

St. Mark Shoreline

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January 7, 2024

Weekly schedule

Sunday - *The Epiphany of the Lord*

8:30 am - Sunday Mass (*for Saint Pius X parish*)
10:30 am - Sunday Mass (*for Saint Mark parish*)
1:00 pm - Women's Group prayer, church support meeting, hall

Monday

9:30 am - Daily Mass (*Anita Nepomuceno, RIP*)
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, hall

Wednesday

9:30 am - Daily Mass (*John Bachler, RIP*)
3:30 pm - Knights of Columbus Freethrow contest, gym
5:00 pm - Confessions
6:00 pm - Confirmation preparation, hall

Thursday

9:30 am - Daily Mass (*Sapa & Sanya Dornay, RIP*)
6:30 pm - OCIA class, hall

Friday

9:30 am - Daily Mass (*Ron Chin, RIP*)

Saturday

7:30 am - Lion's Den meeting, hall
9:30 am - Daily Mass (*Hugo Draye*)
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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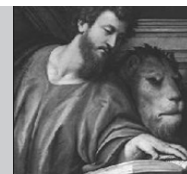


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PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



December 31, weekly stewardship report (fiscal year July 2023 - June 2024) St. Mark parish

| | Budgeted | Actual | Difference | Online | # In Person | # Online | Givers |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|------------|---------|-------------|----------|--------|
| Income | | | | | | | |
| Last Week | \$15,687 | \$16,416 | \$729 | \$7,166 | 100 | 74 | 174 |
| Year to Date | \$423,549 | \$377,561 | (\$45,988) | | | | |

Rachel's Corner *Hope & Healing After Abortion*
*"It is I, I, who wipe out, for my own sake, your offenses;
 your sins I remember no more."* Isaiah 43:25

The Project Rachel ministry invites you join us for our next healing retreat to free of that burden, so you can finally live in peace and know with all certainty that you are forgiven.

English Retreat:

Friday, March 8-Sunday, March 10, 2024

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

Save the Date:

The Knights of Council 11217 will be putting on their famous **all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast** after both Sunday Masses on **January 21st, 2024.**



Hope to see you there!



Pray for vocations with St. John Vianney

Please call the school office to set up a time for your family to bring home the statue for a week to pray for vocations.

- January 8 Altenhofen Family
- January 15 Mr. and Mrs. Pereira
- January 22 Waggoner Family
- January 29 Ursula Glancy

There are two weeks free in February, March through August needing families to pray.



The Keck family prayed with St. John Vianney over Christmas break.

Please pray for

Helinka Wodzicki

Kathy Schoonover

Helen Foisy, RIP

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Dear St. Mark Parishioners,

Your local conference of St. Vincent de Paul wants to thank you for your continued generous support of our neighbors during this Christmas season. **On December 16, we delivered nearly 70 Christmas dinners in support of nearly 280 people.** It was your generosity that made it possible. The day was supported by about 60 volunteers, including parishioners, Heritage Girls, Boy Scouts and your local Vincentians. A special thank you to Joe Santucci and his produce company who donated all of the fresh produce. It was a special day for all involved.

We continue to find high demand for assistance with rent and utilities. Your cash donations make it possible for us to assist neighbors who are at risk of eviction or having their utilities shut off.

Thanks again for all you have done for our neighbors in their time of need.



Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is on January 10th (11th if necessary), 2024 in the St. Mark gymnasium. Check in time is 3:30pm

The event is open to St. Mark students age 9 through 14 as well as students from the parish who are home schooled or attend public school.

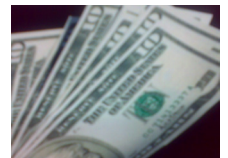
Questions? Call John Anderson 206-235-2181.

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.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact the parish at **(206) 364-7900 x100** or by email at jeannettea@saintmarkshoreline.org





WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

- Father Jacob Maurer

Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East
and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.

Cf. Bar 5:5

Though revealed to shepherds and His adoptive parents, the solemnity of the Epiphany marks the revealing of Jesus to the world. Long-sought, He is found by the magi who, having traveled far with only a star to guide them, bring gifts to the Child-King.



One of my favorite Christmas carols is [a rendition of 'Little Drummer Boy' performed by the a capella group Pentatonix](#). Repeating a question that lays in every heart, the titular boy wonders what he could possibly offer the Lord. And for the Lord to smile at his gift, to delight in even the smallest offering - of course the little boy (and we with him) rejoices!

While our own gifts may vary (no drums at Mass, please!) there is something to be said for presenting to God whatever we have at hand. Regardless of whether or not *we* think it's enough, the Lord will happily receive our gifts.

All of this begs the question: what can we - what *ought* we - give to the Lord? May we reflect and act on this invitation from Him!

Monday (January 8) is the **solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord**. With this celebration, our focus moves from the Nativity of the Lord to His public ministry - and so we move from the season of Christmas into Ordinary Time.



Jesus' baptism - necessary not for His sake, but ours - inaugurated the sacrament of baptism. With it, He began to proclaim the Gospel to the world. Let us reflect on His baptism and ours, allowing what we have received to shine forth in our own works.

This weekend there will be blessed chalk available for those who wish to take part in the Epiphany house blessing with chalk. This (relatively!) modern practice has its roots in Scripture itself - when the Israelites marked their own homes with the blood of a lamb as part of Passover (see [Exodus 12](#))

As with the Israelites, we use chalk to mark our doorways - remembering the three saints who brought gifts to Christ (Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar) and invoking God's blessing upon our homes & all who live there or visit.



[Image courtesy Wikimedia Commons](#)

Be sure to pick up your chalk this weekend - and share it, with the blessing prayer, with your family, friends, and neighbors!



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Epiphany house blessing w/ chalk

It has been a tradition in the Catholic Church to bless chalk at the Masses for Epiphany, using the blessed chalk as part of blessing one's home in the New Year.

The home blessing can be done as follows:

Use the blessed chalk to write:

20+C+M+B+24

above the doorways: 2024 for the year; C, M, B for the 3 Magi – Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar – and for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, Latin for “May Christ Bless this House.”

As you are writing, pray one of the following prayers:

May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

or

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star.

Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

or

Lord our God, bless this household. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and the keeping of your law. We give thanks to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.



Adoration of the Magi, Bartolomé Esteban Murillo
(courtesy of [Wikimedia Commons](#))



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Dear friends,

As we enter into the new year - and shortly now, the new liturgical season (Ordinary Time) - I invite you to join me in an effort to bolster and revitalize our parish. Especially in light of *Partners in the Gospel* and aware that I will be leaving at the end of June, with a new pastor and parochial vicar coming in July, now is the time to look critically at how God is calling us to grow.

One of the biggest areas of growth that we need in our parish is in the area of *engagement*. Parishioners of Saint Mark parish often speak with great pride in her history - and rightly so! Long-time members speak of thriving devotion to Eucharistic adoration, regular social events (dinners, dances, etc), and a wide variety of parish groups, gatherings, and opportunities. Sadly, the struggles of recent years - especially during the pandemic - have changed the landscape of our parish community & life.

However, before we reflect on what we as a parish might **DO** about this, I want to emphasize what we as a parish **ARE** - and to do that, I want to highlight what we are *not*:

- Saint Mark parish is *not* its priest. Influential though they may be, priests serve to exhort, build up, and support the community - they are stewards, not rulers, of the community.
- Saint Mark parish is *not* its music or liturgy. Though we treasure the riches of Church music & liturgies, there is room for legitimate variety.
- Saint Mark parish is *not* its customs & practices. While we are informed and (rightly!) influenced by the way things have been, we must strive to be open to where God is leading us.
- Saint Mark parish is *not* its school, choir, elders, youth, volunteers, or any other 'important' group. All of these are important parts of our community, but are parts - not the whole.

Saint Mark parish is - to quote canon law - a certain community of the Christian faithful stably constituted in a particular church (CIC 515 §1). In short, if you walk through these doors with any regularity, **YOU** are what make Saint Mark parish what it is.

So here is the question: **what do YOU want to make of Saint Mark parish?** 'The way they've always been' - even if that was desirable (it isn't!), isn't possible. But by the grace of God and open to His Spirit, we can choose how we will grow - and discover anew - as a community of Christians here at this church. All that is lacking is our engagement with the Lord and this community He gives us. Let us prayerfully consider how God is calling us to (re)engage with Him and each other here at Saint Mark parish.

- Father Jacob Maurer