

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 4 pm .
Any Sacraments (baptism, 1st sacrament, confirmation, marriage)
Contact Anne Lombard at
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Weekday Hours 8:30am to 4:30 pm

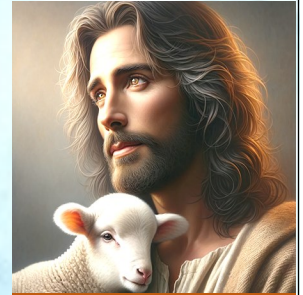
APRIL 26, 2026 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

John 10: 9-10 "I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full".

Jesus contrasts the true shepherd—who leads with honesty and care—with those who bring harm. The sheep recognize His voice because they belong to Him. He reminds us that:

He is the gate—the way to safety, guidance, and life. In a world full of competing voices, not everything that calls us is good. Some paths lead to emptiness, but Christ invites us to choose wisely and find true fulfillment in Him.

Be discerning. Know His voice.—Jesus is the gate to true life and security. In Him, we find meaning, purpose, and abundant life. We should follow the One who truly leads us to life.



The Good Shepherd

SCRIPTURE READINGS – APRIL 26 –MAY 3, 2026

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Jnb 10:11-18
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-7/Jn 10:22-30
Mass intention: For the repose of the soul of Eliseo Torres Gianan
Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27/Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33 /Ps 2:6-11b/Jn 14:1-6/see 559: Gn 1:26-2:3 /Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 14:7-14/see 560 1 Jn 5:1-5/Mt 10:22-25
Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

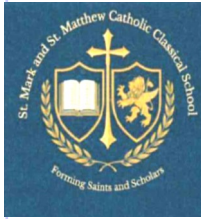
STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIFE

	Actual	Needed	Over (Under)
Week Ending April 19, 2026	\$ 8,160	\$ 12,000	(\$ 3,840)
Cumulative from July 1, 2025	\$ 434,147	\$ 504,000	(\$ 69,853)

EVENTS CALENDAR

Event	Date/Day/Time	Venue
One Parish Plan Process		
Update & Listening Session	Sat. 4/25, 6pm	St. Mark Gym
Update & Listening Session	Sun. 4/26, 9:30 & 11:30am	St Mark Gym
Update & Listening Session	Sat. 5/16, 6pm	SM Com. Center
Update & Listening Session	Sun 5.17, 9:30 & 11:30am	St. Mark gym
International Heritage Festival	Sat. 5/16, 12 noon-3pm	SM Com. Center
Celebrate St. Matthew School Event	Sun.5/31, 11 m –3 pm	SM Com. Center

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

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 our Parish Community

- For all of us, that we may support the good work of the Church in western Washington through our generous support of the Annual Catholic Appeal.

For the Sick:

- Father in your boundless mercy, we pray for your healing hands to be upon those who are sick. Surround them with your peace and love

For the Faithful Departed

- Into your hands O Lord we entrust the souls of our faithful departed. Welcome them into your paradise where everlasting light, peace and joy dwell.



**CYO
Camps
2026**



REGISTER TODAY!

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR CYO SUMMER CAMPS

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.

For more information or to register, please visit

<https://cyo.camp/>.

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.



**We invite you to
join us!**

St. Matthew School

Let's celebrate the remarkable seven decades of legacy we have built together!

RSVP by Wed., 5/27



**Sunday, May 31st
St. Matthew Church &
Community Center**

Mass: 10:00 a.m.

Reception: 11:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Before our doors close, together, let's share stories, laughter, & appreciation for the generations who made this school so special! We look forward to seeing you!

Please share this invitation with your classmates & other St. Matt's families!

RSVP, volunteer & sign-up to bring a food item, by scanning the QR code by 5/27.

Questions? mojotran@hotmail.com

HOW TO *Become Catholic*



STEP ONE: PRAY
You don't have to be Catholic to pray! Talk to God like you would a close friend and ask for guidance.

STEP TWO: TALK TO OTHER CATHOLICS
And learn about why they love the faith. See if you can meet someone who converted and ask them their story!

STEP THREE: LEARN ABOUT CATHOLICISM
Before becoming Catholic, you need to learn what you're saying yes to! Churches offer programs for adults to learn who Jesus is, why what He did matters, and how to respond.

Do all three at ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION for ADULTS (OCIA)
Starting May 6th, Wednesdays 6:45-8:15pm at St. Mark Sullivan Hall or Join the **CATHOLIC CONVERSATION CLASS** every Sunday after the 10 am Mass at St. Matthew Community Center. Both are open to anyone who wants to learn more about the Catholic faith, deepen their understanding, or prepare for sacraments-including confirmation, marriage.

LEARN MORE :

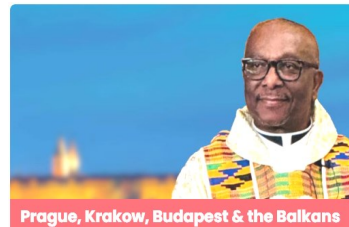
Check the bulletin or webpage or contact Anne Lombard at anne@stmps.org
<https://www.saintmarkshoreline.org/becoming-catholic> ;
<https://www.stmatthewseattle.org/rcia>



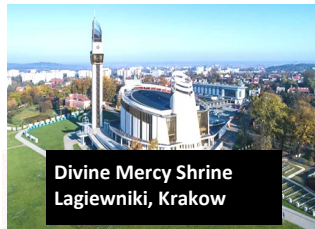

Confirmation Mass

ST MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH
April 29, 2026 at 7pm
BISHOP ELIZONDO PRESIDING
Please come and show your support for those receiving this sacrament.

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, and 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 Bungiranto - stmattgrotto@gmail.com

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



Join us for
First Holy Communion
SATURDAY MAY 9 10:00am
At St Mark Church

Note: *The normal 9 am Mass at St. Mark on Saturday, May 9th, will be moved to 10 am.*

The First Communicants will be dressing up again and celebrating their **SECOND** Holy Communion on Sunday, May 10th at their respective parish. To celebrate this joyful occasion, cake will be served on Sunday, May 10th both at St. Matthew (after the 10 am Mass) and St. Mark (after the 10:30 Mass)

Everyone is invited

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH—A JOURNEY THROUGH THE CATECHISM!

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*.

3 Wednesdays, April 29, May 6 & 13 – 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, to explore the *Catechism*, unpacking its rich theological insights and helping you apply them to your everyday life.

To register for the study, contact Sara Lane, sslane5@comcast.net, and Jolene Lynch, inslynch@comcast.net.

WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL

Join us for a delightful Wine & Cheese Social on Saturday, May 2nd. After the 5pm Mass. Enjoy a relax atmosphere, great conversation and selection of food. This is an all ages event and everyone is welcome.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT - ONE PARISH PLAN

The next listening sessions for the One Parish Plan are scheduled after the Masses on **May 16** and **May 17**. To encourage community and attendance, we will be combining Masses on that weekend.

**PARTNERS
IN THE GOSPEL**



- **May 16 vigil Mass – 5 PM at St. Matthew, no Mass at St. Mark** – Listening session to follow Mass. Light Refreshments to be provided.
- **May 17 – 8:30 AM Mass at St. Mark, no Mass at St. Matthew** – Listening session to follow Mass. Coffee and donuts provided.
- **May 17-10:30 AM Mass at St. Mark, no Mass at St. Matthew** – Listening session to follow Mass. Coffee and donuts provided.

We will be using synodal listening sessions in small groups to address the following questions:

- How have your experiences in the parish (and your experience of the parish’s gifts and charisms) brought you closer to God?
- What has been the spiritual impact of your participation in our parish?
- If you had to describe the main gifts or charisms of our parish to a newcomer in one sentence, what would you say? What stands out to you as something to be proud of about your parish?

If you are willing to be a small group facilitator or recorder, please email **Tom Martin** at tmmartin090159@gmail.com. Training for facilitators and recorders will be a Zoom session on Wednesday 5/13 at 7 PM.

If you are unable to attend these sessions, an online survey will be available, addressing the same questions.



It is time once again to kick off the Annual Catholic Appeal. This annual campaign supports the vital ministries of our Archdiocese here in Western Washington.



This year’s theme, “*Together in Faith*,” reminds us that we are not meant to live out our Catholic mission alone. As a community of the baptized, we are called to encounter Christ and share the joy of the Gospel—and our regional ministries help make that possible. Their work is sustained through the support of the ACA. For reference, the Archdiocesan average ACA gift last year was \$575. Any funds raised beyond our parish goal will be returned directly to local parish to support their operating expenses, or projects. To learn more, please visit the ACA Annual Impact Report 2024–2025.

The St. Matthew Parish 2026 ACA drive will kick –off on May 9/10.

If you have questions about your **ACA** past gifts or want to give by phone, **(800) 809-4921** is the best number to call. Four staff members are answering this line.

FINANCE COUNCIL UPDATE TO ST MATTHEW PARISHIONERS – APRIL 2026

We promised you more information in March when we announced the news about the sale of our vacant lot to meet our financial needs. If this does not answer your major questions, see the end of this letter.

Q. What does our financial status look like?

A. This Fiscal Year: Overall, the weekly bulletin numbers correctly reflect the trend that income at the parish is not covering our expenses. Simply put, insufficient stewardship has caused an operating cash deficit. Additionally, the parish is not granting a subsidy to the school for the school's share of expenses. This means the school will be billed approximately \$100K for their share of facility costs which, combined with the line of credit (LOC) from the archdiocese, buys the parish a little more time.

Next Fiscal Year through June 2027: We are still a separate parish until our One Parish Plan (OPP) with St Mark is completed (goal June 2027). Any shared expenses are allocated and billed between the parishes. We will still rely on continuing stewardship funds from parishioners as we know you are committed to the success of St Matthew Parish and Parish Family 12. The expected cash deficit will be covered by the LOC. Our Facilities Committee, in conjunction with parish leadership, will be evaluating how to keep our facilities in good repair for safety, effective use, insurance coverage, and to maintain value. The LOC will be available for these needs also.

Q. Tell me more about the vacant lot sale and the Line of Credit (LOC)

A. Your stewardship generosity is still evident this year but not keeping pace with rising expenses. After purging out-of-date registration records this spring we have 420 households. Thankfully this land asset will buy us time, although we know neither the timing of a sale, nor a value. An appraisal is in process and this entire area is being considered by the Seattle City Council right now for significant upzoning. In the interim, the LOC will be available before May as an interest only loan, payable in full upon sale of the lot.

Q. What is the status of our school?

A. This Fiscal Year: Even though we have retroactively stopped our school subsidy, it has sufficient resources, including previously approved draws from the endowments, to complete this school year and school year obligations. Beginning July 1, the St Matthew School will be combining into the combined Parish School with a combined budget.

Next Fiscal Year: Our school will be the joint St Mark & St Matthew Catholic Classical School, which will be supported by subsidies from both parishes, and similar fundraising and Annual Fund Drives as St Matthew school has had in the past.

Q. What will happen to the St. Matthew ministries, church, and buildings?

A. The OPP (One Parish Plan) process will answer those questions by identifying the ministries that are important to the parish family and what resources are needed to serve the mission of the Parish. **Your input is VITAL to that process which is being led by the PFAC over the next months. WE URGE YOUR FULL PARTICIPATION.**

Please feel free to call any of the Finance Council members (leave a message and they will call back).

*Diane Reeves (Chair) 206-367-7924. Carolyn Foster 206-200-4818. Pam Dressel 206-396-1451.
John Hickman (Vice Chair) 206-362-0354. George Daher 206-769-4014.*

My dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

March 22, 2026

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

Together in Faith



We are the Catholic Church in Western Washington

The Annual Catholic Appeal provides ministries that no one parish can manage alone. Together in faith, we foster the mission of the Catholic Church. Your support brings more than 60 ministries to life across Western Washington.

Your gift provides:

- **Support for Clergy**
From ordination through retirement, your gift provides formation, retreats, Priest Days, mental health care, and compassionate programs for priests facing serious illness.
- **Faith Formation**
From Confirmation classes to deacon formation, seminarian preparation, and training for lay leaders, our Faith Formation ministries teach people at every stage of life.
- **Hospital and Healthcare Ministry**
By offering prayer, sacraments and accompaniment, the Hospital and Healthcare Ministry chaplains comfort the sick and their families in hospitals across Western Washington.



"One of the greatest gifts I have ever received is a participation in the ministerial priesthood of Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God and the support of his people for such a remarkable gift!"

*- Father Kyle Poje
(pictured with his mother, Vanessa)*



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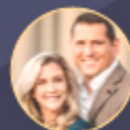
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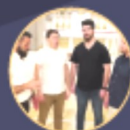
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