

St. Mark Shoreline

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Shoreline, WA 98155
www.saintmarkshoreline.org
(206) 364-7900

May 11, 2025 Weekly schedule

Sunday, 5/11/25 - *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

8:30 am - Sunday Mass (*for Saint Matthew parish*)
9:55-10:25 am - Choir rehearsal, church
10:30 am - Sunday Mass (*for Saint Mark parish*)

Monday, 5/12/25

9:00 am - Daily Mass (*Cecilia Anonuevo, RIP*)
2:00 pm - Parish Prayer Team, church
6:30 pm - Family Rosary, church
7:00 pm - Boy Scout troop meeting, cafeteria

Tuesday, 5/13/25

No daily Mass

7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus meeting, hall
7:30 pm - Saint Vincent de Paul meeting, library

Wednesday, 5/14/25

5:00 pm - Confessions
6:00 pm - Daily Mass (*Russ & Ruth Foisy*)
6:30 pm - Confirmation prep class, library
6:45 pm - Foundations of Faith class, hall

Thursday, 5/15/25

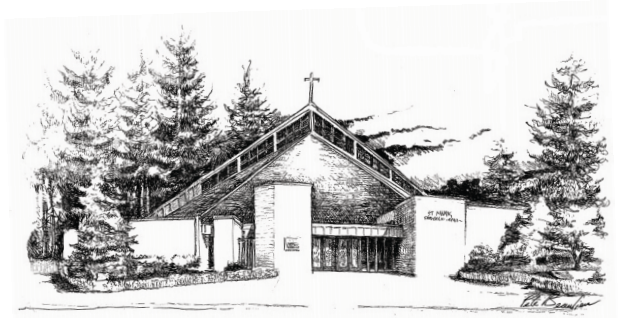
9:00 am - ~~Daily Mass~~ (CANCELLED)
10:30 am - Rosary for Lee Ann Lorvick
11:00 am - Funeral Mass for Lee Ann Lorvick
4:00 pm - First Communion class, library

Friday, 5/16/25

9:00 am - Daily Mass (*Mary Ellen Pulczynski, RIP*)
“Day of Adoration” begins immediately after Mass

Saturday, 5/17/25

7:45 am - Lion's Den meeting, hall
9:00 am - Daily Mass (*Kathe Peterson, RIP*)
12noon-3:00pm - International Heritage Festival, St. Matthew School
3:30 pm - Missoula Children's Theatre performance of “Pied Piper”, gym
5:00 pm - Vigil Mass
6:30 pm - Missoula Children's Theatre performance of “Pied Piper”, gym



Mass times

Mon, Thurs-Sat: 9:00 am
Wed: 6:00 pm
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 Family Parochial Vicar

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PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



May 4, weekly stewardship report (fiscal year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025) St. Mark parish

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Online	# In Person	# Online	Givers
Income							
Last Week	\$15,572	\$18,461	\$2,889	\$10,820	99	89	188
Year to Date	\$685,161	\$695,235	\$10,073				

St. Mark Catholic Classical School Presents:

THE PIED PIPER

Adapted by Jim Caron

Additional Dialogue by Steven Thomas and
Michelle Nigh

Music by Bob Hubley

Additional Music by Michael McGill



Registration is open for the
2025-2026 School Year

Please contact St. Mark
Catholic Classical School for
more information:

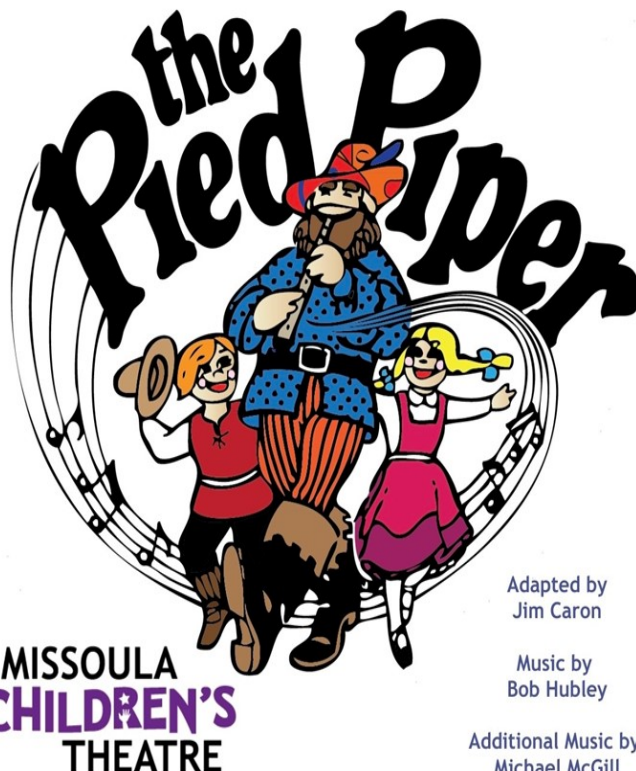
206-364-1633, front.desk@stmss.org or
<https://www.stmss.org/> (click on the inquiry
form).

The Missoula Children's Theatre presents THE PIED PIPER, an original adaptation of the classic children's tale. What do you do when your town is overrun by ravenous rats? Sara, an orphan girl, and the other Townspeople of Hamelin Town turn to the Mayor of Hamelin and the Council when their town is threatened. They then call on the Pied Piper to save them from the troublesome creatures. The Mayor's children, staff, and the Cooks also join in the endeavor. Find out what happens when the town chooses not to pay the Piper and the children are led away from the town along with the rats!

Two shows:

Saturday, May 17 in the St. Mark gym
3:30 pm and 6:30 pm

Admission: Children (5 -14) \$5.00
Adults: \$10.00



Please pray for

Barbara Doughty

Dennis & Gloria Knight

Michelle Patneau, RIP



Clergy: Answerable to God or State

Archbishop Paul D. Etienne

May 4, 2025

Towards the end of this year's legislative session, the Washington State Legislature passed a bill (SB5375) making all clergy mandatory reporters of abuse, with no exemptions for the privileged communication between priest and penitent during the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This means that by Washington State Law, Catholic clergy are now required to violate the seal of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, better known to many as confession. On Friday, May 2, 2025, Governor Ferguson [signed the bill into law](#).

This weekend at Mass, the first reading was from the Acts of the Apostles. After the apostles were arrested and thrown into jail for preaching the name of Jesus Christ, St. Peter responds to the Sanhedrin: "We must obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29). This is our stance now in the face of this new law. Catholic clergy may not violate the seal of confession – or they will be excommunicated from the Church. All Catholics must know and be assured that their confessions remain sacred, secure, confidential and protected by the law of the Church.

The Catholic Church agrees with the goal of protecting children and preventing child abuse. The Archdiocese of Seattle remains committed to reporting child sexual abuse, working with victim survivors towards healing and protecting all minors and vulnerable people. Our policies already require priests to be mandatory reporters, but not if this information is obtained during confession.

The Catholic Church in the U.S. has been committed to preventing sexual abuse for many decades, reporting incidents of abuse to law enforcement and cooperating with civil authorities. In the Archdiocese of Seattle such efforts began in 1986.

While we remain committed to protecting minors and all vulnerable people from abuse, priests cannot comply with this law if the knowledge of abuse is obtained during the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Three-year history of this bill

Various forms of this bill attempted to provide limited protections for privileged communications, but those accommodations for religious practice prevented this bill from passing in previous legislative sessions. Conversations between the Washington State Catholic Conference staff and legislators and efforts to collaborate on an amicable solution eventually failed this session ushering this most extreme version of the bill to pass and receive the Governor's endorsement. What began as a well-intentioned effort, ended in a problematic and unnecessary version of the bill signed into law.

Once the approved bill went to the Governor for his signature, the Bishops of the State of Washington asked for a meeting to discuss our concerns with the Governor who unfortunately did not respond to our request.

Constitutional Amendment Rights

The First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution states, "Congress shall make no law respecting an **establishment** of religion, or prohibiting the **free exercise** thereof."

With this law, the State of Washington is specifically targeting religious conduct by inserting the government into the Catholic tradition, namely, the highly defined ritual of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The state is now requiring priests to violate an essential element of the rite, the confidential communication between the priest and penitent in which the absolution of sin is offered.

This law also attempts to supersede the Code of Canon Law, which states:

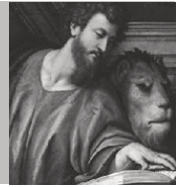
Canon 983: The sacramental seal is inviolable; therefore, it is a crime for a confessor in any way to betray a penitent by word or in any other manner or for any reason.

Canon 1388: A confessor who directly violates the seal of confession incurs an automatic (*latae sententiae*) excommunication reserved to the Apostolic See.

Once the state asserts the right to dictate religious practices and coerce information obtained within this sacrament - privileged communication - where is the line drawn between Church and state? What else may the state now demand the right to know? Which other religious practices will it try to legislate? Why is this privileged communication between priest/penitent the only one singled out? Why not attorney/client? Doctor/patient? Spouses?

This new law singles out religion and is clearly both government overreach and a double standard. The line between Church and state has been crossed and needs to be walked back. People of every religion in the State of Washington and beyond should be alarmed by this overreach of our Legislature and Governor.

PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



“Day of Eucharistic Adoration”



Every Friday, following the 9am morning Mass, we now have a “Day of Eucharistic Adoration” in the church. It concludes just before the Saturday morning Mass as 9am.

If you have not signed up for an hour, but would like to stop in for a visit, you may do so, between the start of Adoration on Friday morning, until the church is locked at 4pm.

If you would like to sign up to for a weekly hour of Adoration, contact the parish office.

ST. MARK
CATHOLIC CHURCH
PRESENTS

SPRING Dance

SWING DANCE +
LINE DANCE
INSTRUCTION PROVIDED!

FRIDAY, MAY 23RD

Junior High
(6th-8th Graders):
5:00-7:30 PM
Cost: \$10

High School
Formal/Semi-formal
(9th - 12th Graders):
8:00-11:00 PM
Cost \$15

ST MARK SCHOOL GYM
18033 15TH PL NE
SHORELINE, WA 98155

Congratulations on your First Holy Communion!

<u>St. Mark</u>	<u>St. Matthew</u>
Scout Chafe	Layla Janae Jose
Joel Rojas	Isagani Ross Peters
Ophelia DeCarlow	Ethan Welch
Kobe Carino	Evan Welch
Cameron Ngo	Kai Pulido-Brown
Ianna Parot	Adam Kidanemariam
Navin Epie	Ryan Pleas
Yosan Yohannes	Winry Chandra

The father of Clare Pugun, passed away in Ghana, Africa. Please remember the family in your prayer.

There will be a **celebration of life to honor Mr. Damian Serele Pugun**, on **Saturday the 24th of May, 2025 in the St. Mark school gym from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm.**

There will be a Ghanaian cultural display including drumming and dancing. All are cordially invited.



Revival at Blessed Sacrament May 24th - Join us on **Saturday, May 24th at 7:00pm at Blessed Sacrament**, for an evening of worship, healing and restoration, as we invite the Holy Spirit to move among us and set us free from our chains. Join in person at Blessed Sacrament Church. Event is free and registration is not required. More details at www.mustardseedkingdom.org

St. Mark families, please join us!



INTERNATIONAL HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Saturday
May 17, 2025
12 to 3 pm



St. Matthew School

Free admission!

featuring

Filipino Food
Ethiopian & Eritrean Food
Baked Goods & Sweet Treats

Beer Garden (21+)
Dance Performances
Crafts & Rosaries