St. Mark Shoreline



St. Mark Parish

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February 21, 2021

Reverend Jacob Maurer, Pastor

Parish Office

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School Office

Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm (206) 364-1633 (206) 367-3919 (fax)

Saturday Vigil Mass

5:00 pm

Sunday Mass

8:30 am & 10:30 am

Weekday Mass

Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday: 9:30 am

Wednesday: 6:30 pm

Confessions

Wednesday-Friday: 5:00 pm

Saturday: 3:00 pm

Appointments are welcome! Call Fr. Maurer.

PARISH INFORMATION



The Week Ahead

Sunday, February 21

Sunday Mass, Pro Populo, The First Sunday of Lent 8:30 am, Mass, Church 10:30 am Mass, Church

Monday, February 22

9:30 am, Daily Mass, Church (James Acheson, RIP)

Tuesday, February 23

No Morning Mass

Wednesday, February 24

5:00 pm Confessions, Church 5:00 pm Adoration, Church

5:45 pm Benediction, Church

6:00 pm Evening Prayer, Church

6:30 pm Daily Mass, Church (Evelyn Combe, RIP)

7:00 pm Faith Matters, Church

Thursday, February 25

9:30 am, Daily Mass, Church (Antonino Crisafulli, RIP) 5:00 pm Confessions, Church

6:00 pm School Commission

Friday, February 26

9:30 am Mass, Church (Macario Habon, RIP)

1:45 pm Stations of the Cross, Church

5:00 pm Confessions, Church

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross, Church

Saturday, February 27

9:30 am Daily Mass, Church

12 noon Games & Grace with Father Maurer, Sullivan Hall

3:00 pm Confessions, Church

5:00 pm Vigil Mass, Church

Sunday, February 28

Sunday Mass, Pro Populo, The Second Sunday of Lent 8:30 am, Mass, Church

10:30 am Mass, Church

11:40 am, Community Rosary, Affirmation of Life Memorial

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www.saintmarkshoreline.org

Stewardship as of February 14, 2021 for Fiscal Year July, 2020-June, 2021:

Weekly amount needed: \$17,310 Last Week Collection: \$8,290 Year to date needed: \$571,230 Actual given year to date: \$481,912

Difference: (89,318) Online Giving: Total givers: 90

Amount given online: \$5,205

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WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

- Father Jacob Maurer

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

Cf. Ps 13 (12): 6

A line stands out to me in today's Gospel: "The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert". Jesus did not seek this out nor did the devil somehow trick or force Him into it; the Holy Spirit drove Him out. And while Jesus was indeed obedient, the use of the word 'drove' suggest that this was something imposed rather than requested or sought after.

The final part of Jesus' time there shouldn't be ignored: "the angels ministered to him". Jesus had to undergo this time of purification, but His Father attended to Him when it was done!



Jesus Tempted in the Wilderness, James Tissot

How often have we felt as if the Lord had driven us some where we would not have gone ourselves? Perhaps we find ourselves in just that position ourselves. Certainly, we face a time of purification and temptation - in this season of Lent as well as in our lives overall.

Jesus' model shows us both how to stand firm in struggle and that we are not alone in the effort. May we trust that whatever we face, we do so with God and His angels on our side. February 22 is the feast of The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle. On this day we celebrate the proclamation of the faith in Rome by Saint Peter (and also Saint Paul). Since the time of the Apostles, Rome has become the seat of the Catholic Church.



That we share the faith of the Apostles is made visible by our unity, most expressly under the leadership of the Vicar of Christ, successor of Saint Peter, the pope. May we pray for Pope Francis and the Church, that we may together proclaim the Gospel to all.

Additional times for confession are available during Lent at Saint Mark parish! Starting on Ash Wednesday and continuing until the Wednesday of Holy Week, the sacrament of reconciliation will be available every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evening. This will be in addition to the regularly scheduled Saturday 3-5 pm confession time.



Lent 2021 confession schedule:

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 5:00 pm—6:00 pm (Wed., February 17 to Wed., March 31)

February 21, 2021 From the desk of the pastor

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Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

The sacrament of penance and reconciliation is a rich source of grace. Also known as confession, it was instituted by Jesus Christ to offer us forgiveness for offenses committed against God.

Every time we sin, we hurt ourselves, other people and God. In the sacrament of reconciliation, we acknowledge our sins before God and his church. We express our sorrow in a meaningful way, receive the forgiveness of Christ and his church, make reparation for what we have done and resolve to do better in the future.

The sacrament involves five elements:

Contrition: We are sincerely sorry for offending God and have a firm resolve not to repeat our sins.

Confession: We speak about our sins aloud to a priest. **Penance**: The priest prescribes an act of penance as a part of our healing.

Act of contrition: We offer a prayer in which we express to God our sorrow for sin.

Absolution: The priest says the words through which "God, the Father of mercies" reconciles a sinner to himself through the merits of the cross and grants his forgiveness.

In this sacrament of mercy, we seek the grace of forgiveness and the strength to let go of patterns of behavior that prevent us from knowing, loving and serving the Lord Jesus fully.

Don't worry if it's been a long time since your last confession, or if you are uncertain about how to approach the Lord in this sacrament.

Jesus wants you to receive his peace, just as he wanted his apostles to receive it.

In Lent we can experience God's tender mercy by celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation.

Parish Prayer Intentions

For the ill...

Jim & Virginia Helbling, Margarita Andrijic, Jeannine Fitzsimmons, Teresa Schoen

For the deceased...

Macario Habon

St. Mark Parish Faith Matters Program

Faith Matters will meet Wednesday, February 24, at 7:00 pm in the church right after 6:30 pm daily Mass. Our topic will be "Ways to Pray". Everyone is welcome! If you have questions email Deacon Kirk at kirka@saintmark-shoreline.org, or call him at (206) 364-7900.

Community Rosary at the Affirmation of Life Memorial

The next Community Rosary at the Affirmation of Life Memorial will be Sunday, February 28 after the 10:30 am Mass, about 11:40 am. Please come! Masks and social distancing are still required. If you do not yet feel comfortable attending in person please pray the Rosary on your own or with your family in support of pro-life efforts. We can also pray the Rosary with Archbishop Etienne anytime convenient here: https://vimeo.com/424251219

National 40 Days for Life

During the National 40 Days for Life groups and individuals across the country prayerfully and peacefully gather to pray publicly for an end to abortion. The campaign runs through March 28. Locally, we will meet on 76th Avenue and 196th Street in Lynnwood.

For more information go to www.40daysforlife.com

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl 2021

Lent began on Ash Wednesday, and with it an opportunity to put faith into action through prayer, fasting and alms-giving. We are offered simple yet powerful ways to bring Lenten spirituality to life.

Through our annual Rice Bowl giving we support Catholic Relief Services; the US Conference of Catholic Bishops' Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development; migration and refugee services; Catholic Legal Immigration Network; Secretariat for Cultural Diversity in the Church and more. Learn more about the many ministries benefited by CRS Rice Bowl at: www.usccb.org/catholic-relief

"God never tires of forgiving us, and through the ministry of a priest he offers us an embrace that regenerates us and allows us to continue in our journey."

~Pope Francis

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St. Mark School Annual Lion's Drive

The event of the season, commonly known as the annual St. Mark Classical School auction, cannot happen this spring due to the pandemic. This event normally provides necessary funds to pay our teachers, help students facing hardship and helps to meet the general operating expenses at our school Without these funds our school would find itself in an extremely challenging situation. We have a plan to aid us with this situation:

The Annual Lion's Drive 300 X 500 Campaign! It's simple. If 300 people donate \$500 or more we will meet our goal of achieving at least \$150,000 for our school. Donate \$500 and you are eligible for two chances to win a \$100 VISA gift card. Your donation is tax deductible. Please consider donating the amount you would spend at the annual auction to the Annual Lion's Fund this year! Send a check made payable to St. Mark Catholic Classical School to either the school or the parish office or donate online directly at https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/149/DirectDonate/2105.

St. Mark Catholic Classical School Open House Virtual Open House

Come meet the principal and teachers and discover the gift of a Catholic Classical education for your child. Creating saints for God!

Topic: Virtual Open House

Time: March 2, 3:00 pm Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8702615462?pwd=Z-DE5UERDaTA2KzBuL2pDb2pzNXB5UT09

Meeting ID: 870 261 5463

Passcode: ssss



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Strengthening the Church at Home: Catholic Home Missions

Home mission dioceses are those Catholic dioceses in the United States, its territories and former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass, the sacraments, religious education and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters and lay people. Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the US and its territories are considered home missions.

As just one example, justice ministries and related programs are often supported by this mission through a variety of activities that include support for inmates reentering society as well as pastoral ministries for crime victims and their families. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions

This weekend is our annual appeal for Catholic Home Missions. An envelope is in our monthly packet for, or we can write a check to St. Mark and put Catholic Home Missions in the memo line and we will make sure your gift gets to the right place, or just go to https://www.us-ccb.org/committees/catholic-home-missions/how-give.

Preregistration No Longer Needed

It is no longer necessary to sign up in advance for Mass at St. Mark (including Sunday masses and the Saturday vigil)! There are still limits to how many can gather each mass, so please come early.

Friday Stations of the Cross at 1:45 pm and 6:30 pm also do not require prior registration and neither do Wednesday Adoration, Benediction and Evening Prayer as well as Saturday Games & Grace with Father Maurer.

Frequently Requested Numbers

Boy Scouts: Dennis Halpin (206) 365-1971

Knights of Columbus: Greg Insley (206) 271-4599

St. Vincent de Paul Helpline: (206) 767-6449

Queen of Heaven Guild: Sylvia Ebert (206) 419-3115

Funeral Volunteers: Gini Harmon (206) 364-6834

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Marian Caskets: (206) 463-6245

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From The Holy See's Teaching on Catholic Schools

Excerpted from Archbishop J. Michael Miller, former Secretary of the Sacred Congregation for Catholic Education:

The search for wisdom and truth: In an age of information overload, Catholic schools must be especially attentive to the delicate balance between human experience and understanding. In the words of T.S. Eliot, we do not want our students to say: "We had the experience but missed the meaning." The greatest challenge to Catholic education in the US today, and the greatest contribution that authentically Catholic education can make to American culture, is to restore to that culture the conviction that human beings can grasp the truth of things and in grasping that truth can know their duties to God, to themselves and to their neighbors.

Faith, culture and life: From the nature of the Catholic school also stems one of the most significant elements of its educational project: the synthesis of culture and faith. The endeavor to interweave reason and faith, which has become the heart of individual subjects, makes for unity, articulation and coordination, bringing forth in what is learned in a school, a Christian vision of the world, of life, of culture and of history.

Communion (fellowship) and community: The Holy See places an emphasis on the community aspect of the Catholic school, a dimension rooted both in the social nature of the person and the reality of the Church as "the home and the school of communion." That the Catholic school is an educational community is a vital aspect: Catholicism should permeate not just the class period of religious education, or the school's pastoral activities, but the entire curriculum. The Holy See's documents speak of an integral education, an education which responds to all the needs of the person.

Founded on a Christian anthropology: to be worthy of its name, a Catholic school must be founded on Jesus Christ the Redeemer who, through his incarnation, is united with each student. Christ is not an after-thought or an add-on to Catholic educational philosophy but the center and fulcrum of the entire enterprise, the light enlightening every student who comes to the school.

Catholic Classical Education

Catholic Classical Education is a successful method that is historically based and rooted in the Catholic faith and tradition.

It educates based on instilling a sense of wonder, curiosity and love of learning in students along with a desire to seek what is true, good and beautiful. Classes are naturally integrated so students see the relationships between what they are currently learning, giving them a greater understanding and foundation in all subjects.

Two words often used to describe it are *wisdom* and *virtue*. Wisdom is the power to understand and evaluate but what about virtue? According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "human virtues are firm attitudes, stable dispositions, habitual perfections of intellect and will govern our actions, order our passions and guide our conduct according to reason and faith" (https://catholic-stand.com/catholic-liberal-education-today/).

Wisdom is the power to know the truth and virtue is the power to live by it.

Students excel in the classical method because it builds on their natural intellectual curiosity and development. Children learn in different ways at different ages and stages. In the earlier grades, their brains develop in such a way that they can memorize and be taught large amounts of information. This period is referred to as the grammar stage of education. As the students develop, the methods of teaching them do as well. The logic stage of education begins as students approach middle school, when their ability to reason develops. Logic, critical thinking, debate and reasoning skills are taught while delving deeper into the information students mastered in earlier grades.

This type of education provides a foundation for advanced studies in all disciplines. The focus is on students becoming responsible citizen-leaders of the world who continue to grow in wisdom and knowledge while retaining a love of learning throughout their lives.

For more information about Catholic Classical Education please visit <u>www.catholicliberaleducation.org.</u>

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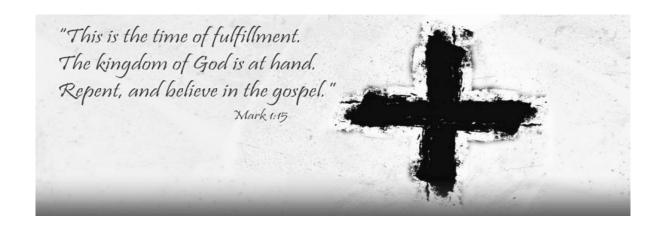
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This Lent...

- + <u>Pray</u>... at daily Mass, Sunday Mass and as a family in the church or join in online.
- + <u>Celebrate Reconciliation</u> . . . Confessions are Wednesday through Friday 5:00-6:00 p.m. (with occasional cancelations, refer to bulletin), Saturdays 3:00-4:30 p.m.
- + <u>Journey with the Lord</u> . . . Friday Stations of the Cross at 1:45 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. in the church.

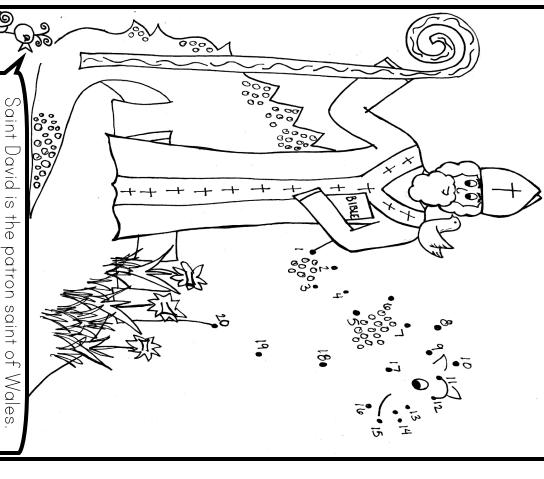
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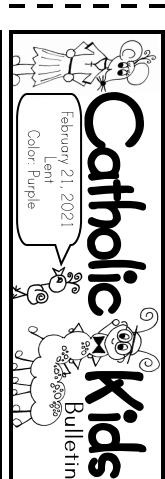
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The dragon is a symbol of Wales.

A bishop's hat is called a **miter** and the hook is a **crosier**. Saint David was a bishop

A dove sat on Saint David's shoulder to show that the Holy Spirit was with him. A hill grew under his feet so people could see him.





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Do you remember that the priest wore purple waiting for Jesus to be born at Christmas. The priest is wearing purple again while we during Advent? That was when we were wait for Jesus to come at Easter

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