

St. Matthew Parish

A Parish of Many Cultures But One Faith

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APRIL 19, 2026 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Luke 24:13-35: The Road to Emmaus

Today's Gospel shows two discouraged disciples walking away after the death of Jesus Christ. Jesus joins them, but they don't recognize him at first.

He listens, explains Scripture, and only in the breaking of bread do their eyes open. They realize he was with them all along—"their hearts were burning" even before they knew.

How often do we, like those disciples, assume God is absent in times of disappointment or uncertainty. Yet Christ draws near even when hope feels dim, walking with us, listening, and speaking into our confusion. In simple, ordinary moments, we often come to recognize—sometimes only in hindsight—that he was with us all along, and our hearts were already being stirred.



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 – APRIL 19-26, 2026

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
Thanksgiving by Mila Aranas for blessings received
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
Mass intention: For the repose of the soul of Fred Lacsamana
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIFE

	Actual	Needed	Over (Under)
Week Ending April 12, 2026	\$ 7,408	\$ 12,000	(\$ 4,592)
Cumulative from July 1, 2025	\$ 425,987	\$ 492,000	(\$ 66,013)

EVENTS CALENDAR

Event	Date/Day/Time	Venue
Honduras Mission Benefit Dinner	4/25/2026, 6pm	Community Center
Wine & Cheese Social	5/2/2026, 6pm	Community Center
School Int'l Heritage Festival	5/16/26, 12noon	Community Center
School Closing Celebration	5/31/26, 11AM	Community Center

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for April

- Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need & that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

For Earth Day, April 22

- For all people of good will, that we may be willing to make the changes necessary to protect creation, and reduce the harmful effects of climate change.

For the Sick

- For all who are battling illness, grant courage and endurance, and bless their caregivers with patience and compassion.

For the Faithful Departed

- For those who have left us, as well as for those who are left behind, strengthen our faith in the resurrection so that we wait in confidence for the day we are reunited for eternity.



HUFF n PUFF BOOSTER FUN RUN ON FRIDAY, 4/24

The Huff n' Puff Booster Fun Run is all about having fun as a school community while supporting a great cause! Our goal is to raise **\$5,000** to fund the end-of-year celebration and help cover other year-end operating costs that benefit all St. Matthew School students.

Students will receive a prize just for signing up, and they can earn additional prizes by sending emails to friends and family—at no cost to parents.

If you've participated in past years through MyBooster.com, you already have an account. Simply log in and register your student for this year to qualify for prizes.



Sign Up Now for Huff n Puff Booster Fun Run at [MyBooster.com](https://mybooster.com)

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, 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. 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 & Enrollment section on our website. New students can complete the Inquiry Form available in the Admissions Links: https://stmss.fsenrollment.com/users/sign_in

CELEBRATE ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL END OF YEAR CLOSING

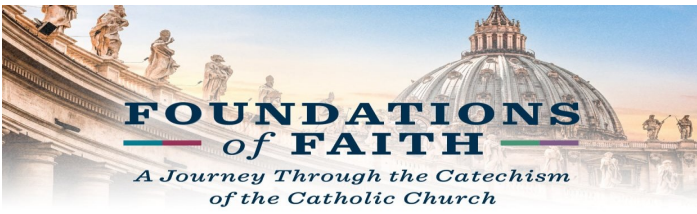
St. Matthew School will be closing its doors at the end of this school year to combine with St. Mark School. We want to celebrate and honor our 70 years as a school community together.

Save the date for an end of year celebration on **Sunday, May 31st**, 11 AM at the Community Center.

We need several alumni, graduate family, and parent volunteers who can help plan the celebration. Please contact Mrs. Prepotente at **(206) 362-2785** or jprepotente@stmattschool.org

GOOD FRIDAY REFLECTIONS - Mr. Hawksford's 7th graders bringing the Station of the Cross to life.





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**.

One more series before we close the year that will focus on "How we Pray." We will meet on Wednesdays at 7 pm in the Community Center Conference Room to view dynamic video presentations followed by group discussion.

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. 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,

ST. MATTHEW IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR LITURGIES

The celebration of the liturgy is at the heart of parish life. Our worship at St. Matthew, is made possible by dedicated volunteers serving as Sacristans, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMs), Lectors, Ushers, & Altar Servers. **Sacristans** prepare for and clean up after Mass, and also serve as EMs, assisting in the distribution of the Eucharist.

Lectors proclaim the Word of God, typically serving once a month as their schedules allow.

Ushers welcome and assist parishioners, take up the collection, and help maintain a safe, hospitable environment.

Altar Servers assist the celebrant at liturgies, with opportunities for both youth and adults. Please prayerfully consider joining or returning to one of these meaningful ministries. If interested, contact Jolene Lynch at jnslynch@comcast.net.



Prague, Krakow, Budapest & the Balkans

WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SAINTS - A CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. DAVIS SEPTEMBER 14th-25th, 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, & Medjugorje.

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

Flyers are available in the church vestibule and on the website: <https://www.holylandtoursllc.com/>

Local Contact: Prisca at stmattgrotto@gmail.com

Zoom Meeting for Pilgrimage information:

Date & Time: April 23, 2026, 07:30 PM Pacific Time
Meeting ID: 815 9262 3619

Invite Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81592623619>

Note: This is a self-funded pilgrimage. All Catholics are welcome Space is limited, please register early!

INTERNATIONAL HERITAGE FESTIVAL - MAY 16TH



Planning is currently underway for our 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
TO PLAN END OF YEAR CELEBRATION





Youth in grades 3-12 are invited to a summer of adventure, friendship, and faith at CYO Summer Camps. CYO Camps offer classic camp fun, all while learning and growing in the Catholic faith. Two locations are available, and options include day camp, overnight camp, horse camp, and more. To register please visit <https://cyo.camp/>

WORLD EARTH DAY

Celebrated on **April 22**, serves as a global reminder of our shared responsibility to protect and preserve the environment. It encourages individuals, communities, and organizations to take meaningful steps toward a healthier planet. From reducing waste and conserving energy to planting trees and supporting sustainable practices, every effort makes a difference. This day also emphasizes the importance of environmental education and raising awareness for future generations. By working together, we can tackle climate change, pollution, and biodiversity loss. Visit earthday.org



PARISH FAMILY LISTENING SESSIONS!

We warmly invite all parishioners to join the upcoming Listening Sessions hosted by the Parish Family Advisory Council (PFAC) and Parish Leadership. Come know important updates and share your voices as we continue our journey as a Parish Family toward one canonical parish. Your presence and input are truly valued. Listening Sessions will take place at:



St. Matthew Community Center:

- Saturday, 4/18 after 5pm Mass
- Sunday, 4/19 after 8 and 10 AM Mass

St. Mark Gym:

- Saturday, after 5:00 PM Mass
- Sunday, after the 8:30 10:30 AM Mass

HONDURAS MISSION BENEFIT DINNER, SAT. 4/25

The annual fundraiser dinner for the **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.



The newly constructed St. Matthew classroom at the Big Dreamers Bilingual School

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

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

For more information, contact Colleen Flanigan at **206-778-0132** or colleenflanigan@gmail.com.



Our Mission:

The Annual Catholic Appeal supports ministries and services that serve the spiritual and practical needs of your local Catholic community –including your parish and neighbors. Your generosity helps form and support missionary disciples and clergy members, provides ministries that promote and celebrate the Catholic faith and offers care and accompaniment to those in need.



Visit the ACA Annual Impact Report 2024-2025.

The 2026 ACA will kick-off on My 9/10