

# St. Mark Shoreline

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(206) 364-7900

## June 1, 2025 Weekly schedule

### **Sunday, 6/1/25** - *Ascension of the Lord*

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*)  
1:00 pm - Women's Group prayer, church support, hall  
2:00 pm - Eagle Scout Court of Honor, gym

### **Monday, 6/2/25**

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

### **Tuesday, 6/3/25**

*No daily Mass*  
6:00-8:00pm - Skate Night at Lynnwood Bowl & Skate  
7:00 pm - Women's Group book study, hall

### **Wednesday, 6/4/25**

11:30 am - Women's Group rosary gathering, hall  
5:00 pm - Confessions  
6:00 pm - Daily Mass (*Robert Blazuk, RIP*)  
6:30 pm - Confirmation prep class, library  
6:45 pm - Foundations of Faith class, hall  
**7:00 pm - School Steering Committee listening session, St. Mark School Gym**

### **Thursday, 6/5/25**

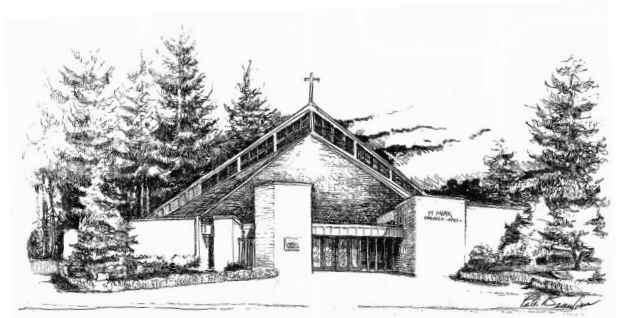
9:00 am - Daily Mass (*Hugo Draye, RIP*)  
3:00 pm - Welcoming Committee, fireside room  
4:00 pm - First Communion class, library  
**7:00 pm - School Steering Committee listening session, St. Matthew Community Center**

### **Friday, 6/6/25**

9:00 am - Daily Mass (*Bill & Bobbie Steinauer, RIP*)  
"Day of Adoration" begins immediately after Mass

### **Saturday, 6/7/25**

7:45 am - Lion's Den meeting, hall  
9:00 am - Daily Mass (*Joseph Nguyen, RIP*)  
9:45 am - Foundations of Faith class, fireside room  
3:00 pm - Confessions  
5:00 pm - Vigil Mass  
6:15 pm - Young Adult Board Game nights, hall



## 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**

## Parish Family Pastor

Fr. Ross | call the parish office

## Parish Family Parochial Vicar

Fr. Davis | call the parish office

## Administration & Stewardship

Todd Chapman | ext. 106  
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## Bookkeeper

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## Facilities Maintenance

Jonathan Cheever | ext. 110

## Principal

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## Saint Vincent de Paul Helpline

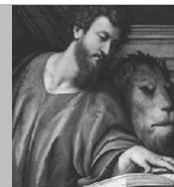
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# PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



May 25, weekly stewardship report (fiscal year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025) St. Mark parish

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Online	# In Person	# Online	Givers
<b>Income</b>							
Last Week	\$15,572	\$11,692	(\$3,880)	\$5,236	87	69	156
Year to Date	\$731,877	\$735,169	\$3,292				

## Skate Night at the Lynnwood Bowl and Skate



**St. Marks & St. Matthews**  
**June 3, 6:00-8:00pm**

\$12 Admission with choice skates or blades



**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](mailto:front.desk@stmss.org) or  
<https://www.stmss.org/> (click on the inquiry  
form).

## St. Mark & St. Matthew School Steering Committee Listening Sessions are this week!

We invite you to an in-person  
update on the process and allow  
you a chance to ask questions at  
two open forums. You may attend  
either or both of these sessions.

### At St. Mark:

Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the  
St. Mark School Gym

### At St. Matthew:

Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the  
St. Matthew Community Center

## Corpus Christi Procession



On Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>,  
following the 10:30am  
Mass, we will have a **Corpus  
Christi procession**, bringing  
the Blessed Sacrament down  
15<sup>th</sup> Ave, from St. Mark to  
175<sup>th</sup> Street and back (weather  
permitting). It is a distance  
of approximately .6 miles  
(total) and we will be walking on sidewalks.

**Please mark your calendars for  
this special event!**

Please pray for

John Fabien

Barbara Doughty, RIP



**From Washington bishops to the lay faithful**

Subject: Update on State Law

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As you may know, Governor Ferguson signed into law a provision that seeks to require priests to violate the Seal of the Confessional in some circumstances. Priests are unable to violate the Seal under any circumstances. As the Vatican wrote on the topic in 2019,

The inviolable secrecy of Confession comes directly from the revealed divine right and is rooted in the very nature of the Sacrament, to the point of not admitting any exception in the ecclesial sphere, nor, least of all, in the civil one.<sup>1</sup>


Indeed, the Church has said that “political action or legislative initiative[s] aimed at ‘breaching’ the inviolability of the seal” are “an unacceptable offense against *libertas Ecclesiae*, which does not receive its legitimacy from individual States, but from God.”<sup>2</sup>


Given this troubling development in state law, we are addressing this matter through litigation. While the details of this case are sensitive and will be handled with care, we want to assure you that this action is being taken to protect the mission and integrity of the Church.

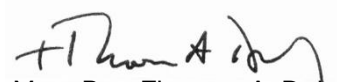
The United States and Washington State Constitutions provide robust protection for our faith and we are confident in our legal position. Our attorneys have filed the case, and we will keep you informed as appropriate, while respecting the confidentiality required in such matters.

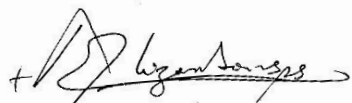
Thank you for your prayers and faithfulness. May God bless you, and may Our Lady keep you in her care.


In the Heart of Christ,

  
Most Rev. Paul D. Etienne  
Archbishop of Seattle

  
Most Rev. Joseph J. Tyson  
Bishop of Yakima

  
Most Rev. Thomas A. Daly  
Bishop of Spokane

  
Most Rev. Eusebio Elizondo, M.Sp.S.  
Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle

  
Most Rev. Frank Schuster  
Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle

<sup>1</sup>Note of the Apostolic Penitentiary on the Importance of the Internal Forum and the Inviolability of the Sacramental Seal (June 29, 2019).

<sup>2</sup>Id.

## **The Sacrament of Confession and Washington law Q & A**

### **Q: What is the new Washington law, and why have the bishops in Washington filed a lawsuit?**

A: Washington State recently adopted a law targeting Catholic priests by requiring them to break the seal of the confessional by reporting to civil authorities suspected child abuse and neglect disclosed during the Sacrament of Confession, subject to imprisonment and fines for violation. This law goes into effect July 27, 2025. The bishops have filed a lawsuit because the law violates the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment.

### **Q: What is the seal of the confessional, and why is it important?**

A: The seal of the confessional is the absolute obligation of a priest to maintain complete confidentiality regarding anything revealed during the Sacrament of Confession. This obligation, rooted in divine law and centuries of Catholic tradition, allows penitents to seek forgiveness and spiritual guidance in an atmosphere of trust and mercy. Canon law explicitly states that "the sacramental seal is inviolable" and that a priest who violates it faces automatic excommunication. The seal protects the sacred encounter between the penitent and God, mediated by the priest, as instituted by Christ. Throughout history, priests have been martyred rather than violate this sacred duty.

### **Q: Why can't priests comply with the law and report certain confessions?**

A: The seal of the confessional is a divine mandate, not a human rule. Priests are bound to uphold the seal, even at personal cost, as a matter of fidelity to their sacred duty. Breaking it would betray the penitent's trust and violate the sanctity of the sacrament, which is a means of grace and reconciliation. The Church holds that forcing priests to report confessions undermines the freedom to practice faith and could deter penitents from seeking forgiveness, harming their spiritual lives, which must be seen in the view of eternity.

### **Q: Doesn't this law aim to protect people, like victims of abuse?**

A: The intention to protect individuals, most especially children, is praiseworthy, but the law's targeting of the priest-penitent relationship in the confessional is misguided. The Church has robust measures to address abuse, including mandatory reporting by clergy in non-confessional settings and cooperation with civil authorities where the seal is not involved. In fact, each diocese in Washington has safe environment and mandatory reporting policies that go beyond what is required in state law. The confessional is a unique, sacred space where penitents seek God's mercy. Compelling Catholic priests to breach its confidentiality does not guarantee better outcomes but risks deterring penitents from seeking reconciliation, which could prevent voluntary disclosures outside the sacrament that lead to justice and healing.

### **Q: How does this law violate religious freedom?**

A: The law violates religious liberty by compelling priests to act against a core Catholic doctrine, forcing the Church to conform to state demands over divine law. It seeks to make the Sacrament of Confession an instrument of the state rather than a place of encounter with God's mercy. The First Amendment protects the free exercise of religion, which includes the Church's right to uphold its sacraments without the government seeking to redefine aspects of those sacraments. The Church's mission to offer forgiveness through the sacraments is rooted in Christ's command, and courts have historically recognized confessional privilege as essential to religious practice. The law also specifically targets the priest-penitent relationship while permitting other recognized, secular privileges to remain, such as the attorney-client privilege, some counselor privileges, and spousal privilege.

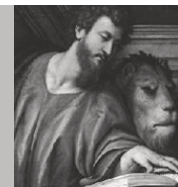
### **Q: What are the bishops hoping to achieve with this lawsuit?**

A: The bishops seek to have the offending provisions of the law declared unconstitutional, ensuring priests can remain faithful to their sacred duty of upholding the seal of the confessional, and the mediation of God's mercy to the penitent, without legal penalty. The lawsuit aims to protect the Church's right to practice its faith freely and safeguard the confidentiality that encourages penitents to seek reconciliation. A favorable ruling would affirm religious freedom and preserve the integrity of the Sacrament of Confession for all Catholics.

### **Additional Resources**

- *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraphs 1440 – 1470.
- *Code of Canon Law*, c. 983, 1386.
- *Note of the Apostolic Penitentiary on the Importance of the Internal Forum and the Inviolability of the Sacramental Seal* (Approved by Pope Francis, June 21, 2019).

# PARISH EVENTS & NEWS




## JOIN US TO ASSEMBLE THE JUBILEE ROSARY - SPECIAL OCCASION


We are thrilled to invite you to our next **Rosary-making event** — a beautiful opportunity to create, connect, and give from the heart. This time, we're coming together with a special purpose:

✿ To dedicate at **least 40 rosaries** in honor of **Fr. Davis' 40th Priesthood Anniversary** — a heartfelt tribute to his four decades of faithful service.

Whether a seasoned maker or joining us for the first time, your hands and prayers are welcomed.

 **Date:** Sunday, June 8, 2025

 **Time:** 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM *(Come when you can. No need to stay the whole time!)*

 **Location:** Conference Room, St. Matthew Community Center

For more information, please contact **Prisca** or **Sao** through the Parish Office at **(206) 363-6767**.

## Baptismal Preparation Class



**Tuesday, June 10, 2025  
from 7:00-9:00pm  
in the St. Mark parish center parlor**

If you would like to have your child (under 7 years old) baptized in the next six months or would like to be a godparent, please email [annel@saintmarkshoreline.org](mailto:annel@saintmarkshoreline.org) to register for this mandatory class.

## Welcome/Registration Sunday

Are you new to the parish? Does your information need updating? Do you have a question about parish ministries?

The **FIRST** weekend of each month is Welcome/ Registration Sunday. Please look for the table in the narthex.

**After each Mass THIS weekend**, volunteers will be available to assist you with registration, updating your information or just answering questions. It only takes a few minutes. **We'd love to welcome you!**



## "Thank You" & Pantry Request!

Sending a big Thank You to you (and fellow parishioners) for your continued generosity to St. Vincent de Paul. This helps us to respond to a growing number of neighbors in need.

### This week we are in need of the following items for the St. Vincent de Paul pantry:

diaper wipes	salt	mayonnaise
canned fruit	oil	bottled water
tuna fish	pepper	shelf-stable milk
canned soups	laundry detergent	
chili	household cleaners	

If you can help, please either drop off in the St. Vincent de Paul basket in the vestibule or use our online list and have it delivered to the pantry directly!

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3OHL423VH58Z9?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3OHL423VH58Z9?ref=wl_share) or:



THE ST. MARK YOUNG ADULTS PRESENT  
THE ILLUSTRIOUS RETURN OF



# BOARD GAME NIGHTS

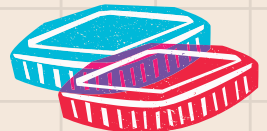
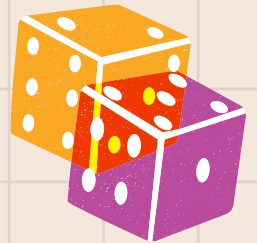
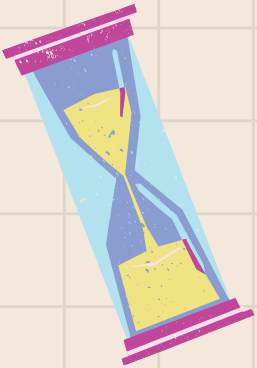


SATURDAYS 6:15PM TO 8:45PM

JUNE 7 - AUGUST 23

SULLIVAN HALL, ST. MARK PARISH

Adults of all ages are  
welcome to join us for food,  
friendship, and fierce  
competition as we once  
again break out the board  
games this summer!  
Snacks and games are  
provided, but feel free to  
bring your own!



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