

St. Mark Shoreline



St. Mark Parish

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May 15, 2022

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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 of May 15

Sunday, May 15

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast after both Masses, Cafeteria
8:30 am, Holy Mass, Church (*Pro Populo*)
10:30 am, Holy Mass, Church (*Archbishop Etienne & all Clergy*)

Monday, May 16

9:30 am, Daily Mass, Church (Patrick Costello, RIP)
2:00 pm, Prayer Team, Church
6:30 pm, Boy Scouts, Cafeteria
6:30 pm, Family Rosary, Church

Tuesday, May 17

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

Wednesday, May 18

5:00 pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Church
5:00 pm, Confessions, Church
6:00 pm, Benediction & Evening Prayer, Church
6:30 pm, Daily Mass, Church (Stella Bischel, RIP)
7:00 pm, Faith Matters, Sullivan Hall

Thursday, May 19

9:30 am, Daily Mass, Church (Deac Keenen, RIP)
2:00 pm, Bible Study, Sullivan Hall
6:30 pm, Pastoral Council Meeting

Friday, May 20

9:30 am, Daily Mass, Church (Veronica Olson)
10:30 am, Rosary Preceding Funeral Mass, Church
11:00 am, Funeral Mass for Maria Orallo, Church

Saturday, May 21

9:30 am, Daily Mass, Church (Debra Howe, RIP)
3:00 pm, Confessions, Church
3:30 pm, Bible Study, Sullivan Hall
5:00 pm, Vigil Mass, Church (*St. Mark Parish & School Faculty & Staff*)

Sunday, May 22

8:30 am, Holy Mass, Church (*Pro Populo*)
10:30 am, Holy Mass, Church (*Archbishop Etienne & all Clergy*)
11:40 am, Community Rosary, Affirmation of Life Memorial

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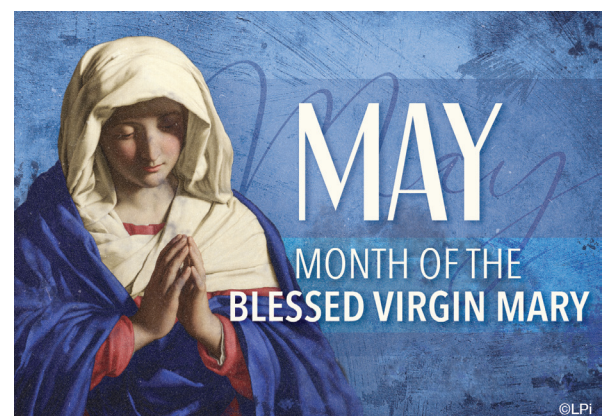
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WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

- Father Jacob Maurer

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Cf. Ps 98 (97): 1-2

Dear friends,

Today we enter into the second week of our in-parish mission. If last Sunday's homily was a jolt to your system, know that you are not alone! In phone calls to the office, e-mails among the parish leadership, and conversations between staff, everyone agrees: this is a lot!

As promised last week, our staff and parish leadership have put together a brief summary sheet, included in today's bulletin. Composing it was not without its own challenges - there was no small debate about how to present our circumstances, what details to highlight, or if we should even put this all out at this time. I am grateful to our pastoral council, our finance council, and to our staff - particularly Todd Chapman, our PAA - for their input. At the end of it all, I am convinced that getting this summary to you now rather than later is key. Before we can move forward, we need to know where we are, facing our challenges as directly and transparently as we can.

Between my homily last week ([which I've made available at my blog - fathermaurer.com](http://fathermaurer.com)), and the summary this week, it's clear that we have challenges! As we begin to more fully understand those challenges, it is natural - and healthy - to feel overwhelmed, fearful, or angry. When we do feel those things, it will be important **not** to avoid them! These are signs of our limitations and weakness, yes, but they are also opportunities for prayer. Naming our fears, expressing our anger, and offering our sense of smallness in the face of overwhelming circumstances empowers us to reach out to each other and to the Lord for what we need. After all this is **Christ's** parish! He is the One who will answer our needs..... once we recognize that we are in need and ask His help.

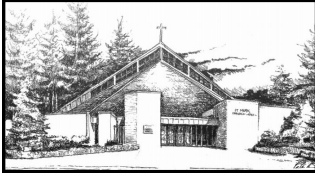
I want you to know that I, too, have and sometimes still feel overwhelmed, scared, and even angry. I am grateful for my priest support group, who gave me some wonderful advice when we met last Monday - you can read about it in the blog post linked above. May we take time to reflect on our need for Christ - and the part to which He is calling each of us. What we face, we face together and with Him, knowing that He will inspire and empower us to overcome all things.

yours in Christ,

Father Maurer

Our in-parish mission questions for prayer & discernment:

- what does it mean to be a Catholic parish?
- how do we live out our role as a parishioner within a Catholic parish?
- how is God calling us to grow individually as parishioners and communally as a parish?



Parish Financial Update

St. Mark Catholic Church, Shoreline WA

May 2022

KEY POINTS

- ◆ Sunday collection income has decreased by 18% since 2019
- ◆ We are currently facing a budget deficit of \$170k for the next fiscal year
- ◆ We will need to consider reducing the parish subsidy to our school and pulling from the endowment fund to make up the gap
- ◆ We will also need to consider budget cuts to parish operations, such as our liturgy expenses

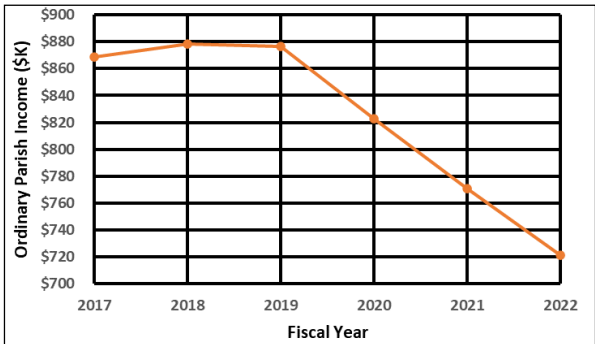
YOU CAN HELP!

- ◆ Our current situation can be reversed if we increase monthly income by at least 18%
- ◆ Please prayerfully consider whether you are able to increase your contribution by at least 18%
- ◆ We are in need of ushers to welcome people to Mass and pass the collection baskets
- ◆ Join parish ministries, attend events, and introduce yourself to someone you don't know! Vibrant parish life draws in new parishioners, which increases income and engagement.

Current State

The parish staff, Finance Council, and Pastoral Council have reviewed our financial situation as we prepare the budget for the new fiscal year beginning on July 1. It's been a tumultuous time for our parish over the last few years, and that's had an impact on our finances. We saw an expected decrease in donation income

when we were prohibited from meeting in person for Mass – and in fact, the decrease during that time was not as bad as it could have been, so THANK YOU to all of you who continued to donate online during this time. However, our donation income has not recovered from that drop. Our ordinary income for this fiscal year is forecast to be \$155K (18%) lower than in 2019. The impact of



this reduced income has been somewhat mitigated by the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), which provided loans to organizations to enable them to retain employees through the pandemic. Our parish meets the conditions to have these loans forgiven, resulting in additional “income” for the parish: \$167k for the parish, and an additional \$257k for the school. These funds have substantially offset the reduced income in 2020-2022, but the program has ended and we will not be receiving any additional PPP funds. We also received two generous \$100K bequests in our 2020-2022 fiscal years, further offsetting the decrease in ordinary income – but like the PPP funds, we cannot count on such bequests being available in the future.

Next Year

If the current trend of decreasing donations continues, we are forecasting a deficit of about \$170k in our next fiscal year, primarily resulting from the decreased income. We cannot prudently operate with a deficit of this extent; we would run out of cash in roughly two years. In order to balance our budget, we will need to consider several changes to our plans for the coming year, such as:

- ◆ Reducing the amount of the parish subsidy to our school, and pulling additional funds from the school endowment to make up the gap.
- ◆ Reducing budgets across most areas of parish operations, including our liturgy, faith formation, and office expenses. Among other impacts, this would result in less funding available for candles, incense, and instrumentalists; increased delays when contacting the parish office; and fewer resources and supplies for our faith formation programs.

Looking Forward to Our Future

We can reverse the current trend and restore our parish to a healthy financial condition. Increasing our income will require a combination of *both* increasing our membership of active parishioners, and a generous spirit of sacrificial giving. Beyond the direct financial contributions (which are indeed critical!), your contributions of time and talent build up our parish into a more welcoming and engaged community, which draws in new members. This requires active support from ALL parishioners – not just by the pastor, staff, and dedicated group of existing volunteers. Your contributions matter! Please, prayerfully consider where you can contribute more to our parish, and thus do your part to ensure that our reverent liturgy can be celebrated in our beautiful church for many years to come. Your support and engagement is necessary, and it enables our critical mission of spreading the gospel and drawing souls to Christ our Lord!

PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



Daily Mass Cancellations

† Daily Mass at 9:30 am is canceled Monday, May 30

St. Mark St. Vincent de Paul Conference

Our St. Vincent de Paul conference works hard to support the most vulnerable in our community through rental and utilities assistance, food deliveries and more.

Pantry supplies are needed! If you can, please donate canned fruit or vegetables, cereal, pasta, tomato sauce, toilet paper or personal hygiene items. Donations may be left in the basket in the church vestibule or dropped-by the parish office - if after hours just leave the donations on the bench by the front door.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity with both pantry items and money donations.

Volunteer opportunities with St. Vincent de Paul

Our St. Vincent de Paul conference welcomes parishioners interested in helping our neighbors in Shoreline by being part of our conference. Our conference meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 pm. The second Tuesday is a video call only and on the fourth Tuesday the meeting is held here at St. Mark in the portable library just north of the school.

If you are interested call Tom Martin at (206) 412-6438.

End of School Year Games and BBQ

Save the date! The school is holding an end of the school year games (including bouncy houses, everyone loves bouncy houses) and BBQ on Friday, June 3 from 3:30 - 6:30 pm in the parking lot, gym and cafeteria.

Parish Prayer Intentions

For the ill...

Jim Miller, Daniel Kaopuiki, Sherrill Dungan,
Christine Kimmel Jovanovich, Maxine Dion,
Dennis Knight

For the deceased...

Jordan Brown
Terrance Rath
Gerard Vreeburg

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast is Today!

Come to the cafeteria after Mass today, May 15. It's more than pancakes - it's the chance for you and your family to experience the best breakfast around!

Attend Mass at Holyrood

Our local Catholic cemetery hosts monthly Masses we all can attend. Holyrood Catholic Cemetery is a sacred space, a place of prayer and quiet reflection.

Memorial Mass at Holyrood

Everyone is invited to the Memorial Day Mass at Holyrood at **10:30 am on Monday, May 30.** (Mass at St. Mark is canceled that day.)

For more information, and directions, please go to <https://mycatholiccemetery.org/events/> or call Holyrood at (206) 363-8404.

Attending Mass as a Family

For many families, it's no small feat to get to, and to get through, Sunday Mass. Between fussy babies, busy toddlers, bickering siblings and distracted teens, parents often find themselves exhausted and stressed before they even set foot into the nave. They might find themselves asking, "Is it even worth it?"

If you are a parent struggling to get your family to Sunday Mass, take heart. You are not alone. Know that it is worth it...and it gets better.

Remember:

- † Your fellow parishioners are glad you are here!
- † Model the behavior you want to see; your children will be more likely to engage if they see that you are.
- † Sit near the front or an aisle. If the children can easily see what is going on it's easier to pay attention.
- † A walk can help. If your little one is having a hard time feel free to pop out to the vestibule, the bathrooms or outside for a break.
- † Rewards (who said bribes?) can help. Donuts are back and children are welcome! There is often a Kids' Page in the bulletin - feel free to grab one on your way into the church.
- † Nobody expects perfect behavior. The most important thing is that you and your family are here.

PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



Funeral Mass Announcement

Funeral Mass for

Maria Orallo

Friday, May 20 11:00 am
Rosary Preceding at 10:30 am

Mass will be in person & live streamed.

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.

Community Rosary at the Affirmation of Life Memorial

The next Community Rosary at the Affirmation of Life Memorial will be Sunday, May 22 immediately following the 10:30 am Mass.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

“There is no one more suited to the task of healing the culture than you.”

~Fr. Robert J. Spitzer

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

Is God Calling You to Marriage?

How do you know if you're ready to take the next step in your relationship?

Our faith teaches that marriage is a vocation. As with every call, we have the freedom to respond or not. You might be at a point in your relationship when you are considering marriage. The decision to marry is an important one and is best approached with reflection, prayer and open conversation.

The Archdiocese of Seattle's office of Marriage and Family Life offers some suggestions on discerning if you are ready for marriage.

Do you share in each other's faith? A shared spiritual life can help strengthen a couple's relationship, even in relationships where two people don't share the same religion. If your relationship with Jesus is an important part of your life, it would be ideal for your spouse to share in your faith and to support your spiritual growth.

If you don't already share your spiritual life, invite your prospective spouse to get to know your faith. It will help them get to know you better and deepen your relationship. Don't be afraid to invite them to join you at church.

Is it enough to be in love with each other?

In this video from Word on Fire, Bishop Robert Barron discusses the idea of “the transcendent third” or the idea that a couple must fall in love not just with each other but with a greater good, especially the greater good that glorifies God through their lives. It is only then that a couple can enjoy a truly meaningful life together, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N2fcNFHD-zAE&t=3s>

“Heavenly Father, we come before you to thank you for all you have done and continue to do in our lives. Lord, we come before you on this day, Father, asking for a stronger bond of unity...”
~CatholicReadings.org

May 8, weekly stewardship report (fiscal year July 2021-June 2022) St. Mark parish

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Online	# In Person	# Online	Givers
Income							
Last Week	\$15,660	\$15,181	(479)	\$8,204	107	88	195
Year to Date	\$704,700	\$623,102	(81,598)				

SCHOOL EVENTS & NEWS



School Communities

School Communities have been in place at the school for more than twenty five years. Each year students are added to the nine to ten communities throughout the school. The eighth graders are the leaders in each of the nine communities. The communities are made up of one or two students from each grade level. There are typically eleven to fifteen students in each community depending on the enrollment for the year. The communities attend Mass on Fridays together, sit together at our virtue prayer services where they share home projects, and gather together for activities through the year. The communities foster fellowship and good relationships between students. On Friday, May 6, the communities gathered to attend Mass together. The staff and students are excited to once again be back in communities.




Community Nine



St. Mark Catholic Classical School Lion's Fund Updates

As of May 11, the Annual Lion's Fund was just over \$120,000. There was a donor willing to match, dollar for dollar, for every dollar donated over the \$100,000 mark up to a maximum gift of \$10,000, and St. Mark, you did it! Thank you so much. We are getting closer to our goal. Please, if you have not already and are able, donate to the Annual Lion's Fund. **Any amount brings us closer to our goal of \$150,000.** Checks can be made out to St. Mark School Lion's Fund and sent to the parish office or dropped off at the school. We can donate securely online at <https://www.osvhub.com/saintmarkshoreline/funds/annual-school-drive-lion-s-drive>.

Fulcrum Foundation Grant

 The Fulcrum Foundation strengthens and revitalizes Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Seattle through grant programs that fund immediate school needs and support long term strategic goals. This year Tami Martin, Pauline Storino and Kathy Keck applied for a School Partnership Grant through the Fulcrum Foundation. The school was awarded \$50,000 for a new school wide math program. The money will not only purchase the Saxon Math Program kindergarten through eighth grade, but it will also provide enough funds for math manipulatives to be used school wide. Our thanks to the Fulcrum Foundation and their commitment to Catholic education in the Seattle Archdiocese.

Registration is Open at St. Mark Catholic Classical School

We are enrolling for the 2022-2023 school year in grades pre-K through 8th grade. Consider giving your child the gift of a Catholic Classical education.

More information can be found at https://www.stmss.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1512952&-type=d&pREC_ID=1651836, or go to www.stmss.org and click on the admissions tab for registration information or on the Catholic Classical Curriculum tab for more information on what makes our school unique.



The Archdiocese of Seattle - Criminal Justice Ministry invites you to
Jail and Prison Ministry 101

Learn how to accompany those affected by incarceration and how to offer a ministry of presence in correctional facilities. Share your ministerial experience and gain a rich theological understanding of the mission.

This free of charge program will be conducted over Zoom.

Facilitated by Shannon O'Donnell: May 16, 23, June 6, 13, 30 & 27 at 6:00 pm.

Presenters include: **Fr. George Williams, S.J.** who was the Catholic Chaplain at San Quentin State Prison in California for many years, holds a Ph.D. in Criminology from Northeastern University and is also a visiting professor at the University of San Francisco. **Fr. Dustin Feddon** is an experienced jail and prison chaplain who serves as an administrator for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and Sacred Heart of Jesus parishes and is Executive Director of Joseph House in the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee.

Register here, <https://archseattle.org/ministries/outreach-ministries/criminal-justice-ministry/jail-and-prison-ministry-101/>



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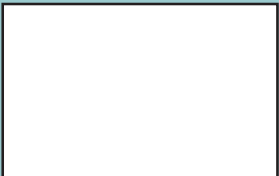

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