

St. Matthew Parish

A Parish of Many Cultures But One Faith

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MAY 3, 2026 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

John 14:1-12 offers reassurance in a moment of fear. Jesus tells his



disciples not to be troubled, but to trust in him. He promises a place with God, shifting their focus from loss to hope.

When Thomas asks for the way, Jesus answers, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life"*—pointing to relationship, not just direction. To see Jesus is to see God, revealed in love and action.

The passage ends with a call: those who believe are invited to continue his work. Trust leads not only to peace, but to purpose.

SCRIPTURE READINGS – MAY 3 - 10, 2026

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-13b, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-5/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-12/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

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STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIFE

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

	Actual	Needed	Over (Under)
Week Ending April 26, 2026	\$ 7,335	\$ 12,000	(\$ 4,665)
Cumulative from July 1, 2025	\$ 441,554	\$ 516,000	(\$ 74,446)

EVENTS CALENDAR

Sacraments

Confession: Saturday 4 pm .
 Any Sacraments (baptism, 1st sacrament, confirmation, marriage)
 Contact Anne Lombard at
anne@stmps.org ; 206-796-9657
 For Funeral: 206-363-6767 Ext 200
 Weekday Hours 8:30am to 4:30 pm

Event	Date/Day/Time	Venue
International Heritage Festival	5/16, 12n-3pm	Com. Center
One Parish Plan Process:		
Update & Listening Session	5/16, 6 pm	Com Center
Update & Listening Sessions	5/17, 9:30 & 11:30 am	St Mark Gym
Celebration:		
St. Matthew School Event	5/31, 11am – 3pm	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, visit the Admissions & Enrollment section on our website. New students can complete the Inquiry Form in the Admissions Links:+

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

SPRING SCHOOL EVENTS

It is a busy spring season full of fun traditions for St. Matthew School!

Huff n Puff Fun Run was celebrated in April and in this busy month of May, will be filled with other festive activities:

- **Grandparents Day on May 8.**
- **Living Wax Museum by 8th grade will be May 14**
- **Junior Olympics on May 22**
- **Spring Concert on May 27.**

Pray that students, families and staff experience the joy of community, togetherness and fun during this spring season.

ROSARY WEEK MAY 11 TO 15

Please join students and staff for Rosary Week from May 11 to 15! Each morning students will gather at 8:30am near the Mary Grotto to pray the Rosary together.

Friday, May 15 will be May Crowning in the church after Mass.



COMMUNITY PRAYERS

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for May

- That everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

For those receiving Holy Communion or Sacrament of Confirmation

- That their faith and devotion may grow ever deeper, and that they may walk with Jesus all their days guided by his love and strengthened by His grace.

For the Sick

- Lord, calm the restless hearts of the sick. Carry them gently through the darkness and lead them into the light of hope and healing.

For the Faithful Departed

- Especially, St. Matthew charter member **Laurel Hageman Palmer**, may they be in peace at your side beholding your divine face.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE ST. MATTHEW HONDURAS MISSION BENEFIT DINNER!

COMMUNITY & SAINT MATTHEW

The annual fundraiser dinner for the **St. Matthew Honduras Mission** was a wonderful success! Because of your generosity, we have funds to be used for a driveway and sidewalk installation at Big Dreamers School, the bilingual school that we have been supporting since 2019. Anyone who has experienced the mud during the rainy season knows how appreciated this driveway, drainage ditch, and cement walkway will be to the Honduras students and staff. Thank you and God Bless you!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS,

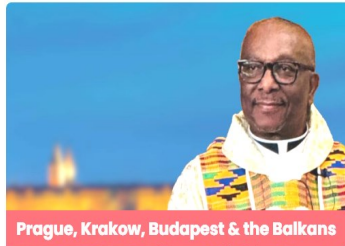
to the **International Heritage Festival** on May 16 from noon to 3 pm. We have a great line up of performers, including Cuban, Irish, Panamanian, and Ukrainian dancing, and Japanese drumming. Now we need you! Please scan the QR code to volunteer.



Volunteers Needed!
Scan the code to
sign up to volunteer -
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**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.

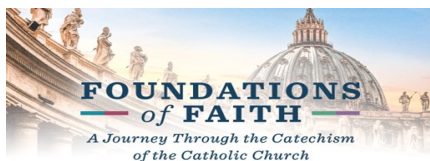
Travel arrangements, registration, and payments:
Holy Land Tours, LLC

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

Local Contact: Prisca Bungiranto -
stmattgrotto@gmail.com

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

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”.

May 6 & 13 – 2 weeks on “How we Pray” – Focus on the call to prayer, the Christian life of prayer and the Our Father.

We will meet on Wednesdays at 7 pm in the Community Center Conference Room to view video presentations followed by group discussion.

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, and Jolene Lynch, jnslynch@comcast.net.



*Celebrating
40 Years of
Priesthood*



Father Armando Guzmán, our former Pastor, is marking his **40th Ordination Anniversary** alongside fellow Class of 1986: **Very Rev. Fr. Gary Zender, Fr. Rick Spicer, Fr. Stephen Okumu, and Fr. Larry Bailey**. The celebration will be held on Saturday, June 13 at the St Matthew Community Center (1240 NE 127th St, Seattle). The evening will start with Mass at 5 pm in St. Matthew Church, followed by a catered dinner at 7 pm. At 8 pm, entertainment from the Barela Brothers begins, and guests can also participate in a raffle and enjoy a cash bar. Tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased at the St Matthew Parish Office (206) 363-6767 or during coffee hour after Sunday Masses at the community center.

Join us for



First Holy Communion

SATURDAY MAY 9 10:00am

At St Mark Church

The First Communicants will be dressing up again and celebrating their **SECOND Holy Communion** on Sunday, May 10th.

To celebrate this joyful occasion, join us for cake on Sun. May 10th after the

10am Mass at St Matthew or the 10:30am Mass at St Mark

SVdP FOOD BANK NEEDS:

We are preparing for our upcoming food gifts to our neighbors. We are greatly in need of pasta sauce and toilet paper. Your generosity is a true reflection of Christ's love in action. Thank you for being a blessing to our community.



**STRENGTHENED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT:
OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED :**

Precious Abatayo
Caeli Bolin
Alastair Buccat
Hailey Castro
George Evanson
T. J. Hopkins III
Jason Howe
Jacquiline Kessy
Declan O'Leary
Elliot Mistic
Reigne Pitre
Katherine Reed
Luke Vorachack



André Vu
Cordelia Waggoner
Elizabeth Yamamoto
Robbie Yen

Congratulations to the newly confirmed on April 29, 2026! May they walk in Your light, serve with love, and remain steadfast in hope.



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2026

St. Matthew's Annual Catholic Appeal campaign will kick off on May 9 and 10. This is the annual appeal that funds the ministries of the Archdiocese in Western Washington. This year's theme is "together in faith." This theme is fitting as we remember that the work we do as Catholics and as a community of all the baptized is not done alone. The regional ministries help support the mission to encounter Christ and live out the joy of the Gospel, and that is possible through the help of the ACA. Last year, the average ACA gift received by the Archdiocese was \$ 575. All gifts received over the Archdiocese goal will be returned to the local parish for its project and/or operating needs.

ACA envelopes will be available in the pews for your prayerful reflection. Know that we will always be grateful of your generosity.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT -

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.



- **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.

QUESTIONS ON ACA

If you have questions about your ACA gifts last year or want to give by phone, the (800) 809-4921 is the best to call. The Archdiocese have 4 staff members answering that line.

**We invite you to
join us!**



St. Matthew School

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

**RSVP by 5/27
by scanning the
QR Code**



Sunday, May 31st

10:00 a.m. Mass

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

11:15a.m. Blessing of the Food

12:00p.m. Speakers

School open to walk the halls!

Before our doors close for the last time, 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!*

Can't make it on the 31st or you want to spend more time
together? There is another opportunity to gather: Friday,
5/29, 7p.m. to midnight @ Elliott Bay Brewing (Lake City
location). Light appetizers, no host bar, under 21 OK.

**RSVP, volunteer, sign-up to bring a dish, or make a
donation by scanning the QR code by 5/27. Questions?
Email: mojotran@hotmail.com. Submit photos here:
celebration@stmattschool.org**

Together in Faith

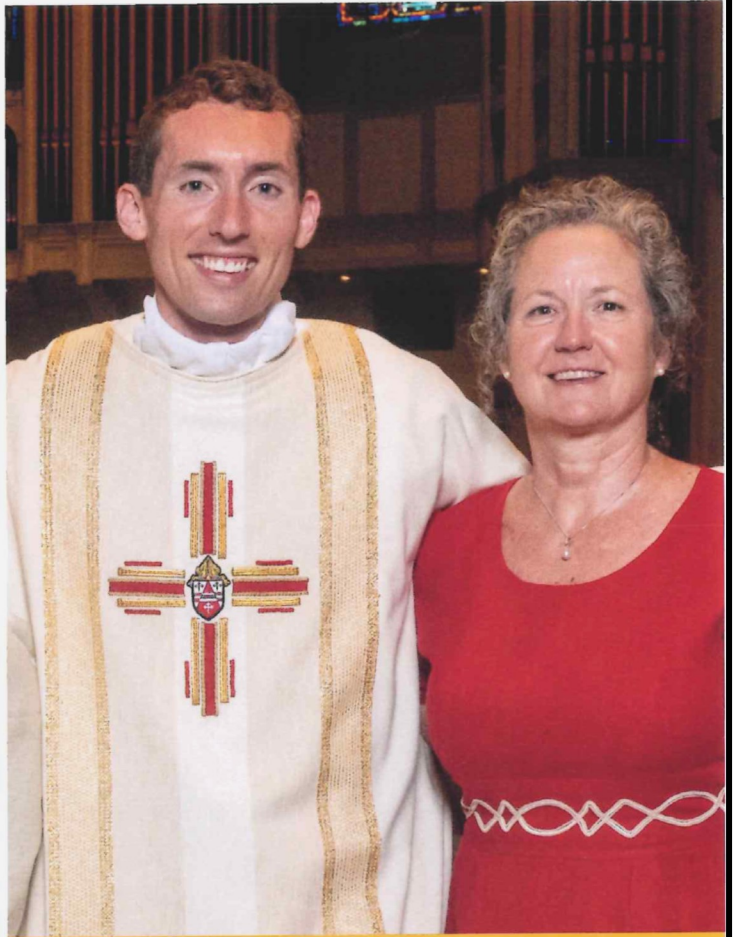


We are the Catholic
Church in Western
Washington

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.

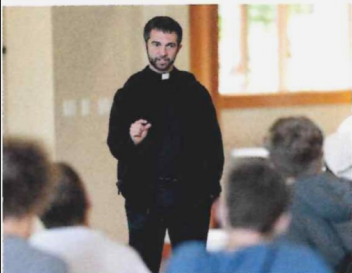
Your gift provides:

- **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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