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Independence

DAY



St. Mark Shoreline

PARISH INFORMATION



The Week Ahead

Sunday, July 4 *Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Independence Day*
8:30 am, Mass, Church (*Pro Populo*)
10:30 am, Mass, Church (*Archbishop Etienne & all clergy*)

Monday, July 5
Parish Office is Closed
No morning Mass
6:30 pm, Boy Scouts, Cafeteria

Tuesday, July 6
No Morning Mass

Wednesday, July 7
11:30 am, Heaven's Guild, Sullivan Hall
5:00 pm, Confessions, Church
5:00 pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Church
6:00 pm, Benediction & Evening Prayer
6:30 pm, Mass, Church (Sue Basterrechea, RIP)
7:00 pm, St. Gianna Molla Reading Group, Sullivan Hall

Thursday, July 8
9:30 am, Mass, Church (Jerry Preston, RIP)

Friday, July 9
9:30 am, Mass, Church (John Pate, RIP)

Saturday, July 10
9:30 am, Mass, Church (Brandon & Jen Villanti)
3:00 pm, Confessions, Church
5:00 pm, Vigil Mass, Church (*St. Mark Parish & School Faculty & Staff*)

Sunday, July 11 *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:30 am, Mass, Church (*Pro Populo*)
10:30 am, Mass, Church (*Archbishop Etienne & all clergy*)
11:30 am, Princess Angeline, Sullivan Hall

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Stewardship as of June 27, 2021 for
Fiscal Year July, 2020-June, 2021:

Weekly amount needed: \$17,310

Last Week Collection: \$8,284

Year to date needed: \$900,120

Actual given year to date: \$759,178

Difference: (140,944)

Online Giving:

Total givers: 80

Amount given online: \$4,947



WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

- Father Jacob Maurer

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice. *Cf. Ps 48 (47): 10-11*

We hear Saint Paul proclaim that **“when I am weak, then I am strong”**. This consistently makes me uncomfortable - I want to be physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually strong! Weakness means vulnerability and, in my experience, vulnerability means being taken advantage of, hurt, and eventually set aside. Even in those times when I can't convince myself that I am strong, it feels safest to act strong, secure and independent.

The cost of maintaining that illusion is high. Without vulnerability - sharing my weakness with others or sharing in the weakness of others - there is only loneliness. A lot of posing in public, a lot of self-doubt and insecurity in private. Do people care for me - or do they just love the persona that I have use to hide my true self?

The greatest moments of intimacy with family, friends, and even strangers have come when I have taken the risk of sharing who I really am: a weak man in need. C.S. Lewis once wrote that “Friendship ... is born at the moment when one man says to another ‘What! You too? I thought that no one but myself’”.

Jesus so desires to be our friend - so much that He has taken on our weakness to help us feel safe enough to show Him ours. May we do so - and discover a friendship that lasts forever.

July 4, 2021

July 6 is the memorial of the martyr **Saint Maria Goretti**. Mortally wounded while refusing to submit to her attacker, her greatest virtue was in forgiving him. On the day of her death she forgave him, wishing that he would be with her in heaven, and while he was in prison, she appeared to him in a dream, at last prompting his repentance.



Let us pray for all victims of assault & rape, for their protection and healing, especially through Saint Maria Goretti's intercession.

Today we celebrate **Independence Day**, marking the date of the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America from Great Britain. Though the cost of the American Revolution was high, the freedom won for the thirteen colonies gave birth to the fifty states united under the belief that we can be one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Let us ask God to bless America, especially her leaders, that as a country we may faithfully live out our foundational values.



From the desk of the pastor

PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



St. Mark Parish Faith Matters Program & Bible Study

Both Faith Matters and Bible Study are on hiatus for the summer. Have a splendid summer and we look forward to seeing everyone in the Autumn!

St. Mark Online Giving Upgrade

Our Online Giving system is getting an upgrade to a newer, easier-to-use platform.

If you currently give online you will soon receive an email with instructions on how to log-in to the new system.

Best of all, your existing payment and donation information will be migrated over so you will not have to set up your gifts again!

Keep an eye on your email for more information coming very soon.

If you are not yet giving online, please consider it! Giving online is safe and secure and has resulted in many benefits to the parish, particularly as we have weathered the pandemic.

Since we began our online giving program at St. Mark in April of 2010, total gifts have amounted to \$2,250,000. This year to date, total gifts were \$271,000, so we averaged \$22,583 each month in 2021 including all funds (Stewardship, St. Vincent de Paul, Lion's Fund, etc.) January through June.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Mark!

Parish Prayer Intentions

For the ill...

Ted Gormley, Ray Fortney, James Ryan, Meagan Wells, Eduardo Villa, Janet Beaulieu, Tami Neer

For the deceased...

Glenn Nelson

Myrtle Nim

Fraudulent Emails Alert

We have once again received reports of both staff and parishioners receiving email messages claiming to be from Father Maurer requesting that the recipient reply to the email and send gift cards. In all cases someone had set up a fake email address (this time using the free service Gmail). This fake Gmail account even used Father Maurer's name. These emails are scams designed to steal from you.

Father Maurer would never make such a request, nor would any parish staff

If you receive such an email do not reply to it!

- Block the sender.
- Do not provide personal or bank information.
- Before making a donation online of any kind, attempt to verify the legitimacy of the organization.
- Be cautious of emails claiming to contain pictures in attached files, as the files may contain viruses.
- Do not click on links contained within an unsolicited email.
- Do not provide personal or financial information to anyone who solicits contributions: providing such information may compromise your identity and make you vulnerable to identity theft.

If you think you may have inadvertently given your personal information to a scammer contact your bank and local authorities immediately. You can contact the Internet Crime Complaint Center through the FBI at <http://www.ic3.gov> to report suspicious email solicitations. If the scammer used information that referred to St. Mark parish please contact Todd Chapman at (206) 364-7900 or toddc@saintmarkshoreline.org.

The Federal Trade Commission has a useful website on email, telephone and mail scams: <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0003-phishing>.

Please know that the Saint Mark parish database has not been compromised in any way. The email addresses used by the scammer were listed on our website, available to anyone online, or they were from archived issues of our bulletin, also available to anyone online.

PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



Christmas in July for the Carmelites

Our annual Christmas in July (or perhaps August?) for our dear friends at the Carmelite Monastery will look different yet again this year. There will once again be no Christmas tree full of stars in the vestibule that we can pick and shop for; instead we will coordinate both a drive by drop-off event later this month, or in early August, as well as an opportunity to drop donations off in Sullivan Hall after Sunday Masses. As usual, the sisters need shelf-stable food, household items like laundry detergent, cleaning supplies and toilet paper, office supplies like stamps and personal items like shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste and soap.

Having said that, last year at our drop-off event St. Mark parishioners went off-script in a huge and wonderful way! There were yummy baking supplies, dried fruit, herbs and spices, fancy cooking oils and even both store bought and home grown fresh produce! The sisters were so surprised and pleased. Thank you St. Mark for the generosity shown to our dear Carmelites!

We can begin dropping-off shelf-stable donations in Sullivan Hall after Sunday Masses the weekend of July 17-18 and the drive-by event will be announced soon.

Parish Office Closed Monday, July 5

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day reopening Tuesday, July 6 at 9:00 am.

Jesuit Volunteer EnCorps

Jesuit Volunteer EnCorps is a program of JVC Northwest providing opportunities for service, community and spiritual formation for adults 50 years and older who are committed to social and ecological justice. In addition to part-time volunteer service, members meet monthly, online or in-person, creating spiritual community through shared reflections. Their values are rooted in the Catholic Ignatian tradition and JV EnCorps is an inclusive and welcoming community. Priority application deadline is August 31, 2021 and the opening retreat is in September. For more information, and to apply, go to: www.jvencorps.org

Daily Mass Cancellations

† Daily Mass at 9:30 am is canceled Monday, July 5

Annual Catholic Appeal Update

Our donations to the Annual Catholic Appeal support the mission of the Catholic Church in western Washington by funding Catholic social ministries, programs for youth and young adult ministries, Catholic schools, faith programs, plus administrative support for 169 parishes and missions such as liturgy guidance, evangelization, human resources, and much more.

The 2021 goal for St. Mark Parish is \$94,682 and thus far our parishioners have pledged \$74,650. One hundred and sixty-three of our households have pledged so far representing 20% of our total households.

If you have yet to pledge, and a pledge of prayer only is always fine, please return your card (you can just drop the postage pre-paid Business Reply Envelope in your mailbox or your pledge card in the slot next to the parish office door) or go to: <http://www.archseattle.org/aca-donate>.

Thank you for your continued support of the Annual Catholic Appeal of western Washington!

St. Gianna Molla Reading Group

Please join the St. Gianna Molla Women's Reading Group. We will meet Wednesday evenings in Sullivan Hall at 7:00 pm over the summer. We are reading *The Light of Christ* by Thomas J. White, OP. Purchase it on Amazon or at your local Catholic Bookstore. We will discuss the introduction and Chapter 1 on July 7. Contact Ursula Glancy with questions at uglancy@hotmail.com.

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 Cemetary: (206) 363-8404
Beck's Funeral Home: (425) 771-1234
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A TIME TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVE
OUR COUNTRY IN THE MILITARY

Jeffrey Yale, USN, nephew of Janet Yale
Demetrios Kolitsos, CPT, USA, son of Kathy Kolitsos
Christopher J. Hamblett, USN, grandson of Deac Keenan
Owen Stratton, CPT, USA, son of Tom & Cory Stratton
Dylan Thomas Jessum, LT, USN, grandson of Tom & Mary Pat Lord
Annika Jensen, IT2, USN, daughter of Paul & Maryjane Jensen
Cade Powers, IT2, USNR, son-in-law of Paul & Maryjane Jensen
Taylor Amundsen, USAF, grandson of Mary Amundsen
Michael Angelo Silang, USN, Mark Anthony Silang, USMC
Matthew Johnson, USAF, grandson of Helen Bradley
Christopher Abele, ITC (SW/IDW), USN, son of Steven & Janet Abele
Nathan Keiffer, S/Sgt, USAF, son of Nigel & Cheryl Keiffer
Zachary Sharp, USAR, grandson of Nigel & Cheryl Keiffer
Alexander Thorne, CTT2, USN, grandson of Kenneth & Dorothy Eline
Isaiah Thorne, CPL, USMC, grandson of Kenneth & Dorothy Eline
Mikhaila Thorne, USA, granddaughter of Kenneth & Dorothy Eline

Death Cannot Break the Bonds of Love

June 27, 2021

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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At Home with Faith

Life on earth is temporary. Jesus draws attention to our death not to frighten us, but to give us hope, keep us connected with our loved ones and help us live lives that prepare us for heaven.



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Read

Take time to read and reflect on the Scriptures for this day.

Don't have access to a Bible?

Visit www.usccb.org/bible/readings or download an app such as *Laudate* or *iBreviary* to access the Mass readings.

We have now reached the season of summer which starts with the solstice, the longest day of the year. Though the warmth and light of summer have begun, the days are now growing shorter and will continue to do so until December.

Our lives on earth are like this, temporary. Part of our faith is recognizing this while drawing hope from the confidence that Jesus will raise us up just as he raised the little girl in our Gospel reading.

God did not create death but he permits it in order to work a greater good. Rather than denying this reality, we recognize it with hope and trust in the risen Jesus.

Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24

God formed men and women to be imperishable.

Psalm 30

I will praise you Lord, for you have rescued me!

2 Cor 8: 7, 9, 13-15

Be generous in giving.

Mark 5:21-43

Your daughter is not dead but sleeping.

At Home with Faith

Talk

Here are some reflection questions to help you have **Great Conversations** with the whole family.

Let your children know death cannot break God's bonds of love:

- **Tell stories about your loved ones who have died.** Make sure that your children are familiar with the family members and friends who have gone before us and share stories from their lives.
- **Pray for those loved ones and encourage your child to do the same.** Let your child know that God never meant for death to break the bonds of love between us. Assure them that we can pray for our loved ones, and they can pray for us.
- **Remind your child that God did not create death but overcomes it through our baptism into Jesus' resurrection.** Let them know that Jesus rose again in order for us to share in his immortality through baptism.



"It consoles us to know that those who die do not completely pass away, and faith assures us that the risen Lord will never abandon us. The Preface of the Liturgy of the Dead puts it nicely: 'Although the certainty of death saddens us, we are consoled with the promise of future immortality. For the life of those who believe in you, Lord, is not ended but changed.' Indeed 'our loved ones are not lost in the shades of nothingness; hope assures us that they are in the good strong hands of God.'"

Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) #256

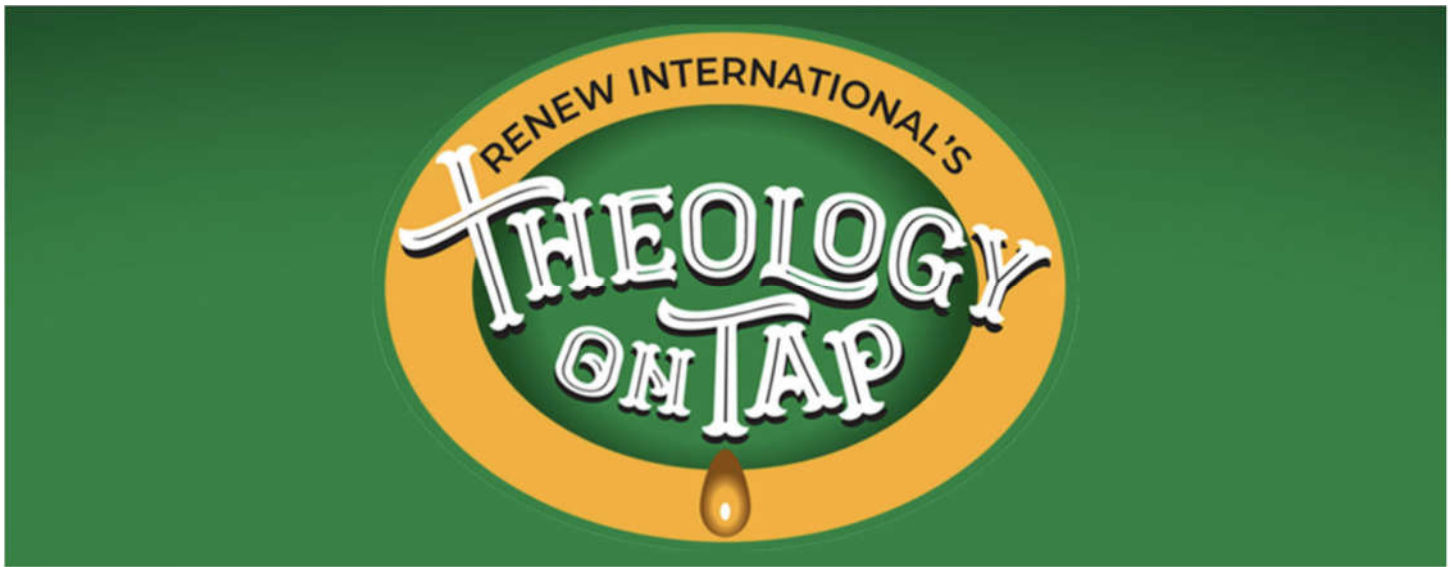
In this section titled *When Death Makes Us Feel Its Sting*, Pope Francis encourages us to pray for our beloved dead. He reminds us that death does not break the "bonds of love," and our prayers for deceased loved ones are good for them and us.

He also encourages us to accept death in order to prepare ourselves for it. This approach prevents us from dwelling upon the past. Instead it encourages us to do good in the present so that we may be with God and our loved ones in the future.

Death does not break the "bonds of love," and our prayers for deceased loved ones are good for them and us.

For more resources, visit us online at:

<https://marriagefamilylife.seattlearchdiocese.org/athomewithfaith>



Adults 18-39, quench your social and spiritual thirst! Come to the next Theology on Tap July 15, 2021

The next Theology on Tap is Thursday, July 15 from 6:30 until 8:30 pm at St. Francis, but come at 5:30 pm for Mass!

St. Francis parish is located at 15236 21st Avenue SW Burien, WA 98166.

The July guest speaker will be Fr. Casey Cole, a Franciscan friar, author and YouTuber. He is well known for his channel "Breaking in the Habit" [Breaking In The Habit - YouTube](#)

Fr. Casey's topic will be: *What does it mean to be Called?*

Fr. Casey will help attendees to discern God's Call and will discuss practical tips on how to live-out every day discernment. Reservations are required and can be made at: [Theology on Tap 7/15/21 \(constantcontact.com\)](#)

Theology on Tap is sponsored by Western Washington Catholic Young Adults. WWCYA provides opportunities for young adults to deepen, live and share their Catholic faith. More information on WWCYA can be found at [Young Adult Ministry | Archdiocese of Seattle \(archseattle.org\)](#) or by contacting Annie Bailey at (206) 382-2010 or ana.bailey@seattlearch.org

See you on the 15th & bring a friend!

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