters, brothers, and their superiors for the spiritual renewal of a pilgrimage as well as formation sessions to address the challenges facing their communities. Your support for the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe is a vital way for you to make a tangible difference in the lives of Catholics in Ukraine and more than 25 other countries in Central and Eastern Europe.

More information about the collection and the range of projects it supports can be found at [www.usccb.org/ceee](http://www.usccb.org/ceee).

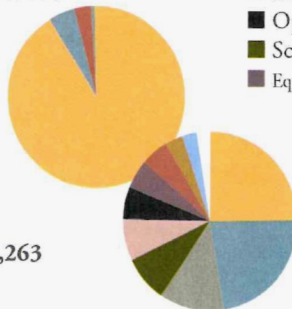
### 2023 DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS

**Total Number of Grants Approved: 329**

**Total Amount Approved: \$8,755,833**

#### EXPENSES

Grants and Donations	90.60%
Program Costs	5.19%
Promotions and Fundraising Expenses	3.23%
Administrative Expenses	0.97%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$9,665,263</b>



PROGRAM AREA	GRANTS	AMOUNT	PERCENT
Construction	60	\$2,201,384	25.14%
Emergency*	7	\$1,890,000	21.59%
Evangelization	82	\$1,346,352	15.38%
Operational Support	31	\$720,215	8.23%
Scholarships	67	\$573,407	6.55%
Equipment/Accommodation Purchase	12	\$473,431	5.41%
Seminary Support	17	\$428,538	4.89%
Social Aid	20	\$383,579	4.38%
Education	11	\$282,916	3.23%
Vehicle Purchase	9	\$235,889	2.69%
Multimedia	13	\$220,122	2.51%

\*Includes grants for urgent humanitarian and pastoral responses to the crisis in Ukraine.



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