

# St. Mark Shoreline

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**February 18, 2024**

## Weekly schedule

### Sunday - First Sunday of Lent

8:30 am - Sunday Mass (for Saint Matthew parish)  
10:30 am - Sunday Mass (for Saint Mark parish)

### Monday

Parish office closed today

9:30 am - Daily Mass (Frances & Emil Strazicich, RIP)  
2:00 pm - Parish Prayer Team, church  
6:30 pm - Family Rosary, church  
7:00 pm - Boy Scouts troop meeting, cafeteria  
7:00 pm - Friends of Saint Francis meeting, hall

### Tuesday

No daily Mass (Father's day off)

7:00 pm - Women's Group book study, hall

### Wednesday

9:30 am - Daily Mass (Gita Whelan)  
5:00 pm - Confessions  
6:00 pm - Confirmation preparation, hall

### Thursday

9:30 am - Daily Mass (Mark Weller, RIP)  
4:00 pm - First Holy Communion prep class, hall  
5:00 pm - Confessions (CANCELLED)  
6:30 pm - OCIA class, hall

### Friday

9:30 am - Daily Mass (CANCELLED)  
9:30 am - Morning Prayer (school-led)  
10:30 am - Stations of the Cross (school-led)  
5:00 pm - Confessions (CANCELLED)  
6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross

### Saturday

7:45 am - Lion's Den meeting, hall  
9:30 am - Daily Mass (Romeo S. Dela Cruz, RIP)  
3:00 pm - Confessions  
5:00 pm - Vigil Mass (for the faculty & staff of Saint Mark parish and school)  
Holy Lands olive wood sale after Vigil Mass, hall  
6:15 pm - Young Adult group board games, cafeteria

## 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



## February 11, 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	\$15,687	\$14,519	(\$1,168)	\$5,628	86	74	160
Year to Date	\$517,671	\$464,617	(\$53,054)				

### Pray for Vocations with St. John Vianney

These families will be praying for vocations with St. John Vianney in the coming weeks:

- Tocco Family Feb. 20 – Feb. 26**
- Wondwossen Family Feb. 26 – Mar. 4**
- Decicco Family Mar. 3 – Mar. 11**
- Manahan Family Mar. 11 – Mar. 18**



Please call the school to sign up to pray with St. John Vianney for vocations. (March through August is wide open for praying families.)



### We celebrated Valentine's Day on Fat Tuesday because the 14th was Ash Wednesday!

There was Valentine Bingo and Ms. Basil gave everyone a rosary and a rub on tattoo of our favorite saint.



We are happy to welcome **Ruth Neitzel** on staff as a part-time bookkeeper.

Ruth has been a parishioner here since 1997 after relocating from her home state of Minnesota. Following her retirement from a 40+ year career in accounting, she became more actively involved at the parish. Ruth loves gardening, baking, nature walks, and the weekly St. Mark Family Rosary. She and her husband, Mark, are blessed with three children and five grandchildren. **Please join with us in welcoming Ruth to the parish staff.**

### Please pray for

Ashley Russell  
Mike & Vicki Napoli

David Waterson  
Rita Forster

Frances Strazicich, RIP

# PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



Your St. Mark Conference of **St. Vincent de Paul** will resume the practice of **collecting canned goods and donations once a month.**

On the **fourth Saturday and Sunday of each month (this month it will be on February 24th & February 25th)**, we will have bins outside of the gym doors and a basket in the church vestibule for your donations. Vincentians will be on hand to assist you if needed. Items that are especially needed include: tuna, canned chicken, peanut butter, oatmeal, spaghetti sauce, laundry detergent, dish soap, toilet paper, and personal hygiene items.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. We are so grateful for our supportive parishioners.

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**Handcarved Olive Wood from Bethlehem** will be available for sale in Sullivan Hall after the weekend Masses on **February 24th & 25th.**

Proceeds support Christian Catholic families in the Holy Land since it is the major source of income for them there. More than 75 families in Bethlehem hand carved these items. They are very beautiful and unique items (Nativities, Crucifixes, Rosaries, Statues).



The handicrafts trade in the Holy Land has evolved as a cultural tradition of the Holy Land people over many centuries and has become an industry of significance to the local economy. Beautiful handmade souvenirs made from the native olive tree provide Christian pilgrims with cherished memorials of their holy pilgrimage. Olivewood artisans use only the pruned and discarded pieces

of young olive trees and sprouts from the old, unproductive trees. The artistry of Mother-of-Pearl is a tradition traced to the earth 17th century and has evolved along with the olivewood trade.



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## Young Adult Board Games Return

For ONE NIGHT ONLY! **Saturday, February 24th**, join the young adults of St. Mark parish **in the cafeteria after the 5PM Mass** for an evening of board games together. Bring some food/drinks to share if you'd like!

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We are in need of volunteers to **periodically launder the altar server robes**. If you would like to help with this important task, please call the parish office.

**(P.S. - Kids look cuter in clean clothes!)**

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**Rachel's Corner** *Hope & Healing After Abortion*  
*"I finally admitted to what I did, faced it and feel forgiven. I was able to honor the life of my children and have peace knowing they are with God."* – testimonial

Join the women and men on a Project Joseph© Retreat. Let that burden go and let God give you the peace you may have known you needed, yet weren't sure how to find and honor your children by getting the healing you need.

## 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)

**The parish office will be CLOSED on Monday, February 19th in observance of Presidents Day. Thank you.**

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Want to help women and families?  
**Next Step Pregnancy Services** (Lynnwood) is looking for both staff and volunteers:

## Front Desk Receptionist - Part Time

Mon.-Fri. 2:30pm-5:30pm / \$20.00/hr.

Bilingual speaker strongly preferred for Spanish and/or Ukrainian.

Job Requirements: Basic knowledge of computer programs, willingness to learn and jump in where needed.

Must be prepared to sign the Commitment of Care and Statement of Faith which aligns with Next Step's mission.

We are also looking for **NURSE VOLUNTEERS!**

If you are a nurse with a heart for women and babies, looking to volunteer your time, we would love to have you at Next Step! Training available to help clients with pregnancy testing and counseling, STI appointments and possible ultrasound training.

If interested please contact Heather Vasquez at [heather@nextstepnw.com](mailto:heather@nextstepnw.com) or call 425-329-4569





**PARTNERS  
IN THE GOSPEL**

**UPDATE**

January 2024

## Partners in the Gospel Discernment Continues

Based on the input from the public consultation phase last fall, changes were recommended for 25 parish families, which impacted 78 individual parishes and missions. These parishes and missions were invited to hold a second round of listening with their parishioners to gather input on the updated version of their parish family. This feedback has been incorporated into the discernment process.

Discernment is different than simply “making a decision.” It involves prayer and quiet time to listen to the Holy Spirit to understand the direction this journey should take us. At this time, we ask everyone to continue praying for this effort.

## Updated Q&A

Throughout the consultation process, new questions arose regarding Partners in the Gospel, the process, the purpose and more. Please see highlights below:

### **Q: How are we cultivating priestly vocations?**

**A: The Archdiocesan vocations team has expanded to include a full-time vocations director and three associate vocations directors.** This has led to more opportunities to accompany young men discerning and to invite others to consider the priesthood. Specifically, our vocations team focuses on prayer, education and encouragement.

- **Prayer:** Following our Lord Jesus’ invitation to ask for laborers to serve in the harvest, parishes around the archdiocese regularly host Holy Hours dedicated to praying for vocations, as well as Serra Club chapters and other lay groups.
- **Education:** The vocations team is present at parishes, schools and diocesan events and retreats to teach people about vocations and how to discern them. This message is echoed through several communication efforts, including the annual seminarian poster, Vocations website and social media channels.
- **Encouragement:** Through events like discernment retreats and Quo Vadis Days, young men are encouraged to consider priesthood and to discern their vocation.

## Upcoming Key Dates

**Feb. 3-4, 2024** – Final parish family plan will be announced.

**Spring 2024** – Pastors and parochial vicars announced.

**July 2024** – Parish families, under the leadership of one pastor, will begin.

“I hope that we can come together with a new purpose and a soft heart towards one another.”

– Parish consultation

“We are not meant to be comfortable. This is an opportunity to grow in holiness. This could be what the Holy Spirit is calling for us.”

– Parish consultation

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[archseattle.org/partners](https://archseattle.org/partners)**

[Read full Q&A at archseattle.org/partners](https://archseattle.org/partners)



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# WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

- Father Jacob Maurer

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory,  
I will grant him length of days.

*Cf. Ps 91 (90): 15-16*

Though Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, today marks the ‘firsts’ of the season. Acclimated - at least slightly - to the sobriety of this time of preparation, we enter in earnest into the desert.

Throughout His ministry, people took Jesus’ humanity for granted - they wanted proof that He was God. Now, 2000+ years later, it seems to me that we take His divinity for granted. But Jesus’ humanity is equally crucial to who He is.

Ivan Kramoskoy’s image of Christ in the Wilderness conveys a sense of the Lord that



[\*Christ in the Wilderness\*](#)

Ivan Kramoskoy

we might otherwise shy away from: His weakness in the face of struggles. Artists often gravitate to a glorified Christ emerging from the tomb or Him stoically standing

crucified on the cross. But here we see Jesus sitting hunched over in a barren landscape, barefoot on rocky terrain, wrapped up with heavy robes against the elements, hands clenched together, with a haggard expression on His face. Determined, surely - but already deeply feeling the weight of His calling.

*This* is where we are being invited to join the Lord - to sit quietly with Him in His sorrow and struggles, consoling Him not so much with words or works but our very presence. Let us take this time to accompany Him in the desert.

This Thursday, **February 22**, we celebrate the feast of the Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle. Though the original chair is preserved at Saint Peter’s basilica in Rome, it is the spiritual significance that we are truly celebrating.



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[\*Wikimedia Commons\*](#)

The Vicar of Christ, the successor to Saint Peter - the pope - is the visible and principle sign of unity. In His love for us, the Lord gives us the pope as His representative. Let us pray for Pope Francis and the Church, that we may be ever united.

The Church’s tradition of the **Easter duty** (the precept that we receive communion at least annually, preferably during Easter) is a great prompt for us to **go to confession**. To assist in that preparation, extra confession times will be offered through Lent!

## Lent 2024 confession schedule (February 14 to March 22)

*Wednesday, Thursday  
& Friday*  
5:00 pm—6:00 pm

*Saturdays as normal*  
(3:00 pm - 4:30 pm)

