

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

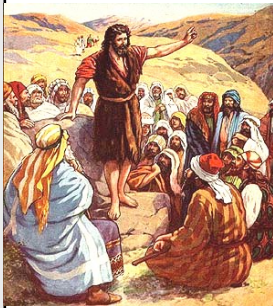
Weekend Mass:

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.

DECEMBER 7, 2025 – 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



John the Baptist is calling for preparation and repentance. *"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."* (Matthew 3: 11-12)



The passage offers a clear warning to those who reject Jesus. There is no middle ground, a choice must be made, and the consequences are eternal. The final lesson is a call to action; repent, believe, and walk with Christ. The only way to be gathered into God's barn is to be part of the "wheat" that is harvested by the Holy Spirit.

SCRIPTURE READINGS - DECEMBER 7—14, 2025

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13/Mt 18:12-14
Mass intention: For the repose of the soul of Rogelio Abelon
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1, 9-13ab/Mt 11:11-15
Mass intention: Birthday Thanksgiving Bella Torda
Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps Jdt13:18bc, 19/
 Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Mass intention: Rest in peace to Tito Lacsamana
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-190/Mt 17:9a, 10-13 (2)
 Cor 10:17—11:2/Mt 25:1-13
Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIFE

	Actual	Needed	(Under)
Week Ending Nov. 30, 2025	\$ 9,526	\$ 12,000	(\$ 2,474)
Cumulative from July 1, 2025	\$ 210,979	\$ 264,000	(\$ 53,021)

EVENTS CALENDAR

Host	Event	Date/Day/Time	Venue
St. Matthew	Mass, Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)	12/08/9am	Church
St. Matthew	Simbang Gabi 9-day Masses	12/12-20	Church
St. Mark	Bellevue Opera Christmas	12/19/7pm	St. Mark Church
St. Matthew	Simbang Gabi Mass	12/20/5pm	Church
St. Matthew	Salo-Salo (Dinner)	12/20/6:30pm	Com. Center

OUR COMMUNITY PRAYERS

Pope Leo's December prayer: For Christians in areas of war and conflict:

- We pray for Christian living amid wars and violence. Even surrounded by pain, may they never cease to feel the gentle kindness of Your presence and the prayers of their brothers and sisters in faith.

For our Parish Family:

- We lift up our parish family to You. Open our hearts to Your peace, our minds to Your truth, and our lives to Your love.

For the Sick:

- Especially Patrick Sloane, Walter Von Moss and Mark Lunde, that they may receive the cure, comfort and peace they need and have the strength to face their challenges

For our Departed Ones:

- Especially Huxley Franco, and Benjamin Manio, that they may follow Jesus into his kingdom of light and peace.

MARIAN ART SHOW DECEMBER 6TH - 8TH AT ST. MATTHEW CHURCH.

As we approach the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th, we have a display in the back of the church under the picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas and Patroness of the Unborn. The art show will run from Dec. 6th through the 8th.

If you have a small (no larger than 10 inches) favorite statue that you would like to add to the display, please bring it to church before December 8th.

Mary is honored across all cultures, so

we are especially seeking multicultural 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 diverse cultures in St. Matthew parish.

For more information, please contact Linda at paa@stmatthewseattle.org or call the parish office at 206-363-6767.



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://stmatsschool.org/giving/donate/>

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

It's time to celebrate the joys of the season with music.

You are invited to the school Christmas Program on **Wednesday, December 17** at 7 pm in the Community Center. **Save the date!**



CHRISTMAS STORE

Students enjoyed the spirit of Christmas early this year! A huge

THANK YOU to Gail Bulger and her sister on running our Christmas Store and to all of our volunteers. The Christmas Store is a place where each student can shop



for gifts for their family, and volunteers wrap the gifts so they are ready to go under the tree.

It is a favorite tradition of many of our students and their families!



9- day Simbang Gabi Novena of Masses in the Jubilee year



Join us for a 9-day “**Simbang Gabi**” novena of Masses offered in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary during the Christmas season. “Simbang Gabi,” Mass which literally means “pre-Dawn” Mass, began as a pastoral compromise for farmers who needed to work in the fields before sunrise. The tradition started in Spain and was later embraced in the Philippines in the 17th century. Spanish speaking countries called the Mass Misa de Gallo or Misa de Aguinaldo. Today many places around world—including Italy, Vatican City, the United States and various Latin American countries—celebrate this cherished devotion.

Fr. Ross has approved the following schedule of Simbang Gabi Mass intentions beginning December 12th through the 20th. On December 20, Salo-Salo (dinner) reception will follow after the 5 pm Mass.

“Simbang Gabi”

<u>Date</u>	<u>Mass @</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Dec. 12, Fri.	8:30 am	St. Matthew
Dec. 13, Sat.	11:00 am	St. James Cathedral *
Dec. 14, Sun.	10:00am	St. Matthew
Dec. 15, Mon.	9 :00 am	St. Matthew
Dec. 16, Tues.	9:00 am	St. Matthew
Dec. 17, Wed.	9:00 am	St. Matthew
Dec. 18, Thurs.	9:00 am	St. Matthew
Dec. 19, Fri.	9:00 am	St. Matthew
Dec. 20, Sat.	5:00 pm	St. Matthew
Dec. 20, Sat.	<i>Salo-Salo (dinner) reception after the 5:00 Mass at the St. Matthew Community Center</i>	

* Concelebrated Simbang Gabi commissioning Mass with Bishop Schuster.

** Also, St. Matthew School Christmas Mass.

“SOCK IT TO HOMELESSNESS”

Our White Socks Drive for the homeless is ongoing. Please bring new white socks to the Parish Office on weekdays or place them in the church narthex before Mass. The deadline for donation is Thursday, December 18. Operation Nightwatch Group will pick up all collected socks for distribution on Saturday, December 20. Thank you for your support



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:

Days Confession Hour Mass Times

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

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 gifts by Dec. 14th. Last year St Matthew donated over 260 gifts through the Advent Giving Tree.

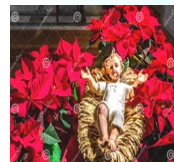
Please join us in this long-standing tradition during Advent season. St Matthew SCRIP program has a few cards available to purchase. Email spretti@stmatthewschool.org to purchase and pickup gift cards. Thank you for your generosity and support.

POINSETTIAS FOR THE CHURCH ALTAR

Each Christmas we beautifully decorate the altar of St. Matthew with poinsettias in honor of the season. Parishioners and friends are invited to remember and honor their loved ones through the purchase of poinsettias.

Poinsettias may be ordered through December 22. Order forms are available in the church narthex and in the parish bulletin.

Please list the name of the loved ones or friend you wish to honor and return the form with your payment in the collection basket or to the parish office on or before December 22. This is a wonderful opportunity to honor your loved ones while helping to adorn our church for the Christmas season. Thank you.



VOLUNTEER MONEY COUNTERS NEEDED

Calling St. Matthew Parishioners. We are in need of **Volunteer Money Counters** to assist with counting the Church's collections. Volunteers must be willing to undergo a required background check/clearance.

For more information or for interview, please contact Susan Rivera at **206 363-6767 (Ext. 203)**.



St. Matthew Parish Year-End Reminder

This is the time of year when most people give and receive. We thank you for your generosity and good stewardship to St. Matthew Parish as we continue the mission of Jesus Christ. As you search for the perfect gift for a loved one, remember that a year-end charitable gift in their name is deeply appreciated. Visit our website at www.stmatthewseattle.org and click on the "giving/donate" button.

WAYS TO GIVE BEYOND CASH

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS

A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA custodian, payable to a qualified charity. A QCD excludes the amount donated from taxable income, which is unlike regular withdrawals from an IRA. QCDs don't require that you itemize, which due to recent tax law changes, means you may decide to take advantage of the higher standard deduction but still use a QCD for charitable giving.

IRA

When you utilize an IRA for charitable giving, you can satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) obligations if you are 73 or older, while also supporting a cause you care about. The donated amount is excluded from your taxable income, which can provide a tax advantage, especially if you do not itemize deductions.

(Please check with your financial advisor)

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

A donor advised fund is like a charitable investment account for the sole purpose of supporting charitable organizations. When you contribute cash, securities or other assets to a donor advised fund, you are generally eligible to take an immediate tax deduction. Funds are disbursed at your discretion.

Gifts of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds) are some of the best gifts to make whether they have appreciated or not. Contact your broker to inform them of your request, and give them the Archdiocesan stock donation form available at the parish office, or from our website at www.stmatthewseattle.org and click on "Support Us, Online Giving".

- Your broker will be able to help direct you on the paperwork that you need to present them to release your stock.
 - Account information to give your broker to initiate a wire transfer of securities:
 - Tax ID# 91-0778147
 - D.A. Davidson: Acct title: Corporation of the Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle
 - Acct Number: 11402604 DTC 0361
 - Acct. Exec: Abraham Otoupal (866)333-8069

And Finally Please remember us:

- For any matching gifts (especially the school)
- In your will & trusts
- As one of the beneficiaries of your retirement fund/life insurance
- As a memorial/remembrance gift

This flyer is designed to provide general information regarding end of year giving strategies. It is not intended to serve as legal, tax, or other financial advice related to individual situations. Because each individual's legal, tax, and financial situation is different, specific advice should be tailored to the particular circumstances. For this reason, you are advised to consult with your own attorney, CPA, and/or other advisor regarding your specific situation.



St. Vincent de Paul Annual Report to the Parish for the Year Oct 1, 2024 to Sept 30, 2025

******Celebrating 62 Years of Service!!******

Our conference began in January 1963 under the inspiring leadership of Tommy Kobayashi, and in partnership with the parish we have continuously served our neighbors in need in the Northgate and Lake City areas since then. It is an achievement of which we are very proud and we humbly recognize the generous partnership with the parish, donors, and the Holy Spirit without which we couldn't continue this work. We thank you all immensely for your support and prayers.

The mission of the Society is "to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to the needy and suffering". We visit neighbors in person in teams, allowing us to be fully present, listen to their concerns, offer what aid we can, as well as referring them to community resources.

We face 2 big challenges as a conference. We are aging without adequate new members to both fully meet the visit needs of our neighbors and our conference administrative needs. Monetary stress is growing among our neighbors with inflation, growing evictions, funding cutbacks, and not the least from the closure of the Fred Meyer store. We have faith there will be a way, and the Holy Spirit has certainly aided us with additional monetary support, but adequate members remains a challenge we hope you can help us with.

We ask you to prayerfully consider becoming a member of our Conference. We have a wide variety of jobs, big and small, that we can use help with. If you feel called to this ministry, please call Pat Olson at 206-391-9753 for more information. All are welcome.

For our fiscal year October 1, 2024-September 30, 2025, we supplied the following monetary help to neighbors:

- \$80,919 for rent and utilities
- \$1,794 in other support such as gift cards, bus tickets, meat at Christmas, and other needs
- \$2,262 in vouchers redeemed at the St. Vincent de Paul store for clothing, furniture and household items
- \$402 for beds delivered to their homes

In addition we delivered 458 bags of food as well as supplied household, hygiene and baby items when asked. Overall, we made 528 visits with our neighbors, helping 1,201 people, which includes 56 deliveries of Christmas food.

We have been overwhelmed by, and thankful for, your generosity over the last year. We have received support from the following:

- \$83,051 from parishioners and friends of SVdP, including Christmas in July, corporate matches of \$12,900 and \$220 in Memorial donations
- \$13,000 from other north Seattle parish SVdP Conferences
- \$7,800 from grants from the Holy Names Sisters and the National Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

We received food, household, and holiday items for our food pantry from parishioners, school families, community businesses and Bishop Blanchet High School. We estimate the value of these donations at \$41,791.