

St. Matthew Parish

A Parish of Many Cultures But One Faith

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FEBRUARY 1, 2026 – 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In the **Beatitudes**, (Mt 5:1-12a) Jesus reveals a vision of true blessedness that stands in contrast to the world virtues. He proclaims blessed the poor in spirit, the merciful, the meek, and those who work for peace—those who place their trust not in power or wealth, but a deep dependence on God. Jesus does not ignore suffering, rather, He promises comfort, justice, and joy to those who remain faithful amid hardship.

As an individual and as a parish community, the Beatitudes call us, to examine how we live our faith daily—within our families, our workplaces and our parish life. They challenge us to measure success not by achievement but by faithfulness, not by recognition, but by love. In living the Beatitudes, we become visible signs of God's kingdom already present among us.

Blessed are the poor in spirit.....



St. Matthew School

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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 Weekdays: 8:30 -3:30pm .

SCRIPTURE READINGS - FEBRUARY 1-8, 2026

Sunday Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-10; (1) Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a
Monday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7-10 ; Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Tuesday: Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a. 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-6/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Ps 1 Chr 29:10-12/Mk 6:7-13
Mass intention for the repose of the souls of Flor Gonio
Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47, 50-51/Mk 6:14-20
Mass intention for the repose of the soul of Zenaida Presbitero
Saturday: Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9-14/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-9 1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIFE

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Needed</u>	<u>(Under)</u>
Week Ending Jan. 25. 2026	\$ 16,580	\$ 12,000	\$ 4,580
Cumulative from July 1, 2025	\$ 319,505	\$ 360,000	(\$ 40,495)

EVENTS CALENDAR

Event	Date/Day/Time	Venue
Wine & Cheese Social	02/07/26@6pm	Community Center
Superbowl TV Viewing	02/08/26@2pm	Community Center
Ash Wednesday	02/18/26 Mass at 9 am & 7 pm	St. Matthew Church
	02/18 @ 12 Noon-Liturgy of the Word with Ashes Dist.	
Bingo Night	02/28/26 at 6 pm	Community Center
Crab Feed	03/07/26 at 6pm	Community Center

OUR COMMUNITY PRAYERS:

Pope Leo's February prayer—Prayer for children with incurable disease.

- We pray for children suffering from incurable diseases and their families, receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

For our Parish Family:

- For our parish family of St. Matthew and St. Mark: that the Holy Spirit may deepen our unity, strengthen our faith, and bind us together in love and service. .

For the sick:

- God of all goodness, look with mercy on the sick; give them comfort, courage and healing, and surround them with caring hearts.

For the Faithful Departed:

- God, our Creator and Redeemer, grant pardon to our dearly departed especially Rosemary Pimms, and welcome them into the fullness of life and eternal peace in your heavenly kingdom.

THANK YOU, MS. JACKIE HOYT!

With grateful hearts, we honor our beloved **Jackie Hoyt** as she takes a well-deserved rest after more than 40 years of devoted service to our Parish and School. Jackie has faithfully served as Eucharistic Minister, Head Sacristan, and Head of the Funeral Ministry, ensuring that every detail of our church's liturgical life was carefully tended—altar linens and ceremonial vestments cleaned, hosts and wine prepared, holy oils and candles ready, and all other liturgical supplies in order.

A true prayer warrior, Jackie has also faithfully attended weekday Masses and Rosaries, offering her quiet devotion and steadfast faith to our community. Last week, the students and staff of St. Matthew School honored her at a special Mass celebrated in her recognition.

The Parish and School extend their heartfelt thanks and pray that God's copious blessings be upon Jackie as she retires from these ministries.

Thank you and well done, good and faithful servant. God loves you

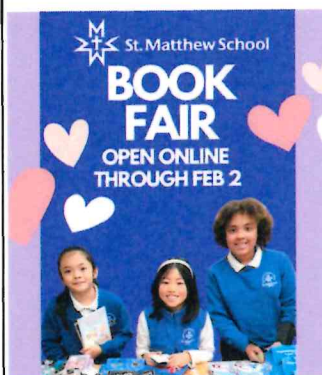


School News

Thank You



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR OPEN ON LINE THROUGH FEB. 2ND



The Scholastic Book Fair is open online! Support St. Matthew School while stocking up on amazing books! We will receive 25% of sales made online. Online orders over \$35 ship for free. Go to: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/stmatthewschool8> to

SAVE THE DATE FOR BINGO NIGHT!

Buy your tickets now for a fun evening of **BINGO!** on **Saturday, February 28th** in the Community Center. Doors open at 6 pm and bingo starts at 7 pm. Tickets are \$25 each and include 10 rounds of bingo, plus dinner. Drinks will be available for purchase. Ages 14+ are welcome. Tickets available for sale in the parish and school offices and online at <https://secure.etransfer.com/StMatthewSchool/Bingo.cfm> or use the QR code.

BINGO!
Saturday, February 28



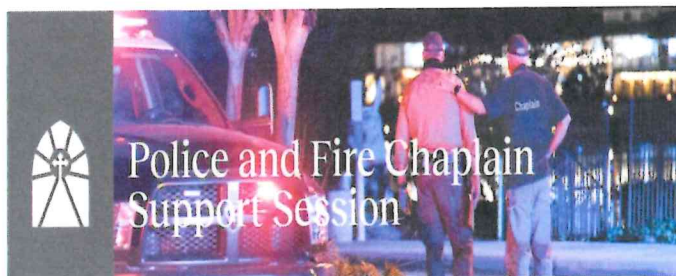
Scan the code to buy tickets



WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL ON SATURDAY, FEB. 7TH



Join our **Wine & Cheese** social on February 7th after the 5pm Mass. This is a time for you to socialize. All ages are welcome. Bring yourself and meet new and already friends.



The Archdiocese of Seattle's First Responder Ministry invites all police and fire chaplains to join with Police Chaplain **Linda Haptonstall** for facilitated monthly peer support sessions. These sessions (starting Feb 4), will be **via Zoom** on the first Wednesday of every month from 6-7pm. Join with fellow Catholic police and fire chaplains to pray together in our tradition and debrief incidents, callouts, & pastoral encounters. To register please email **Joe Cotton** at joe.cotton@seattlearch.org



A CELEBRATION OF SERVICE & FAITH TO:

***LINDA HAPTONSTALL*,
ST. MATTHEW PARISH
ADMINISTRATOR**

With grateful hearts, we announce the retirement of **Linda Haptonstall**, St. Mathew's

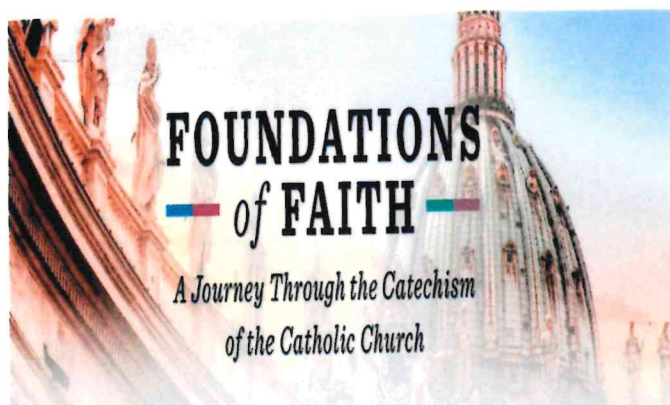
PAA, after nearly 8 years of devoted service to St. Matthew. Linda has also served for 25 years in various ministries /churches in the Archdiocese of Seattle.

Please join us for a farewell reception honoring Linda on **Saturday and Sunday, February 21st and 22nd**, after each Mass in the St. Matthew Community Center.

All are welcome as we thank Linda and wish her abundant blessings and success to a new phase in her career. Please save the date.

FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES IN LENT

- Check out the Archdiocesan Faith Formation online resources for Lent: **[Lent Inspiration and Resources Archdiocese of Seattle](#)**
- Pick up your Rice Bowl and try a different recipe each week. Click on this link: **[How to Practice Lent / CRS Rice Bowl](#)** to sign up for daily Lenten Reflections. And click this link: **[Recipes | CRS Rice Bowl](#)** to explore Lenten Recipes from around the world.
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FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH—A JOURNEY THROUGH THE CATECHISM!

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 February 4, 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:

- **February 4, 11, April 8 & 15 - 4 Weeks on "How we Live" – Focus on the call to freedom and happiness, the Human Community, & 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!

For more information or to register for the study, contact Sara Lane, sslane5@comcast.net, Jolene Lynch, inslynch@comcast.net, or Mike & Maureen Sloane at mnmmsloane@gmail.com.

The cost to participate 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://acensionpress.com/collections/foundations-of-faith-a-journey-through-the-catechism-of-the-catholic-church>**.

FULFILLED

Uncovering the Biblical Foundation of Catholicism

Fulfilled—A 7-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.

When—Tuesdays—February 3, 10, 24; and March 3.

Where: St. Mark Shoreline Sullivan Hall; Door opens 9:15am; Sessions from 9:30am—10:45am

Order your workbook online at:

<https://ascencionpress.com/products/fulfilled-part-1-study-set-bundle>



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Saturday, March 7, 2026

At the Community Center – doors open at 6:00 pm
1240 NE 127th St. Seattle WA 98125

Menu: All you can eat Fresh Dungeness Crab, Ivar's Clam Chowder, Salad, Roasted Potatoes, Dessert and plenty of cold drinks available for purchase



Let's Get Crackin'!



For the Greatest needs of St. Matthew Parish!

Tickets: \$65.00 pre-sale

\$75.00 at the door unless sold out

Tickets will be sold during coffee hour every Sunday at the Community Center and on weekdays at the Parish Office (206-363-6767).



CALLED BY NAME

PRAY • DISCERN • INVITE

Do you know someone who might be called to the priesthood or religious life?

Invite your parishioners and school community to participate in the upcoming **Called by Name** campaign with these digital assets for your communications channels. Please link to the Archdiocese of Seattle's Called By Name 2026 page, archseattle.org/called-by-name, to help parishioners pray, discern and invite those who might be called to priesthood or religious life. Our Lord often calls young people forth through family, friends, teachers, and parishioners.

Scan the QR Code to learn more and nominate someone by February 13th.



SUPER BOWL XLIX AT ST. MATTHEW COMMUNITY CENTER

Seattle Seahawks vs. New England Patriots



Date: Sunday, February 8, 2026

Kickoff: 3:30 PM (Seattle Time)

Venue: St. Matthew Com. Center

It's the biggest game of the year— and we are watching it together! Come to the St. Matthew Community Center for a Super Bowl 2026 TV Viewing Party and cheer on the Seattle Seahawks as they face off against the New England Patriots.

Bring your team spirit, wear your Seahawks gear and bring your food to share, snacks, and drinks to enjoy with fellow St. Mark parishioners. Door opens at 2pm
Don't miss the action!

Lent and Triduum 2026 Schedule

St. Matthew and St. Mark

Lent Schedule—February 18th to April 1st

Ash Wednesday

February 18th

- 9am & 7 pm Mass
- 12 noon Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes

Confession

Saturdays at 4pm

- Wednesdays at 5:30pm
- or by Appointment
—please contact parish office to schedule

Stations of the Cross

St. Matthew on Wednesdays

- Confessions at 5:30pm and after Stations
- Stations at 6pm
- Soup Supper after Stations

St. Mark on Fridays

- Confessions 5-6pm
- Stations at 6pm
- Salmon dinner after stations

Palm Sunday

March 28th, 5:00pm Mass
March 29th, 8 & 10am Mass

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for Baptism or of renewal of Baptism at Easter. (Code of Canon Law, 1249-1252)

Ash Wednesday, February 18th and Good Friday, April 3rd, are days of fast and abstinence.

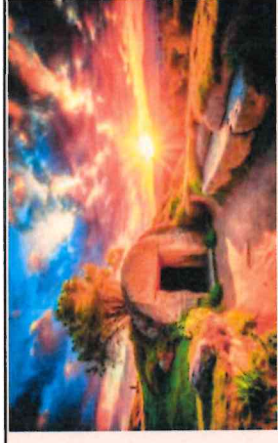
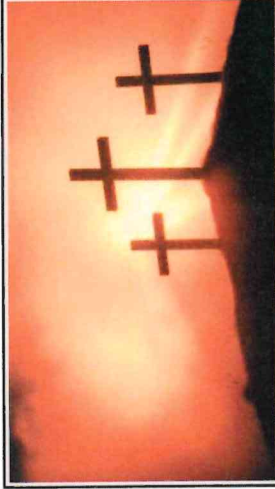
Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence.

- Catholics age 4+ practice abstinence, which means no meat allowed on days of abstinence.
- Catholics age 18-59 practice fasting. On a fast day, one full meal and two small meals that do not equal one full meal

***When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence,
Fr. Ross should be consulted.***

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Holy Week Schedule

April 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th

Holy Thursday	April 2 nd	11:40am— St. Matthew School Last Supper Reenactment <i>at St. Matthew Community Center</i> 7pm— Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Mark <i>Adoration in the Chapel of Repose after Mass until midnight</i>
Good Friday	April 3 rd	11:10am— Living Stations of the Cross with St. Matthew School 7pm— Service of the Cross at St. Matthew
Holy Saturday	April 4 th	9pm— Easter Vigil in the Holy Night <i>Celebrated at 9pm at both St. Matthew and St. Mark</i> <i>(No Saturday morning Mass at either parish)</i>
Easter Sunday	April 5 th	8am & 10am— Mass of the Resurrection at St. Matthew 8:30am and 10:30am— Mass of the Resurrection at St. Mark

Please bring your CRS Rice Bowls to Mass on Holy Thursday, or to any of the Holy Week Liturgies. If you have a lot of coins, please wrap them first, or even convert the amount to a check payable to the parish.

Thank you for journeying with St. Matthew and St. Mark Parish through Lent and into the Resurrection. Please join us for the Easter Season culminating in Pentecost!