



# St. Mark Catholic Church

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November 21, 2021

### **Parish Office**

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### **School Office**

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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: 5:00 pm

Saturday: 3:00 pm

# PARISH INFORMATION



## **The Week of November 21**

**Sunday, November 21** *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

8:30 am, Mass, Church (*Pro Populo*)

10:30 am, Mass, Church (*Archbishop Etienne & all Clergy*)

## **Monday, November 22**

9:30 am, Mass, Church (Veronica Olson)

6:30 pm, Boy Scouts, Cafeteria

## **Tuesday, November 23**

No Morning Mass

7:00 pm, St. Gianna Molla Reading Group, Sullivan Hall

7:30 pm, St. Vincent de Paul, Video Call Only

## **Wednesday, November 24**

5:00 pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Church

5:00 pm, Confessions, Church

6:00 pm, Benediction & Evening Prayer, Church

6:30 pm, Mass, Church (Veronica Olson)

## **Thursday, November 25** *Thanksgiving Day*

Parish office is closed

9:30 am, Mass, Church

No afternoon or evening programs

## **Friday, November 26**

Parish office is closed

No 9:30 am Mass

## **Saturday, November 27**

9:30 am, Mass, Church (Marjorie Anderson, RIP)

3:00 pm, Confessions, Church

5:00 pm, Vigil Mass, Church (*St. Mark Parish & School Faculty & Staff*)

After 5:00 pm Mass, Boy Scout wreath sale, outside Church

## **Sunday, November 28** *First Sunday of Advent*

8:30 am, Mass, Church (*Pro Populo*)

After 8:30 am Mass, Boy Scout wreath sale, outside Church

10:30 am, Mass, Church (*Archbishop Etienne & all Clergy*)

After 10:30 am Mass, Boy Scout wreath sale, outside Church

11:30 am, Community Rosary at the Affirmation of Life Memorial

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## **St. Mark Parish Website**

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

## **St. Mark Parish Location**

18033 15th Pl. NE, Shoreline, WA 98155



# WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

- Father Jacob Maurer

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honor. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

*Cf. Rev. 5:12, 1:6*

Of whom is Jesus King? Pilate questions whether Jesus is king of the Jews, not realizing that he is addressing not just the leader of a nation, but the King of the Universe. Before he is done, he tries to wash his hands of responsibility for Jesus' passion and death, unable and unwilling to stand with Jesus.

It is worth noting that those who crucified the saviour of the world were not pagans, militant atheists, or anti-Christians. It was the chosen

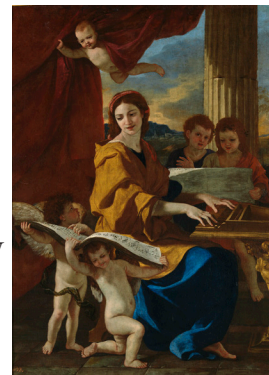


people of God who shouted down the governor from any mercy, demanding the crucifixion.

This is still true today: we too often turn away from acts of mercy and choose instead to swing hammers & nails, crucifying Christ by our sins against Him and others. We wash our hands of responsibility, telling ourselves that we are guiltless - feeling righteous, justified, or otherwise not responsible for our actions.

To allow Christ to be our King is to submit to Him, offering foremost our vulnerability and our weakness. We must surrender our desire for control, for worldly affirmation. We must turn to Him, allowing Jesus to fill every gap in our lives even when it seems impossible. Of Whom is Christ King? Of us, if we are willing to allow Him to reign in our lives.

November 22 is the **memorial of Saint Cecilia**, patron of musicians. Though she took vows as a virgin, her parents forced her to marry a pagan nobleman named Valerian. At her wedding, she stood apart, singing to the Lord. When the time for the marriage to be consummated, Cecilia convinced Valerian to honor her vow and be baptized, upon doing so he saw an angel standing beside her crowning her with flowers. The prefect eventually executed him and his brother, before also ordering Cecilia's martyrdom.



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 2021 confession schedule:  
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
5:00 pm—6:00 pm

(Wed., Dec. 1, 2021 to Thurs., Dec. 23, 2021)  
**Notable exception: no confessions Dec. 3**

# PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



## St. Mark Fall Faith Formation Programs

**RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Wednesdays, 7:00 pm in Sullivan Hall, runs concurrently with Faith Matters.

RCIA is for adults who have not been baptized, or were baptized in another Christian church, and want to become Catholic.

**First Reconciliation and First Eucharist** preparation classes are on Thursdays at 4:00 pm in Sullivan Hall **but will not meet Thursday, November 25.**

First Sacrament Classes are for St. Mark parishioners and St. Mark Catholic Classical School students.

**Confirmation preparation** classes for baptized youth are on Thursdays at 6:45 pm in Sullivan Hall **but will not meet on Thanksgiving, November 25.**

Confirmation is for baptized youth of the parish who are in 7th grade or older.

**Faith Matters, Adult Continuing Education, will not meet on Wednesday, November 24.**

Faith Matters is an adult formation program for anyone who wants to know more about the Catholic faith.

**St. Mark Bible Study will not meet Thursday, November 25.**

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

For Registration Forms, or for more information, see the Sacraments and Faith Formation tab on the Parish website at <https://saintmarkshoreline.org/faith-formation/> or contact Deacon Kirk Altenhofen at (206) 364-7900 or [kirka@saintmarkshoreline.org](mailto:kirka@saintmarkshoreline.org).

## Parish Prayer Intentions

### For the ill...

Michael Dooly, Frank Lefaive, Katyra Frazier,  
Cindy Thorne

### For the deceased...

Robert "Bob" Hale

## Daily Mass Cancelations

† Daily Mass at 9:30 am is canceled Monday, December 13

† Daily Mass at 9:30 am is canceled Saturday, December 25

## Community Rosary at the Affirmation of Life Memorial

The next Community Rosary at the Affirmation of Life Memorial will be Sunday, November 28 immediately following the 10:30 am Mass.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Even though we will be outside, those attending will need to wear masks.

*"Whenever we do something together, something good, something beautiful, everyone changes. All of us change in some way and this does us good."*

~Pope Francis

## Share Your Christmas Traditions

We would love to hear about your family's Christmas traditions!

At our house, we have a combination of must-have every single year traditions and trying out new things. The most important tradition is midnight Mass, of course, celebrating the greatest gift of all.

Some of our traditions, like the Lionel train snaking its way around the tree and all over the living room, we are told, must never, ever change. A few types of cookies must be baked every single year. Some newer experiments, like the-it-took-ages-to-make-and-everyone-de-spised-it mushroom gravy, we are told, must never, ever return.

What about your family or friends? What are some must have or do every year traditions? Or, just for fun, what are some experiments gone awry and are now banished from your celebrations?

Please let us know and we will include some in upcoming bulletins. We promise, no names will be attached to the traditions and experiments (especially those gone awry). We would love to hear from you! Just email Laura in the parish office at [laural@saintmarkshoreline.org](mailto:laural@saintmarkshoreline.org).

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## St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Gift Card Program for Our Neighbors in Need

Due to ongoing health concerns our conference members have decided to deliver Fred Meyer gift cards to our neighbors in need instead of the traditional gift baskets. The number of families they can help, and the extent to which they can help them, will depend on the generosity of St. Mark parish. If you can contribute to the Christmas fund, checks made out to St. Mark St. Vincent de Paul can be dropped in the collection baskets or mailed to or dropped-by the parish office.

Give online anytime using our secure site: <https://www.osvhub.com/saintmarkshoreline/funds> use the “notes” section to comment that your gift is for the Christmas Card Program.

Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry.

Most of all, please pray for our neighbors in need. Thank you for all you do for the most vulnerable in our community.

*“We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love.” ~Saint Teresa*

### 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  
 Marriage Help: Retrouvaille (206) 706-2608  
 Holyrood Cemetary: (206) 363-8404  
 Beck’s Funeral Home: (425) 771-1234  
 Harvey Funeral Home: (206) 632-0100

## Annual St. Mark Parish Giving Tree

There is no colorful Christmas tree in the church vestibule adorned with stars once again this year. Many of us loved taking a star or two and had fun shopping for the items but Covid restrictions still make that difficult.

### Our usual partners are still in need of our help:

Shoreline Health and Rehab, Park Ridge Care Center, Next Step Pregnancy Center, our dear Carmelite sisters and Providence Regina House all have staff or volunteers who can shop and be elves for us!

**Please help if you can:** drop a check made out to St. Mark with a notation on the memo line of 2021 Giving Tree, or put cash into an envelope marked 2021 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 online giving, just choose **2021 Giving Tree**, here’s the link <https://www.osvhub.com/saintmarkshoreline/funds/christmas-giving-tree-2021>.

The elves will do the rest!

**Please consider giving to these vital community organizations. All donations are due to the parish office by Monday, December 13**

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.”*

## 2021 Boy Scout Wreath Sale

Let’s help support scouting in our parish and get a start on our Christmas decorating at the same time! Scouts will be outside the church after all Sunday masses on November 27 (after the 5:00 Vigil Mass) and November 28 (after the 8:30 & the 10:30 Masses) selling their beautiful wreaths for only \$25 each.

### November 14, weekly stewardship report (fiscal year July 2021-June 2022) St. Mark parish

|               | Budgeted  | Actual    | Difference | Online  | # In Person | # Online | Givers |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|------------|---------|-------------|----------|--------|
| <b>Income</b> |           |           |            |         |             |          |        |
| Last Week     | \$16,555  | \$12,752  | (3,803)    | \$5,727 | 103         | 70       | 173    |
| Year to Date  | \$321,100 | \$278,857 | (52,243)   |         |             |          |        |

# PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



## Cantors Needed for St. Mark Masses

Are you interested in cantoring at Mass? We are looking for cantors to sing at weekend Masses. Cantors are ministers who lead the community in prayer through the sung parts of the Mass, particularly the antiphons, responsorial psalm and dialogues. There are several pre-requisites to being a cantor: be a baptized and confirmed Catholic in good standing with the Church, be a member of St. Mark parish, to have some ability to sing alone and as a member of a choir, read music and be open to learning new music. Our goal is to have three cantors at each Mass. Interested? Wonderful. Please contact our music director, Greg Teeter after Mass, or at [gregoryteeter@comcast.net](mailto:gregoryteeter@comcast.net) or by calling the parish office (206) 364-7900 and your message will be relayed.

## Returning to in Person Mass

The Archdiocese of Seattle became the first in the United States to suspend in-person Mass in March 2020. At that time, the coronavirus task-force was formed to develop guidance and safety protocols so parishes could safely return to in-person Mass.

Through the huge effort of staff and volunteers we quickly pivoted to live-streaming Mass while all the while planning for a return to in-person. In the summer we did just that with our outdoor Masses. Mass came back into our beautiful church that fall.

We are blessed with not only a beautiful church but a large one: We have room for you.

We know that some people will not come back until they are vaccinated or that they have underlying conditions. Some folks will not come back because they are fearful. All of these reasons are legitimate and people should not feel forced or shamed for not yet returning to in person Mass before they are truly comfortable.

Parishes have a relationship with their parishioners. Like in any good relationship positive, consistent communication is critical. If you are back, we welcome you! If you have concerns, please tell us. You can find the staff here, <https://saintmarkshoreline.org/meet-our-staff/>

The Archdiocese has many social media sites we can use to help stay connected as well, please visit <https://archseattle.org/news-and-events/social-media-channels-for-archdiocese-of-seattle/>

## Upcoming Grief Group 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. Grief changes the way we see ourselves and the world around us and 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 in early December, appropriately, as Advent is a time of waiting and hope.

Please call or email Laura in the office with any questions, to sign up or for more information (206) 364-7900, [laural@saintmarkshoreline.org](mailto:laural@saintmarkshoreline.org).

## St. Mark Catholic Classical School

### Christmas Program

The St. Mark Catholic Classical School Christmas program this year will be Wednesday, December 15 at 7:00 pm in the church. Each grade will sing carols and the seventh and eighth graders will present the Nativity Program.

The school Christmas program returns to our beautiful church this year immediately following the 6:30 pm Mass.

Please do not arrive during Mass but come early and attend Mass or wait until Mass is over before entering the church.

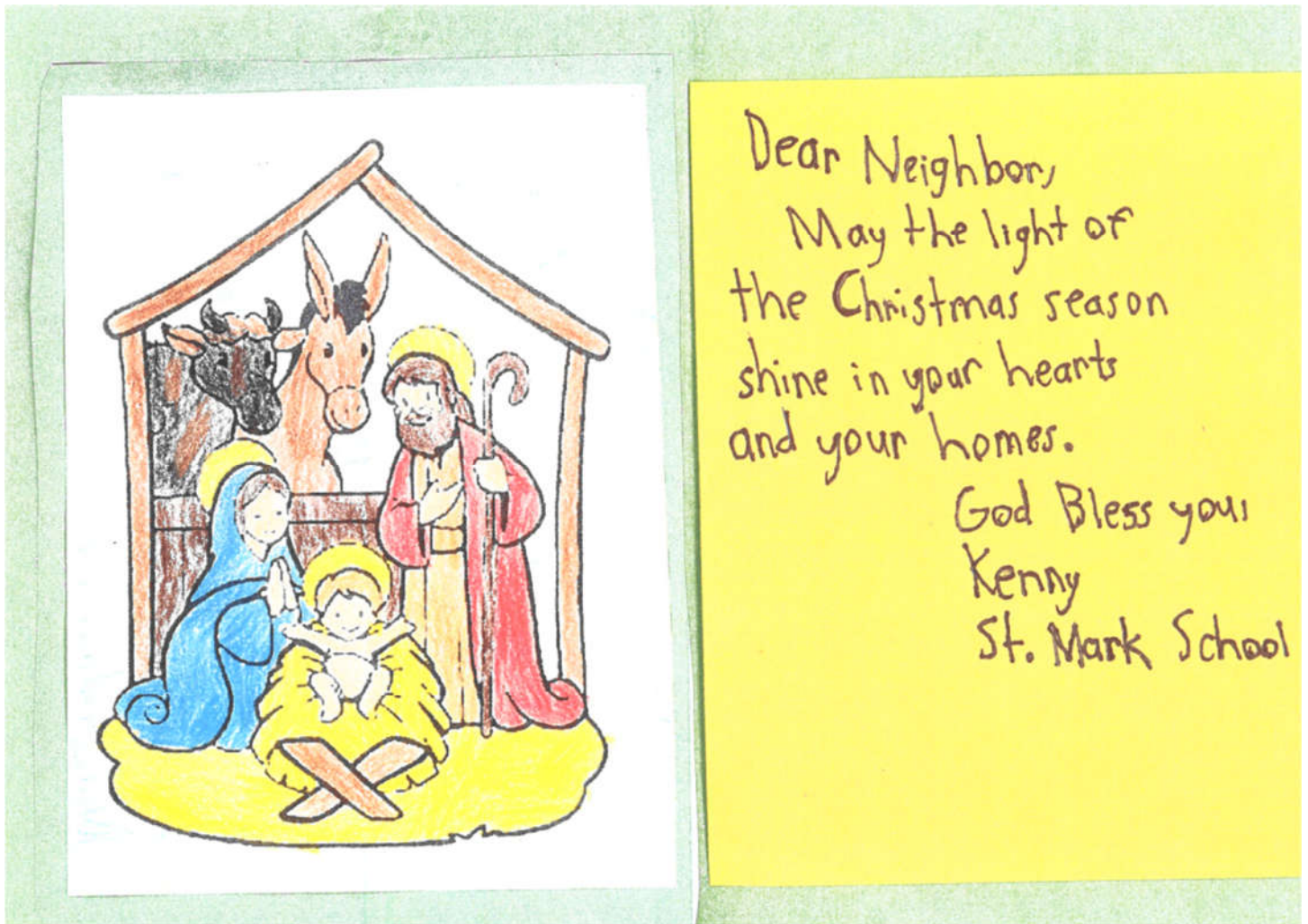
## Annual Appeal for Catholic Community Services & Catholic Housing Services

Catholic Community Services and Catholic Housing Services make a real impact in our community every day to support our neighbors in need.

On Sunday, December 5, we will welcome a speaker from CCS-CHS at Mass who will present on their mission and annual drive.

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://ccsww.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.



St. Mark Catholic Classical School students worked hard this past month collecting necessities for our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Many of the students also made thoughtful cards for those neighbors in need who receive a helping hand from St. Vincent de Paul.





+ November 10, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Blessings and joy of our Lord be with each of you!

Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard keeping our parishes and schools running so that we can continue our mission. Despite the challenges and darkness of this pandemic, we continue to bring the light of Christ to others as seen in our outreach ministries, food banks, visits to the homebound, prayer groups, faith formation, adoration, and much more. Thank you to all the volunteers, staff, students and others who have creatively nurtured our parish communities! You are His light in our world today.

Our Coronavirus Taskforce has been tracking the latest science to inform the guidance we are issuing. As you know, this data has led to *temporary* changes to how we do things. These changes are warranted to keep people safe while not compromising the sanctity of the Mass. I remain firm in my resolve to keep our people safe — including the most vulnerable among us — so that we can continue safely celebrating the Eucharist.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, we have celebrated tens of thousands of Masses with only a handful of cases of coronavirus spread, which have been traced to people not following our safety guidance. In general, this indicates that our protocols are effectively protecting people and providing a safe environment for worship. This is something for which we can be very grateful!

As such, the general obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation (including the Saturday/vigil Mass) is to be reinstated (CIC, can. 1247) during Advent on December 8, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Advent is a wonderful time to draw near to Christ. It is time to renew our faith through personal reception of the sacraments and rebuild the relationships and community life of our parishes.

As has always been the case, those who have a serious reason are excused from attending Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2181). This includes those who are ill, have significant health risk factors or care for someone who is ill or immunocompromised, as well as those who have significant fear or anxiety about contracting COVID in a large group.

I invite you to come back to church. Be a part of our family of faith. Make the Lord's Day a true celebration of the Resurrection, and a great celebration of being renewed in his life, mercy and love. I continue to pray for you, and I ask for your prayers as well. As always, I remain,

In the Heart of Christ,

Most Rev. Paul D. Etienne, DD, STL  
Archbishop of Seattle



Join Archbishop Etienne and Bishop Elizondo  
for the 24th Annual Commissioning Mass

# Simbang Gabi

December 11 | 11am  
St. James Cathedral

Livestream @ArchdioceseofSeattle



Join Archbishop Etienne, Bishop Elizondo and other Catholics from around the Archdiocese of Seattle for this festive, colorful and prayerful Advent celebration.

This Filipino tradition ushers in Simbang Gabi, a novena of nine Masses meant to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary.

It started in 1587 when the crowds at Mass on the days before Christmas were overflowing from the church so the prior of the San Agustin Acolman Convent, on the island of Luzon, Philippines, asked the Pope's permission to hold the services outdoors. The request was granted, and Simbang Gabi became a Filipino tradition.

This celebration will take place indoors on Saturday, December 11, at 11:00 am in St. James Cathedral. We can also watch the live stream at [St. James Cathedral, Seattle \(stjames-cathedral.org\)](http://St.JamesCathedral,Seattle(stjames-cathedral.org))

For more information please contact Deacon Carl Chilo at (206) 382-4824 or [carl.chilo@seattlearch.org](mailto:carl.chilo@seattlearch.org)

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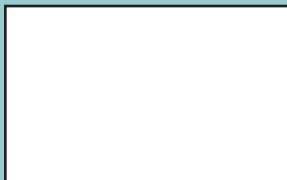
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