

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 21, 2025 – 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Angel told Joseph in a dream: “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord said through the prophet:

“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (Matthew 1:20-23)

The passage highlights three central themes:

Divine Intervention and Guidance The appearance of the angel to Joseph showed that God actively intervenes in human affairs. It encourages believers to trust in God's guidance, especially when faced with confusing or challenging circumstances.

The Mission of Salvation: The name "Jesus" explicitly defines His mission: to save people from their sins. This emphasizes that Jesus came for spiritual rescue rather than just political or earthly liberation.

The Reality of Immanuel (God with us) which signifies that in the person of Jesus, the infinite God has become accessible and present with the human experience.



God with us

SCRIPTURE READINGS - DECEMBER 21-28, 2025

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-6/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24
Monday: Sm 1:24-28/Ps Sm 2:1, 4-8d/Lk 1:46-56
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5b, 8-10, 14/Lk 1:57-66
Wednesday: Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/Lk 1:67-79
Wednesday Vigil-Nativity of the Lord—Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/
 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Thursday: Christmas Day—Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18
Friday: Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc-17/Mt 10:17-22
Saturday: Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-5/Col 3:12-21/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIFE

	Actual	Needed	(Under)
Week Ending Dec. 14, 2025	\$ 6,927	\$ 12,000	(\$ 5,073)
Cumulative from July 1, 2025	\$ 228,506	\$ 288,000	(\$ 59,494)

EVENTS CALENDAR

Host	Event	Date/Day/Time	Venue
St. Matthew	Wine & Cheese Social	01/03/26 @6 pm	Comm Center
St. Matthew	Feast of the Child Jesus With reception after the Mass	01/10/26 @5pm	Church & CC Comm. Center

OUR COMMUNITY PRAYERS

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

- We pray for Christians 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:

- That the Holy spirit may strengthen our unity, deepen our faith, and inspire us to live in love, service and mutual understanding.

For the Sick & Suffering in mind body and spirit:

- That the healing presence of Christ may bring them comfort, strength, and renewed hope.

For our Departed Ones:

- Especially **Shirley Geiger** and **Benjamin Manio**, that God may give them a place in the kingdom of heaven

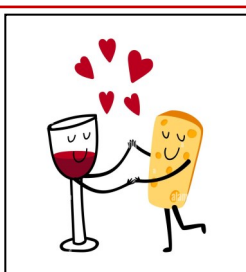
GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



With gratitude and joy, we shared that **Louie & Eva Abad** joyfully renewed their wedding covenant at St. Matthew on December 14th on the occasion of their 50th Golden wedding Anniversary. The ceremony was presided over by Fr. Ross who delivered a lovely heartwarming message to the couple. Congratulations to Louie & Eva Abad on this beautiful milestone and on their remarkable witness of love, faithfulness, & fidelity to God and to one another.

CLOSING MASS OF THE JUBILEE YEAR, 10 AM DEC. 28TH AT ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL

On Sunday, Dec. 28 at 10am, in union with bishops throughout the world, Archbishop Etienne will celebrate a solemn Mass marking the end of the observance of the Jubilee Year 2025 at St. James Cathedral. It's the last opportunity to make a Jubilee Year pilgrimage to the Cathedral.



WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL ON JANUARY 3, 2026

Join our **Wine & Cheese** social on January 3, 2026, after the 5pm Mass.

All ages are welcome. Bring yourself and meet new and already friends.

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/>

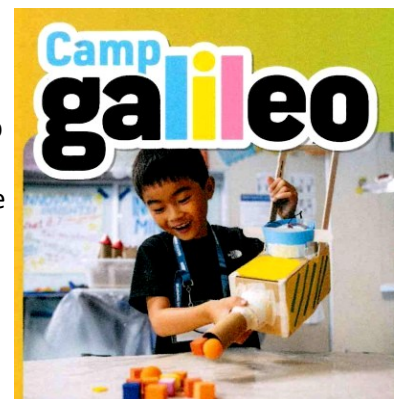
ADVENT & CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS



Students had a joyful Advent season and celebrated many favorite traditions this week. The annual Christmas program was a beautiful and uplifting musical experience. Reindeer Rotations provided a day of holiday fun and excitement. The week ended with a school Mass and Christmas Story, led by our students.

SUMMER CAMP AT ST. MATTHEW

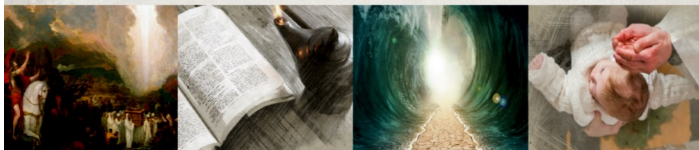
Camp Galileo will once again use the St. Matthew campus to host their **STEAM**-based camp this summer for grades K to 8. All local families are welcome. Use code **26estmatthew50** to save \$150 now through January 4. More info at galileo-camps.com.



FULFILLED

Uncovering the Biblical Foundations of Catholicism

PART ONE



When:

Tuesdays—

January 6, 13, 27

February 3, 10, 24

March 3

Where:

St. Mark Sullivan Hall

⇒ 9:15am Doors Open

⇒ 9:30am Class til 10:45

⇒ Cost—Registration

⇒ Order your workbook
online at:

<https://ascensionpress.com/products/fulfilled-Part-i-study-set-bundle>



Fulfilled—A Seven-Part Apologetic Study Featuring Sonja Corbit

This study explores the biblical roots of the Catholic Faith. It uncovers God's consistent design for our worship of him and his relationship with us. Learn how the Old Testament Tabernacle can be used as a blueprint for the Catholic Faith and how Jesus fulfilled it in the New Testament.

Part One focuses on the elements found in the outer sanctuary of the Tabernacle and how they connect to the liturgical calendar, the priesthood, purgatory, baptism, and more.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS



**Saturday, January 10, 2025
From 2:00-3:00pm
St. Mark Sullivan Hall**

If you would like to have your child (under 7 years old) baptized within the next six months, or if you are hoping to serve as a godparent, please email annel@saintmarkshoreline.org to register for this mandatory class. An online component must also be completed.



"SOCK IT TO HOMELESSNESS"

Many thanks to all the kindhearted parishioners who generously gave socks for the homeless. We are happy to

share that a total of 545 brand new pairs of socks were collected and delivered to **Operation Nightwatch** office. The staff and volunteers there expressed their gratitude and deep appreciation for this outpouring of kindness. Thank you for your continued support and compassion. God bless You all!



KOFC SANTA BREAKFAST ST. MARK CAFETERIA AFTER 8:30 & 10:30AM MASS ON SUNDAY, 12/21/25

Menu includes:

- Pancakes
- Sausage
- Biscuits & Gravy
- Coffee & Juice
- French Toast
- Scrambled Eggs
- Rosted Potatoes
- Ham

Have your pictures taken by Santa!



Proceeds will be used to support St. Mark parish & School!

**Individual —\$ 15
Family—\$ 40**

WAIT....WHAT'S A SACRAMENT?

Great question!. A sacrament is not just a rite of passage— it is a great gift enabling us to deepen our relationship with God and live for Him.



Each sacrament has an outward sign that illustrates the spiritual transformation happening internally.

Haven't been Baptized or Confirmed yourself but want to? Interested in getting your marriage blessed? Come talk to us! We have Faith Formation programs as well as sacrament pathways for teens and adults!

Email annel@saintmarkshoreline.org or call **206-796-9657**

WARMING HEARTS, SHARING HOPE

On Saturday, December 13th, a joyful group of St. Vincent de Paul St. Matthew conference volunteers delivered **Christmas food boxes** to 56 Lake City families.



These deliveries lifted the hearts of our volunteers and the recipients. This would not have been possible without the generosity of you, our St. Matthew parishioners.

Thank you for your continued love and support to SVdP and to our Lake City neighbors.



VOLUNTEER MONEY COUNTERS NEEDED

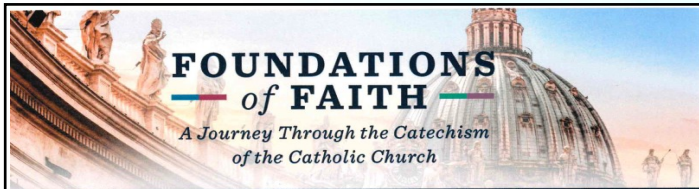
Calling St. Matthew Parishioners. We are in need of **Volunteer Money Counters** to assist with counting the Church's collections. Volunteers must be willing to undergo a required background check/clearance. For more info or interview, please contact Susan at **206 363-6767 (Ext. 203)**.

FEAST OF CHILD JESUS (SANTO NIÑO), JAN. 10TH

You are warmly invited to join St. Matthew's celebration of the Feast of Santo Niño on Saturday, January 10, from 5 to 8 pm. The celebration will begin with a 5 pm Vigil Mass, including the blessing of the Infant Jesus' images, followed by a procession of the images at the Community Center with the devotees swaying to the sound of music and drums. A reception will take place during the procession.



Viva Pít Señor



FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH—A JOURNEY THROUGH THE CATHECHISM

Discover the heart and soul of your Catholic beliefs as we continue the **Foundations of Faith: A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church**.

On January 7, we will begin a 4-week study of what the Catechism teaches about "How we Worship." There will be two more series before we close the year that will focus on "How we Live" and "How we Pray." You are welcome to join us for one or all these series. We will meet on Wednesdays at 7 pm in the St. Matthew Community Center Conference Room to view dynamic video presentations followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. Here is the schedule:

- **January 7, 14, 21, & 28 4 Weeks on "How We Worship" - Focus on the liturgy and sacraments**
- **February 4, 11, April 8 & 15 - 4 Weeks on "How we Live" – Focus on the call to freedom and happiness, the Human Community, and the Ten Commandments**
- **April 29, May 6 & 13 – 3 weeks on "How we Pray" – Focus on the call to prayer, the Christian life of prayer and the Our Father.**

Learn from some of the most renowned Catholic educators of our time, including Dr. Edward Sri, Jeff Cavins, Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, and Fr. Mike Schmitz to 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!

POINSETTIAS FOR THE CHURCH ALTAR

Each Christmas we decorate the St. Matthew altar with poinsettias. Parishioners are invited to remember and honor loved ones through the purchase of poinsettias. Poinsettias may be ordered through **December 22nd**. Order forms are available in the church narthex and parish office. Please list the name(s) of the loved ones you wish to honor and return the form with 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 Christmas season.

