

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.

JANUARY 4, 2026— THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

In Matthew's gospel 2:1-12, we hear the familiar story of the Magi who journeyed from the East, guided by a star, in search of the newborn King. Though they were foreigners, they recognized God's invitation and acted with faith and courage. The Magi teach us that God reveals Himself to those who sincerely seek Him. Their long and uncertain journey reminds us that faith is not passive—it calls for action, trust, and perseverance. They did not turn back when the road became difficult; instead, they pressed forward, confident that God was leading them.



When they finally encountered the Christ Child, the Magi responded with humility and worship offering their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh—symbols of Christ's kingship, divinity, and sacrifice. Their generosity challenges us to ask what gifts we offer to the Lord: our time, our talents, and our hearts. As a parish community, may we remain attentive to the "stars" God places in our lives—signs that draw us closer to Christ. Like the Magi, may we seek Him faithfully, worship Him humbly, and offer Him our very best.

SCRIPTURE READINGS - JANUARY 4-11, 2026

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7b-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25 see 719-724 esp 1Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Jn 10:11-16
Tuesday: Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
Mass Intention for the repose of the soul of Steve Marks
Wednesday: Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: Jn 5: 14-21/Ps 149:1-6a, 9b/Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-3, 4, 9-10 Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIFE

	Actual	Needed	(Under)
Week Ending Dec. 28, 2025	\$ 16,941	\$ 12,000	\$ 4,941
Cumulative from July 1, 2025	\$ 262,598	\$312,000	(\$ 49,402)

EVENTS CALENDAR

Host	Event	Date/Day/Time	Venue
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 January Prayer Intention—Pray with the Word of God

- Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be a nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

For the Parish Community:

- That through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we may grow more united in faith, stronger in love and deeper in our commitment to serve one another

For the Sick & Suffering

- That God's healing touch may bring them comfort, strength, and renewed hope in body, mind and spirit

For the Deceased:

- That those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, may be welcomed into the eternal joy and peace of God's heavenly kingdom.

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, which will include the blessing of children & Santo Niño statues. Following the Mass, a procession at the Community Center will take place, with devotees carrying their images while joyfully dancing & swaying to the rhythm of music and drums. A reception will follow after the procession. All are welcome to this joyful celebration honoring the Holy Child of Jesus.



Blessing of the Images in 2025

Viva Pit Señor!

GINGERBREAD HOUSE



Our sweet Geraldine Mock teaching our 3rd and 4th graders how to make gingerbread houses for some end of year fun.



School News

Thank You



WITH GRATITUDE

THANK YOU for the many ways that you have supported St. Matthew School during the past year. We appreciate the time, talent and support of the many people who have volunteered and donated for our school, and we appreciate your gifts and generosity.

COME & TRY CYO VOLLEYBALL FOR GRADES 4-8. REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN



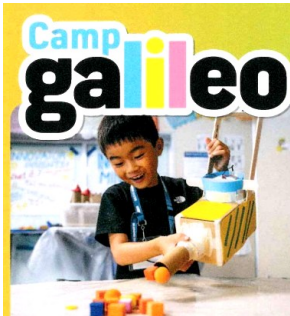
Coaches Maria, Dina, and Ashlinne cordially invite all St. Matthew and St. Mark students grades 4th through 8th who are interested in CYO volleyball to

attend a "come & try volleyball" event to be held at the Community Center on Sunday, January 4 from 3:30 to 5pm.



To register visit <https://www.teamsideline.com/sites/seattlecyo/home>

Please note 4th grade is co-ed. There are boys teams within the CYO for 5th-8th grade.



SUMMER CAMP AT ST. MATTHEW

Camp Galileo will once again use the St. Matthew campus to host their STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) 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.

THANK YOU FOR POINSETTIA DONATION



St. Matthew Parish extends its gratitude to all parishioners who donated poinsettias to beautifully decorate our altar for the Christmas season. The names of loved ones in whose honor or memory the poinsettias were donated were posted on the Church bulletin board in the entry to the Church. Your gifts add warmth, reverence and joy to our celebration of the Christmas liturgies

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS



Saturday, January 10th, 2025

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From 2:00-3:00pm

St. Mark Sullivan Hall

(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.

SIMBANG GABI MASS CELEBRATION



St. Matthew Parish joyfully celebrated the Simbang Gabi Mass on December 20, with the participation of 315 parishioners. We thank everyone for attending the Mass. Your faith filled participation made the celebration truly meaningful and uplifting for our parish community.

The reception that followed after the Mass was equally festive marked by warm fellowship among parishioners.



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**

FULFILLED

Uncovering the Biblical Foundations of Catholicism

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:

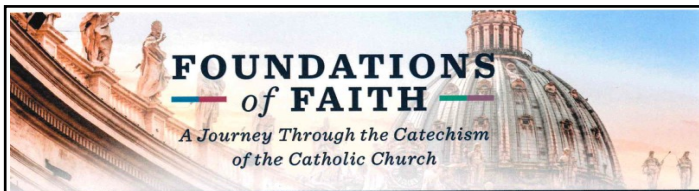
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Fulfilled—A Seven-Part Apologetic Study

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. .



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!

EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING WITH CHALK

A tradition in the Catholic Church during Epiphany is using a blessed Chalk as part of blessing one's home in the New Year. Using a blessed chalk, write the following above the doorway: **20+C+M+B+26.**

**C, M, B (name of 3 Magi-Caspar, Melchior, & Balthasar)
-Christus Mansionem Benedicat (Latin for “May Christ Bless this House”; year 2026.**

As you are writing pray one of the following prayers:

- *Lord God of heaven & earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*
- *Lord our God, bless this household. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and the keeping of your law. We give thanks to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever . Amen*

2026 ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MASS



Join us to celebrate Martin Luther King Junior on

Monday, January 9th at 11am at the St. Ignatius Chapel, Seattle University. Bishop Eusebio Elizondo will be presiding. The Keynote speaker is Sharon Spence-Wilcox who serves as the Reference & Instruction Librarian Seattle Central College and holds an MLS degree from the University of Washington and a BA in International Studies. For more information visit [intercultural-
al@seattlearch.org](mailto:intercultural@seattlearch.org). or call **206-382-4828** Multicultural Ministry Department



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 Bookkeeper Susan at **206 363-6767** .