



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 Weekdays: 8:30 -3:30pm .

MARCH 22, 2026 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

John 11:1–45 reflects on trusting God even when His timing feels delayed. Mary and Martha believe in Jesus, yet struggle with His absence—mirroring our own faith in difficult moments.



Jesus' words, "***I am the resurrection and the life,***" reveal that the focus is not just on a miracle, but on who He is. His tears show that God shares in human grief, reminding us that sorrow and faith can coexist.

The raising of Lazarus points to hope: even what seems final is not beyond God's power. It invites trust, deeper faith, and the belief that new life can emerge from loss.

SCRIPTURE READINGS - MARCH 15-22, 2026

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
Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-6/Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-21/Jn 8:21-30 <i>Mass Intention: for the death anniversary of Rudy Lacsamana</i>
Wednesday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-7/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28/Ps Jer 31:10-12d, 13/Jn 11:45-56
Sunday:	Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIFE

Please note that the Stewardship Report will return next week.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Event	Date/Day/Time	Venue
Community Soup Supper	3/25/2026 after Stn. of the Cross	Community Center
Community Salmon Dinner	3/27/2026 after Stn. of the Cross	St. Mark Gym
Easter Bake Sale	3/27 & 28/2026 after Masses	St. Mark School
Palm Braiding	3/28/2026 9:00am	Parish Library

COMMUNITY PRAYERS:

For the Church

- That she may continue to promote solidarity, peace, justice, and the preferential option for the poor,

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:

- For all who have died, especially Maria Lourdes Juco Sicat, that they may be welcomed into the fullness of God's kingdom and share in eternal peace.

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

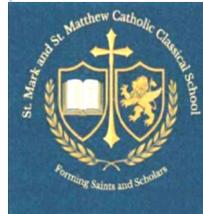
Please join St. Matthew School students and staff during Holy Week. A Living Stations of the Cross will be presented by our eighth graders on Good Friday, April 3rd.

School will be dismissed for Spring Break at noon on Good

Friday with 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.

ST. MATTHEW HONDURAS MISSION FUNDRAISER TICKETS AVAILABLE!

The annual fundraiser dinner for the **St. Matthew Honduras Mission** will take place on **Saturday, April 25th at 6pm** in the Community Center. There will be a taco bar, home brew, wine, and a dessert frenzy.

All proceeds go towards projects at the Children's Home and Bilingual School with which the St. Matthew Parish Mission Group is involved. Your generosity as St. Matthew Parishioners is greatly appreciated by those we help!

Tickets are on sale at coffee hour every weekend except Easter and in the parish office until the event. The cost is \$30 for adults and \$15 for children ages 5–10.

If you would like to learn more about the group's activities in Honduras, anyone who has been on any of the trips is always happy to share the experience!

For more information on possible participation in future trips or on the dinner itself, contact Colleen Flanigan at **206-778-0132** or colleenjflanigan@gmail.com



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.

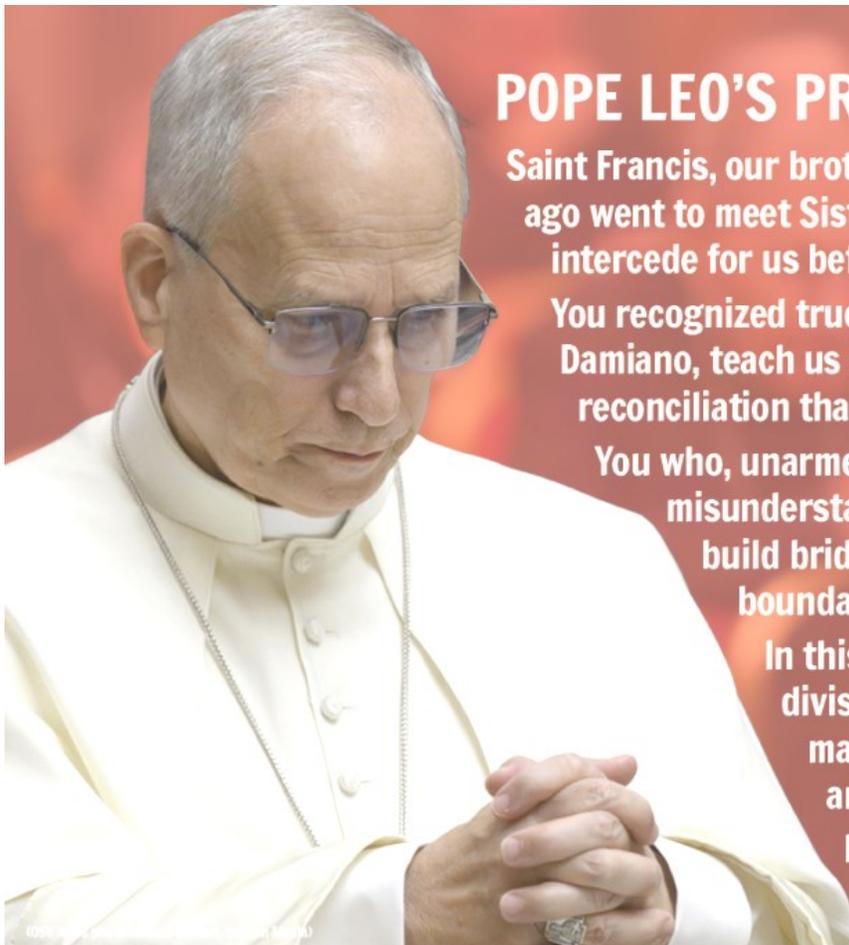


PALM BRAIDING

St. Matthew Parish Life Committee will do their traditional Palm Braiding on Saturday, March 28, 2026, starting at 9 am in the Parish Library.

Anyone interested is welcome. No experience required.

Please bring a pair of scissors and tape. All braided palms will be used to decorate the church for Palm Sunday. Potluck food will be available.



POPE LEO'S PRAYER TO ST. FRANCIS

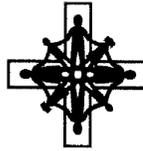
Saint Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace, intercede for us before the Lord.

You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano, teach us to seek in Him the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall.

You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, give us the courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries.

In this time afflicted by conflict and division, intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ.

Amen.



St. Matthew
Catholic Church & School

My dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

During our last two annual stewardship campaigns, parish leadership and I have spoken clearly about the long-term financial challenges that our Parish has been facing since prior to the COVID shutdown. This letter is intended to provide more detail on the issues we face and our plan to address the problem while we develop our One Parish Plan to become One Canonical Parish.

What are the key challenges?

Operating Needs: Weekly Giving has been falling short of meeting our operating needs for several years. We have filled the gap with fundraising, facility rentals, and your incredible response to our fall 2024 extra stewardship request. But we cannot continue at this pace.

Deferred Maintenance: While we build some routine items into our budget and received a large legacy bequest for facilities in FY 24, we do not have a sustainable revenue source for major maintenance, and thus we have multiple expensive projects needing attention, primarily roofs on several buildings. We were not able to use the Annual Catholic Appeal rebate this year for the painting project on our Community Center as it had to be used for operating needs.

How do we address the problem now?

Staff and leadership have taken every opportunity to minimize the costs of operating our Parish. We have a small staff and are already working on sharing staffing costs with St. Mark's during the One Parish planning process. We believe we have maximized the other revenue sources mentioned above.

Starting last spring, Parish Leadership, with input from the Finance Council, has sought and received approval from the Archdiocese to sell the "Vacant Lot" across the street from the Parish Office. The process to sell will take some time and so we are also seeking a line-of-credit from the Archdiocese against the future sale of the property. The line-of-credit will be used only to address St. Matthew Parish operational and maintenance needs and commitments. It will not be used to support the new combined school, except where it might cover St. Matthew's subsidy commitment.

We recognize that this is, yet again, a one-time solution and that selling a parish property is a significant step for our Parish. You should not interpret this solution as indicative of the ultimate outcome of our parish in our One Parish Plan process. That process is just beginning, and your input will be vital as we identify what God is calling Parish #12 to be, and how ALL resources (people and facilities) can best be used to meet God's purposes. Providing this source of funding now allows us to take the time needed to operate St. Matthew's parish while we complete the plan.

In Christ,

+Fr Ross

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