St. Mark Shoreline



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#### March 7, 2021

#### **Reverend Jacob Maurer, Pastor**

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#### 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, March 7 Third Sunday of Lent 8:30 am, Mass, Church (Pro Populo) 10:30 am Mass, Church (Pastor's Intention)

Monday, March 8 9:30 am, Daily Mass, Church

**Tuesday, March 9** No Morning Mass 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus, Sullivan Hall

Wednesday, March 10 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 (Carol Pedersen, RIP) 7:00 pm Faith Matters, Church

**Thursday, March 11** 9:30 am, Daily Mass, Church (Ryan Seek, RIP) 5:00 pm Confessions, Church

Friday, March 12 9:30 am Mass, Church (Noah Mitchell, RIP) 11:30 am Funeral, Barbara Britz, Church 1:45 pm Stations of the Cross, Church 5:00 pm Confessions, Church 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross, Church

Saturday, March 13
9:30 am Daily Mass, Church (George Thaler, RIP)
12 noon Games & Grace with Father Maurer, Sullivan Hall
3:00 pm Confessions, Church
5:00 pm Vigil Mass, Church (*St. Mark Faculty & Staff*)

**Sunday, March 14** Fourth Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time Begins 8:30 am, Mass, Church Pro Populo 10:30 am Mass, Church (incense) (Pastor's Intention)

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Stewardship as of February 28, 2021 for Fiscal Year July, 2020-June, 2021:

Weekly amount needed: \$17,310 Last Week Collection: \$13,677 Year to date needed: \$605,850 Actual given year to date: \$509,204 Difference: (96,646) Online Giving: Total givers: 110 Amount given online: \$8,394

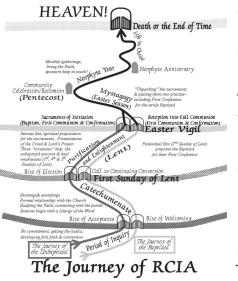
# ₩JMJ¥ WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

#### - Father Jacob Maurer

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor. *Cf. Ps 25 (24): 15-16* 

This Sunday begins the first of the three **scrutinies**. This rite, traditionally celebrated on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent, is a time of purification from sin and temptation for the elect who will be received into the Church at the Easter vigil Mass.

For those who follow the readings at Sunday Masses where the scrutinies are celebrated, you will notice that the readings are from Cycle A



despite the fact that we are in Cycle B.

This is because the scrutinies correspond to the accounts from the Gospel of John of the Samaritan

woman, the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus. These particular stories speak to the power of Christ over sin & death, as well as the response of those to whom He ministers.

While we ourselves are not taking part in the scrutinies, this is an opportune time for each of us to consider how we yet need to be purified of attachment to sin. As the prayer of exorcism is prayed over the elect, we too might ask for the Lord to excise from our hearts the evils that we allow to reside there. May we join with the elect in being brought closer to Christ. March 8 is the optional memorial of **Saint John of God**. Prone to impulsive decisions of the heart even from a young age, Saint John ran away from home after hearing a priest talk about adventures in the new world.



Most of his life was going from one thing to another as he realized his need for conversion and felt various promptings to live more perfectly and assist others. May we follow his example, responding eagerly when the Holy Spirit calls us to conversion and service.

Starting last week and lasting through the Lenten season, Saint Mark parish will be offering **solemn exposition and benediction** of the Blessed Sacrament each Wednesday from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

While exposition is not necessary for

adoration (Jesus is always present in the tabernacle!), it is nonetheless a special blessing to adore in this particular way.

Regardless of how long you can stay, this is a wonderful opportunity to be with the Lord and each other in prayer & worship.



From the desk of the pastor

# PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



# Shedding Light on Pornography, Part II

Pornography is a not-so secret dark issue for many. The combination of easy internet access, more time at home and much available content has produced a situation in which on-demand video of virtually any act is available for free–at the click of a mouse.

Pornography hurts adults, children, couples, families and society. For adolescents, pornography hinders the development of a healthy sexuality and among adults it distorts attitudes and social realities. In families pornography use leads to marital dissatisfaction, infidelity, separation and divorce.

Pornography is addictive. Neuroscientists can map the biological substrate of this addiction in the brain. Frequent users, men, women and teens tend to become desensitized to the type of pornography they use, become bored by it, and progress to more extreme forms. Prolonged consumption of pornography by men produces stronger notions of women as commodities or objects and correlates with a tolerance of unhealthy, including violent, behaviors.

Women are less likely both to use pornography and to go from the viewing of pornography to the seeking out the experiences portrayed but are at a higher risk of seeking connections in real life with those they encounter online. For adolescents not only does the use of pornography hinder healthy development, but results in sexual self-esteem plummeting while a sense of shame rises. A significant relationship in adolescents exists between frequent pornography use and feelings of loneliness and major forms of depression; it disorients them during that developmental phase when they are most vulnerable to uncertainty regarding their beliefs and values.

~CERC: Catholic Education Resource Center, 2009

#### **Parish Prayer Intentions**

For the ill...

Jim & Virginia Helbling, Margarita Andrijic, Teresa Schoen, Michael Stevens, Bill and Maria Lersch, Christopher John Kelling, Vicki Langlot

> For the deceased... Carol Pedersen

> > Michael Chiles

#### St. Mark Parish Faith Matters Program

Faith Matters will meet Wednesday, March 10, at 7:00 pm in the church right after 6:30 pm daily Mass. Our topic will be Virtues: Justice. Everyone is welcome! If you have questions email Deacon Kirk at <u>kirka@saintmarkshore-line.org</u>, or call him at (206) 364-7900.

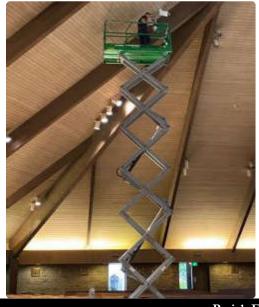
#### Games & Grace

Join Farther Maurer in Sullivan Hall on Saturdays from 12 noon until 3:00 pm for Games & Grace! Bring your favorite table top board or card game. This gaming group aims to build fraternity and create a space for fun and theological conversation. Everyone is welcome. Stop by Saturday to see what it's all about.

"Love is never something ready made, something merely 'given' to man and woman; it is always at the same time a 'task' which they are set. Love should be seen as something which in a sense never 'is' but is always only 'becoming', and what it becomes depends up on the contribution of both persons and the depth of their commitment." ~St. John Paul II, Love and Responsibility

# New Lighting in the Church

First, yes, this really is how our maintenance manager changes the bulbs in the church. Second, no, he doesn't give rides, sorry. The new lighting in the church includes LED bulbs which will be long lasting saving us money, time and energy and will be much cooler in the summer.



# PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



#### **Funeral Mass Announcement**

Join us, virtually, in prayer for the repose of the soul of

# Barbara Britz

Friday, March 12 at 11:30 am Rosary 11:00 am Viewing 10:30 am Rosary & Mass will be live streamed on Facebook

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul rest in peace. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

### St. Mark Church is Open

The church is open every day from 9:00 am until at least 4:00 pm. On Wednesdays and Saturdays it is open later and on Sundays earlier.

Mass at St. Mark is in the church, every day of the week except Tuesday, and requires no advance registration, just come! Times are listed in the calendar section of this bulletin. There is plenty of room and Covid protocols are observed and there is frequent cleaning. While perusing the calendar please notice extra confession times for Lent, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church, Benediction and evening prayers!

### St. Mark School Virtues Project

Our school is teaching and practicing the Virtues. Here the fourth graders reflect on Cheerfulness! "A chore that I really dislike is putting the clean dishes away from the dishwasher. Living in a household of six people we use a lot of dishes, and we run the dishwasher at least a couple times a day. Singing my favorite song, 'You Can Have It All', puts me in an uplifting mood and makes my chore less boring and more cheerful. Saint Philip Neri was known for his cheerfulness and incredible sense of humor. It is not difficult to imagine that his presences made the most unenjoyable tasks fun. By following Saint Philip Neri's example, I can find enjoyment in any task. Music makes emptying the dishwasher way more pleasant and actually doesn't really feel like a chore anymore. It is important to me to be cheerful by finding creative ways to make life more enjoyable by including things like music or games in my daily chores." ~Caleb, Grade 4

### **Baptism Congratulations**

<sup>+</sup> Vitez Clarence Olson, son of Jerome & Vicki Olson, who was baptized on Saturday, February 20, 2021.

We joyfully welcome you into God's family and we look forward to ministering with and supporting your parents in their raising you in practice of the Catholic faith!

# Grief Ministry at St. Mark

Grief as a result of the loss of a loved one is not a journey we must take alone. We know that while God doesn't rejoice in our suffering, He is always present in it. When grief changes the way we see ourselves and the world around us communion (fellowship) with others not only helps us heal but those we journey with as well. Please consider joining our upcoming grief group. We will meet once a week for about eight weeks. Meetings will begin the end of March. Space is limited. Please call or email Laura in the office with any questions, to sign up or for more information (206) 364-7900, <u>laural@saintmarkshoreline.org</u>.

"We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord." ~Saint Ambrose of Milan

# **Daylight Saving Time**

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 14. Remember to set your clocks forward one hour or you might be very late to Mass!

#### 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 Marriage Help: Retrouvaille (206) 706-2608 Holyrood Cemetary: (206) 363-8404 Beck's Funeral Home: (425) 771-1234 Harvey Funeral Home: (206) 632-0100 Marian Caskets: (206) 463-6245



# Novena to St. Joseph

Let us join in a novena of prayer to St. Joseph as we prepare to celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19. Offer the prayer on the following page, on your own or with others. Along with your personal intentions, you are invited to focus on these special prayer intentions for each day of the novena.

# March 10

For a greater openness to God's will for us and the courage to follow wherever God may lead

# March 11

For the "unsung heroes" who have kept us going during the pandemic, especially health care workers, teachers and essential workers

### March 12

For all who work, and for all who are unemployed or underemployed, that they may be treated with justice and dignity

### March 13

For migrants and refugees, forced like the Holy Family to leave their homeland, that they may find safety and welcome

# March 14

For our local Church, that we may proclaim the Gospel with integrity, and serve Christ in the poor and the afflicted

### March 15

For the dying, that God may grant them the grace of a happy death and give comfort and peace to their families

### March 16

For all who have authority over others-bishops and priests, elected officials, teachers, supervisors, and parents-that, like Joseph, they may be examples of gentleness and fidelity

# March 17

For husbands and fathers, that they may learn from St. Joseph to be gentle, loving, faithful and courageous

#### March 18

For families, especially families in crisis, that they may draw strength from the example and intercession of St. Joseph and the Holy Family

#### March 19 – Solemnity of St. Joseph

Celebrate this Solemnity, and the beginning of the Year of the Family, by joining in Mass in your parish, in person or via livestream.

# Novena Prayer

#### All make the sign of the Cross

#### Scripture Verse

"Where did this man get such wisdom and mighty deeds? Is he not the carpenter's son?" (Matthew 13:54-55)

#### Prayer

Leader: Let us pray.

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Pope Francis, Patris Corde

#### Litany

Leader: Joseph most just, Leader: Joseph most strong, Leader: Joseph most faithful, ALL: pray for us. ALL: pray for us. ALL: pray for us.

All make the sign of the Cross



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