



St. Matthew Parish

A Parish of Many Cultures But One Faith

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JANUARY 25, 2026 – 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Matthew 4:12-23 marks the formal beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In the face of John the Baptist's arrest, Jesus does not withdraw in defeat but brings light to Galilee, fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy that those who dwell in the darkness will see a great light. His message is clear and urgent: **"Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."** Repentance calls for a genuine change of heart and a new direction in life.



Jesus then calls ordinary fishermen to follow Him, and they respond immediately, leaving behind their nets and livelihood. Their response shows that discipleship requires trust, availability, and the willingness to let go.

Jesus' mission of teaching, proclaiming the Kingdom, and healing reveals that God's reign is made present through both word and compassionate action. This Gospel invites us to respond to Christ's call and to follow Him with faith and commitment.

SCRIPTURE READINGS - JANUARY 25-FEB 1, 2026

Sunday Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; (1)Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23

Monday: Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7-10/Mk 3:31-35

Mass intention: For repose of the soul of Nelly Aguilar Giana

Wednesday: Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-30/Mk 4:1-20 or Mt 23:8-12

Thursday: Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-5, 11-14/Mk 4:21-25

Mass intention: Rest in Peace, Soterania Salazar Zausa

Friday: Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-17/Mk 4:35-41 or Mt 18:1-5

Next Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-10; (1) Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

STEWARSHIP - A WAY OF LIFE

Week Ending Jan. 18. 2026	Actual	Needed	(Under)
\$ 10,100	\$ 12,000	(\$ 1,100)	

Cumulative from July 1, 2025	\$ 302,925	\$348,000	(\$ 45,075)
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EVENTS CALENDAR

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

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 .

OUR COMMUNITY PRAYERS:

Pope Leo's January prayer—Pray with the Word of God.

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

For our Parish Family:

- That the Lord may deepen our unity in faith, and strengthen us in love and service.

For the sick and those who live in physical darkness:

- That Christ, the true light who heals every illness, may restore them to wholeness and grant them strength, hope and peace.

For the Faithful Departed:

- Especially **Harold Shultz**, and **Jose Vicente Ocampo**, that they may now hear Jesus' voice calling them into the fullness of eternal life to rejoice forever in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Discover the Joy of Catholic Classical Education

Join us for an Open House and experience a school rooted in Catholic Tradition, where faith and reason meet and where children are formed intellectually, spiritually, and morally.

Join us on January 25th from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

18033 15th Pl NE
Shoreline, WA. 98155
206-364-1633
front.desk@stmss.org

What makes our school different?

Faith at the Center

Daily prayer, bi-weekly Mass, and Catholic teachings woven into every subject.

Classical Curriculum

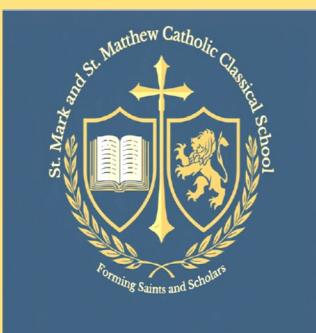
Rich study of literature, history, Latin, math, science, and the arts using time-tested methods.

Virtue & Character Formation

Students grow in wisdom, self-discipline, and the love of God and Neighbor.

Joyful, Engaged Learning

Small class sizes, meaningful discussion, and teachers who know and love their students.



Rooted in Truth + Beauty + Goodness

School News

Thank You



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK MASS

Please join St. Matthew School students and staff for our Catholic Schools Week Mass on **Sunday, January 25th** at **10am**. There will be student speakers and singers and extra treats at coffee hour.



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair is back! It will be open in the school library on Sunday, January 25th after the 10 am Mass, and again on January 27, 28, and 29 from 3 to 4pm.

Support St. Matthew School while stocking up on amazing books! We'll receive 40% of sales made in person and 25% of sales made online. Online orders over \$35 ship for free.

Visit: bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/stmatthewschool18

SAVE THE DATE FOR BINGO NIGHT!

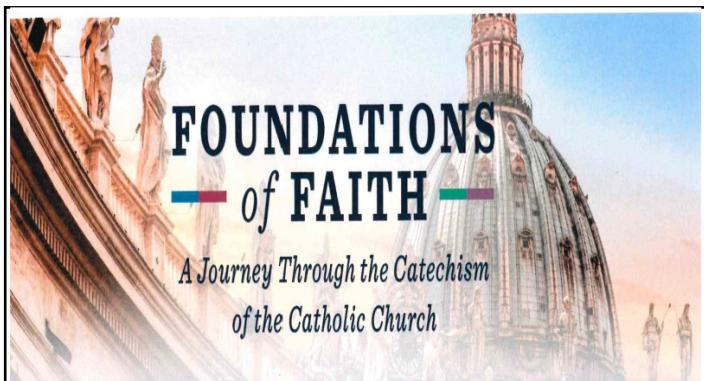
Buy your tickets now for a fun evening of **BINGO!** on **Saturday, February 28th** in the Community Center. Doors open at 6 pm and bingo starts at 7 pm. Tickets are \$25 each and include 10 rounds of bingo, plus dinner. Drinks will be available for purchase. Ages 14+ are welcome. Tickets available for 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
St. Matthew School

"Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all."
- Aristotle



FOUNDATIONS — of FAITH —

*A Journey Through the Catechism
of the Catholic Church*

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 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, & 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, jnslynch@comcast.net, or Mike & Maureen Sloane at mnmsloane@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>.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL QUARTERLY REPORT- OCTOBER –DECEMBER 2025



Our financial focus this last quarter continued to be primarily providing rent and utility help. Your generosity helps so much to also provide food and essential cleaning and personal supplies which stretch our neighbors' tight budgets. We again did not have the manpower to do Thanksgiving baskets, but, with your generosity, were able to brighten Christmas with food (including a chicken), and Safeway cards for 57 households. We also had a large donation of gently used children's books to give an unexpected treat for the holidays to 38 families.

During the quarter we:

- Paid \$19,748 in rent and utilities
- Delivered 187 bags/boxes of food to 124 households, including 57 families for Christmas.
- Delivered 38 bags of household, hygiene and baby items.
- Provided \$610 of \$10 Safeway cards (and a few remaining Fred Meyer), primarily with the holiday deliveries, to allow for purchase of perishable food items and sundry needs.
- Had \$606 in vouchers redeemed at the St. Vincent de Paul store, primarily for clothing.

Overall, we served 168 households, helping 405 people. Thank you for your generous support of the St. Matthew Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We could not have done this work without your help.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY is fast approaching on **February 18th**, marking the beginning of the holy season of Lent. Parishioners are encouraged to prepare their hearts through prayer, fasting, and acts of charity.

St. Matthew Mass + Ash Distribution @9 AM and 7 PM
Liturgy of the Word + Ash Distribution @ 12 NOON

WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL ON SAT. 2/7/26

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.



AN EVENING WITH SARAH HART
Music, Storytelling, & Fellowship
 Free Concert
 (Good Will Offering)
FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2026 - 7:00 PM
 St. Gabriel Catholic Church
 1150 Mitchell Avenue
 Port Orchard, WA 98366

SARAH HART is one of the leading figures in contemporary Catholic music. Her songs of faith have touched the lives of thousands. Sarah who has written numerous Catholic hymns and Mass settings, is a grammy-nominated composer, and has published multiple books and a musical based on the life of St. Bernadette. Sarah spends much of her time on the road, with a busy schedule of songwriting, recording concerts and events. Don't miss this opportunity to see her live. General seating for the concert is free. Preferred Seating is also available for \$25.

Overnight accommodations are available at the Comfort Inn, Port Orchard at discounted rate. Call 360-895-2666.

Women's Retreat
RE:CREATION
 with
 Sarah Hart
SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026
 at
 St. Gabriel Catholic Church
 1150 Mitchell Ave.,
 Port Orchard, WA 98366
 doors open at 8:30 AM

WOMENS RETREAT WITH SARAH HART! This Retreat is designed to help us reflect on who we are and whose we are. Women 12 years and older are invited to spend a day together with other women of faith. \$40/person with childcare available. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Retreat start at 10am up to 2:30pm

Sign up today: <https://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/5283/responses/new>. Contact: **Annie Kudrna** at annie@stgabepop.org


Police and Fire Chaplain Support Session

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

FULFILLED

Uncovering the Biblical Foundations 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 –January 6, 13, 27; February 3, 10, 24; and March 3.

Where: St. Mark Shoreline Sullivan Hall; Door open 9:15am; Session 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



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).