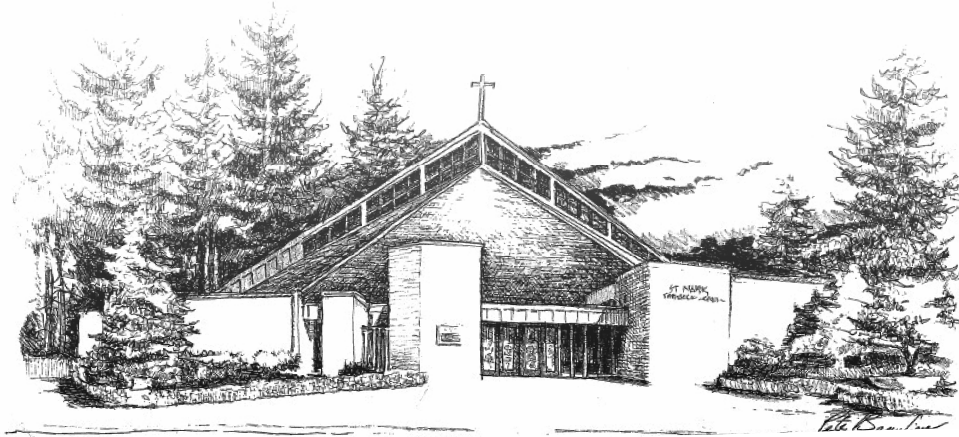


# St. Mark Shoreline



## St. Mark Parish

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**December 6, 2020**

**Reverend Jacob Maurer, Pastor**

### Parish Office

Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm  
(206) 364-7900  
(206) 367-3919 (fax)  
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### School Office

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(206) 364-1633 (206) 367-3919

### Sunday Mass

8:30 am & 10:30 am

### Weekday Mass

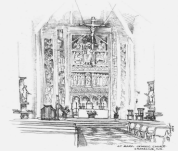
Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday: 9:30 am  
Wednesday: 6:30 pm

### Confessions

Wednesday: 5:00 pm  
Saturday: 3:00 pm

Or, call Father Maurer for an appointment

# PARISH INFORMATION



## The Week Ahead

### Sunday, December 6

*Sunday Mass, Pro Populo, The Second Sunday of Advent*

8:30 am, Mass, Church

10:30 am Mass, Church

### Monday, December 7

9:30 am Daily Mass, Church (Eino Kuki, RIP)

### Tuesday, December 8

9:30 am Immaculate Conception Mass, Church

### Wednesday, December 9

5:00 pm Confessions, Church

6:30 pm Daily Mass, Church (Robert Scarpelli, RIP)

7:00 pm Faith Matters, Online

### Thursday, December 10

9:30 am Daily Mass, Church (Sr. Mary Vianney & Sr. Caritas Marie)

5:00 pm Confessions, Church

### Friday, December 11

9:30 am Daily Mass, School Only, Church (Jim House, RIP)

5:00 pm Confessions, Church

### Saturday, December 12

9:30 am Daily Mass, Church (Craig VandePutte, RIP)

### Sunday, December 13

*Sunday Mass, Pro Populo, The Third Sunday of Advent*

8:30 am, Mass, Church

10:30 am Mass, Church

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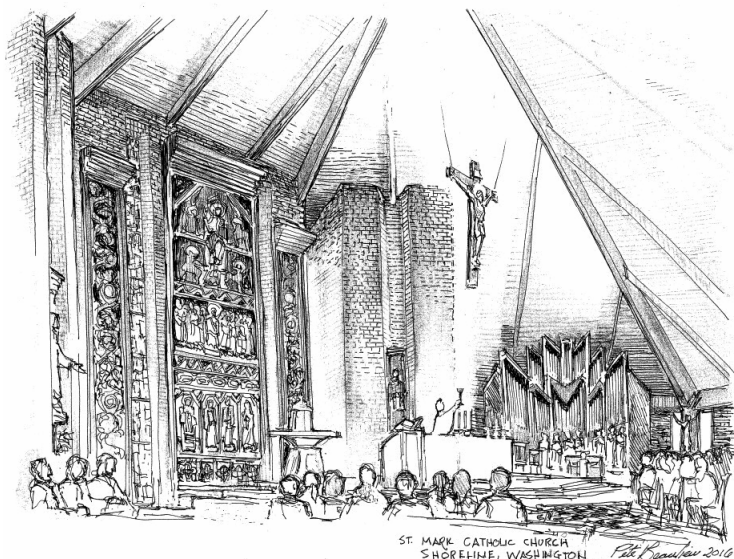
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## St. Mark Parish Website

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Stewardship as of November 29, 2020 for  
Fiscal Year July, 2020-June, 2021:

Weekly amount needed: \$17,310

Last Week Collection: \$13,507

Year to date needed: \$380,820

Actual given year to date: \$318,522

Difference: (62,287)

Online Giving:

Total givers: 99

Amount given online: \$7,595



# 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*

**Have you ever tried cleaning someone's sandals?** One of the things I noticed fairly quickly when I switched from shoes to sandals is that my shoes had obscured an unpleasant reality: foot funk! Sandals soak up everything your feet put out - that in addition to whatever you've walked through recently. Yikes.

So when John the Evangelist talks about his unworthiness to stoop to even loosen the thongs of the sandals of the one who is to come, he is making a rather extravagant statement: that he is not worthy even to do the most menial (and unpleasant) of tasks!



a reasonable reaction....

When we consider that this is one of whom Jesus said “among those born of women, no one is greater than John” we get a sense of the humility of John even as he fulfilled his call.

For we who are invited to closeness to Jesus that John couldn't imagine, how does our awareness of our own unworthiness change us? How may we embrace humility even as we more fully take up our part in God's work?

This year more than most, we find ourselves focused on preventative care, particularly as we anticipate the imminent release of vaccines against the COVID-19 virus.

As we look to safeguard the lives of the most vulnerable in our midst, there arises another question: **may we morally take these vaccines?** To answer this question and address the surrounding issues around it, I will be offering a series in the bulletin (starting this week - see the next page) to explain why



the answer is a solid **yes** and how the Church addresses concerns around vaccine creation.

Additional times for confession are now available at Saint Mark parish during Advent! Starting this Wednesday and continuing throughout the season (ending on Wednesday, December 23), the sacrament of reconciliation will be available every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evening—this will be in addition to the regularly scheduled Saturday 3-5 pm confession time.



Advent 2020 confession schedule:  
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
5:00 pm—6:00 pm  
(Wed., Dec. 2, 2020 to Wed., Dec. 23, 2020)



Dear friends,

Over the last year the world has waited with great anticipation as nations and companies work to develop a vaccine against COVID-19. With three promising candidates and others doubtlessly in the works, questions of the moral issues around vaccines have taken a prime spot in the hearts and conversations of many. Though often coming up in different ways, there are three core questions:

Using the guidelines released by the @PontAcadLife in 2005 and 2017 on the origin of vaccines, @TheCHAUSA ethicists, in collaboration with other Catholic bioethicists, find nothing morally prohibitive with the vaccines developed by @pfizer and @BioNTech\_Group and @moderna\_tx. - the Pontifical Academy for Life (@PontAcadLife) posting at Twitter on November, 22, 2020

- **Is it safe** to take vaccines?
- **May we take vaccines** that have been developed using fetal stem cells obtained from abortions?
- **Should** we take vaccines?

The answer to all three of these questions is a solid 'yes'. Yes, vaccines are safe to take. Yes, vaccines developed using fetal stem cells obtained from abortions may be morally used by Christians. Yes, we should take vaccines and have a moral responsibility to do

Of course, there are several issues to explore in these questions - more than can be unpacked in a single bulletin insert or even in a series of inserts! Over the next several weeks, I will be answering some of the most common concerns. There are several key documents that form the foundation of the Church's teaching in this area. Weighing in at just 35 pages, they are well worth reading.

Our attention to these issues reflects our care for all human life. May we be emboldened to proclaim the Gospel of Life, inviting the Holy Spirit to guide us to better care for all.

- Father Maurer

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# PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



## Live-streamed Simbang Gabi Mass

**Saturday, December 12 at 11:00 am**

### Virtually join the 23rd annual commissioning Mass!

This Filipino tradition ushers in Simbang Gabi, a novena of Masses meant to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. This beautiful Advent tradition captures the expectant, excited and spiritual waiting that pervades Advent-the precursor of Christmas.

Join Archbishop Paul D. Etienne and Catholics from around the archdiocese for this festive, colorful and prayerful Advent celebration.

Due to Covid restrictions this mass will be live-streamed only. Please go to the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ArchdioceseofSeattle> or the website at <http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/> to attend.

For more information please contact Deacon Carl Chilo at (206) 382-4828.

## Juvenile Detention Ministry

On any given day over 48,000 young people in our country are confined in facilities away from home as a result of juvenile justice or criminal justice involvement. Do you feel called to serve youth? Come and share resources, best practices and lessons learned as we address the need to minister to juveniles experiencing incarceration.

This Zoom meeting will be this Thursday, December 10 at 10:00 am. For more information contact Joe Cotton, Director of Pastoral Care & Outreach for the Archdiocese of Seattle at [joe.cotton@seattlearch.org](mailto:joe.cotton@seattlearch.org) To register for this free event go to <https://nationalcatholicwiassoc.wliinc32.com/events/CPMC-Town-Hall-Juvenile-Detention-Ministry-12-10--2019/details>

### Parish Prayer Intentions

#### For the ill...

Maxine Dion, Myron Miller, Betty Jean Scott,  
Jim & Virginia Helbling, Mary Wittinger

#### For the deceased...

## Daily Mass & Confessions Cancellations

- † Daily Mass is canceled Saturday, December 19 (note: 3:00 pm Confessions are **not** canceled)
- † Daily Mass is canceled Saturday, December 26
- † Daily Mass is canceled Monday, December 28
- † Daily Mass is canceled Wednesday, December 30
- † Daily Mass is canceled Thursday, December 31

## Annual St. Mark Parish Giving Tree

It's true. There is no colorful Christmas tree in the church vestibule adorned with stars this year. So many of us, your humble editor included, love taking a star or two and have fun shopping for the items listed. This year, due to COVID restrictions, that really isn't possible. So, let's do what is possible!

Our usual partners, Eastside Baby Corner, Shoreline Health and Rehab, Park Ridge Care Center, Next Step Pregnancy Center, our dear Carmelite sisters, Regina House and the Center for Human Services all have staff or volunteers who can be our elves!

**This is what we can do:** drop a check made out to St. Mark with a notation on the memo line of 2020 Giving Tree, or put cash into an envelope marked 2020 Giving Tree and drop either in the collection baskets on Sunday, or drop either into the slot next to the parish office door, or mail either to the parish office. You can also make a donation through our secure online giving site, just choose **2020 Giving Tree**, here's the link <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/149/DirectDonate/77455> . The elves will do the rest!

**All donations are due to the parish office by  
Monday, December 14.**

Thank you for all you do to support our community.

*Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters, you did for me."*

## The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

We will have a vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on Thursday, December 31 at 5:00 pm.

Mass the day of the solemnity will be **Friday, January 1 at 10:30 am.**

# PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



## Catholic Community Services

### Annual appeal for the poor

Catholic Community Services is rooted in Catholic social teaching and the Gospel imperative. Catholic Community Services and Catholic Housing Services are outreaches of the Catholic Church in western Washington, under the leadership of the Archbishop of Seattle and the boards of trustees. CCS and CHS answer the Gospel call to loving and compassionate service with particular concern for the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death and the dignity of the human person. Its employees and volunteers come from many faith traditions to serve and support people who are poor and/or vulnerable through the provision of quality, integrated services and housing. The focus is on those individuals, children, families and communities struggling with poverty and the effects of intolerance and racism. They partner with other organizations and individuals to work for justice.

**Our annual collection for Catholic Community Services is this weekend, December 6**, the second Sunday of Advent. During Advent we are called, in a special way, to respond to the needs of the poor and the vulnerable. A portion of our contributions are used to provide a range of programs and services in our own parish and the surrounding area.

Go to <https://ccswv.org/> where you can sign-up for the newsletter, find different ways to give, learn how to volunteer and learn more about how to advocate for those who need it most.

## The 2021 Calendars Have Arrived

The 2021 calendars have arrived courtesy of Beck's Tribute Center.

Beginning next week they will be available in the parish office Monday-Thursday from 8:30 am until 4:00 pm. After Sunday masses parishioners can also pick up a calendar from one of the volunteers in the church vestibule as long as they last. Thank you Beck's!

*"For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!  
God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne!"*

*~Psalms 47:7-8*

## St. Mark Faith Matters Program

We have two upcoming Faith Matters sessions, Wednesday December 9 and Wednesday, December 16 both following the 6:30 pm Mass. The topic for the 9th, which will be on Facebook only, is *The Significance of the Incarnation*. On the 16th we will have a tour of the church in-person just after 6:30 Mass.

If you have not yet participated in Faith Matters, but would like to (we would love to have you), please contact Kirk Altenhofen in the parish office.

## Monthly Community Rosary at the Affirmation of Life Memorial

This month our community Rosary opportunity will be on the Feast of the Holy Family, Sunday, December 27 after the 8:30 am Mass at the Affirmation of Life Memorial. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend (face coverings are required) this event hosted by our Knights of Columbus and Respect Life committee.

## The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Tuesday, December 8. This year it is not a holy day of obligation but Father Maurer will forgo his day off and celebrate Mass at 9:30 am in the church. We will not have online sign ups but as space is limited you may want to come a bit early to make sure you and your family get a place.

Thank you Father Maurer!

### Frequently Requested Numbers

Boy Scouts: Dennis Halpin (206) 365-1971

Knights of Columbus: Greg Insley (206) 271-4599

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Marian Caskets: (206) 463-6245

# Mass Schedule for the Christmas Season



## Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve

Christmas Vigil Mass: 6:30 p.m. (no incense)

Christmas Mass at Midnight: 12:00 a.m. (no incense)

## Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day

Christmas Mass at Dawn: 8:30 a.m. (no incense)

Christmas Day Mass: 10:30 a.m. (no incense)

## Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup> Masses: 8:30 a.m. (no incense) 10:30 a.m. (no incense)

## Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup> Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m. (no incense) *(no 9:30 a.m. Mass)*

Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> Mass: 10:30 a.m. (no incense)

## Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> Masses: 8:30 a.m. (no incense) 10:30 a.m. (no incense)



## When it comes to the Eucharist, we can always go deeper.

I invite all of us in this local Church to a renewed focus on the heart of our faith and the center of our parish life: the Eucharist. The Eucharist is an inexhaustible source of grace, the Paschal Mystery of Christ's dying and rising daily renewed for our salvation and for the salvation of the whole world. The Eucharist is the living presence of Christ in our midst. That presence does not, must not leave us unchanged: Receiving the Body of Christ, we become the Body of Christ. The Eucharist unites us to Christ, and, in Christ, to each other. And the Eucharist commits us to the poor, sending us forth in service and love.

When it comes to the Eucharist, we can always go deeper. No matter whether we have spent years exploring Eucharistic theology, or are still preparing for our first Holy Communion, there is always more to discover about the Eucharist. And no matter the resources of our parish communities, with care and attention our liturgies can always be improved, to reflect more clearly the Christ who truly presides at every celebration of the Eucharist. During the coming year, I ask every Catholic and every parish community to commit themselves to deepening our understanding and experience of the Eucharist, and strengthening our Eucharistic liturgies.

Archbishop Paul D. Etienne  
*The Work of Redemption: Eucharistic Belief and Practice in the Archdiocese of Seattle*  
Read the whole pastoral letter at [NWCatholic.org](http://NWCatholic.org)

## The Saints and the Eucharist

Your eyes are looking at bread and a cup. This is the evidence before your physical sight. But your faith must be instructed concerning it—this bread being Christ's body and the cup containing his blood... Since you make up the body of Christ and are his members, your mystery rests on the table of the Lord; you receive your own mystery. You answer "Amen" to the reality of what you are; your reply gives your consent to it. For on hearing the words, "The Body of Christ," you reply, "Amen." Be in fact a member of Christ's body for your affirmation, "Amen," to ring true.



St. Augustine of Hippo  
(354-430)

## For Reflection

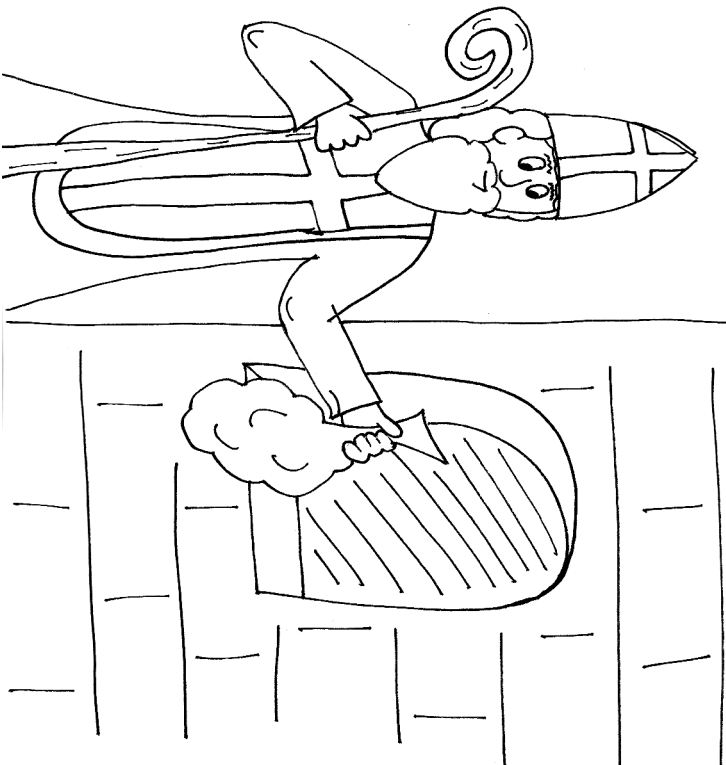
What really happens at Mass?

Do I participate in the Mass with my whole being—mind, heart, voice, and body?

Does my participation in the liturgy make a difference in my life?

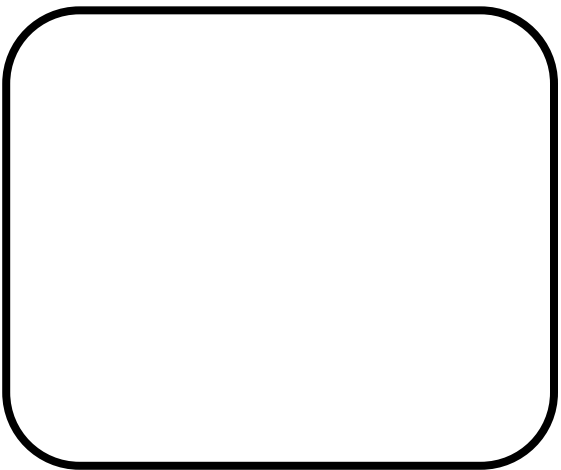


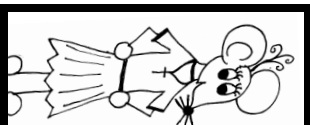
# Saint Nicholas



Saint Nicholas knew that a family needed help so he dropped gifts into the window of their home! We can celebrate his feast day by putting treats and gifts in people's shoes on December 6th.

Draw a picture of a gift that you would like to give to your family






# Catholic Kids


Bulletin

December 6, 2020  
Advent  
Color: Purple

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Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.	BYOURPKINDNESSPK
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Find the advent wreath in your church. Which candles are lit today? Color the wreath and the candles.



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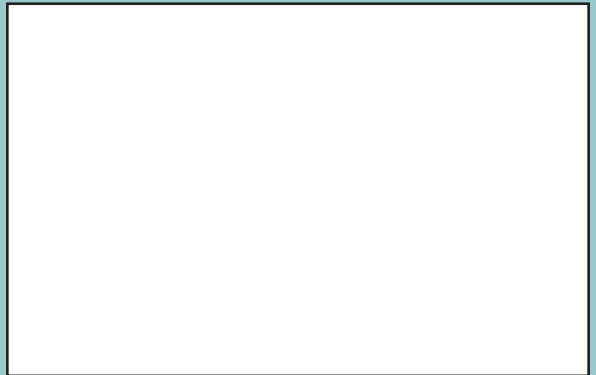
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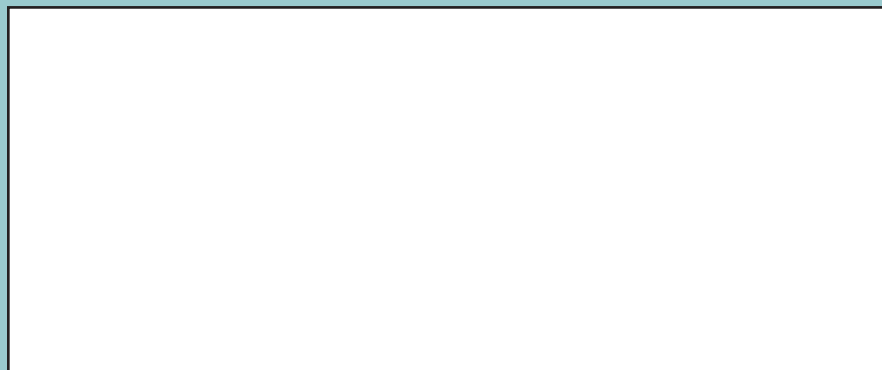
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