

St. Matthew Parish

A Parish of Many Cultures But One Faith

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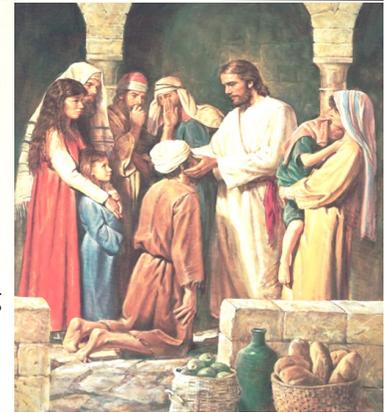
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MARCH 15, 2026 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

John 9:1-41 tells the story of Jesus healing a man born blind. At first, people assume the man's suffering is caused by sin, but Jesus redirects their focus to God's purpose. He teaches that the man's physical ailment is not a cause to lay blame, but rather an opportunity for God's work to be revealed.

As the story unfolds, the man gradually grows in faith—from calling Jesus simply a man, to recognizing Him as a prophet, and finally believing in Him. Meanwhile, the Pharisees, who think they understand God, refuse to accept the miracle and remain spiritually blind.

The message is clear: those who admit their need for God can receive true sight, while those who believe they already "see" may remain blind. Like the healed man, we are called to recognize God's work in our lives and courageously witness to the truth.



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 - MARCH 15-22, 2026

Sunday 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-21, 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12/Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIFE

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Needed</u>	<u>Over (Under)</u>
Week Ending March 8, 2026	\$ 8,762	\$ 12,000	(\$ 3,238)
Cumulative from July 1, 2025	\$ 382,590	\$ 432,000	(\$ 49,410)

EVENTS CALENDAR

Event	Date/Day/Time	Venue
Community Soup Supper	3/18/26 after Stn. of the Cross	Community Center
Community Salmon Dinner	3/20/26 after Stn. of the Cross	St. Mark Gym
Community Soup Supper	3/25/26 after Stn. of the Cross	Community Center
Community Salmon Dinner	3/27/26 after Stn. of the Cross	St. Mark Gym

COMMUNITY PRAYERS:

Pope Leo March prayer: For peace and disarmament:

- That nations move forward toward effective disarmament, and that leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy.

For our Parish Family

- For the parish communities of St. Matthew and St. Mark, as we unite to form one Parish Family, that the Holy Spirit may guide this transition and strengthen us to work together in unity, mutual respect, and support,

For the Sick:

- For the sick and all who struggle in body or spirit, that this season of repentance may be for them a time of renewal, strength, and peace,

For the Faithful Departed:

- That they may be welcomed into the fullness of God's kingdom and share in eternal peace. **Amen**

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASS @4-5PM AT ST. MARK SCHOOL LIBRARY



- Mar. 5** Preparation for 1st Communion
- Mar.12** How to receive Communion
- Mar. 19** Parts of the Mass – Introductory Rites
- Mar. 26** Liturgy of the Word
- Apr. 23** Liturgy of the Eucharist/ Concluding Rites
- Apr. 30** Reconciliation review
- May 7** 1st Communion Practice
- May 9** 1st Eucharist @ 10:00 am Mass at St. Mark.
- May 10** 2nd Eucharist at both St. Matthew and St. Mark. Students wear their 1st Communion clothing and sit with their families. Reception to follow at St. Matthew after the 10am Mass, and at St. Mark after the 10:30am Mass.



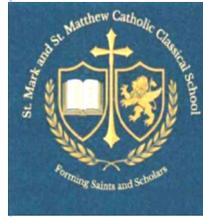
LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS & SILENT DISMISSAL

Please join St. Matthew students and staff during Holy Week. The Living Stations of the Cross presented by 8th grader, will take place on Good Friday, April 3rd.

School will be dismissed at noon of Good Friday for Spring

Break with a silent dismissal.

School News



ST. MARK & ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CLASSICAL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR IS OPEN

We are deeply grateful for the trust you place in Catholic education and invite your family to continue your journey with our new unified school, St. Mark and St. Matthew Catholic Classical School.

This coming together strengthens what already exists—building a more vibrant, sustainable community rooted in our shared Catholic mission. Your children will continue to receive a classical education that forms faith, intellect, and virtue within a culture grounded in prayer, truth, and strong family partnerships. Your commitment helps to shape the future of our school, and we warmly encourage you to enroll or re-enroll as we move forward together—one community, united in Christ.

To learn more about enrollment, call us at 206-364-1633, or visit the Admissions and Enrollment section on our website. New students can complete the Inquiry Form available in the Admissions Links :

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



CELEBRATE ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL END OF YEAR COFFEE HOUR

St. Matthew School will be closing its doors at the end of this school year to combine with St. Mark School. We want to celebrate and honor our 70 years as a school community together. Save the date for an end of year celebration on Sunday, May 31st at 11am.

Are you interested in being part of the celebration planning? We need several alumni, graduate family, and parent volunteers who can help plan the celebration. Please contact Mrs. Prepotente at (206) 363-2785 or jprepotente@stmattschool.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
TO PLAN END OF YEAR CELEBRATION



INTERNATIONAL HERITAGE FESTIVAL - MAY 16TH



It's time to plan the 32nd annual St. Matthew International Festival to take place Saturday, May 16th, from noon to 3 pm. Are you able to help organize this year's festival? If so, contact the school at 206-362-2785 or email spretti@stmattschool.org.

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Our parish offers a wonderful online resource called **Formed.org**. It provides reliable Catholic content for all ages.—about faith and sacraments, stories of the saints, and guidance to help deepen your prayer life. We encourage you to explore and take advantage of this great gift.

Signing up to use our parish subscription is quick and easy. Just follow this simple instructions:

1. Go to formed.org/signup
2. Search for your parish by Zip Code/ Postal Code. Click on your parish
3. Register with your first and last name, and email address
4. Your account will be created, and you will automatically be signed in.

YOUR DONATION TO ST. MARK BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN



Next Step Pregnancy Services loves our bottles, full or empty, so please remember to return the bottles either at St. Mark church on Sunday or better yet, stop in and visit the clinic at:

Next Step Pregnancy Services
19526 64th Ave. W, Lynnwood, WA 98036
Monday-Friday 10am-5pm
You can scan this QR Code →



NEXT STEP IS HIRING!

Are you being called to step into meaningful pro-life service?



Next Step Pregnancy Services is seeking a compassionate, mission-driven part-time Registered Nurse for our clinic.

This is a paid, part-time role with paid training provided to become our second Ultrasound Nurse, serving women with compassionate, life-affirming care.

For more information please contact Heather Vasquez, Executive Director
heather@nextstepnw.com

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE BEFORE GOING TO CONFESSION

This simple examination of conscience helps us to reflect on our lives in light of Christ's great commandment of love.

The Lord says: "You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart."

- Are there false gods that I worship by giving them greater attention & deeper trust than I give to God?
- Do I keep Sundays and feast days holy by participating in Mass with devotion?
- Do I offer God my difficulties, joys, and sorrows?
- Do I turn to God in times of temptation?

The Lord says: "Love one another as I have loved you."

- Do I genuinely love my neighbor? Or do I use other people for my own ends?
- Have I been an obedient child? A good parent? A faithful spouse?
- Do I help those less fortunate than myself?
- Do I look down on other people because of their race, politics, religion or way of thinking?
- Am I concerned for the good of the community in which I live? or do I live only for myself?
- Have I been ready to forgive those who have wronged me?
- What use have I made with the gifts God gave me?
- Have I revered my body as a temple of the Holy Spirit?
- Have I gone against my conscience out of fear or hypocrisy?
- Do I experience the freedom that comes from being a child of God and serving him, or am I a slave of worldly forces?

(Adapted from Celebrating the Sacrament of Penance)

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS



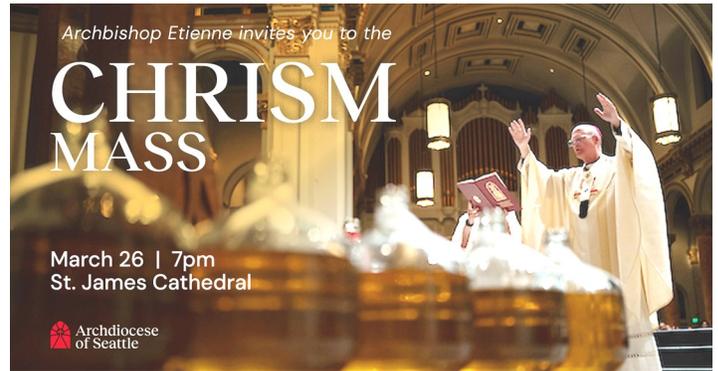
Join us in observing the Lenten season with **Stations of the Cross**, followed by **Community Soup Supper**, every Wednesday during this Lent. All are invited to this

year's **Lenten Soup Suppers**, held at the Community Center after Stations of the Cross.

If you are able, please consider sharing your favorite *recipe* soup and drop it off Wednesday before **6 PM** at the Community Center kitchen.

The following groups volunteered to host the remaining Soup Suppers:

Date	Host
• March 18	School Commission & Parent Club
• March 25	Knights of Columbus & Parish Life Committee



**HONDURAS CHILDREN'S HOME FUNDRAISER
DINNER & JUNE MISSION TRIP**

Tickets for the annual **St. Matthew Honduras Mission Team** fundraiser go on sale the weekend of March 20. Tickets will be available in the Community Center during coffee hour or at the Parish Office.



The dinner will be held **Saturday, April 25th at 6pm** in the Community Center and will feature a taco bar, wine, home brew, and a dessert frenzy. All proceeds support the team's project in Honduras to improve the lives of children there.

Cost of ticket is \$30 for adults and \$15 for children ages 5–10. A few spots remain for those who wanted to join our June Mission Trip (June 19–28). For more information, contact Colleen Flanigan at **206-778-0132** or colleenflanigan@gmail.com



**FOR A FUN AND SUCCESSFUL
CRAB FEED!!!**

A huge "thank you!" to everyone who supported the **St. Matthew Crab Feed Fundraiser** held on March 7. We are deeply grateful for the incredible

turnout and the generosity of our parish family. Your support through volunteering, donating, and attending made the evening a great success.



Thanks to your generosity, the event generated net proceeds of \$7,000, which will help our Parish meet its greatest needs.

We truly appreciate the spirit of fellowship and kindness that made this event so special. Thank you for being such an important part of our parish family. It is a beautiful testament to the power of community, faith, and generosity.

With sincere gratitude and blessings to all,

The Crab Feed Committee



EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Help decorate St. Matthew's altar this Easter by donating flowers and dedicating them in honor or in memory of your loved ones. The names of those being honored will be posted in the narthex during the Easter season.



Dedication forms are available in the church narthex. Please complete the form and place it, along with your donation, in the collection basket or drop it off at the Parish Office.

The deadline to submit dedication forms is April 1, Holy Wednesday.

Thank you for helping make our altar beautiful this Easter!

REVEAL Christ's LOVE

Around noon on April 25, 2015, a powerful 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Nepal. Strong aftershocks continued for days afterward. Not only did about 9,000 people lose their lives, but 23,000 others were injured, and more than 750,000 homes were destroyed or damaged. Families displaced by the disaster suffered the loss of loved ones and homes. They also confronted the poverty of lost livelihoods.

A grandmother named KunMaya not only lost her home but also suffered the loss of her son. For more than eight years following the earthquake, she and her husband lived in a temporary wooden shelter that offered little protection against weather. Catholic Relief Services (CRS), working with local partners, assisted KunMaya and more than 6,200 other families affected by the earthquake through the Resilient Communities through Vulnerable Earthquake Recovery (ReCoVER) project. Through this program, CRS-trained masons built an earthquake-resilient home for KunMaya and her husband. At the same time, ReCoVER offered KunMaya training in raising poultry and managing financial savings—training that helped her establish a growing poultry business that has allowed her to sustain her family while also saving and building for the future.

CRS relies on the support it receives through The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to victims of wars and natural disasters throughout the world. CRS carries out this work in ways that address immediate needs and provide long-term solutions to help build a stable, hopeful future.



Your donations help our brothers and sisters through grants to these agencies:

In the United States

Reveal Christ's love by welcoming suffering refugees . . . through the **USCCB Migration and Refugee Services (MRS)**.

Reveal Christ's love through legal aid to struggling immigrants . . . through the **Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)**.

Reveal Christ's love in ministry to people on the margins . . . through the pastoral work of the **USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church**.

And Around the World

Reveal Christ's love to hungry mothers and children in Nepal and elsewhere . . . through the humanitarian work of **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**, the official overseas relief agency of the bishops of the United States.

Reveal Christ's love by working for peace . . . through the public policy and education and communication work of the **USCCB Secretariat of Justice and Peace**.

Reveal Christ's love to the victims of natural disaster . . . through the **Holy Father's Relief Fund**.

Help with an online donation



The Catholic Relief Services Collection 2024

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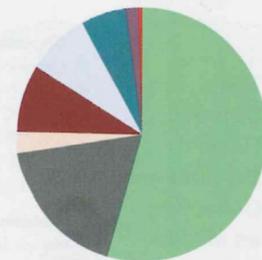
- Catholic Relief Services
- USCCB Migration & Refugee Services
- CLINIC (Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.)
- USCCB Cultural Diversity in the Church*
- USCCB Justice and Peace†
- Holy Father's Relief Fund

Administration

- Promotion & Education Costs
- Administrative Expenses

Grant Amount Percentage

\$7,939,217	57.62%
\$1,832,127	13.30%
\$1,221,418	8.86%
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\$755,629	5.48%
\$500,000	3.63%
\$291,423	2.12%
\$17,185	0.12%



* The USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church includes Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees, and Travelers (\$854,992) and Asian and Pacific Island Affairs (\$366,426).

† The USCCB Secretariat of Justice and Peace includes International Justice and Peace (\$671,427) and education and communication activities (\$84,202).



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