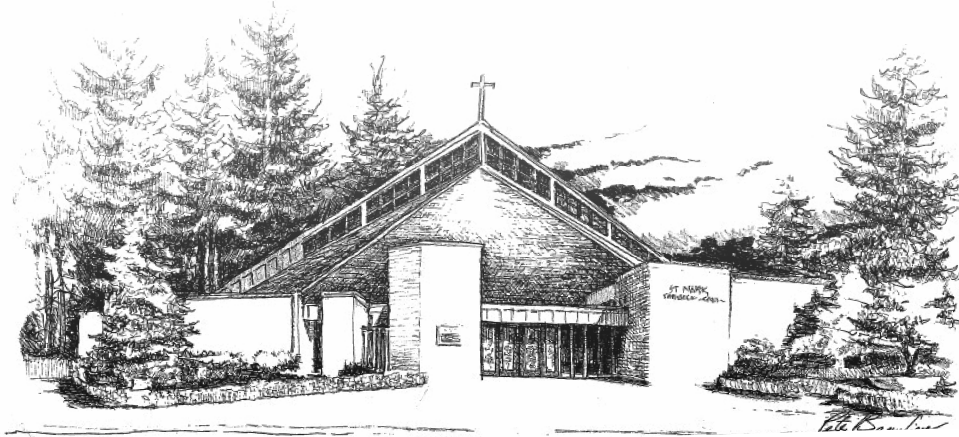


# St. Mark Shoreline



## St. Mark Parish

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February 7, 2021

Reverend Jacob Maurer, Pastor

### Parish Office

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### School Office

Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm  
(206) 364-1633 (206) 367-3919 (fax)

### Saturday Vigil Mass

5:00 pm

### 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

Appointments are welcome! Call Fr. Maurer.

# PARISH INFORMATION



## The Week Ahead

### Sunday, February 7

*Sunday Mass, Pro Populo, The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 am, Mass, Church

10:30 am Mass, Church

### Monday, February 8

9:30 am, Daily Mass, Church

### Tuesday, February 9

No Morning Mass

### Wednesday, February 10

5:00 pm Confessions, Church

6:30 pm Daily Mass, Church (Matthew Acheson, RIP)

7:00 pm Faith Matters, Church

### Thursday, February 11

9:30 am, Daily Mass, Church (Gerry Lakin, RIP)

6:30 pm, Altar Server Orientation, Church

### Friday, February 12

9:30 am Mass, all are welcome-no longer school only, Church (Ruben Martinez, RIP)

### Saturday, February 13

9:30 am Daily Mass, Church (Matt Ulrich, RIP)

3:00 pm Confessions, Church

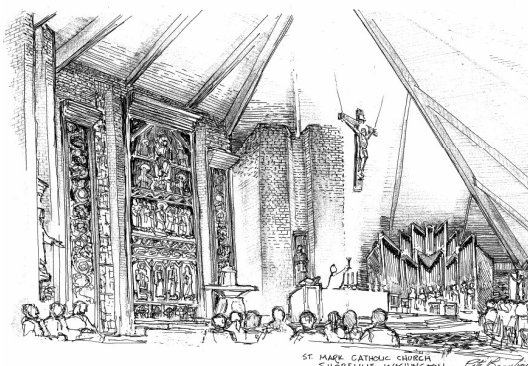
5:00 pm Vigil Mass, Church

### Sunday, February 14

*Sunday Mass, Pro Populo, The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 am, Mass, Church

10:30 am Mass, Church



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## St. Mark Parish Website

www.saintmarkshoreline.org

Stewardship as of January 31, 2021 for  
Fiscal Year July, 2020-June, 2021:

Weekly amount needed: \$17,310

Last Week Collection: \$12,299

Year to date needed: \$536,610

Actual given year to date: \$456,646

Difference: (79,964)

Online Giving:

Total givers: 92

Amount given online: \$7,561



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# WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

- Father Jacob Maurer

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

*Cf. 95 (94): 6-7*

Though only a brief selection of **Job's lament** the first reading from today effectively captures the sorrow that has settled on his heart. His piety and holiness was deeply pleasing to the Lord - and yet the Lord allowed him to be tested with great suffering. Moreover, there was still greater suffering to come.

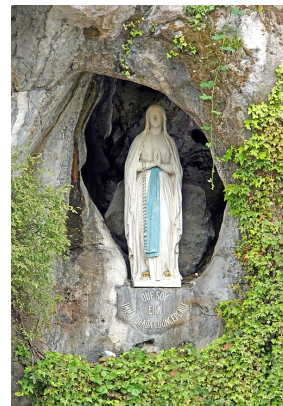
There is a lot we could say about the suffering of the innocent, the universal effects of sin, and the absolute respect God has for our free will. But the most important part of our faith is that God does not stand aloof from human



suffering. Rather, He unites Himself so deeply with our sorrows as to take on our very nature. He could have eased our pain in any number of ways, but He chose to live exactly as we do with only one exception: without sin.

Job didn't suffer forever - the Lord eventually revealed His glory in Job's life, blessing him with gifts and joys beyond those he had before. Whatever suffering we endure, may we not hesitate to present it to God - who desires to heal the brokenhearted, no matter the cost.

**February 11** is the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, commemorating the appearance of Mary to Saint Bernadette in the mid-1800s.



In her appearances to Bernadette, Mary was dressed in white with a blue girdle, a yellow rose on each foot, holding a rosary. Over the course of several visits, Mary asked Bernadette to build a chapel and identified herself as the Immaculate Conception. The apparitions were eventually ruled authentic and the site of her appearance became a place of great devotion.

Additional times for confession are coming to Saint Mark parish for Lent! Starting on Ash Wednesday and continuing until the Wednesday of Holy Week, 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.



Lent 2021 confession schedule:  
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
5:00 pm—6:00 pm  
(Wed., February 17 to Wed., March 31)

# PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



## Domestic Violence, Part III

### Why Women Stay

Women stay with men who abuse them primarily out of fear (USCCB). Some fear that they will lose their children. Many believe that they cannot support themselves, much less their children.

When the first violent act occurs, the woman is likely to be incredulous. She believes the abuser when he apologizes and promises that it will not happen again. When it does, repeatedly, many women believe that if they just act differently they can stop the abuse. They may be ashamed to admit that the man they love behaves this way. Some cannot admit or realize they are indeed battered women. Others may have endured so much trauma they suffer from battered women syndrome.

### Please Note

Some women who are being abused run a risk of being harmed or even killed when they leave their abuser or seek help from the legal system.

Our well-intended advice may be advice they just cannot follow safely, yet.

Religion can be either a resource or a roadblock for abused women. As a resource it encourages women to resist mistreatment and can provide valuable practical and emotional assistance. As a roadblock its misinterpretation can contribute to the victim's self-blame and suffering as well as the abuser's rationalizations (USCCB).

If a woman decides to leave she needs to have a safety plan, including names and phone numbers of shelters and programs. Staying can seem safer. Ultimately, the abused women must make their own decisions.

### Parish Prayer Intentions

#### For the ill...

Theodore Gormley, Jim & Virginia Helbling,  
Margarita Andrijic, Jeannine Fitzsimmons

#### For the deceased...

Barbara Davis

## St. Mark Parish Faith Matters Program

Faith Matters continues Wednesday, February 10 at 7:00 pm (following the 6:30 Mass) **in the church and also streamed online for those who cannot attend.** Everyone is welcome, please join us! The topic this week is **Praying the Liturgy of the Hours, Part II** presented by Deacon Kirk Altenhofen. If you have questions, or need more information, email Deacon Kirk at [kirka@saintmarkshoreline.org](mailto:kirka@saintmarkshoreline.org), or call him at (206) 364-7900.

## Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl 2021

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17 and with it an opportunity to put faith into action through prayer, fasting and alms-giving. We are offered simple yet powerful ways to bring Lenten spirituality to life. Through our annual Rice Bowl giving we support Catholic Relief Services; the US Conference of Catholic Bishops' Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development; migration and refugee services; Catholic Legal Immigration Network; Secretariat for Cultural Diversity in the Church and more. Learn more about the ministries benefited by CRS Rice Bowl at: [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief)

## Domestic Violence Resources

### Washington State Against Domestic Violence:

(800) 799-SAFE website: <https://wscadv.org/>

**Lifewire** (Eastside) (800) 827-8840

website: [www.lifewire.org](http://www.lifewire.org)

### Refugee Women's Alliance:

(206) 721-0243 (17 languages available)

### Catholics for Family Peace:

[www.catholicsforfamilypeace.org/](http://www.catholicsforfamilypeace.org/)

### Washington State Domestic Violence Intervention

**and Treatment:** <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/community-services-offices/domestic-violence-intervention-treatment>

*"We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord."*

*~Saint Ambrose of Milan*

# PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



## Altar Server Training Meeting

Join us for an orientation meeting regarding the upcoming altar server training program. Interested students and their parents are encouraged to attend on Thursday, February 11 at 6:30 pm in the church with Father Maurer and Mrs. Keck.

## National 40 Days for Life

During the National 40 Days for Life groups and individuals across the country prayerfully and peacefully gather to pray publicly for an end to abortion. The campaign runs February 17 (Ash Wednesday) through March 28. Locally, we will meet on 76th Avenue and 196th Street in Lynnwood.

Please come to the kick-off even on Thursday, February 11 at St. Pius X in Mount Lake Terrace 6:30-7:30 pm. For more information go to [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com)

## Prepares Pregnancy & Parenting Support

The Prepares program is a nurturing response and promise to mothers and fathers. The promise is to support and care from pregnancy through their child's fifth birthday. Regardless of religious beliefs, this parish based program offers low-income families vital services and ensures that no child, born or unborn, is never abandoned or alone.

Next week is the 2021 statewide Valentine appeal for Prepares. We can all donate anytime convenient at [www.preparesforlife.org/donate](http://www.preparesforlife.org/donate). If you prefer to write a check just make it out to St. Mark but put "Prepares" in the memo line and we will make sure your gift gets to the right place!

## Marriage Help

There is an alternative to separation or divorce. Retrouvaille ("retro-vi") has brought healing to tens of thousands of troubled marriages worldwide. The situation may feel hopeless but there is always hope. You are not alone in your struggle. For confidential information, to have questions answered or to register for the upcoming virtual program Wednesday through Sunday, February 24-28, please call Mark and Ronnie at (206) 706-2608 or visit [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

## Request for Volunteers

We need help repairing server albs, cassocks and surpluses. Some need replacement of Velcro and snap buttons or washing and ironing. If you have the skills, a sewing machine and necessary tools we would appreciate your help very much! There is no rush; please work at your own pace.

If you can help with minor tailoring please call the parish office at (206) 364-7900 to leave your contact information and a sacristan will reach out to you. Thank you!

## Sacred Heart Radio

Sacred Heart Radio, 100.3 FM and 1050 AM, is listener supported local Catholic radio. You have likely listened to the Mass at 9:00 am on weekdays, but have you explored any of the programs?

**The Journey Home** (Monday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 2:00 & 10:00 pm) the host and guests address the personal obstacles, doctrinal objections and the irresistible attraction to the church Jesus founded 2,000 years ago.

**Women of Grace** (Monday through Friday at midnight) is part of a Catholic apostolate whose mission is to transform the world, one woman at a time, by affirming women in their dignity and vocation as daughters of God and in their gift of authentic femininity.

*"Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you."*  
~ Saint Augustine

## Frequently Requested Numbers

Boy Scouts: Dennis Halpin (206) 365-1971  
Knights of Columbus: Greg Insley (206) 271-4599  
St. Vincent de Paul Helpline: (206) 767-6449  
Queen of Heaven Guild: Sylvia Ebert (206) 419-3115  
Funeral Volunteers: Gini Harmon (206) 364-6834  
Marriage Help: Retrouvaille (206) 706-2608  
Holyrood Cemetery: (206) 363-8404  
Beck's Funeral Home: (425) 771-1234  
Harvey Funeral Home: (206) 632-0100  
Marian Caskets: (206) 463-6245



## From The Holy See's Teaching on Catholic Schools

*Excerpted from Archbishop J. Michael Miller, former Secretary of the Sacred Congregation for Catholic Education:*

**The search for wisdom and truth:** In an age of information overload, Catholic schools must be especially attentive to the delicate balance between human experience and understanding. In the words of T.S. Eliot, we do not want our students to say: "We had the experience but missed the meaning." The greatest challenge to Catholic education in the US today, and the greatest contribution that authentically Catholic education can make to American culture, is to restore to that culture the conviction that human beings can grasp the truth of things and in grasping that truth can know their duties to God, to themselves and to their neighbors.

**Faith, culture and life:** From the nature of the Catholic school also stems one of the most significant elements of its educational project: the synthesis of culture and faith. The endeavor to interweave reason and faith, which has become the heart of individual subjects, makes for unity, articulation and coordination, bringing forth in what is learned in a school, a Christian vision of the world, of life, of culture and of history.

**Communion (fellowship) and community:** The Holy See places an emphasis on the community aspect of the Catholic school, a dimension rooted both in the social nature of the person and the reality of the Church as "the home and the school of communion." That the Catholic school is an educational community is a vital aspect: Catholicism should permeate not just the class period of religious education, or the school's pastoral activities, but the entire curriculum. The Holy See's documents speak of an integral education, an education which responds to all the needs of the person.

**Founded on a Christian anthropology:** to be worthy of its name, a Catholic school must be founded on Jesus Christ the Redeemer who, through his incarnation, is united with each student. Christ is not an after-thought or an add-on to Catholic educational philosophy but the center and fulcrum of the entire enterprise, the light enlightening every student who comes to the school.

## Daily Mass Cancellations

† Daily Mass at 9:30 am is canceled Monday, February 15

## Catholic Classical Education

Catholic Classical Education is a successful method that is historically based and rooted in the Catholic faith and tradition.

It educates based on instilling a sense of wonder, curiosity and love of learning in students along with a desire to seek what is true, good and beautiful. Classes are naturally integrated so students see the relationships between what they are currently learning, giving them a greater understanding and foundation in all subjects.

Two words often used to describe it are *wisdom* and *virtue*. Wisdom is the power to understand and evaluate but what about virtue? According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "human virtues are firm attitudes, stable dispositions, habitual perfections of intellect and will govern our actions, order our passions and guide our conduct according to reason and faith" (<https://catholicstand.com/catholic-liberal-education-today/>).

Wisdom is the power to know the truth and virtue is the power to live by it.

Students excel in the classical method because it builds on their natural intellectual curiosity and development. Children learn in different ways at different ages and stages. In the earlier grades, their brains develop in such a way that they can memorize and be taught large amounts of information. This period is referred to as the grammar stage of education. As the students develop, the methods of teaching them do as well. The logic stage of education begins as students approach middle school, when their ability to reason develops. Logic, critical thinking, debate and reasoning skills are taught while delving deeper into the information students mastered in earlier grades.

This type of education provides a foundation for advanced studies in all disciplines. The focus is on students becoming responsible citizen-leaders of the world who continue to grow in wisdom and knowledge while retaining a love of learning throughout their lives.

For more information about Catholic Classical Education please visit [www.catholicliberaleducation.org](http://www.catholicliberaleducation.org).



## These moments when we kneel before the Blessed Sacrament, just us and the Lord, are precious and important.

**A**doration of the Blessed Sacrament flows naturally from our experience of the Eucharist during Mass. As Abbot Jeremy Driscoll, OSB, has said, Exposition is like a “freeze frame” of the elevations of the consecrated elements, the Body and Blood of Christ, at Mass. The liturgy moves quite quickly. Time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament outside of Mass, whether in the tabernacle or during Exposition, allows us to absorb and take in what this mystery is all about. The Mass is *God’s action* in creating, forming, and saving his people. Adoration places us in the presence of the accomplished fact of Christ’s saving work on our behalf....

Pope Francis has emphasized the importance of time for adoration for the Church’s mission: “Without prolonged moments of adoration, of prayerful encounter with the word, of sincere conversation with the Lord, our work easily becomes meaningless; we lose energy as a result of weariness and difficulties, and our fervor dies out. The Church urgently needs the deep breath of prayer.” These moments when we kneel before the Blessed Sacrament, just us and the Lord, are precious and important. But, as Pope Francis goes on, “There is always the risk that some moments of prayer can become an excuse for not offering one’s life in mission; a privatized lifestyle can lead Christians to take refuge in some false forms of spirituality.” Our time spent in adoration should always overflow in our lives and actions, drawing us more deeply into communion with Christ and one another.

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)

## St. Teresa of Calcutta on the Eucharist

Jesus says time and again that we have to love one another. He had to come for that one purpose: to tell us that God loves us, that we are precious to him, that we have been created to love and to be loved, and that we must love one another as he loves us, as the Father has loved him.... When we look at the cross we know how he loved us. And when we look at the Tabernacle we know how he loves us still. That is why he made himself the Bread of Life... to satisfy our hunger for his love. And as if that were not enough for him, he made himself the hungry one, the naked one, the humblest one so that you and I can satisfy his hunger for our human love. This is something so wonderful—the sick, the poor, the unwanted, the unloved, the lepers, the drug addicts, the alcoholics, the prostitutes—Christ in the distressing disguises.



St. Teresa of Calcutta  
(1910-1997)

## For Reflection

Do I take time for quiet adoration of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament? If not, what gets in the way?

Does my time spent in quiet adoration make a difference in my life?

Do I recognize Christ’s presence in the Eucharist? Do I recognize Christ’s presence when he is “in disguise?”

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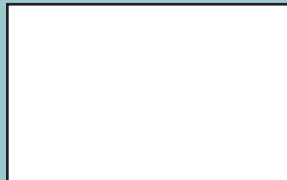
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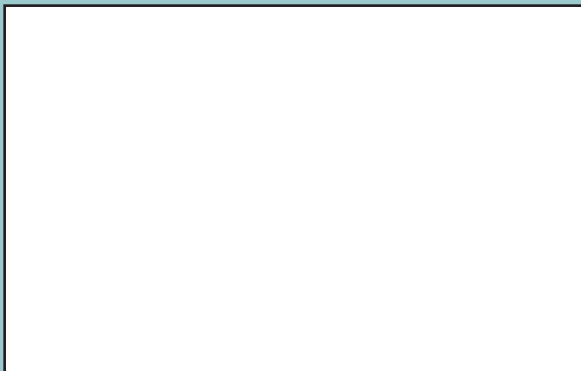
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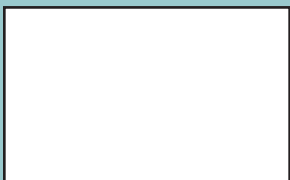
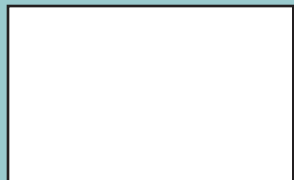
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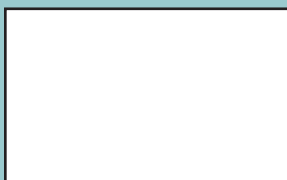


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