

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
anne@stmps.org; 206-796-9657

For Funeral: 206-363-6767 Ext 200

Weekday Hours:

8:30am to 4:30pm

MAY 10, 2026 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In *John 14:15-21*, Jesus Christ teaches that real love is shown through obedience—not as rigid rule-following, but as living in alignment with His way.

He promises the Holy Spirit as a constant, inner presence—guiding, comforting, and revealing truth—so his followers are never alone (“not left as orphans”).

The passage centers on relationship: God is not distant, but deeply present, inviting believers into a shared life with Him.



SCRIPTURE READINGS – MAY 10-17

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Mass intention—RIP Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-8/Jn 15:9-17

Mass intention—Rest of the soul of Laura Santos

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-7/Jn 16:20-23

Mass intention—Rest of the soul of Raymond Klatt

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10/Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIFE

	Actual	Needed	Over (Under)
Week Ending May 3, 2026	\$ 11,777	\$ 12,000	(\$ 223)
Cumulative from July 1, 2025	\$ 453,321	\$ 528,000	(\$ 74,679)

EVENTS CALENDAR

Event	Date/Day/Time	Venue
International Heritage Festival	5/16, Noon–3pm	Community Center
One Parish Plan Process:		
Update & Listening Session	5/16, 6 pm	Community Center
Update & Listening Sessions	5/17, 9:30 & 11:30 am	St Mark Gym
Celebrate St. Matthew School Event	5/31, 11 am – 3 pm	Community Center

SPECIAL MASS SCHEDULE—WEEKEND OF MAY 16-17 ONLY

Mass schedule to accommodate Listening Sessions (see details inside bulletin):
Sat. May 16, 5:00pm, at St. Matthew ONLY. No Mass at St. Mark.
Sun. May 17, 8:30am & 10:30am, at St. Mark ONLY. No Masses at St. Matthew

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 and Enrollment section on our website, <https://www.stmss.org/>. New students can complete the Inquiry Form available in the Admissions Links:

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



SPRING SCHOOL EVENTS

It is a busy spring season filled with fun traditions at St. Matthew School. The Huff n Puff Fun Run and Grandparents Day were

recently celebrated. Continuing the busy month of May we look forward to:

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

We pray that that students, families and staff experience the joy of community, togetherness, and fun during this busy season.

ROSARY WEEK MAY 11 TO 15

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

On Friday, May 15, we will have May Crowning in the church after Mass.



COMMUNITY PRAYERS

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for May

- Let us pray 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 All Mothers on Mother's Day

- That they may be surrounded with love and gratitude on this Mother's Day; and for all mothers who have died, that they may rest in the embrace of our loving God.

For the Sick

- Lord, bring peace to restless hearts of the sick, and remind them that Your steadfast presence will carry them through darkness into the light of hope.

For the Faithful Departed

- That they may be welcomed into the eternal joy of the Father's house.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE ST. MATTHEW HONDURAS MISSION

If you are interested in being a part of the Mission team going to the Children's Home in Honduras in October, or would like more information about the trip, please contact Colleen Flanigan at 206-778-0132 or email her at colleenflanigan@gmail.com. The dates of the trip are October 23rd-31st.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CYO VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS



Talia and Isabelle on our St. Matthew and St. Mark combined 8th grade girls Volleyball team won their championship game last weekend!

Our very own Declan O' Leary and his OLL Lakers 7th grade boys Volleyball team also won against St. Anne!

We are so proud of our athletes and so thankful for the many volunteer CYO coaches who help our kids grow.



ANNOUNCEMENT ON ONE PARISH PLAN PROCESS

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 to be provided.
- **May 17-10:30 AM Mass at St. Mark (no Mass at St. Matthew)**
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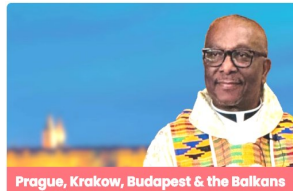
We will be using synodal listening sessions in small groups to address the following questions:

- How have your experiences in the parish, and your experience of the parish's gifts and charisms (extraordinary spiritual gifts given by the Holy Spirit through the sacraments), 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 unable to attend the listening sessions, an online survey will be available, addressing the same questions.

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

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



Prague, Krakow, Budapest & the Balkans

**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!



*Celebrating
40 Years of
Priesthood*



Father Armando Guzmán, our former Pastor, is marking his **40th Ordination Anniversary** alongside fellow members of the 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](https://www.stmatthew.org/1240-NE-127th-St-Seattle)). The evening will start with Mass at 5 PM in the 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.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL QUARTERLY REPORT –
JANUARY TO MARCH 2026**

We noticed several trends this last quarter. Landlords are more reluctant to take our partial rent pledges, requiring the full balance due which we can rarely meet, thus causing us to forgo help to that neighbor. We had more requests for food and gasoline with rising prices. We generally have to turn down the gas requests in order to focus on our core help of rent, utilities, and food. We had more requests from the homeless, whose needs we are often not equipped to handle. But we had many successful visits with neighbors to relieve their financial stress at least partially and brighten their lives by caring listening. During this quarter, we:



- Paid \$19,417 in rent and utilities, helping to prevent many evictions and shutoff of services.
- Delivered 73 bags/boxes of food, helping 63 households.
- Delivered 18 bags of cleaning supplies, hygiene and baby items; also donated household goods.
- Provided \$50 worth of gift cards for food.
- Had \$456 in vouchers redeemed at the St. Vincent de Paul store, primarily for clothing and household items.

Overall, we served 111 households, helping 236 people.

If you are feeling a call to make a difference in the world, please prayerfully consider becoming a member of our parish conference. We have a wide variety of jobs, big and small, that we can use help with. For more information, without obligation, please call Pat Olson at 206-391-9753. All are welcome.

Thank you for your generous support of the St. Matthew Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We are honored to be the hands of Christ with your donations.

SVdP FOOD BANK NEEDS:

We are preparing for our upcoming food distribution to our neighbors. We are greatly in need of pasta sauce and toilet paper. Thank you for being a blessing to our community.



SEVEN WOMEN
praying
FOR ONE PRIEST
each for
ONE HOUR
ONE DAY A WEEK

in the presence of the
BLESSED
SACRAMENT

Each member commits to a Holy Hour on a distinct day of the week, thus covering a complete week. The commitment is to that day; the Seven Sister may pray at any time on that day. If she is unable to offer her Holy Hour, she is to secure a substitute, explaining the Apostolate's mission. The substitute need not be a woman.

To find out more information go to:
www.sevensistersapostolate.org
Our new year starts JUNE 12th
WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS
Want to join this ministry? Email:
anne@stmps.org



St. Matthew's Annual Catholic Appeal campaign begins this weekend. The Annual Catholic Appeal supports the ministries of the Archdiocese throughout Western Washington. This year's theme, "Together in Faith," reminds us that the work we do as Catholics and as a community of the baptized is never done alone.

Last year, the Archdiocesan average ACA gift was \$575. All gifts received beyond the Archdiocesan goal will be returned to our parish to help fund parish projects and/or operating needs.

ACA pledge cards had been mailed to you. These pledge cards are also available in the pews for your prayerful reflection and generous response. Thank you for your continued support to the ACA.

IMPORTANT MASS NOTICE

The Friday Daily Mass celebrated at St. Matthew will conclude at the end of May. Beginning June, you are invited to attend Friday Mass at St. Mark at 9 AM, which is also a school mass, with 24-hour adoration following.

Together in Faith



We are the Catholic Church in Western Washington

We celebrate Mass and pray together. We care for the sick and visit the homebound. We form disciples of all ages and walk with those joining the Catholic Church. We welcome people from every culture and background into our Catholic family. We are the living body of Jesus Christ.

Your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) supports:

- Multicultural Ministry
- Faith Formation
- Hospital and Healthcare Ministry
- Administrative Ministries for parishes
- ...and much more



"Celebrating the Virgin de Guadalupe and delivering our dances as a sacrifice of love, sharing our tradition and culture with different churches around the archdiocese, has helped us to get much closer to the one true God for whom we live."

*- Adriana Moldonado
(pictured with her husband, Aaron Jesus German)*



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Make Your ACA Gift Today

Archseattle.org/GiveACA | 800-809-4921



Come Celebrate!



ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL HERITAGE FESTIVAL

**SATURDAY
MAY 16, 2026**

12 to 3 pm



St. Matthew School
Free admission!

FEATURING

Filipino Food
Ethiopian & Eritrean Food
Baked Goods & Sweet Treats

Beer Garden (21+)
Dance Performances
Crafts & Rosaries

**Want to volunteer?
Scan the code --->**



Please donate baked goods May 16!

Questions? Email or call: 206-362-2785 or 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 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**