

# 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

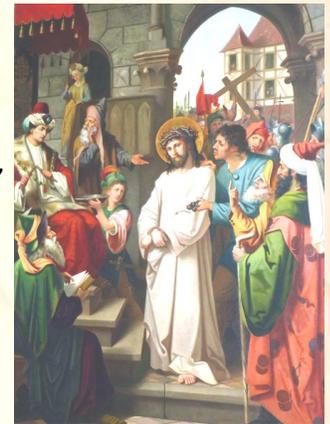
**Office Weekdays: 8:30 -3:30pm .**

## MARCH 29, 2026 – PALM SUNDAY

In **Matthew 26:14—27:66**, Judas Iscariot betrays Jesus Christ, the disciples falter, and Pontius Pilate gives in to pressure. Human weakness—fear, denial, and injustice—runs through the story.

Yet Jesus remains steady: choosing obedience in suffering, enduring the cross, and expressing both anguish and trust in God. What looks like defeat becomes a moment of revelation, as barriers between God and humanity are removed.

In the face of human failure, Jesus responds with unwavering love—inviting us to consider how we will respond in return.



### SCRIPTURE READINGS - MARCH 29-APRIL 5, 2026

**Sunday** Mt 21:1-11 (Procession)/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

**Monday:** Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38  
*Mass intention: For the repose of the soul of Restituto Mutuc*

**Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/ Jn 13:1-15

**Friday:** Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25/ Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

**Saturday:** Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20, 22/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Ps 16:5, 8-11/Ex 14:15—15:1/(Ps) Ex 15:1-6, 17-18/Is 54:5-14/ Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Is 55:1-11/(Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4-6/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8-11/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5, 43:3-4/ Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

**Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

**NOTE: THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT WILL RETURN NEXT WEEK**

### EVENTS CALENDAR –SAVE THE DATE

#### PARISH FAMILY LISTENING SESSIONS:

The Parish Family Advisory Council (PFAC) and Parish Leadership invite you to attend the next listening session for updates on the Partners in the Gospel for our Parish Family on:

**April 18-19, 2026 after each Mass at St. Matthew**

**April 25-26, 2026 after each Mass at St. Mark**

## COMMUNITY PRAYERS:

### For Church Leaders

- Both lay and ordained, that they continue to spread the good news of the crucified and risen Lord.

### For the Parishioners 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

- Especially Gloria Cabansag and Mary Helen Sinclair, that they may unite their sufferings with those of Christ on this Palm Sunday, be comforted in their pain, strengthened in hope, and come to experience His peace and healing.

### For the Faithful Departed

- Especially Charlene Schmidt, that, having followed Christ on the way of the Cross, they may come to share in His Resurrection and be granted eternal life.

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

- Mar. 5** Preparation for 1<sup>st</sup> 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** 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Practice
- May 9** 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist @ 10:00 am Mass at St. Mark.
- May 10** 2<sup>nd</sup> Eucharist at both St. Matthew and St. Mark.  
Students wear their 1<sup>st</sup> 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

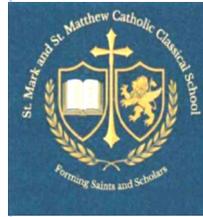
Please join St. Matthew School students and staff during Holy Week. A Living Stations of the Cross will be presented by our eighth graders on Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 11:10am.

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](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 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:jprepotente@stmattschool.org)

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**  
TO PLAN END OF YEAR CELEBRATION



## INTERNATIONAL HERITAGE FESTIVAL - MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>



It's time to plan the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual St. Matthew International Festival to take place Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:spretti@stmattschool.org).



## ST. MATTHEW HONDURAS MISSION FUNDRAISER TICKETS AVAILABLE!

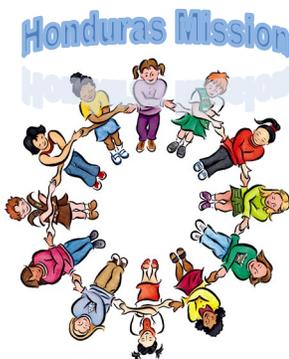
The annual fundraiser dinner for the **St. Matthew Honduras Mission** will take place on **Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>** at 6pm in the Community Center. There will be a taco bar, home brew, wine, and a dessert frenzy.

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 [colleenflanigan@gmail.com](mailto:colleenflanigan@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.

## WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL SCHEDULE

Our next Wine and Cheese social will be April 11, after Easter, and then on May 2, June 13, and July 11. Enjoy the upcoming holidays with our families.



All ages are welcome to attend, and we look forward to meeting you there.

## WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SAINTS — A CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. DAVIS SEPTEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>–25<sup>th</sup>, 2026

*(Czech Republic • Poland • Hungary • Croatia • Bosnia & Herzegovina)*



Join Fr. Davis during his final year of active priesthood for a special 12-day pilgrimage celebrating his faithful ministry. Deepen your faith, grow in fellowship, and visit some of Europe's most beloved sacred sites, including the Infant Jesus of Prague, Jasna Góra Marian Shrine (home of the Black Madonna), the Divine Mercy Shrine, and Medjugorje.

**Travel arrangements, registration, and payments:**  
Holy Land Tours, LLC

**Flyer available in the church vestibule.**

**Local Contact:** Prisca Bungiranto— [stmattgrotto@gmail.com](mailto:stmattgrotto@gmail.com)

**Note:** *This is a self-funded pilgrimage. All Catholics—as well as their friends and family are warmly welcome.*

**Space is limited—please register early!**

An advertisement for the Bellevue Opera. The background features a woman in a dark kimono with a red collar and a red flower in her hair. The text reads: "Bellevue Opera PRESENTS MADAME BUTTERFLY By Giacomo Puccini". Below this, it says "ACCOMPANIED BY THE BELLEVUE SYMPHONY". The performance dates are "Friday, April 10, 2026 at 7:30pm" and "Sunday, April 12, 2026 at 3pm". The venue is "Meydenbauer Center, 11100 Northeast 6th Street, Bellevue, WA 98004". At the bottom, it says "Tickets available at door and Eventbrite.com" and includes a QR code labeled "Event &amp; Tickets".

## ***UPDATE FROM YOUR PARISH FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL***

Partners in the Gospel launched in July 2024 to address the reality we face in Western Washington which is similar to that faced across many dioceses in the United States, including:

- Decade long decline in church attendance.
- Aging population of those attending.
- Decline in the number of priests.
- Flat enrollment in Catholic schools.
- Financial contributions not keeping up with inflation.
- Financial issues forcing maintenance of buildings to be deferred.

Sixty parish families were formed from the 162 parishes across the Archdiocese of Seattle with the intent that each become one canonical parish. Partners in the Gospel intends to re-envision the Church of Western Washington in its mission to bring more people to Christ. The process will help us to clarify what God is calling us to be as a Parish and help us develop a plan to use our resources, treasure, time and talent to fulfill that mission.

The restructuring process under Partners in the Gospel calls for a strategic pastoral planning process called the One Parish Plan. Each parish family will create this plan with the intent of becoming one canonical parish. Our recently announced Parish Family Advisory Council will guide the One Parish Plan at St. Mark and St. Matthew.

The PFAC, with your input and the input of various councils in the Parish will be considering all options and will make a recommendation to Father Ross on the best structure to support our Parish Family mission. The current schedule will have our parish family complete its plan in June 2027.

The plan will address the following questions:

- Who are we? What are our gifts, challenges, opportunities?
- Who is God calling us to become?
- How do we get there? What programs are needed? How to use our resources?
- What should we be called? Naming the new parish

The One Parish Plan relies on the input of parishioners along with the Parish Family Advisory Council. Your prayerful participation is critical for the success of the plan. The first opportunity for input will be in April with a second opportunity in May and several more later in the year. The April listening session will seek to hear and address your questions about the process. While many of the questions you have can't be answered at this point in our process, we will answer the ones we can and use the other questions to inform our communication plan as we move forward.

The Question and Answer Listening sessions will be held on:

**April 18-19 after each Mass – St. Matthew**

**April 25-26 after each Mass – St. Mark**

Please pray for and plan to attend one of these sessions.

At our May listening sessions, the weekend of May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, we will explore important questions to identify the special gifts our Parishes already possess.

As we move forward with these engagements, we are also actively working on our communication tools including a website with FAQ's, PFAC contact email, and key communications including the information shared at the information sessions. We encourage you to use the information sharing sessions, communications from Father and the Parish website as your source for information about the process.