

St. Mark Shoreline



St. Mark Parish

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February 28, 2021

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Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm
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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-Friday: 5:00 pm
Saturday: 3:00 pm

Appointments are welcome! Call Fr. Maurer.

PARISH INFORMATION



The Week Ahead

Sunday, February 28

Sunday Mass, Pro Populo, The Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 am, Mass, Church

10:30 am Mass, Church

11:40 am, Community Rosary, Affirmation of Life Memorial

Monday, March 1

9:30 am, Daily Mass, Church (Lisa Stoican)

Tuesday, March 2

No Morning Mass

Wednesday, March 3

5:00 pm Confessions, Church

5:00 pm Adoration, Church

5:45 pm Benediction, Church

6:00 pm Evening Prayer, Church

6:30 pm Daily Mass, Church (Edward Ramaekers, RIP)

7:00 pm Faith Matters, Church

Thursday, March 4

9:30 am, Daily Mass, Church (Maryann Nienaber, RIP)

5:00 pm Confessions, Church

6:30 pm School Task Force Meeting

Friday, March 5

9:30 am Mass, Church

1:45 pm Stations of the Cross, Church

5:00 pm Confessions, Church

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross, Church

Saturday, March 6

9:30 am Daily Mass, Church

12 noon Games & Grace with Father Maurer, Sullivan Hall

3:00 pm Confessions, Church

5:00 pm Vigil Mass, Church

Sunday, March 7

Sunday Mass, Pro Populo, The Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 am, Mass, Church

10:30 am Mass, Church

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St. Mark Parish Website

www.saintmarkshoreline.org

Stewardship as of February 21, 2021 for
Fiscal Year July, 2020-June, 2021:

Weekly amount needed: \$17,310

Last Week Collection: \$13,615

Year to date needed: \$588,540

Actual given year to date: \$496,527

Difference: (93,013)

Online Giving:

Total givers: 95

Amount given online: \$5,583



WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

- Father Jacob Maurer

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

Cf. Ps 27 (26): 8-9

The Transfiguration is one of my favorite accounts of Christ's revelation of Himself during His ministry. (If you ever have a chance to go to the Holy Land, Mount Tabor and the Church of the Transfiguration is a must-visit!)

How startling, how utterly shocking this moment must have been for the Apostles. Jesus' transfiguration was a terrifying moment - in part, I imagine, because of how overwhelming it must be...especially to us,



broken by sin. So often the gut response is simply "surely I will die!"

....but they don't!

When was the last time this happened? Even Elijah had to turn away as God passed by, hearing only the whisper of

His presence, lest he see God and die. Moses alone saw the Lord face-to-face, though the Israelites insisted on moving their camp far away during his encounters - and made Moses cover his face, so radiant was it afterward!

God desires to share all of Himself with us. Jesus makes Himself known first to Peter, James, and John.... but not only to them! We are invited first to behold Christ and then to receive Him ("behold the Lamb of God"), so that we share in His glory and be transformed.

March 3 is the memorial of Saint Katherine Drexel, the second American-born saint to be canonized.



As the daughter of a prominent banker, Saint Katherine was born into wealth but devotion of her parents and the needs of Native Americans and African Americans inspired her to dedicate herself to their service in religious life, particularly in the founding of schools.

Let us ask Saint Katherine's intercession, especially for our school children & teachers.

Additional times for confession are available during Lent at Saint Mark parish! 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



Shedding Light on Pornography, Part I

Pornography is a not-so secret dark issue for many. The combination of the digital age, so many of us spending more time at home and a plethora of available content has produced a situation in which on-demand video of virtually any act is available for free—at the click of a mouse. One pornography website had 28.5 billion clicks in 2018 alone and reported exponential growth in 2020. “Pornography consists in removing real or simulated sexual acts from the intimacy of the partners, in order to display them deliberately to third parties. It offends against chastity because it perverts the conjugal act, the intimate giving of spouses to each other. It does grave injury to the dignity of its participants (actors, vendors, the public), since each one becomes an object of base pleasure and illicit profit for others. It immerses all who are involved in the illusion of a fantasy world. It is a grave offense. Civil authorities should prevent the production and distribution of pornographic materials.” The Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2354

Pornography is an offense against God and His gifts to men and women. God created men and women in His image to share in His divine life. Rather than respecting and cherishing this image, pornography promotes harmful and destructive anthropology (view of the person). It teaches people to use others as “objects”—in this case, a means of selfish, lustful gratification. In addition, since pornography attacks sexual desire and the conjugal act itself, it wages war on marriage. It is important to remember what God created for husbands and wives, USCCB. Over the next few weeks we will discuss pornography from different perspectives: the impact on people; the impact on our culture; the Church’s teaching, hope and available resources for healing.

Parish Prayer Intentions

For the ill...

Jim & Virginia Helbling, Margarita Andrijic,
Jeannine Fitzsimmons, Teresa Schoen, Michael Stevens

For the deceased...

Maryann Nienaber

St. Mark Parish Faith Matters Program

Faith Matters will meet Wednesday, March 3, at 7:00 pm in the church right after 6:30 pm daily Mass. Our topic will be “Cardinal Virtues”. Everyone is welcome! If you have questions email Deacon Kirk at kirka@saintmark-shoreline.org, or call him at (206) 364-7900.

Community Rosary at the Affirmation of Life Memorial

The next Community Rosary at the Affirmation of Life Memorial is today, February 28 after the 10:30 am Mass, about 11:40 am. Please come! Masks and social distancing are required. If you do not feel comfortable attending in person please pray the Rosary on your own or with your family in support of pro-life efforts.

We can also pray the Rosary with Archbishop Etienne anytime convenient here: <https://vimeo.com/424251219>

Games & Grace

Join Farther Maurer in Sullivan Hall on Saturdays from 12 noon until 3:00 pm for Games & Grace! Bring your favorite table top board or card game. This gaming group aims to build fraternity and create a space for fun and theological conversation. Everyone is welcome. Stop by Saturday to see what it’s all about.

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 through March 28. Locally, we will meet on 76th Avenue and 196th Street in Lynnwood.

For more information go to www.40daysforlife.com

“In the conjugal act, husband and wife are called to confirm in a responsible way the mutual gift of self which they have made to each other in the marriage covenant...the mutual gift of husband and wife...is in itself a mutual communion of love and of life. The intimate truth of this gift must always be safeguarded.... The person can never be considered a means to an end; above all never a means of pleasure. The person is and must be nothing other than the end of every act. Only then does the action correspond to the true dignity of the person.” ~From John Paul II’s Letter to Families, 1994

PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



St. Mark School Annual Lion's Drive

The event of the season, commonly known as the annual St. Mark Classical School auction, cannot happen this spring due to the pandemic. This event normally provides necessary funds to pay our teachers, help students facing hardship and helps to meet the general operating expenses at our school. Without these funds our school would find itself in an extremely challenging situation. We have a plan to aid us with this situation:

The Annual Lion's Drive 300 X 500 Campaign! It's simple. If 300 people donate \$500 or more we will meet our goal of achieving at least \$150,000 for our school. Donate \$500 and you are eligible for two chances to win a \$100 VISA gift card. Your donation is tax deductible. Please consider donating the amount you would spend at the annual auction to the Annual Lion's Fund this year! Send a check made payable to St. Mark Catholic Classical School to either the school or the parish office or donate online directly at <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/149/DirectDonate/2105>.

St. Mark Catholic Classical School Open House Virtual Open House

Come meet the principal and teachers and discover the gift of a Catholic Classical education for your child.

Creating saints for God!

Topic: Virtual Open House

Time: March 2, 3:00 pm Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8702615462?pwd=Z-DE5UERDaTA2KzBuL2pDb2pzNXB5UT09>

Meeting ID: 870 261 5463

Passcode: ssss

St. Mark School Virtues Project

Our school is teaching and practicing the Virtues. The fourth graders were assigned a home project for the Virtue of Cheerfulness and they rose to the occasion spectacularly!

"This month I practiced the virtue of cheerfulness with my family. Cheerfulness is looking on the bright side of everything that happens. This month I practiced seeing the good in everything. For example, when homework is boring, the bright side is I can learn new things that can help me in my everyday life. When my siblings are bothering me, I remember the bright side is that I have siblings to play with me. When I am disappointed and I don't get to do what I want to do, the bright side is I can do something else that is fun. Saint Philip Neri's sisters were worried when he left home, but he showed them cheerfulness by telling them they would be alright even when he was gone. To continue this, I can say a prayer when things are hard and think on the bright side."

~Bridget, Grade 4

Grief Ministry at St. Mark

Grief as a result of the loss of a loved one is not a journey we must take alone. We know that while God doesn't rejoice in our suffering, He is always present in it. When grief changes the way we see ourselves and the world around us communion (fellowship) with others not only helps us heal but those we journey with as well. Please consider joining our upcoming grief group. We will meet once a week for about eight weeks. Meetings will begin the end of March. Space is limited. Please call or email Laura in the office with any questions, to sign up or for more information (206) 364-7900, laural@saintmarkshoreline.org.

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

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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.

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.



St. Mark Catholic Classical School

Creating saints for God!

Around the school!

Stations of the Cross every Friday at 1:45pm with the students. New servers participate by walking to each station.



Teaching History

Teaching history this year is exciting for both teachers and students. Kindergarten through second grade students are embarking on the History of the World from the earliest nomads to the last Roman Emperor. The students are studying the earliest people and how they lived, ate, wandered and survived. This week the kindergartners learned about the first farmers in the area of the world called The Fertile Crescent and how farming lead to people living in villages which grew into cities which was the beginning of ancient civilization.



Third graders will watch the seeds of Christendom being planted in the soil of Europe thanks to colossal figures like Sts. Benedict, Patrick and Ambrose. The wonder of the Medieval world comes alive with brilliant tales of knights, crusaders, castles and inventions.

Fourth graders are learning of the making of the Modern World where students will meet great figures like Sts. Pius V, Thomas More, John Vianney and Margaret Mary Alacoque, as well as powerful leaders like Napoleon and Kings Henry VIII of England and Louis XIV of France.

Electives 2nd semester include art, cooking, year-book, and choir.

Fifth graders will begin with Columbus when he sailed the open blue and extend into the present day, the book tells the thrilling tale of our nation, both the good and the bad. Children will be introduced to heroic American saints like Juan Diego, Peter Claver and Elizabeth Ann Seton, explorers like Lewis and Clark and Neil Armstrong and a whole host of US presidents.



The study of world history and culture from prehistory through the Greeks and the rise of Christianity up through the Middle Ages is studied in the sixth grade.

The seventh and eighth graders are in the Christendom year. The book starts with the life of Christ and walks through the achievements of medieval Christendom up to the threshold of the 18th century Enlightenment.

Baking cookies!

Virtual Open House

Interested in a Catholic Classical education for your student? There will be a Virtual Open House, Tuesday, March 2, 3:00—4:00pm. Take the opportunity to meet the faculty and we will answer your questions about the school.

Join Zoom Meeting

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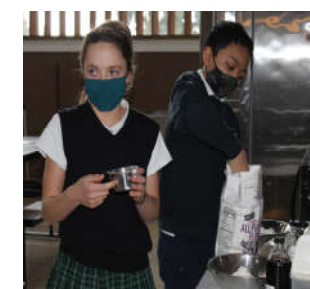
Annual Lion's Fund

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Annual Lion's fund drive. If you have not yet sent in your donation please consider making a gift today .

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97 families have donated so far



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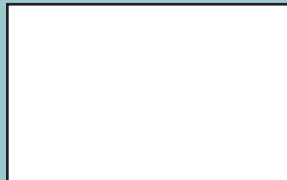
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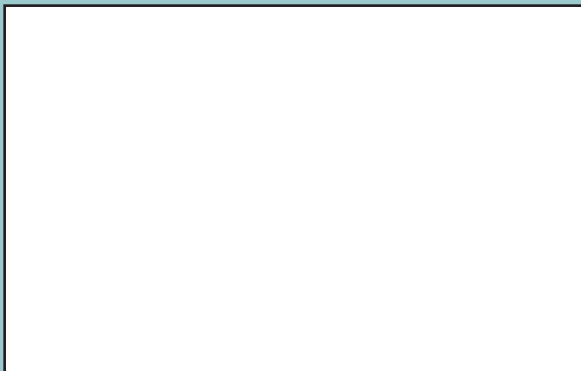
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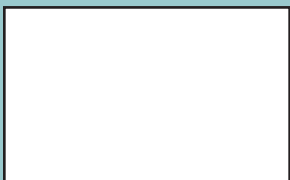
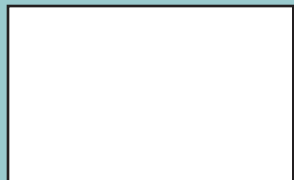
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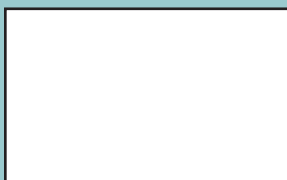


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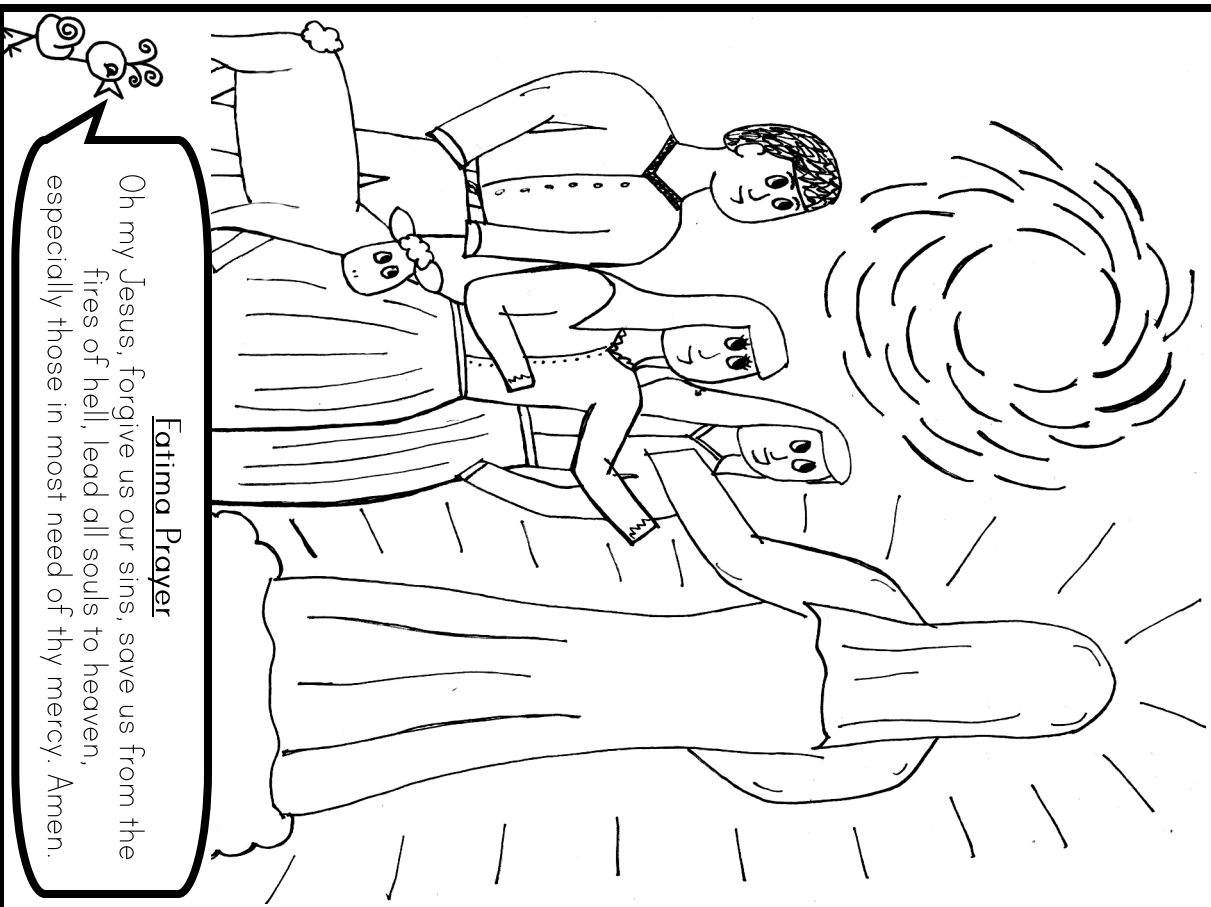
*"This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel."
Mark 1:15*



This Lent . . .

- + **Pray . . . at daily Mass, Sunday Mass and as a family in the church or join in online.**
- + **Celebrate Reconciliation . . . Confessions are Wednesday through Friday 5:00-6:00 p.m. (with occasional cancelations, refer to bulletin), Saturdays 3:00-4:30 p.m.**
- + **Journey with the Lord . . . Friday Stations of the Cross at 1:45 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. in the church.**

Saint Francisco and Jacinta Marto
 Saint Francisco and his little sister Jacinta worked as shepherds near Fatima when Mary appeared to them! After they met Mary, they prayed the Rosary every day.



Fatima Prayer
 Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of thy mercy. Amen.

Catholic Kids
 Bulletin

February 28, 2021
 Lent
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I will walk
 before the
 Lord, in the
 land of the
 living.

BFOREP AHTTEK LORD

DEWAIN THEPALANDOEI WJOSKAI

What did you give up for Lent? Ask your family to help you with your sacrifice.