

St. Matthew Parish

A Parish of Many Cultures But One Faith

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FEBRUARY 15, 2026 – 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In Matthew's gospel 5:17-37, Jesus clarifies that He has not come to abolish the Law, but to fulfill them by revealing their deepest meaning. He calls His followers to a "higher righteousness" that goes beyond mere outward obedience to the letter of the law, focusing instead on the purity and integrity of the heart.

Jesus invites us to look beyond the surface of the Ten Commandments, teaching that true holiness is not merely about avoiding outward sins like murder or adultery, but about rooting out the anger and lust that reside within our hearts. This "higher righteousness" prioritizes the restoration of human relationships, reminding us that our worship of God is only as sincere as our willingness to reconcile with one another. By calling us to radical honesty—where our simple "Yes" and "No" suffice—Jesus challenges us to live with such integrity that oaths become unnecessary. Ultimately, He reveals that the Law is not a heavy burden of rules to be followed, but a roadmap to fulfillment found in the Law of Love, guiding us into right relationship with God and our community.



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 15-22, 2026

Sunday Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34(1); Cor 2:6-10/
 Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21
Mass intention: For the repose of the soul of VJ Franada
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 52:3-6b, 12-14, 17 (2) Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 9:22-25
Mass for repose of the souls of Zenaida Presbitero & Margie Manongdo
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-6b, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-6/Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19/Mt 4:1-11

STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIFE

	Actual	Needed	(Under)
Week Ending Feb 8. 2026	\$ 12,213	\$ 12,000	(\$ 213)
Cumulative from July 1, 2025	\$ 341,712	\$ 384,000	(\$ 42,288)

EVENTS CALENDAR

Event	Date/Day/Time	Venue
Ash Wednesday	02/18/26 Mass at 9 am & 7 pm 02/18 @ 12 Noon-Liturgy of the Word with Ashes Dist.	St. Matthew Church
Farewell Reception for PAA	02/21 & 22 After each Mass	Community Center
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, that they receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope, we pray to the Lord.

For our Parish Family:

- As we come together in one community of faith, that the Holy spirit may guide us in unity, patience and love, we pray to the Lord.

For the sick:

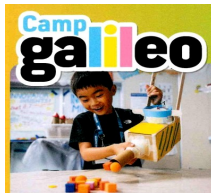
- For all who carry the cross of illness, that God may grant them healing, courage, peace of heart, and sustained hope, we pray to the Lord.

For the Deceased:

- For the faithful departed, that through God's mercy they may be cleansed of all sin and welcomed into eternal life, we pray to the Lord.

GALILEO SUMMER CAMP AT ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL

We are pleased to announce that **Camp Galileo** will be hosting summer camp again at our school campus!



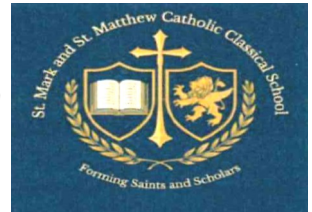
Camp Galileo offers a summer of hands-on STEAM* projects and outdoor fun. Enrollment is open now at galileo-camps.com. All local families are welcome.

Camp will begin on June 22nd through August 7th.

**Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math.*

School News

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN 2026—2027 SCHOOL YEAR ST. MARK & ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CLASSICAL SCHOOL



Dear St. Matthew School Parents,

Registration is now open for the combined St. Mark and St. Matthew Catholic Classical School for the 2026-2027 School Year.

The School will be located at the St. Mark campus at 18033 15th Place Northeast in Shoreline.

You will need this link:

https://stmss.fsenrollment.com/users/sign_in

for the St. Mark Finalsite account in order to register and to create a new account.

Please note that there is a \$25 application fee per student due at the time of application.

The registration fee of \$150 will be waived for families who complete their enrollment by March 20



BINGO NIGHT ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

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 on the right.



Scan the code to buy tickets



SCHOOL STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Join us! Come and pray with students and staff to reflect on the Stations of the Cross each Monday during Lent, February 25th through March 25th at 8:30 am.

INTERNATIONAL HERITAGE FESTIVAL DATE SET & HELP WANTED

It's time to start planning the 32nd annual St. Matthew International Festival (formerly Rainbow Heritage Festival). Save the date for Saturday, May 16th from noon to 3 pm. Are you able to help organize this year's festival? Contact school **206-362-2785**.

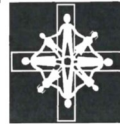
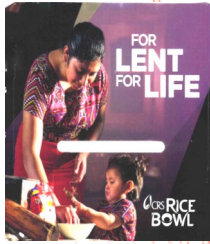


St. MATTHEW PARISH CRS RICE BOWL LENTEN CAMPAIGN

This Lent, St. Matthew Parish will participate in the **Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl** campaign, inviting parishioners to deepen their Lenten journey through **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving**. CRS Rice Bowl is the official Lenten program of **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**, encouraging us to encounter Christ in those who hunger and are impoverished and to respond with compassion and solidarity.

During the 40 days of Lent, we are encouraged to pray and fast in solidarity with those who lack enough to eat, and give alms to help alleviate hunger and poverty both abroad and in our own community.

Rice Bowls will be available for pick-up in the church foyer beginning **February 18, Ash Wednesday**. Please take one home and use the Rice Bowl throughout Lent to collect your alms. When Lent ends, return your Rice Bowl or your donation envelope to the parish office, or in the collection basket. A portion of what was collected will support CRS life-saving programs worldwide, and a portion of the collection stays here in the **Archdiocese of Seattle** to assist local hunger-relief efforts. For those who prefer to donate Online, please visit: crsricebowl.org/donate. Thank you for your generosity.



St. Matthew Parish



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'!



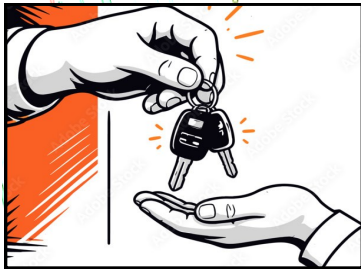
For the Greatest needs of St. Matthew Parish!

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).

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR FACILITY KEY HOLDERS



Linda Haptonstall, our Pastoral Assistant for Administration (PAA), is leaving St. Matthew on February 20th. With her position ending, all keys issued to parishioners must be returned to the

parish office to be re-issued as approved by the Director of Operations.

Keys will be re-issued only to those who have an authorized need for having a key, and which will only be used strictly for Church or School business (e.g church ministries, coffee hour, wine and cheese socials, school officials, etc. Keys will be made available to check out for one-time use or one-time event (e.g Crab Feed, Honduras Mission Dinner, Dinner Dance, Simbang Gabi, 3rd party renters of the Community Center, etc)

Please return your keys to Parish Office Cris Rivera (206-363-6767) for re-issue and to sign a new key control form. Compliance with the key control policy will help us avoid the prohibitive expense of changing locks.

STEPS TO SET UP A CATHOLIC FUNERAL

- Because funerals connect grieving families with their faith, archdiocesan policy requires that Catholic funerals are celebrated in a parish church—ideally the parish church of the deceased or the deceased family's parish. In this case, you first determine which parish the deceased is registered in or where they may have been attending Mass
- If a parish does not have a priest available to celebrate a Funeral Mass, a deacon may be asked to celebrate a funeral Liturgy Outside of Mass. When this happens, the parish staff will work with the archdiocesan deacons to find a minister. If a deacon is available, the deacon will communicate directly with the parish contact or to the family of the deceased.
- What about a Catholic Cemetery?— Associated Catholic Cemeteries can help. Go to www.mycatholic.cemetery.org to find a cemetery near you. Their team will help answer all your questions about burial, interment and more.
- If you need help reaching a deacon to help with a funeral, please contact Archdiocesan Deacon Eric Paige at eric.paige@seattlearch.org or 206-382-4864

SOME 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.
- Sign up for Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire daily Lenten reflections:
<https://www.lentreflections.com/>



LENTEN SOUP SUPPER AFTER STATIONS OF THE CROSS, ON WEDNESDAYS!

Join us in observing the Lenten season with **Stations of the Cross**, followed by a **Community Soup Supper**, every Wednesday from February 25th through March 25th.



All are warmly invited to this year's **Lenten Soup Supper**, held at the Community Center after Stations of the Cross. If you are able, please consider sharing your favorite *family recipe* soup on any Wednesday. Soups should be dropped off **before 6 PM** at the Community Center kitchen.

Below are the groups who volunteered to host this year's Lenten Soup Suppers. A heartfelt thank you to all who are participating and serving our parish community.

Date	Host
• February 25	Parish Life Committee
• March 4	Finance Council & Honduras Mission Ministry
• March 11	St. Vincent de Paul & Liturgy Committee
• March 1	School Commission & Parent Club
• March 25	Knights of Columbus & Parish Life Committee

We look forward to praying, sharing, and breaking bread together this Lenten season.

CELEBRATING



★ **LINDA HAPTONSTALL** ★

With Gratitude & Joy

Join us in honoring Linda for her nearly 8 years of devoted service as Saint Matthew's Pastoral Assistant for Administration (PAA). As her last day approaches on February 20th, we invite you to celebrate and thank her personally on:

Saturday, February 21st.

*At the Community Center
after 5 pm Mass
Cake, Fruit & Light Snacks*

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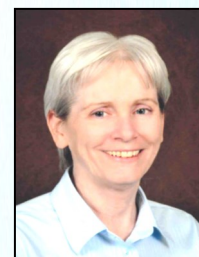
Sunday, February 22nd.

*At the Community Center
after 8am & 10am Masses
Donuts, Fruit, Light Snacks.
With cake and a
Recognition Program
after 10am*

There will be an opportunity to sign a goodbye card after all Masses.

And a basket if you wish to leave a personal card or greeting

THANKS LINDA !!!!!





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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. Call parish Office.

Stations of the Cross

St. Matthew on Wednesdays

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

St. Mark on Fridays

- Confessions at 5-6pm
- Stations of the Cross at 6pm
- Salmon dinner after Stations at the Gym

Palm Sunday
 March 28th, Saturday, 5:00pm Mass
 March 29th, Sunday 8 am & 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.



Holy Week Schedule April 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th



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