

# St. Mark Shoreline

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**December 10, 2023**

## Weekly schedule

### Sunday - *Second Sunday of Advent*

8:30 am - Sunday Mass (*for Saint Pius X parish*)

10:30 am - Sunday Mass (*for Saint Mark parish*)

### Monday

9:30 am - Daily Mass (*Jeannette Acheson*)

2:00 pm - Parish Prayer Team, church

6:30 pm - Family Rosary, church

7:00 pm - Boy Scouts troop meeting, cafeteria

### Tuesday

*No daily Mass* (Father's day off)

7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus meeting, hall

7:30 pm - Saint Vincent de Paul meeting, library

### Wednesday

9:30 am - Daily Mass (*Bill Eidsmoe, RIP*)

5:00 pm - Confessions

6:00 pm - Confirmation preparation, hall

### Thursday

9:30 am - Daily Mass (*Bill Joyce, RIP*)

5:00 pm - Confessions

6:30 pm - OCIA class, hall

### Friday

9:30 am - Daily Mass (*Michael Maloney, RIP*)

5:00 pm - Confessions

6:30 pm - Movie Night, hall (movie TBD)

### Saturday

7:30 am - Lion's Den meeting, hall

9:30 am - Daily Mass (*Gene Sovar, RIP*)

1:00 pm - Women's Group crafting day, hall

3:00 pm - Confessions

5:00 pm - Vigil Mass (*for Saint Matthew parish*)

## Mass times

**Mon, Wed-Sat:** 9:30 am

**Saturday:** 5:00 pm

**Sunday:** 8:30 am & 10:30 am

## Confession times

**Wednesdays:** 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**Saturdays:** 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

(appointments welcome - call Father)

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

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# PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



## December 3, weekly stewardship report (fiscal year July 2023 - June 2024) St. Mark parish

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Online	# In Person	# Online	Givers
<b>Income</b>							
Last Week	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Year to Date	\$360,801	\$318,508	(\$42,293)				

### Santa Breakfast is NEXT SUNDAY! Sunday, December 17 after both Masses.

There will be great food: pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, ham, roasted potatoes, biscuits and gravy, coffee, tea, orange juice, apple juice.



There will also be a visit from Santa Claus with pictures and candy canes.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

### Pray for vocations with St. John Vianney



Return 12/11/23 - Reed family  
Pickup 12/11/23 - Moore family  
Return 12/18/23 - Moore family  
Pickup 12/18/23 - Hannon family  
Return 12/26/23 - Hannon family  
Pickup 12/26/23 - Keck family



The Saint Mark School Christmas Concert is Thursday, December 21st and will again be held in the church.

The concert will begin at 7:00pm. All the students will be singing and the eighth graders will be performing the Nativity play. Everyone is welcome to attend.



If you would like to bring home the statue for a week to “Pray for Vocations with St. John Vianney”, please call the school office at any time to be added to the calendar.

### Please pray for

Tom Rutledge  
David Cardenas

Mary Helen Cardenas  
Struan Robertson

Lynn Waterson  
Rosario Eusebio-Benito

Kermit Joseph James  
Maria Cruz, RIP

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## Christmas Eve Social Hour & Potluck

Join us **Sunday, December 24th** in Sullivan Hall from 6pm-7:30pm, right after the 5pm Christmas Eve Mass.



Come share a cup of cheer and sing a few Christmas carols (and maybe an appetizer or a few cookies) and wish

your fellow parishioners a Merry Christmas before you rush home to finish wrapping your gifts.

If you would like to bring your favorite appetizer, cookie or non-alcoholic beverage to share, please drop them off in Sullivan Hall on your way to Mass. Coffee & tea will be provided. **No signup needed.**

Questions? Call Michelle Anderson 206-909-4167.

## Can you help?

Saint Mark parish is in need of parishioners to help with counting the weekly collection. We could use several people who would count the Sunday offering - usually on a Monday or Tuesday - once or twice a month.



For more info, contact the parish at (206) 364-7900 x100 or by email to [jeannettea@saintmarkshoreline.org](mailto:jeannettea@saintmarkshoreline.org)

## Consecration to the Holy Family

The Knights of Columbus invites St. Mark Parish to participate in the **Consecration to the Holy Family**. The novena will run from **December 23rd to December 31st**.

Knights will be available in the narthex to answer questions after weekend Masses on December 9th & 10th and also at the Santa Breakfast on December 17th.

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## Do you need gift cards for the holidays?

**Our school is selling SCRIP** (aka - gift cards) to assist you with all your holiday shopping and gifting needs! Buying gift cards is a great way to simplify your shopping and help the school at the same time because you purchase cards at normal face value, and the vendors give a percentage (2 - 20%) back to the school at no additional cost to you! It is truly a win - win!

**During the month of December, all orders over \$50, both in person and on-line, will be entered into a weekly drawing for a \$25 gift card of your choice!**

So stop by the school cafeteria after the Sunday Masses to purchase or get more information!

Prefer shopping online? Visit [www.RaiseRight.com](http://www.RaiseRight.com) and shop from a selection of almost 600 merchants, selling both plastic and electronic gift cards! (Use our school enrollment code (3349FA7A547L) at checkout to link your purchases to our school).





CHESTERTON ACADEMY  
OF ST. MICHAEL

*Presents*

AN ADVENT EVENING  
OF THE ARTS

DECEMBER 14, 2023

Chesterton Academy of St. Michael

12034 115th Ave NE  
Kirkland WA 98034



Come celebrate the wonder of the Incarnation  
and joy of Christ's birth!

**CHORAL CONCERT, RECITATION & ART**

FREE Admission

5:45 PM Doors Open, 6:00 PM Concert Begins

[chestertonstmichael.org](http://chestertonstmichael.org)

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## The Christmas Giving Tree

is in the narthex with opportunities to give small or large cash gifts to one of three charities:



**Saint Vincent de Paul** is involved in giving an answer of love to the marginalized, those hurting and in need.

**Next Step Pregnancy Services** offers mothers alternatives to abortion and also support in thriving as mothers.

**St. Joseph Carmelite Monastery** is right here in our parish; they are praying for us.

Gifts of cash or checks, along with one of the tree ornaments, may be sealed in an envelope (please write "Giving Tree" on the envelope!) and placed in the offering basket at Mass. And we are making electronic giving very easy with QR codes (or a St. Mark web address) on each of the ornaments. Details are available in the narthex after this weekend's Masses.

**Please return your gifts by December 19th!**

**Christmas outing with St. Mark Women's Group on Wednesday, December 27th:**

Join us for luncheon at 3pm at **Las Margaritas restaurant**, then go see **Zoo Lights at Woodland Park Zoo at 6pm** (advance ticket required). Let's meet and mingle!

## Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring the **Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest** for students grades K-8.

Students may be from St. Mark School, home-schooled or attend public school.

**The contest entry form, info letter and poster paper may be picked up at St. Mark School.**

**Contest entries must be returned to St. Mark School by Thursday, December 21st.**

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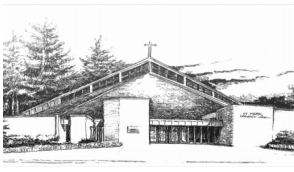
**Rachel's Corner** *Hope & Healing After Abortion*  
"God is at your side and already guiding you. You just have to keep taking each next step, one at a time. He will take care of the rest." - Fr. John Bartunek

Since the day of the abortion, has it been hard to feel God there at your side? Is it hard to believe He wants to be there, and yearns to heal your heart? Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and let Him show you.

## English Retreat:

**Friday, March 8-Sunday, March 10, 2024**

Visit us online at [www.ccsww.org/projectrachel](http://www.ccsww.org/projectrachel) or [www.facebook.com/projectrachelww](https://www.facebook.com/projectrachelww) or contact us at (206) 920-6413 (English), (206) 450-7814 (Español) or by e-mail at [projectrachel@ccsww.org](mailto:projectrachel@ccsww.org)



## St. Mark parish year-end reminder

This is the time of year when most people give and receive. We thank you for your generosity and good stewardship to St. Mark parish as we continue the mission of Jesus Christ. As you search for the perfect gift for a loved one, consider a year-end charitable gift in their name! You can do so by visiting [saintmarkshoreline.org](http://saintmarkshoreline.org) and clicking “Make a donation to Saint Mark parish”

### WAYS TO GIVE BEYOND CASH

#### QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS

A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA custodian, payable to a qualified charity. A QCD excludes the amount donated from taxable income, which is unlike regular withdrawals from an IRA. QCDs don't require that you itemize, which due to recent tax law changes, means you may decide to take advantage of the higher standard deduction but still use a QCD for charitable giving.

#### IRA

When you utilize an IRA for charitable giving, you can satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) obligations if you are 73 or older, while also supporting a cause you care about. The donated amount is excluded from your taxable income, which can provide a tax advantage, especially if you do not itemize deductions.

#### DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

A donor advised fund is like a charitable investment account for the sole purpose of supporting charitable organizations. When you contribute cash, securities or other assets to a donor advised fund, you are generally eligible to take an immediate tax deduction. Funds are disbursed at your discretion.

Gifts of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds) are some of the best gifts to make whether they have appreciated or not. Contact your broker to inform them of your request, and give them the Archdiocesan stock donation form available at the parish office. Contact Todd Chapman at the parish office for more information ([saintmarkshoreline.org](http://saintmarkshoreline.org))

- They will be able to help direct you on the paperwork that you need to present them to release your stock.
  - Account information to give your broker to initiate a wire transfer of securities:
  - Tax ID# 91-0778147
  - D.A. Davidson: Acct title: Corporation of the Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle
  - Acct Number: 11402604 DTC 0361 Acct. Exec: Abraham Otoupal (866)333-8069

And finally .... please remember us:

- For any matching gifts (especially the school)
- In your will & trusts
- As one of the beneficiaries of your retirement fund/life insurance
- As a memorial/remembrance gift

This flyer is designed to provide general information regarding end of year giving strategies. It is not intended to serve as legal, tax, or other financial advice related to individual situations. Because each individual's legal, tax, and financial situation is different, specific advice should be tailored to the particular circumstances. For this reason, you are advised to consult with your own attorney, CPA, and/or other advisor regarding your specific situation.



# 2023 Christmas Season Mass Schedule



## Sunday Masses — December 23rd/24th

Saturday, December 23rd — 5:00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday, December 24th — 8:30 am

Sunday, December 24th — 10:30 am

## Christmas Mass schedule

### *Sunday, December 24th (Vigil)*

Christmas Eve — 5:00 pm

### *Monday, December 25th*

Midnight Mass — 12:00 am

*(No 8:30 am Mass)*

Morning Mass — 10:30 am

## Sunday Masses — December 30th/31st

Saturday, December 30th — 5:00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday, December 31st — 8:30 am

Sunday, December 31st — 10:30 am

## Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

Monday, January 1st, 2024 — 9:30 am

## Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 6th, 2024 (Vigil) — 5:00 pm (Mass with Vespers)

Sunday, January 7th, 2024 — 8:30 am

Sunday, January 7th, 2024 — 10:30 am



# WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

- Father Jacob Maurer

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

*Cf. Is 30: 19, 30*

“[Seattle freeze](#)” is a description given to the culture of the Pacific Northwest (fairly or not!). In religious circles, there is a similar description given to Catholics: “the frozen chosen”. The sad truth is that many who walk into our parishes feel unwelcomed and unacknowledged. They understandably reason that they’re not cared for or wanted.



The experience with other Christian denominations stands in stark contrast.

Visitors are quickly recognized as new, greeted warmly, and treated as honored guests by regular churchgoers. There is a sense of excitement and welcome that speaks more powerfully than the greatest of homilies.

In today’s Gospel, we hear Saint John the Baptist associated with Isaiah the prophet’s words “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths”. We might wonder what that means - how can we prepare the way for Jesus?

Though there is always plenty of personal work needing to be done (*psst! Extra confession times during Advent - check out the box to the right*), the work of preparing the way is not solely or primarily about individual preparation: it is about the whole Body of Christ! May we take time this Advent to receive the Lord and warmly welcome those seeking Him.

This Tuesday (December 12), we celebrate the feast of **Our Lady of Guadalupe**. Appearing to Saint Juan Diego in Tepeyac (Mexico), the Blessed Mother directed him to have a church built there in her honor. Worried for his sick uncle and facing skepticism from the local bishop, Juan Diego tried to avoid encountering Mary again - traveling by a different route than before. She nonetheless appeared to him again, this time promising a miracle for both his uncle and the bishop - which Her Son delivered in the form of her miraculous image on his tilma (cloak) and healing of his uncle. [The rest is history!](#)



*The Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches us that “each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year” (#1457). Of course, we sin more than once a year - even if not seriously! We are blessed to have the sacrament of reconciliation, in which we are not only forgiven of our sins, but strengthened in the life of grace.



At Saint Mark parish, extra confession times will be offered throughout Advent: **Wed-Fri, 5-6pm**

Come receive the sacrament by which God releases us from sin and restores us to wholeness!