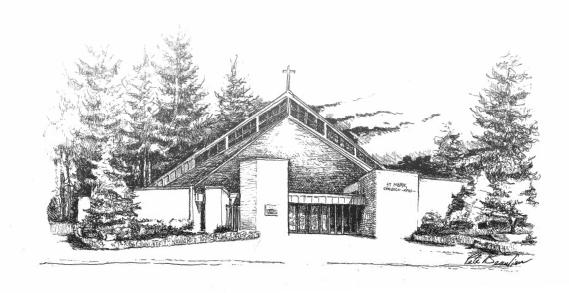
St. Mark Shoreline



St. Mark Parish

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October 3, 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: 5:00 pm Saturday: 3:00 pm

Appointments are welcome! Call Fr. Maurer.

PARISH INFORMATION



The Week Ahead

Sunday, October 3 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 am, Mass, Church (Pro Populo) 10:30 am, Mass, Church (Archbishop Etienne & all Clergy) 12 noon, Princess Angeline, Library

Monday, October 4

9:30 am, Mass, Church (Gene Hanson, RIP) 6:30 pm, Boy Scouts, Cafeteria

Tuesday, October 5

No Morning Mass 7:00 pm, St. Gianna Molla, Sullivan Hall

Wednesday, October 6

11:30 am, Queen of Heaven's Guild, Sullivan Hall 3:30 pm, Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge, Playfield 5:00 pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Church No 5:00 pm Confessions 6:00 pm, Benediction & Evening Prayer, Church No 6:30 pm Mass 7:00 pm, Faith Matters, Sullivan Hall 7:00 pm, RCIA, Sullivan Hall

Thursday, October 7

9:30 am, Mass, Church (Osita Anonuevo, RIP) 2:00 pm, Bible Study, Sullivan Hall 3:30 pm, Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge, Playfield 6:45 pm, Confirmation Preparation, Sullivan Hall

Friday, October 8

9:30 am, Mass, Church (Kenneth Slechter, RIP)

9:30 am, Mass, Church (Ted Gormley, RIP)

Saturday, October 9

3:00 pm, Confessions, Church

Sunday, October 10 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 am, Mass, Church (Pro Populo) 10:30 am, Mass, Church (Archbishop Etienne & all Clergy)

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5:00 pm, Vigil Mass, Church (St. Mark Parish & School Faculty & Staff) "Lord, help me to live this day, quietly, easily. To lean upon Thy great strength, trustfully, restfully. To wait for the unfolding of Thy will, patiently, serenely. To meet others, peacefully, joyously. To face tomorrow, confidently, courageously."

* JMJ *



WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

- Father Jacob Maurer

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Cf. Est 4: 17

If there's one thing that Jesus can be counted on in His teachings, it is raising the bar. Anything short of perfection is unacceptable.

Today's Gospel remind us of the plan of God from the beginning - that the intimate union of a man & a woman should be a oneness that is never broken. Moreover, marriage holds a special place history of mankind! The newly married couple hears these words at their wedding:

"O God, by whom woman is joined to man and the companionship they had in



the beginning is endowed with the one blessing not forfeited by original sin nor washed away by the flood."

Did you catch that? Marriage is the **one blessing** that survived original sin and the ensuing breaches of God's covenants. Moreover, God Himself, again and again, uses marriage to describe His relationship with His chosen people - He the bridegroom, we the bride. Jesus firsts reveal Himself at a wedding.

Earthly marriages often struggle, but we must never lose sight of the great mystery towards which they are oriented: our unity with God! It is for this reason we hold marriage in such high regard, recalling its significance for couples as well as for Christ & His Church. The memorial of **Our Lady of the Rosary**lands on October 7. The original three mysteries came to a total of 150
'Hail Mary's, matching the number of the psalms in the Bible.



Farmers - often living near the monasteries where their religious needs were met - would participate in the monastic cycle of hours by praying the rosary. Though not required of Catholics, the rosary is deeply regarded by the Church - She refers to it as an 'epitome of the whole Gospel', commending it to all.

This week marked the first meeting of a **new pastoral council** for Saint Mark parish. Pastoral councils are a consultative body that serve to help a pastor discern the will of God for a parish, discuss the needs of the community, and implement the archbishop's and pastor's vision for that given parish.

Our pastoral council currently consists of six members: Dirk Bartram, Mary Ann Draye, Sean Malone, Gina Olson, Pat Riley, and Paul Sundberg. To avoid complete turnover, their terms will be staggered but the maximum term is 3 years, which can be renewed once.

Please join me in welcoming and praying for our new pastoral council!

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PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



St. Mark Fall Faith Formation Programs

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) begins on Wednesday, October 6 at 7:00 pm in Sullivan Hall, and will run concurrently with Faith Matters.

RCIA is for adults who have not been baptized, or were baptized in another Christian church, and want to become Catholic.

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist preparation classes begin on Thursday, October 14 at 4:00 pm in Sullivan Hall.

First Sacrament Classes are for St. Mark parishioners and St. Mark Catholic Classical School students.

Confirmation preparation classes for baptized youth begin on Thursday, October 7 at 6:45 pm in Sullivan Hall.

Confirmation is for baptized youth of the parish who are in 7th grade or older.

Faith Matters, Adult Continuing Education, continues Wednesday, October 6 at 7:00 pm in Sullivan Hall with **The Sacrament of Baptism Part II**, and will run concurrently with RCIA.

Faith Matters is an adult formation program for anyone who wants to know more about the Catholic faith.

St. Mark Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 2:00 pm in Sullivan Hall.

For Registration Forms, or for more information, see the Sacraments and Faith Formation tab on the Parish website at https://saintmarkshoreline.org/faith-formation/ or contact Deacon Kirk Altenhofen at (206) 364-7900 or kirka@saintmarkshoreline.org.

Parish Prayer Intentions

For the ill...

Ron Dion, Sr., Ray Fortney, Kayla Culp, Susan Harris, Robert BanNatta, Suchie Trollop

For the deceased...

Michael Kelly

Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge

The annual Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge is this week! All St. Mark parish boys and girls ages 9-14 are invited to participate Wednesday, October 6 or Thursday, October 7. Whether your child attends St. Mark Catholic Classical school, a different school, or is home-schooled please consider joining this fun annual event. If possible, please turn forms in to the school by October 4, if not possible please bring your forms, filled out completely, the day of the challenge.

Complete information and registration forms can be found at: https://www.stmss.org/apps/ events/2021/10/6/9606929/?REC ID=9606929&id=0

October is Respect Life Month

The month of October brings with it the annual observance of Respect Life Month. As part of the Year of St. Joseph declared by Pope Francis, this year's celebration highlights the example of that great saint.

As the faithful protector of both Jesus and Mary, we find in St. Joseph a reminder of our own call to welcome, safeguard, and defend God's precious gift of human life. Despite the mysterious circumstances surrounding Mary's pregnancy, St. Joseph took her into his home at the word of the angel. He guided their journey, found shelter and welcomed the infant Jesus as his son. When Herod threatened the life of the Christ Child, St. Joseph left his homeland behind and fled with Jesus and Mary to Egypt. Like St. Joseph, we are also called to care for those God has entrusted to us-especially vulnerable mothers and children. We can follow in the footsteps of St. Joseph as protector by advocating for pro-life causes. We can imitate his care by supporting Walking with Moms in Need, to support mothers experiencing a difficult pregnancy, especially low-income mothers. More information can be found on the insert in this bulletin.

May we imitate St. Joseph's faithful trust and courage as we work to uphold the dignity of every human life. St. Joseph, defender of life, pray for us!

To walk with moms in need through your local parish, go to www.walkingwithmoms.com. To join in prayer for the intercession of St. Joseph, defender of life, visit: www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph.

~Paraphrased and Condensed From the USCCB Website

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St. Mark Catholic Classical School News Virtue In Practice

Each month the students concentrate on a virtue and with their families practice the virtue all month. Each grade level also focuses on a saint. In September the virtue practiced was **Charity** and the saints learned about were: St. Gertrude, St. Vincent de Paul and Venerated Laura Vicuna. In the next column are two reflections by students about what they learned by practicing **Charity**.

"Yes, I wish to sow courage, hope, and enthusiasm abundantly in the hearts of all those many diverse people who are in charge of religious instruction and training for life in keeping with the Gospel." ~St. John Paul, II

Daily Mass Cancelations

- † Daily Mass at 6:30 pm is canceled Wednesday, October 6
- † Daily Mass at 9:30 am is canceled Monday, October 18
- † Daily Mass at 9:30 am is canceled Saturday, October 23

Upcoming Ladies Guild Meeting

The Queen of Heaven Guild will meet Wednesday, October 6 at 11:30 am in Sullivan Hall. Come for fellowship and praying the Rosary. After the meeting a brown bag lunch will be enjoyed outside. Call Sylvia at (206) 419-3115 with any questions.

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

Marriage Help: Retrouvaille (206) 706-2608

Holyrood Cemetary: (206) 363-8404 Beck's Funeral Home: (425) 771-1234 Harvey Funeral Home: (206) 632-0100

On the Virtue of Charity From Students Fourth Grade Virtue Project

"This month's virtue is charity. Charity is sharing your blessings with the less fortunate. I worked together with my parents to clean out our closet and box up clothes to be donated to those in need. This demonstrates charity by giving and donating like St. Vincent de Paul. He provided direct assistance to those in need. I learned about St. Vincent de Paul and charity. I need to share, not just material things, but also love for my neighbors and those in need. I will continue doing charity by giving and donating what I don't use anymore."

Sixth Grade Virtue Project

"The virtue for the month of September is Charity, loving God with all your mind and strength, and your neighbor as yourself. For this month's virtue project I thought about the different ways I could be accused of being a Christian if I were put on trial for my faith. I was able to think of ten major ways that I could be accused of being a Christian. My family helped me with all ten of these actions; praying the rosary or chaplet daily, watching Mass daily, saying prayers before meals and before bed, going to a Catholic school and participating in Religion classes, donating to the poor, having religious statues and artifacts in my home, doing volunteer work for our parish and school, and writing in a prayer journal. These deeds would prove that I am close to God in my daily life, and give evidence for a court trial that I am Christian. The area that I need to work on with this project is mainly how well I pray. Many times I find that it is hard for me to pay attention. To address this sometimes I picture myself praying together with the Holy Family. Another way I can combat this is by thinking more deeply upon who we are praying for whether it is family and friends, or the person we passed on the street. This project helped me to target the weak points in my faith and helped me to contemplate upon how I can improve my daily life."

September 26, weekly stewardship report (fiscal year July 2021-June 2022) St. Mark parish

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Online	# In Person	# Online	Givers
Income							
Last Week	\$16,555	\$10,478	(6,077)	\$4,611	96	78	174
Year to Date	\$215,215	\$164,032	(51,183)				

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Office of Pastoral Ministries Prayers

Contact: Erica Cohen Moore | ericac@seattlearch.org | 206-909-5330 (c)

Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of Your People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

-Adapted from Vatican News

Prayer to Our Lady of Seattle

Holy Mary, we come before you as spiritual children in great need, seeking your intercession, and asking that your mantle of love surround us to console, protect, and lead us to your son Jesus.

We entrust all of God's family, especially the church in Western Washington, into your immaculate hands. With your son Jesus' gentle power you can *undo any knot* in our church, and in the lives of believers who entrust themselves to your care.

Today I especially entrust to you safety in this time of the *Coronavirus*, and I ask that – through your intercession, and that of St. James, our guardian angels, and the faithful in our Archdiocese – we may be free from every spiritual and temporal ill, and be safely led to encounter your son's merciful, sacred heart.

Our Lady of Seattle, Undoer of Knots, pray for us.

Prayer Against Anxiety and Depression

Lord, when all is darkness and we feel our weakness and helplessness, give us the sense of your presence, your love, and your strength. Help us to have perfect trust in your protecting love. Bless us with your strengthening power so nothing may frighten or worry us. We trust that in living close to you, we shall see your hand, your purpose, your will through all things.

- St. Ignatius of Loyola

Do not fear: I am with you; do not be anxious: I am your God.
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.
-Isaiah 41:10



"COME AND SEE"

Vocation Rally

OCTOBER 16, 2021

MASS AT 5:00PM followed by program

Celebrant, the Most Rev. Eusebio Elizondo | Concelebrant, Rev. Hans M. Olson

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Living THE JOY OF THE Gospel The preception of Your preception of Yo

In the apostolic exhortation *Evangelii gaudium* (*The Joy of the Gospel*), Pope Francis calls the Church to a new chapter of evangelization and invites every Christian to a life of missionary discipleship. The Holy Father writes that "the word of God constantly shows us how God challenges those who believe in him 'to go forth." As those who have encountered Jesus, we are called to share the joy of the Gospel: "Each Christian and every community must discern the path that the Lord points out, but all of us are asked to obey his call to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the 'peripheries' in need of the light of the Gospel."²

Evangelii gaudium reflects on the example of Christ who himself knelt to wash the disciples' feet. Like Jesus, an evangelizing community becomes involved in the lives of its people; "it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others." Parishes make manifest the presence of the Church in a local community and provide an environment to encounter God and grow in the Christian life. The parish is "a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a center of constant missionary outreach."

The foundation of all our missionary efforts is the truth "that every person is worthy of our giving... because they are God's handiwork, his creation." God created human beings in his image and likeness, and every person reflects God's glory: "Every human being is the object of God's infinite

tenderness, and he himself is present in their lives "6"

Therefore, every Christian is called to "be actively engaged in evangelization; indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and

"Every human being is the object of God's infinite tenderness, and he himself is present in their lives."

proclaim that love."⁷ Pope Francis challenges the Church to be bold and creative in reassessing its approach to evangelization: "Pastoral ministry in a missionary key seeks to abandon the complacent attitude that says: 'We have always done it this way'."⁸

Instead, the Holy Father proposes a culture of encounter and accompaniment, "standing by people at every step of the way, no matter how difficult or lengthy this may prove to be." With "patient expectation and apostolic endurance" the art of accompaniment "teaches us to remove our sandals before the sacred ground of the other (cf. *Ex* 3:5)" and to show special preference for the poor, despised, and overlooked.

Pope Francis reminds us that "among the vulnerable for whom the Church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among

us."¹² The defense of unborn life upholds "the conviction that a human being is always sacred and inviolable, in any situation and at every stage of development."¹³ Yet, the Holy Father acknowledges that the Church has often "done little to adequately accompany women in very difficult situations, where abortion appears as a quick solution to their profound anguish."¹⁴

As members of the Church that "goes forth," we are called to take the first step toward those in need—sharing in their lives, listening to their concerns, offering them both material and spiritual support. For "true faith in the incarnate Son of God is inseparable from self-giving, from membership in the community, from service, from reconciliation with others." And while we may feel unequipped for such a mission, the Holy Father reminds us that "whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms."

Our mission as disciples of Christ Jesus "is at once a passion for Jesus and a passion for his people."¹⁷ For having received the love of Christ, how can we but share that love with others? "The joy of the



Gospel is such that it cannot be taken away from us by anyone or anything (cf. *Jn* 16:22)."¹⁸ The evils of our world and challenges within the Church cannot diminish our commitment to missionary discipleship: "With the eyes of faith, we can see the light which the Holy Spirit always radiates in the midst of darkness."¹⁹

The joy of the Gospel is for all people. May each of us seek to renew and deepen our relationship with God and strive "to meet every challenge as a leaven of Gospel witness."²⁰

In response to Pope Francis' call to share the joy of the Gospel, especially with those on the peripheries, the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities is inviting Catholics to walk in the shoes of local pregnant and parenting mothers in need. Through the initiative *Walking with Moms in Need*, parishes and dioceses are invited to join a nationwide effort to increase outreach and support to pregnant and parenting women facing difficulties. To learn more about this effort, visit **walkingwithmoms.com**.



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