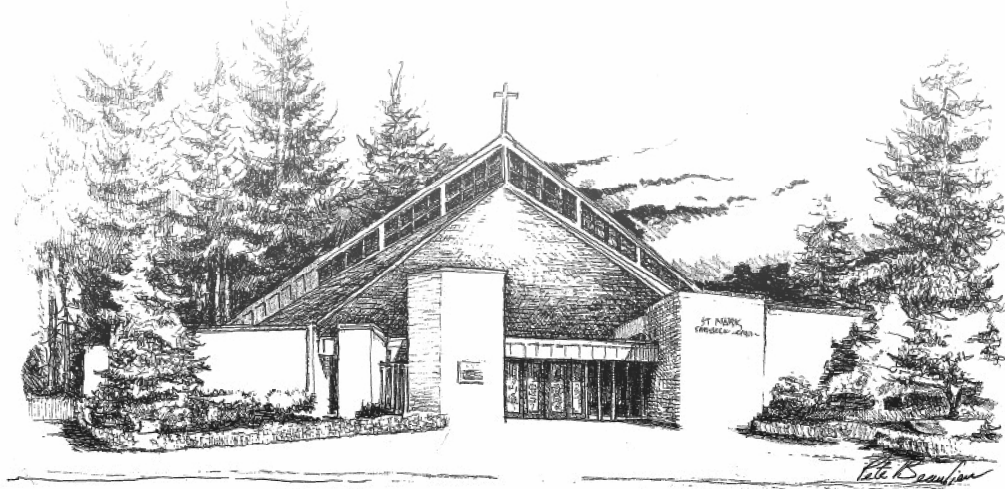


St. Mark Shoreline



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January 16, 2022

Reverend Jacob Maurer, Pastor

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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

Appointments are welcome! Call Fr. Maurer.

PARISH INFORMATION



The Week of January 16

Sunday, January 16 *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 am, Mass, Church (*Pro Populo*)
10:30 am, Mass, Church (*Archbishop Etienne & all Clergy*)

Monday, January 17

9:30 am, Mass, Church (Shaun Olander, RIP)
6:30 pm, Boy Scouts, Cafeteria
7:00 pm, Grief Group, Sullivan Hall

Tuesday, January 18

No Morning Mass
7:00 pm, St. Gianna Molla Reading Group, Sullivan Hall

Wednesday, January 19

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)
7:00 pm, Faith Matters & RCIA, Sullivan Hall

Thursday, January 20

9:30 am, Mass, Church (Susan Harris, RIP)
2:00 pm, Bible Study, Sullivan Hall
6:30 pm, Pastoral Council
6:45 pm, Confirmation Preparation, Sullivan Hall

Friday, January 21

9:30 am, Mass, Church (Eugene Sovar, RIP)

Saturday, January 22

9:30 am, Daily Mass, Church (the deceased members of the Third Order of Mary)
3:00 pm, Confessions, Church
5:00 pm, Vigil Mass, Church (*St. Mark Parish & School Faculty & Staff*)

Sunday, January 23 *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 am, Mass, Church (*Pro Populo*)
10:30 am, Mass, Church (*Archbishop Etienne & all Clergy*)
11:30 am, Community Rosary, Affirmation of Life Memorial

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WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

- Father Jacob Maurer

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Cf. Ps 66 (65): 4

Dear friends,

Have you heard of Pope Francis' initiative - the Synod on Synodality? Starting in late 2021, this is a consultation with all of the baptized, the Church seeking the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. The basic question is 'How is the Holy Spirit speaking to the Church through Her members?'

This process is a multi-year process, culminating in a presentation of the gathered input to Pope Francis in Rome. While synods are typically gathering of bishops under the authority of the pope, this synod is different: it is a gathering of everyone together - still under the authority of the pope! - in order to contribute their perspectives, needs, and faith for the discernment of God's will for the Church.

The process starts in parishes, with gatherings for parishioners and non-parishioners, Catholics and non-Catholics alike. These sessions will be run not by clergy but by specially trained parishioners, following a common format across the archdiocese. The point is not for the Church to talk to you, but for you - and anyone who wishes to come - to talk to the Church.

Here at Saint Mark parish, we are currently organizing and planning the sessions. We hope to have a schedule to offer in the coming weeks. In the meantime, I would like to invite you to read more about the Synod on Synodality and the Synodal Process. A page has been set up on our parish website (<https://saintmarkshoreline.org/the-synod-on-synodality/>). There you will find articles, videos, and other resources to learn about & prepare for your part in this opportunity.

I would also like you to cast your mind to those people who are *not* in our pews. Family members, friends, former parishioners, ex-Catholics, and others who have fallen or stepped away from religious practice. This Synod is for them as well, but we need to reach out, to invite them. For this, your help is also needed. As plans begin to solidify, be sure to invite them to join in coming - again, not to be talked at but to be listened to. The Church desires to hear from all voices, so that She might respond to the needs of the people of our current time, in our current circumstances.

Finally, I ask for your prayers. May we together invite and allow God to guide us, that we may discern His will and carry it out faithfully.

peace,

Father Maurer

PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



St. Mark Parish is Hiring a Pastoral Assistant for Parish Involvement

Saint Mark parish is seeking an enthusiastic and experienced person to serve as Pastoral Assistant for Parish Involvement. This person should be an outgoing self-starter with a passion for engaging members of the community in the life of the parish and a clear understanding of relational ministry in equipping & empowering others to serve in liturgies, social outreach and fraternal programs.

The position is part time (20 hrs/week) with flexible hours, offering \$19-\$23 per hour (depending on experience). Responsibilities include developing and coordinating parish programs and volunteers, with special emphasis on liturgical ministries, as well as managing the online presence of the parish. A full job description is available upon request.

Please submit application as well as cover letter and resume at <https://www.catholicjobs.com/job/4866149164>. Or, alternatively, send a cover letter and resume to St. Mark Catholic Church, 18033 15th Place NE, Shoreline, WA 98155.

Upcoming Ladies Guild Meeting

Queen of Heaven's Guild - Our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 2 at 11:30 am in Sullivan Hall. Our guild prays the Rosary and supports St. Mark parish in other ways together along with sharing fun activities. Please bring your rosary and baby items for Next Step Pregnancy Services. Call Sylvia at (206) 419-3115 with any questions or for more information.

Parish Prayer Intentions

For the ill...

Michael Dooly, Anne Gregory, Jim Miller, Lita Abelon, Juan José Castillo Oms, Becky Duncan, Joann Petersen

For the deceased...

Community Rosary at the Affirmation of Life Memorial

The next Community Rosary at the Affirmation of Life Memorial will be Sunday, January 23 immediately following the 10:30 am Mass.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Even though we will be outside, those attending will 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

Prayer to Our Lady of Seattle

Holy Mary, we come before you as spiritual children in great need, seeking your intercession, and asking that your mantle of love surround us to console, protect, and lead us to your son Jesus.

We entrust all of God's family, especially the church in Western Washington, into your immaculate hands. With your son Jesus' gentle power *you can undo any knot in our church*, and in the lives of believers who entrust themselves to your care.

Today I especially entrust to you safety in this time of the Coronavirus, and I ask that - through your intercession, and that of St. James, our guardian angels, and the faithful in our Archdiocese - we may be free from every spiritual and temporal ill, and be safely led to encounter your son's merciful, sacred heart.

Our Lady of Seattle, Undoer of Knots, pray for us.

*Do not fear. I am with you, do not be anxious. I am your God.
I will strengthen you. I will help you.
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.
~Isaiah 41.10*

PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



The Bible in a Year with Father Schmitz

In The Bible in a Year podcast, Fr. Mike Schmitz walks us through the entire Bible in 365 episodes, providing commentary, reflection, and prayer along the way.

Unlike any other Bible podcast, Ascension's Bible in a Year podcast follows a reading plan inspired by The Great Adventure Bible Timeline, a ground-breaking approach to understanding salvation history developed by renowned Catholic Bible scholar Jeff Cavins. For each period in the timeline Jeff Cavins joins Father Mike for an episode to help us understand the context of each reading.

With this podcast we don't just read the Bible in a year, we can finally understand how all the pieces of the Bible fit together to tell an amazing story that continues in our lives today.

As we listen we: Read the entire Bible; feel more confident about our understanding of Scripture; experience the transformative power of God's Word in our daily lives and start seeing the world through the lens of Scripture.

Please note, the Bible contains adult themes that may not be suitable for children, parental discretion is advised.

Each 20-25 minute episode includes two to three scripture readings, a reflection from Fr. Mike Schmitz and a guided prayer to help you hear God's voice in his Word.

Listen at <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-bible-in-a-year-with-fr-mike-schmitz/id1539568321> or wherever you get your podcasts.

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
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Thank you for your continued support of St. Mark parish. Your generosity benefits the many vital programs and ministries of our parish.

If you have not yet, please consider online giving. It's safe, secure and weather-proof!

To sign-up, or change your giving, please visit: <https://www.osvhub.com/saintmarkshoreline/funds>

If your family has yet to complete your 2022 pledge card we can do so easily online as well! Just go to, <https://saintmarkshoreline.org/online-stewardship-pledge/>
 Thank you for your gifts of time, talent and treasure to your parish.

Thank You to St. Mark Parish from Providence Regina House

"Dear St. Mark;

Thank you so much for your generous Giving Tree donation for our Christmas Toy Drive. Your donation made this toy drive a huge success!

Blessings, Debbie at Providence Regina House"

Sound Generations

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January 9, weekly stewardship report (fiscal year July 2021-June 2022) St. Mark parish

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Online	# In Person	# Online	Givers
Income							
Last Week	\$16,555	\$14,050	(2,505)	\$7,709	82	91	173
Year to Date	\$463,540	\$395,211	(68,329)				



Share the joy of family life

Joy amid the struggle

When Jesus tells us to “keep my commandments” and “love one another as I have love you,” he adds, “I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete” (John 15:10-12). Jesus’ plan for family life is designed to give us joy.

And yet family life can be a struggle. We work so hard to feed, transport and care for our loved ones, and sometimes it feels like all we get is tired. Joy does not come on our terms, but flows to us as a gift of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22). We receive this gift best when we invite God more into our family life.

Open your family to more joy with the joyful mysteries of the rosary

The Holy Family experienced extraordinary struggles such as starting out in a barn and then fleeing to Egypt. Amid these trials, and the ordinary challenges of family life, the Holy Family experienced profound joy through their intimacy with God and one another.

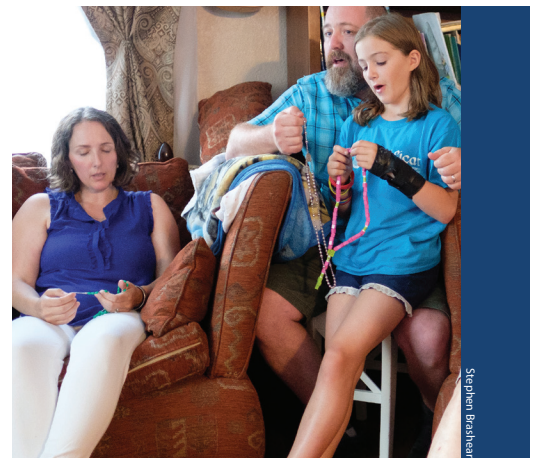
Reflect on the five joyful mysteries of the rosary and ask our Lord to send the Holy Spirit upon your family that you may grow more deeply in love with God and one another.

1. The angel Gabriel announces God’s call to the Virgin Mary

Reflect and Act: Listen to God

Mary is deeply aware that her relationship with God gives her life meaning. So when the angel Gabriel tells her she will give birth to Jesus, she responds, “May it be done to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38). Encourage your family to be open to God’s call. Clear unnecessary distractions that can make it hard to listen to God’s word. Work hard to listen to God and to one another in your family.

Action: Make dinnertime sacred, keeping screens away from the table and starting with grace. Share how you have heard God’s call in your life.



2. Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth

Reflect and Act: Invest in extended family

After receiving the news from the angel Gabriel, Mary travels right away to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who is pregnant with John the Baptist. Our extended family can be a source of help, wisdom and encouragement. Grandparents can play a critical role in encouraging parents and strengthening the faith of grandchildren.

Action: Connect with your extended family, making time for grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. Investing time to remain close to your extended family pays off in a more vibrant and joyful family life.

3. The nativity of Jesus

Reflect and Act: Recognize the sacred in your family

The Lord of heaven and earth humbled himself to become incarnate to us as a newborn child. God chose to make the human person sacred by becoming one of us. In the ordinary experiences of family life, we encounter the sacred in surprising ways by humbly caring for our spouses, our children and our elderly family members.

Action: Let your spouse, children and parents know that they are a gift from God to you. Take time in your evening prayer to thank God for placing these people in our lives.

4. Mary and Joseph present Jesus in the Temple

Reflect and Act: Participate in the sacraments

Mary and Joseph journeyed to Jerusalem to present the child Jesus to God in the Temple. This presentation reflected their gratitude to God and brought joy to Simeon and Anna when they encountered Jesus. When we commit to participating in the sacraments and parish life, we discover a community of support and, most importantly, receive Jesus in the Eucharist.

Action: Take a step to go deeper in your engagement with your parish. Participate in the Eucharist weekly and reconciliation monthly. Engage with your faith formation or youth ministry program. Join a small faith sharing group.

5. Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple

Reflect and Act: Communicate and reconcile as a family

When Mary and Joseph lost Jesus in Jerusalem, they were frightened. Though Jesus obediently returned to Nazareth, Mary and Joseph discovered that, even in the Holy Family, parents and children are not always in complete harmony. Conflict and challenges are part of family life. Joy means encountering one another with love that is obedient to God's will and open to the needs of the ones we love.

Action: Look for opportunities to say "Please," "Thank you," and "I'm sorry" to your spouse and children. Participate in the Eucharist weekly. And throughout it all, continually say "Please," "Thank you," and "I'm sorry" to God.



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Pope Francis

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Saturday, January 22 | 8am
St. James Cathedral



Mass for Life occurs each year in conjunction with the annual National March for Life held on (or near) the anniversary of the 1973 Roe v. Wade court decision making abortion legal in this country.

Abortion is the most significant human rights abuse of our time. The pro-life movement brings together people from all walks of life, each with their own unique mission to promote the inherent dignity of the human person.

It is an opportunity to recall why we stand for life and then to go home and continue to defend human life in our communities.

The 2022 Mass for Life will be livestreamed on Facebook @ArchdioceseofSeattle or on [Vimeo](#).



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January 28, 4pm - January 30, 1pm

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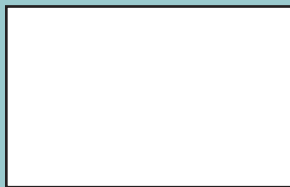
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