

August 9, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



ST. MARK & ST. MATTHEW

P A R I S H F A M I L Y



*The Assumption of the Virgin
by Mariano Salvador Maella*

St. Mark

18033 15th Pl NE, Shoreline, WA 98155
saintmarkshoreline.org
Church Hours: M-F 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

St. Matthew

1240 NE 127th St., Seattle, WA 98125
stmatthewseattle.org
Church Hours: Mass Days, 8:30 am - 10:30 am

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday	5:00 pm	St. Mark
		St. Matthew
Sunday	8:00 am	St. Matthew
	8:30 am	St. Mark
	10:00 am	St. Matthew
	10:30 am	St. Mark

DAILY MASS

Monday	9:00 am	St. Mark
Tuesday	9:00 am	St. Matthew
Wednesday	6:00 pm	St. Mark
Thursday	9:00 am	St. Matthew
Friday	9:00 am	St. Mark
Saturday	9:00 am	St. Mark

CONFESSION

Wednesday	5-6:00 pm	St. Mark
Saturday	3-4:30 pm	St. Mark
	4-4:30 pm	St. Matthew

Or by appointment



St. Mark & St. Matthew Parish Family



@stmarkmatthewparish



PARISH FAMILY CALENDAR



ST. MARK

Sunday, August 9 ~
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am ~ Sunday Mass, Coffee Hour, Hall
10:30 am ~ Sunday Mass, Coffee Hour, Hall

Monday, August 10 ~ St. Lawrence

9:00 am ~ Daily Mass (*William Shelton Jr. +*)
2:00 pm ~ Parish Prayer Team, Church
6:30 pm ~ Family Rosary, Church
7:00 pm ~ Boy Scout Troop Meeting, Cafeteria

Tuesday, August 11 ~ St. Clare

7:00 pm ~ Knights of Columbus Meeting, Hall

Wednesday, August 12

5:00 pm ~ Confessions, Church
6:00 pm ~ Daily Mass (*Anna Ly Nguyen +*)
6:45 pm ~ Becoming Catholic Class, Hall

Thursday, August 13

6:30 pm ~ Open Volleyball, Gym

Friday, August 14 ~ St. Maximilian Kolbe

9:00 am ~ Daily Mass (*Perla Bernabe +*)
followed by all-day Adoration, Church

Saturday, August 15 ~ The Assumption

7:30 am ~ Lion's Den Meeting, Hall
8:45 am ~ Benediction, Church
9:00 am ~ Assumption Mass
1:00 pm ~ Women's Group Crafting Day, Hall
3:00 pm ~ Confessions, Church
5:00 pm ~ Vigil Mass

ST. MATTHEW

Sunday, August 9 ~
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8:00 & 10:00 am ~ Sunday Mass followed by
Financial Updates Presentation by Finance
Council & Parish Family Advisory Council
No Coffee Hour

Monday, August 10 ~ St. Lawrence

5:00 pm ~ Legion of Mary Meeting, Parish
Conference Room
7:30 pm ~ CLOSED CYO Volleyball, CC Gym
Open Gym Cancelled through November 16

Tuesday, August 11 ~ St. Clare

9:00 am ~ Daily Mass
9:45 am ~ Sr. Group Family Rosary & Divine
Mercy Chaplet, Church
7:00 pm ~ St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, CC
Conference Room

Wednesday, August 12

9:00 am ~ Sr. Group Novena to Mary & Family
Rosary, Church
10:00 am ~ Sr. Group Rosary Making, Parish
Library

Thursday, August 13

9:00 am ~ Daily Mass (+ R.I.P. Gerry Acuesta +)
9:15 am ~ Sr. Group Family Rosary & Divine
Mercy Chaplet, Church

Friday, August 14 ~ St. Maximilian Kolbe

None Scheduled

Saturday, August 15 ~ The Assumption

8:00 am ~ Cursillo Movement, Parish Library
9:30 am ~ Knights of Columbus, Parish Library
4:00 pm ~ Confessions, Church
5:00 pm ~ Vigil Mass



PARISH FAMILY STAFF



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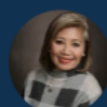
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*For emergencies involving danger of death, please dial
(206)-364-7900 x9*

*Marriage, baptism, confirmation, and first sacraments,
please contact Anne Lombard (206) 796-9657.*



STEWARDSHIP



ST. MARK

Registered Households 605

Mass Attendance August 1-2

Saturday 5 pm	131
Sunday 8:30 am	249
Sunday 10:30 am	372

Parish Collection August 2

Weekly Mass Collection	\$18,193.00
<u>Weekly Budget</u>	<u>\$17,721.18</u>
Over/Under	(\$471.82)

Year to Date Collection	\$81,823.16
<u>Year to Date Budget</u>	<u>\$88,605.90</u>
Over/Under	(\$6,782.74)

Outstanding Debt Balance July 31

N/A

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ST. MATTHEW

Registered Households 421

Mass Attendance August 1-2

Saturday 5 pm	97
Sunday 8:00 am	113
Sunday 10:00 am	147

Parish Collection August 2

Weekly Mass Collection	\$11,071.29
<u>Weekly Budget</u>	<u>\$9,439.46</u>
Over/Under	\$1,631.83

Year to Date Collection	\$47,162.65
<u>Year to Date Budget</u>	<u>\$47,197.30</u>
Over/Under	(\$34.65)

Outstanding Debt Balance July 31

PRF Line of Credit	\$50,191
PRF Mortgage	\$249,822

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**ST. MARK &
ST. MATTHEW**
PARISH FAMILY



Register
Today



PARISH FAMILY NEWS



LISTENING SESSIONS & COMBINED MASSES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27th

7:00 pm ~ Listening Session at St Matthew

AUGUST 29th/30th

Saturday 5:00 pm Vigil Mass only at St. Matthew followed by Listening Session

Sunday 8:00 am Mass only at St. Mark followed by Listening Session

Sunday 10:30 am Mass only at St. Mark followed by Parish Family Picnic

SEPTEMBER 26th/27th

Saturday 5:00 pm Vigil Mass only at St. Matthew followed by Listening Session

Sunday 8:00 am Mass only at St. Mark followed by Listening Session

Sunday 10:30 am Mass only at St. Mark

NOVEMBER 7/8

Saturday 5:00 pm Vigil Mass only at St. Matthew followed by Listening Session

Sunday 8:00 am Mass only at St. Mark followed by Listening Session

Sunday 10:30 am Mass only at St. Mark

Sunday,
August 30
Noon @
St. Matthew

PARISH FAMILY PICNIC

All are invited to come make memories as a Parish Family, enjoying live music, fellowship, food, and fun!





PARISH LIFE



SAVE THE DATE! PARISH EVENTS

Saturday & Sunday, August 8 & 9

St. Matthew Town Hall – Financial Updates,
following each Mass @ St. Matthew church

Thursday, August 27

Partners in the Gospel Listening Session,
7pm @ St. Matthew CC

Saturday, August 29

Partners in the Gospel Listening Session,
6:30 pm @ St Matthew Church

Sunday, August 30

Partners in the Gospel Listening Session,
9 am @ St. Mark Gym

Sunday, August 30 ~ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Parish Family Picnic, 12 pm @ St. Matthew

Saturday, October 10

Public Rosary Rally, 12 pm @ St. Matthew Grotto

Saturday, October 17

World Mission Rosary & Potluck,
11 am @ St. Matthew CC

Join our team of Fasting Brothers!

The Seven Sisters are looking for **nine men** who are willing to commit to **fasting one day a week for the intention of our priests**, in union with the Eucharistic Holy Hour of a Seven Sister. Each Fasting Brother may **choose the nature of their fast**, provided it's sacrificial and prayerfully discerned.

For more
information
about this
ministry, scan
this QR code:



**Want to become a
Fasting Brother?**
Email: Anne@stmps.org



The volleyball open gym on Mondays at the St. Matthew gym is cancelled from August 10 to November 16 for the CYO Adult Volleyball season. The volleyball open gym on Thursdays at the St. Mark gym from 6:30-8:30 PM is still running and open for parishioners 6th grade and above!

For Anointing of the Sick, funeral arrangements, and Mass intentions, please call the parish office.
All Mass readings available in your missal in the pews. You may also visit: <https://bible.usccb.org>

Please Pray For

Pacita Suarez+

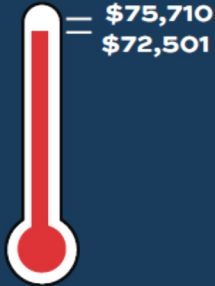




OUTREACH

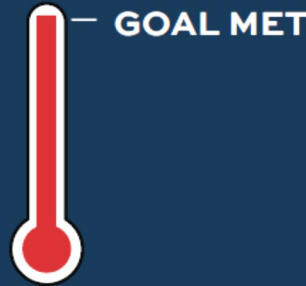


St. Mark ACA Goal: \$75,710



38%
Household
Participation

St. Matthew ACA Goal: \$56,502



27%
Household
Participation



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Support Spokane Fire Relief

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All proceeds will
benefit the
**Spokane Complex
Fire Support Fund**
established by
Catholic Charities
Eastern
Washington.

The St. Matthew Mission Team will be returning to Honduras in October. We will be bringing donations to the Children's Home and Bilingual School that we support. If you are able to purchase and donate any of the items listed at the QR code below, there will be a box in the St. Matthew vestibule from August 8th - September 13th. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Scan here for Honduras
donation wishlist





FAITH FORMATION



Want to learn more about your faith?

Join our "Becoming Catholic" classes, held on Wednesdays from 6:45-8:15 pm in Sullivan Hall at St. Mark.

All are welcome!



Find out more about
the program at
ascensionpress.com

We recently celebrated the **Rite of Acceptance** into the Order of Catechumens and the **Rite of Welcoming** the Candidates at St. Mark.

The **Rite of Acceptance** is the Church's formal acceptance of those who have not yet been baptized and are seeking to become Catholic. Through this rite, they begin a deeper journey of conversion, prayer, and formation as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

The **Rite of Welcoming** is celebrated for those who have already been baptized in another Christian tradition and are preparing to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. The Church publicly welcomes them, prays for them, and encourages them as they continue growing in faith and prepare to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist.

We invite you to keep our catechumen, candidates, and confirmandi in your prayers as they journey towards full communion with Christ and His Church. The candidates and confirmandi will be confirmed on August 16th at the 10:30 am Mass at St. Mark. The catechumens will be initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

Catechumen - Megan Joines

Candidates - Morgan Smith, Franchesca de Guzman, Kimberly Odekirk, Drew Stanley, Kobi and Chimmy Nwangwu, David Svarc

Confirmandi - Anna Boyle, Blake Starkenburg



WE JOYFULLY WELCOME
Santiago Renan & Isabella Chloe
Baptized into the Catholic Church
on Saturday, August 1, 2026.
Santiago is the son of Osnar &
Yeitshet, and Isabella is the
daughter of Milagros & David.



Another great resource for learning about the faith is FORMED.ORG. Sign up today:

1. Go to formed.org/signup.
2. Search for your parish by Zip/Postal Code and click on your parish.
3. Register with your first and last name, as well as email address.

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SCHOOL NEWS



A Fresh New Look. A Timeless Education. A Beautiful Place to Grow.



New school uniforms!

St. Mark & St. Matthew Catholic Classical School has been beautifully refreshed for the upcoming year, and **there is still time for new families to join us.** We invite you to come and see a school where your child will grow in faith, wisdom, virtue, and wonder. **Schedule a personal tour this August with Kathryn Palmquist-Keck:** principal@stmss.org.



BOYS & GIRLS

COACHES NEEDED!
GRADES K-8: \$50



Registration Deadline: September 18

Meet Schedule: September 20, 27, October 4



Register Here

Questions? athletics@stmps.org



GIVE TODAY!

St. Mark & St. Matthew Catholic Classical School

Sunday, August 30
End of Summer Picnic

Tuesday, September 8
First Day of School

Wednesday, September 16
Curriculum Night

Cross Country Meets

Sunday, September 20
Meet 1: Pool A @ 1:00 pm, Pool B @ 3:15 pm

Sunday, September 27
Meet 2: Pool B @ 1:00 pm, Pool A @ 3:15 pm

Sunday, October 4
Meet 3 Championship: K-3 @ 1:00 pm, 4-8 @ 3:30 pm





ARCHDIOCESE



Next Step Gala REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!



DATE:
Saturday
September 19th, 2026



TIME:
Doors open at 5:30pm
Silent Auction 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Dinner and Program to follow!



LOCATION:
Holy Rosary Pastoral Center
630 7th. Avenue North
Edmonds, WA 98020



SCAN ME!

Scan the QR code
to register
and learn more!

Join us for an inspiring evening of dinner, dessert,
and fellowship as we celebrate and uplift
your local Pregnancy Help Clinic.



For registration questions
please call (425) 338-2813



or email
gala@nssupport.org



Assumption
Rosary Walk



August 12
11:00-12:15 pm
Holyrood
Cemetery



A DAY OF GRACE & GLORY

The Solemnity of the ASSUMPTION OF MARY

Join Archbishop Paul D. Etienne and
Bishop Frank Schuster and thousands of
the faithful on August 15 at Cheney
Stadium in Tacoma for a beautiful
outdoor Holy Mass celebrating Our
Lady's glorious Assumption into Heaven.



EXECUTIVE Speaker Series

Thursday, August 13th, 2026 | 7pm

Isaac Orr Conference Room
Archdiocese of Seattle



YOUNG CATHOLIC
PROFESSIONALS

Seattle



Rino Caruccio
Global Finance Executive





August 8, 2026

St. Matthew Parishioners,

Today, we - the St. Matthew Finance Council along with the Parish Family Advisory Council - urgently write you to provide an update regarding the ongoing financial crisis facing our parish and to share our recommendation for how to address this issue.

As we learned in our recent listening session, one of the core gifts that St. Matthew parish identifies with is “community”. And while St. Matthew’s community is always vibrant, in the last decade, Mass attendance, activities, and stewardship have been declining, and we have struggled to maintain both programs and staff. Historically, school families played a vital role in parish life and support. The decline in student enrollment, which ultimately led to the school's consolidation with St. Mark School, is further evidence of the parish's overall decline.

These factors have led the parish to realize operating losses, fueled by flat revenues and increasing costs, resulting in negative cash income. Over the years this trend has depleted our cash reserves.

Our deficit

As we began our new fiscal year in July 2026, the ‘26-‘27 budget recommendations were prepared reflecting a \$350,000 cash deficit, which greatly exceeds the original estimate. As we shared earlier this year, we anticipated a deficit for both the ‘25-‘26 & ‘26-‘27 budgets, which led to our need to secure a line of credit of up to \$628,620. The line of credit was backed by the projected sale of the property across the street from the parish office.

Because we continue to operate using borrowed money, we are facing a worsening cash deficit. At the same time, given all the factors, we anticipate continued (or increased) losses in future fiscal years, which will likely exhaust the line of credit before the sale of the property. This reality raises serious concerns about the stewardship of St. Matthew’s resources.

In addition, the Lisieux House (convent) has experienced an increase in security incidents. This has prompted the ministry to seek to move to another location in the archdiocese no later than June 30, 2027. This upcoming property vacancy worsens our finances, since the rent from Lisieux House offset the operating and mortgage costs of the building.

Discerning options

As mentioned in our earlier communication, parish staff, St. Matthew Finance Council and the Parish Family Advisory Council have been evaluating options to mitigate increasing costs and increase revenue to reduce the deficit. One of the most viable options is leasing the St. Matthew school and church to one or more appropriate tenant(s) to offset the fixed cost of the property. Professional and Chancery advisors suggest that the best leasing opportunities for the current market would be to lease the whole property at St. Matthew including the school, offices, Lisieux House, community center and the church.

Our recommendation

Given our tenuous cash position and the strong preference in the market for leasing the entire campus, St. Matthew Finance Council and the Parish Family Advisory Council recommend leasing the entire property at St. Matthew. Ideally, we would lease to Catholic organizations to further the mission of the Church, as aligned with the Archdiocesan Catholic Real Estate Initiative.

By leasing the property, we would be able to uphold our financial stewardship responsibilities. And, given the unique situation we are in through Partners in the Gospel, the St. Matthew community would not be lost. Instead, the community would bring its spiritual gifts and talents to the St. Mark campus. Through this, the St. Matthew community would remain a valued part of our parish family, continuing to contribute its unique history, traditions, and strengths to our shared mission and ministry.

Ultimately, this means that we are recommending discontinuing regular Sunday Mass at St. Matthew church starting in the first half of 2027. However, this recommendation and shift in Mass schedule does not mean that the church is closed. It will be used periodically for Mass and other liturgical celebrations at the discretion of the pastor and in partnership with any future tenants.

This is a tremendously difficult recommendation to make for us – and for you. We want to acknowledge the emotion and grief it will bring. Know that we grieve with you and yet at the same time, recognize that this recommendation reflects a responsible approach to stewarding St. Matthew parish resources as it provides time for a prayerful transition, while minimizing the dependence on the line of credit to support operating costs. This recommendation also retains ownership of our campus to further God's plan and grow access to Sacraments, Pastoral Care, and ministries. We anticipate Fr. Ross finalizing a decision over the next few months.

Timing

If Fr. Ross accepts the recommendation, the timing for moving all Masses to St. Mark will be coordinated with the Parish Family Advisory Council's work on the One Parish Plan. This process will continue to engage parishioners through community consultations, developing a shared vision for the future of our parish family, while building on our gifts and addressing our challenges. The plan will honor the legacy of both parishes, and in particular, the community aspect of St. Matthew. The One Parish Plan will also look ahead to the needs of our larger community and the next generation of Catholics, while discerning God's will for our parish family.

Although this transition may lead us to worship together in a different place, we hope it will also strengthen what has always made St. Matthew special: its people. Buildings provide shelter for worship, but it is the faithful who create a parish community. Together, we will continue to grow as one parish family. Please keep all St. Matthew parishioners, past and present, in your prayers. Please pray especially for Fr. Ross and Fr. Davis, along with the parish staff and parish family leadership, during these challenging times. If you have questions, you can email Sara Lane or Tom Martin.

St Matthew - Pray for us.

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