



## 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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“Peace I leave with you.”  
- Jn 14:27a

St. Mark Catholic Church, Shoreline

# PARISH INFORMATION



## The Week of May 22

### Sunday, May 22

8:30 am, Holy Mass, Church (*Pro Populo*)  
10:30 am, Holy Mass, Church (*Archbishop Etienne & all Clergy*)  
11:40 am, Community Rosary, Affirmation of Life Memorial

### Monday, May 23

9:30 am, Daily Mass, Church (JoAnn Petersen, RIP)  
2:00 pm, Prayer Team, Church  
6:30 pm, Boy Scouts, Cafeteria  
6:30 pm, Family Rosary, Church

### Tuesday, May 24

No Morning Mass  
7:00 pm, St. Gianna Molla Reading Group, Sullivan Hall  
7:30 pm, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Library

### Wednesday, May 25

5:00 pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Church  
5:00 pm, Confessions, Church  
6:00 pm, Benediction & Evening Prayer, Church  
6:30 pm, Daily Mass, Church (Margie Scarpelli, RIP)  
7:00 pm, Faith Matters, Sullivan Hall

### Thursday, May 26

9:30 am, Daily Mass, Church (Pastor's Intention)  
11:00 am, Memorial Mass for Vilma ("Willy") Klein, Church  
2:00 pm, Bible Study, Sullivan Hall  
6:30 pm, School Commission Meeting

### Friday, May 27

9:30 am, Daily Mass, Church (Victor Scarpelli, Sr., RIP)

### Saturday, May 28

9:30 am, Daily Mass, Church (Dianna Storey, RIP)  
3:00 pm, Confessions, Church  
3:30 pm, Bible Study, Sullivan Hall  
5:00 pm, Vigil Mass, Church (*St. Mark Parish & School Faculty & Staff*)

### Sunday, May 29

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

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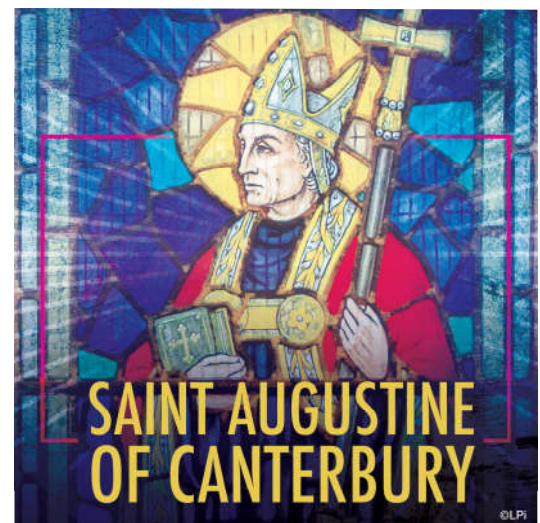
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## St. Mark Parish Website

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

## St. Mark Parish Location

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# WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

- Father Jacob Maurer

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

*Cf. Is 48: 20*

Dear friends,

This week begins the penultimate week of our in-parish mission. If you haven't yet read the financial summary sheet from last week, it is included again in this bulletin. Knowing the specifics of our circumstances helps us make well-discerned decisions about where to go from here. Additionally, if you'd like to hear again (or share) the my first two homilies - and some additional reflections from me in the meantime - I've made those available on my blog at [fathermaurer.com](http://fathermaurer.com).

There was a recent bit of feedback that stood out to me - good-natured but a little frustrated: "why doesn't he just tell us what to do!?" It makes me smile, because boy can I sympathize. There are any number of times when I have come to the Lord in prayer with this sentiment - especially recently!

I won't deny that I **do** have some ideas for the parish - things I'd like to see in the liturgical practice on Sundays & holy days, events that would be exciting to do during the year, groups that I personally would want to start or be a part of regularly. Someday I hope to even see them come to pass! But if there's one thing I have learned in my relatively brief time as a priest, it is that it's not about me. The Lord often makes Himself known through my hopes, joys, and desires, but He works through the Church as a whole - from pope to pew.



....where now?

I am currently planning some sort of leadership luncheon - potluck style - for June 11th after Mass. The hope is to have a gathering of folks looking to collaborate with like-minded parishioners on new (or old!) projects, groups, or events, to meet each other and dream together. If that sounds like something you might want to check out, consider marking your calendar now!

In the meantime, I'm including a brief summary of current parish ministries & groups, as well as some ideas I've heard proposed. What might the Lord be calling us to next?

peace,  
Father Maurer

## Our in-parish mission questions for prayer & discernment:

- what does it mean to be a Catholic parish?
- how do we live out our role as a parishioner within a Catholic parish?
- how is God calling us to grow individually as parishioners and communally as a parish?



# WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

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## Saint Mark ministries & groups list

<b>Weekend ministries</b>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Still need</i>
Ushers	11	30
Sacristans	5	15
Lectors	15	30
Choir members	12	18 (or more!)
Altar servers	32	As many as possible! :-)
Flowers/decoration	10	10-15
<b>Faith formation (leaders)</b>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Still need</i>
First Holy Communion	2	2 (more welcome!)
Confirmation	2	3-5
Faith Matters	1	3-5
Bible Study	1	3-5
<b>Parish outreach</b>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Still need</i>
Saint Vincent de Paul	12	More welcome!
Homebound ministry	0	20
Grief ministry (leaders)	2	3-5
<b>Consultative leadership</b>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Still need</i>
Pastoral council	7	1-2
Finance council	3	6-7
<b>Parish groups</b>	<i>Membership</i>	
Knights of Columbus	15	
Mother's group	14	
Ladies' guilds (combined)	14	
Monday prayer group	3	
Family rosary	12	
Pro-life group	2	
Social hour (groups)	5	

<b>Parish life by the numbers</b>
<i>Households: 788</i>
<i>Members: 1863</i>
<i>Liturgical volunteers</i>
- 53 adults (2.84%)
- 32 children (1.71%)
<i>Faith formation</i>
- 6 volunteers (0.32%)
<i>Outreach ministry</i>
- 14 volunteers (0.75%)
<i>Consultative leadership bodies</i>
- 10 members (0.54%)
<i>Members of parish groups</i>
- 65 members (3.49%)
Totals*: 180 or 9.66%
*not accounting for overlap

## Groups & activities we don't have....yet?

*Youth group*      **ALTAR SOCIETY**      *Women's group*      *Movie night*  
Shoulder-to-Shoulder ministry      Perpetual adoration      **Couples' support**  
Young adult group      **BOOK CLUB**      **Funeral luncheon committee**  
*Seniors group*      Game group (bridge/Catan?)      **FIBER ARTS CLUB**

**[YOUR idea here!]**

# PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



## Daily Mass Cancellations

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

## 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?

**Beyond Damascus** (Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 4:00 pm) brings us the life-changing testimonies of ordinary people that launch themselves into lives of extraordinary mission for Christ.

**Women Made New** (Saturday at 9:00 pm and Sunday at noon) is women helping women. It's never too late to start over; join in the conversation. The hosts discuss important, but difficult, topics women struggle with.

**LifeTalk NW** (Sunday at 6:30 am, Tuesday at 6:30 pm and Saturday at 6:00 pm) a local pro-life show with Dan Kennedy and Noreen Hobson. They interview news makers and share their knowledge about the interplay of Catholic social teaching and civic issues in our state.

## End of School Year Games and BBQ

Save the date! The school is holding an end of the school year games (including bouncy houses, everyone loves bouncy houses) and BBQ on Friday, June 3 from 3:30 - 6:30 pm in the parking lot, gym and cafeteria.

### Parish Prayer Intentions

#### For the ill...

Jim Miller, Daniel Kaopuiki, Sherrill Dungan,  
Christine Kimmel Jovanovich, Maxine Dion,  
Dennis Knight, Claudio Bermundo

#### For the deceased...

Rodolfo Francisco Molina

## Memorial Day Mass at Holyrood

Our local Catholic cemetery hosts monthly Masses we all can attend. Holyrood Catholic Cemetery is a sacred space, a place of prayer and quiet reflection.

## Memorial Mass at Holyrood

Everyone is invited to the Memorial Day Mass at Holyrood at **10:30 am on Monday, May 30.** (Mass at St. Mark is canceled that day.)

For more information, and directions, please go to <https://mycatholiccemetery.org/events/> or call Holyrood at (206) 363-8404.

## Heroic Men Summit: The True Presence

A recent Pew Research Center survey found that most self-described Catholics do not believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist and almost 70% say they personally believe that during Mass the bread and wine used in Communion "are symbols of the body and blood of Jesus Christ."

To counter this tragic finding, the Bishops of the United States are calling for a three-year grassroots revival of devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Our parish men's fellowship is promoting this virtual event and if you would like more information please contact Paul Sundberg at [pmsundberg@comcast.net](mailto:pmsundberg@comcast.net) or by phone at (425) 275-6359.

Registration information:

On Saturday, June 4 all men are invited to attend, virtually, **The Heroic Men Summit: The True Presence** from 9:00 - 11:00 am Pacific Daylight Time.

By registering in advance you can watch the presentation live or watch the recording later, [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/heroic-men-summit-the-true-presence-tickets-297369519237?utm\\_source=Heroic+Men&utm\\_campaign=1fd00ac6bb-EMAIL\\_CAM-PAIGN\\_2022\\_03\\_22\\_02\\_17\\_COPY\\_02&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_3433b9a55d-1fd00ac6bb-1387777944](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/heroic-men-summit-the-true-presence-tickets-297369519237?utm_source=Heroic+Men&utm_campaign=1fd00ac6bb-EMAIL_CAM-PAIGN_2022_03_22_02_17_COPY_02&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_3433b9a55d-1fd00ac6bb-1387777944)

Please find more information about Heroic Men, including free books and videos, at <https://heroicmen.com/>

# PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



## Memorial Mass Announcement

Funeral Mass for

**Vilma (“Willy”) Klein**

Thursday, May 26 11:00 am

Mass will be in person only; no live stream.

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul rest in peace. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

## Mistaken Empathy, or Don’t Tell Me How I Feel! Part One

Over the past few years, researchers have begun to focus on the role of “empathy”. Several best-selling authors have written about empathy as an essential trait of emotional intelligence.

**In a broad sense, empathy is the skill of being aware of someone else’s feelings and the effect of those feelings on how that person sees the world.**

Empathy is a grand human moral. After all, an empathetic individual can understand not just what people do but why they do it. An empathetic person can help those they care about heal and engender support from those who feel understood.

*Article continues at the top of the next column.*

### 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

## Mistaken Empathy, Continued

Most people like to be on the receiving end of kindness, surrounded by empathetic friends and family. And yet “empathy” is often simplified in less than useful, and sometimes even harmful ways. Too often, we are mistaken about what empathy requires and we confuse empathy with “connecting.”

**Empathy requires information.** It is impossible to be empathetic when you don’t know much about a person or their situation. When we know little our intuitive powers fill in the blanks - and sometimes in the wrong way. For example, pretend that your dog died and it was devastating. Your wonderful friends all want to be supportive and are quick to share their own stories of loss. Indeed, many friends know the loneliness of missing a special animal companion, “When our cat died after having him 10 years, I cried for weeks...”

A more empathetic response might be to ask questions. Perhaps the sadness was rooted in the dog being hit by a car at a young age; you didn’t get to have your dog for 10 years and being reminded of that could be painful

**To be empathetic, you must seek to understand the other person’s circumstance, not connect to your own experiences.** If you do this with integrity, you may find that his or her circumstance has absolutely nothing to do with your own. If you lead by trying to establish a “connection,” you may or may never understand the other person’s real (and likely unique) feelings. Ironic, isn’t it, that it is nearly impossible to be empathetic when your primary goal is connection with the other person?

So, to be empathetic at work, at home and in our community we can both ask questions and, at least initially, set aside the desire to connect our past experiences with those the people we are trying to support are currently experiencing.

~Synopsised from Virtus and The Workplace Resource

## May 15, 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	\$15,660	\$10,215	(5,445)	\$3,642	103	74	177
Year to Date	\$720,360	\$633,318	(87,042)				



## Taking Personal Time with God:

### Private Prayer

The Gospels give specific accounts of many private prayer times of Jesus. For example, Matthew 14:23 says, “When He had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray.” Mark 1:35 says, “In the morning a great while before day, he rose and went out to a lonely place and there he prayed.”

Daily personal prayer is as essential to the soul as daily food and rest are to the body: Spending time with the Lord cultivates a relationship.

**Meditation** and **contemplation** are two specific types of private prayer.

### Meditation

Meditation is a form of prayer that allows a person to reflect on God and His plan. In meditation we focus our thoughts on the Lord, Mary, the saints or an article of faith. The purpose is to deepen and increase the personal relationship with the Lord. Although the Eastern tradition of meditation involves emptying the mind of all thoughts, our Catholic tradition of meditation is the opposite; it’s an active mental task endeavoring to be receptive to God’s help and direction. As Christian disciples we become better informed about moral choices as we let God direct our soul.

A classic form of meditation is *Lectio Divina*, or the Divine Reading. Pope Benedict XVI recommended in 2005 that Catholics engage in *Lectio Divina*.

What follows is just an example of a step-by-step guide on this form of meditation, which uses Sacred Scripture as the source of inspiration. Think of it just as an inspiration:

**Reading (lectio):** Choose a text from Sacred Scripture and read it slowly.

**Discursive meditation (meditatio):** Read the given passage with some thought and reflection.

**Affective prayer (oratio):** Converse with God about the content of the Scripture passage.

**Contemplation (comtemplatio):** Allow the Lord to direct your mind and heart to achieve a set outcome.

## Private Prayer, Continued

### Contemplation

Whereas meditation begins with the self, contemplation, which simply means in this case making oneself available to God, originates with God. We cannot conjure or summon the Lord; we can only make ourselves available and open to his divine action.

When we meditate, we are in the driver’s seat. Contemplation, on the other hand, requires us to be the passenger who waits for the train to arrive.

Contemplative, or mystical prayer, is a normal part of the Christian prayer life. Anyone, not just clergy and religious brothers and sisters, can experience contemplation. Several religious orders of men and women are especially dedicated to contemplation such as the Carmelites, the Trappists and the Cistercians. Yet, throughout the Old and New Testaments we find examples of ordinary people who devote some time to this form of prayer.

Contemplative prayer usually ensues after meditation. It consists of a more passive and sublime experience. If meditation is the soul’s inspired quest to discover God, contemplation is God’s lifting the soul to Himself so it effortlessly basks in the divine light. The key distinction is that contemplation, in the strict sense, is purely the work of God. Meditation, though aided by God and predicated on the grace and work of Christ, is the result of us seeking Him.

A suggested model of contemplative prayer:

**Settle into a comfortable position**, taking slow, deep breaths to help quiet yourself.

**Focus your attention** on the image of Jesus.

**Acknowledge** the things that are trying to get your attention - thoughts, worries, plans, aches and pains, sights and sounds around you. Slowly, one by one, let these things go. If you feel distracted during this prayer, just quietly bring yourself back to your reflection.

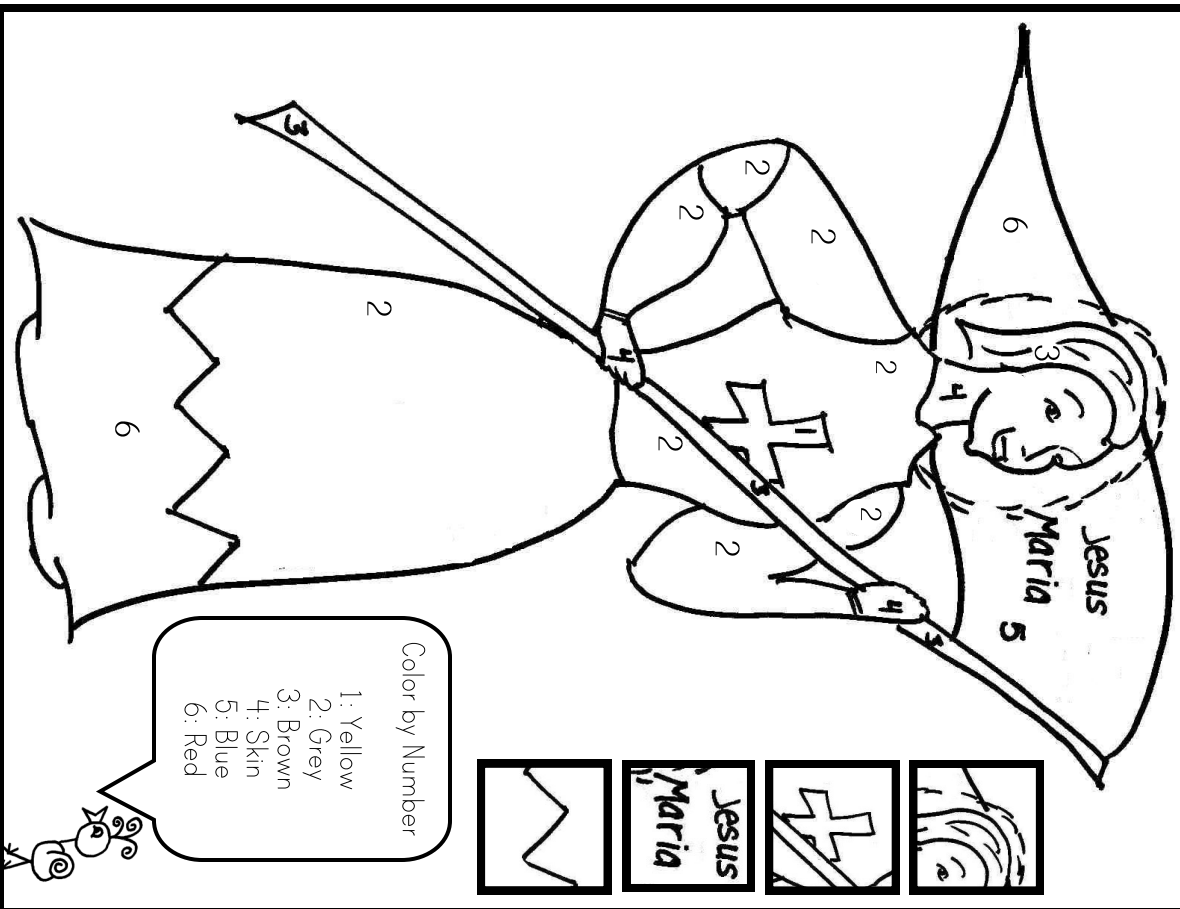
**In your silence and stillness**, let God’s Spirit within you make itself known.

**Do not expect anything to “happen”**; put yourself in God’s hands.

~Catholicism for Dummies, 2nd Edition, Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 2709-2719 and 2724.

# Saint Joan of Arc

Saint Michael the Archangel told Saint Joan of Arc to lead the French army. Joan was only 16, but she followed God's message and won!



Color by Number

- 1: Yellow
- 2: Grey
- 3: Brown
- 4: Skin
- 5: Blue
- 6: Red

# Catholic Kids

May 22, 2022

Easter  
Color: White

Bulletin



How many times do we say, "Holy Spirit," at Mass?

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O God, let  
all the  
nations  
praise you!

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## Memorial Day Weekend 2022

*Serving God and Country: A Memorial Day Salute to Our Heroes*

### Schedule of Liturgies at Associated Catholic Cemeteries

#### Saturday, May 28:

7:00 am to 7:00 pm – Cemetery Grounds Open for Visitation and Prayer  
*Calvary (Seattle), Gethsemane (Federal Way), Holyrood (Shoreline), St. Patrick (Kent)*

9:30am – Mass in Korean, 현충일 미사 , *Gethsemane*

11:00am – Mass in Vietnamese, Thánh lễ Tưởng Niệm , *Holyrood*

#### Sunday, May 29:

7:00 am to 7:00 pm – Cemetery Grounds Open for Visitation and Prayer  
*Calvary (Seattle), Gethsemane (Federal Way), Holyrood (Shoreline), St. Patrick (Kent)*

#### Monday (Memorial Day), May 30:

7:00 am to 7:00 pm – Cemetery Grounds Open for Visitation and Prayer  
*Calvary (Seattle), Gethsemane (Federal Way), Holyrood (Shoreline), St. Patrick (Kent)*

8:00 am to 4:30 pm – Cemetery Offices Open  
*Calvary, Gethsemane, Holyrood*

10:30 am – Memorial Day Mass in English  
*Calvary, Gethsemane, Holyrood, St. Patrick*

1:00 pm – Mass in Korean, 현충일 미사 , *Holyrood*

1:00 pm – Mass in Vietnamese, Thánh lễ Tưởng Niệm , *Gethsemane*

[www.MyCatholicCemetery.org/events/](http://www.MyCatholicCemetery.org/events/)





# Parish Financial Update

## St. Mark Catholic Church, Shoreline WA

May 2022

### KEY POINTS

- ◆ Sunday collection income has decreased by 18% since 2019
- ◆ We are currently facing a budget deficit of \$170k for the next fiscal year
- ◆ We will need to consider reducing the parish subsidy to our school and pulling from the endowment fund to make up the gap
- ◆ We will also need to consider budget cuts to parish operations, such as our liturgy expenses

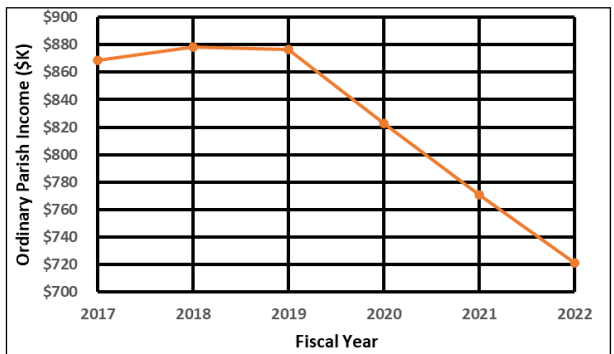
### YOU CAN HELP!

- ◆ Our current situation can be reversed if we increase monthly income by at least 18%
- ◆ Please prayerfully consider whether you are able to increase your contribution by at least 18%
- ◆ We are in need of ushers to welcome people to Mass and pass the collection baskets
- ◆ Join parish ministries, attend events, and introduce yourself to someone you don't know! Vibrant parish life draws in new parishioners, which increases income and engagement.

### Current State

The parish staff, Finance Council, and Pastoral Council have reviewed our financial situation as we prepare the budget for the new fiscal year beginning on July 1. It's been a tumultuous time for our parish over the last few years, and that's had an impact on our finances. We saw an ex-

pected decrease in donation income when we were prohibited from meeting in person for Mass – and in fact, the decrease during that time was not as bad as it could have been, so THANK YOU to all of you who continued to donate online during this time. However, our donation income has not recovered from that drop. Our ordinary income for this fiscal year is forecast to be \$155K (18%) lower than in 2019. The impact of



this reduced income has been somewhat mitigated by the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), which provided loans to organizations to enable them to retain employees through the pandemic. Our parish meets the conditions to have these loans forgiven, resulting in additional “income” for the parish: \$167k for the parish, and an additional \$257k for the school. These funds have substantially offset the reduced income in 2020-2022, but the program has ended and we will not be receiving any additional PPP funds. We also received two generous \$100K bequests in our 2020-2022 fiscal years, further offsetting the decrease in ordinary income – but like the PPP funds, we cannot count on such bequests being available in the future.

### Next Year

If the current trend of decreasing donations continues, we are forecasting a deficit of about \$170k in our next fiscal year, primarily resulting from the decreased income. We cannot prudently operate with a deficit of this extent; we would run out of cash in roughly two years. In order to balance our budget, we will need to consider several changes to our plans for the coming year, such as:

- ◆ Reducing the amount of the parish subsidy to our school, and pulling additional funds from the school endowment to make up the gap.
- ◆ Reducing budgets across most areas of parish operations, including our liturgy, faith formation, and office expenses. Among other impacts, this would result in less funding available for candles, incense, and instrumentalists; increased delays when contacting the parish office; and fewer resources and supplies for our faith formation programs.

### Looking Forward to Our Future

We can reverse the current trend and restore our parish to a healthy financial condition. Increasing our income will require a combination of *both* increasing our membership of active parishioners, and a generous spirit of sacrificial giving. Beyond the direct financial contributions (which are indeed critical!), your contributions of time and talent build up our parish into a more welcoming and engaged community, which draws in new members. This requires active support from ALL parishioners – not just by the pastor, staff, and dedicated group of existing volunteers. Your contributions matter! Please, prayerfully consider where you can contribute more to our parish, and thus do your part to ensure that our reverent liturgy can be celebrated in our beautiful church for many years to come. Your support and engagement is necessary, and it enables our critical mission of spreading the gospel and drawing souls to Christ our Lord!



Stephen Bashier

## TOGETHER WE CAN be Christ to Others

“Mission is not what we have.  
It is who we are.  
We are the body of Christ.”

—ARCHBISHOP PAUL D. ETIENNE

### PRAY

Prayer is the first way you can help.

### GIVE NOW

If the Lord is leading you to support the ACA today with a financial gift, thank you.

### SHARE

If you've been inspired by how God changes lives, we hope you share your testimony with others.

**With your gift and the gifts of thousands of others around Western Washington:**

**TOGETHER WE CAN** live the Gospel through our  
**Faith in Action,**  
**Hope in Resurrection,**  
**Truth in Love,**  
**Unity in Diversity.**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am grateful for the many wonderful families and individuals who make up our parish communities across all of Western Washington. During these challenging times of uncertainty, one thing is certain: As people of faith we can bring the light of Christ to others by renewing our relationship with Jesus and embracing the mission of his Church. Together, we can be Christ to others!

Every year, I ask you to join me in making a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal to support our dedicated priests, deacons, religious women and lay ministers who nourish us through the ministry of Christ by serving all God's people in our region — in person and virtually.

Please prayerfully consider making a sacrificial gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal to continue our pastoral work for the people and parishes of the Archdiocese of Seattle. Your gift to the ACA will help us continue to serve our brothers and sisters across Western Washington.

Please know that I continue to pray for you. May God bless you abundantly for your kindness and generosity.

In the Heart of Christ,

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



Stephen Bashier



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# At Home with Faith

**The new Jerusalem promised by the Bible is not built by human hands but comes as a gift from God.** In striving for growth in our families we must remember that ultimate perfection comes only from God.



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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](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings) or download an app such as *Laudate* or *iBreviary* to access the Mass readings.

This week's second reading reveals a "new heaven and a new earth [and] the holy city, a new Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God." (Revelation 21:1-2) In the same way that God spoke first in creation, he also has the last word in presenting us with the holy city.

Our human response to God's initiative has meaning. It communicates openness to receiving life. Yet, we must always understand that our efforts participate in God's ongoing work of creation. This gives us patience and perspective when interacting with our loved ones.

**Check out the Archdiocese of Seattle Easter Resources page for ways to celebrate all season!**

**Acts 14:21-27**

It is necessary to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God.

**Psalms 145**

Your kingdom is a kingdom for all ages.

**Revelation 21:1-5**

I saw the new Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

**John 1 3:31**

Love one another as I have loved you.

# At Home with Faith

## Talk

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

### Celebrate the Joy of the Easter Season!

<https://archseattle.org/easter/>

Describe how growth can be a gift:

- **Watch for a time when your child is concerned about a lack of growth.** Often our children become frustrated when they struggle to learn a skill like playing an instrument. They might even be worried about aspects of their own physical development.
- **Ask your child about a time when they learned a new skill or discovered new growth.** Invite your child to reflect upon a time when they learned something new. Maybe when they learned to ride a bike. Or maybe when they noticed they had grown. See what your child remembers about the experience. Sometimes they may not even remember what happened. All of a sudden, after trying for a period of time, the skill or growth may have seemed to come of its own accord.
- **Remind them that God is continuing his work of creation in them.** Often that work happens without us noticing. Let them know that only part of our growth and development comes from our own efforts. As St. Paul said “I planted . . . but God gave the growth.” (1 Corinthians 6)
- **Wrap up with a reminder of some growth you observed from them recently.** Encourage your child by sharing an observation of some growth you observed recently. This example can help remind them to keep trying and remain hopeful.



**“The Gospel of the family spans the history of the world, from the creation of man and woman in the image and likeness of God (cf. Gen 1:26-27), to the fulfilment of the mystery of the covenant in Christ at the end of time with the marriage of the Lamb (cf. Rev 19:9).”**

#### Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) #63

Human institutions come and go — companies, cultures and nations. The family, created by God, endures. As flawed as each family may be, God created each one to participate in his work of expressing love.

Pope Francis calls us to look upon the family and upon each member of the family with eyes of love. Where we see imperfections, we work for improvement. When improvement is slow, sometimes agonizingly so, we remain hopeful knowing that the ultimate perfection comes only from God at the end of time.

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