

# St. Mark Shoreline

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**October 1, 2023**

## Weekly schedule

**Sunday** - *Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 am - Sunday Mass (*for Saint Matthew parish*)

10:30 am - Sunday Mass (*for Saint Mark parish*)

1:00 pm - Women's Group prayer, church support meeting, hall

## Monday

9:30 am - Daily Mass (*Moses Quitugua, RIP*)

2:00 pm - Parish Prayer Team, church

6:30 pm - Family Rosary, church

7:00 pm - Boy Scouts troop meeting, cafeteria

7:00 pm - Friends of Saint Francis meeting, hall

## Tuesday

*No daily Mass* (Father's day off)

7:00 pm - Women's Group book study, hall

7:30 pm - Saint Vincent de Paul meeting, library

## Wednesday

9:30 am - ~~Daily Mass~~ (CANCELLED)

11:30 am - Women's Group Rosary gathering, hall

5:00 pm - Confessions

6:30 pm - Mass - Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi

## Thursday

9:30 am - Daily Mass (*Robert Schmiederer, RIP*)

4:00 pm - First Holy Communion parent meeting, hall

6:30 pm - Divine Mercy session, hall

## Friday

9:30 am - Daily Mass (*Edward Dilley, RIP*)

10:45 am - Divine Mercy chaplet

11:00 am - Funeral Mass for James Arthur

## Saturday

7:30 am - Lion's Den meeting, hall

9:30 am - Daily Mass (*The Latimer Family*)

3:00 pm - Confessions

5:00 pm - Vigil Mass (*for Saint Catherine parish*)

## Mass times

**Mon, Wed-Sat:** 9:30 am

**Saturday:** 5:00 pm

**Sunday:** 8:30 am & 10:30 am

## Confession times

**Wednesdays:** 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**Saturdays:** 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

(appointments welcome - call Father)

**For emergencies involving danger of death please dial (206)-364-7900 x9**

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# PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



## September 24, weekly stewardship report (fiscal year July 2023 - June 2024) St. Mark parish

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Online	# In Person	# Online	Givers
<b>Income</b>							
Last Week	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Year to Date	N/A	N/A	N/A				

**Saint Mark parish is seeking a part time bookkeeper (12-18 hours per week).** The qualified candidate will be detail orientated and experienced with QuickBooks Desktop, Microsoft Excel, accounts payable, account reconciliation and budgeting.

Apply here please: [Bookkeeper - Hourly \(paycomonline.net\)](https://www.paycomonline.net)

### Women's Group prayer, church support meeting

Please come to our **Sunday, October 1st meeting at 1:00pm in Sullivan Hall** with your Rosary, snack to share and good ideas.



**St. Mark Catholic Classical School is looking for a Catholic sixth/seventh grade teacher for the 2023-2024 school year.**

At St. Mark Catholic Classical School, our educational approach is centered around enabling our students to pursue and achieve academic excellence through a classical model, while immersing them in an authentically Catholic environment in which they will be exposed to the goodness, the truth, and the beauty of God. Successful educators at our school will not only be those who can employ the classical approach well and encourage each child to achieve their full God-given potential, but who are themselves living witnesses of their Catholic faith who desire to hand down to our students the faith which they have received.

Interested candidates should learn more about our unique school by visiting [www.stmss.org](http://www.stmss.org)

Please complete an application with the Archdiocese of Seattle and send resume to Kathryn Palmquist-Keck, [principal@stmss.org](mailto:principal@stmss.org)

### SAVE THE DATE!

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for the Homebound

Please plan to attend the annual meeting. Current ministers and others interested in joining the team are invited.

**Wednesday, October 18 at 6:30 PM in Sullivan Hall.**

Questions? Call Linn Bartram: 206 715-2664

### Please pray for

Amy Brown  
Mary Frances Miller

Frank Lefaive

Jim Salley RIP  
Colleen Zamberlin, RIP

Moses Quitugua, RIP  
James Arthur, RIP

# PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



## Women's Group Rosary gathering

Come join us on **Wednesday, October 4th at 11:30am in Sullivan Hall** to pray the Rosary, share a brown bag lunch and plan future events.

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**36th Annual National Life Chain on Respect Life Sunday - October 1st In Edmonds - 220th St. SW at Hwy 99, October 1st 2 pm – 3:30 pm.** Over 1700 locations in 1500 communities United States and Canada. Bring your whole family!

Signs will be provided - all peaceful and non-graphic. Be a peaceful & prayerful link in the chain for life. <http://www.lifechain.org/>

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## Life Giving Wounds

If you've experienced the pain of divorced parents, please join us on **October 18th at Blessed Sacrament Church** in Seattle to explore bringing a new ministry to Seattle called **Life Giving Wounds** ([www.lifegivingwounds.org](http://www.lifegivingwounds.org)). Life Giving Wounds seeks to bring healing to adult children of divorce with retreats, support groups and other means while exploring the Church's teaching on redemptive suffering.

The meeting time is **7pm, October 18th at the Blessed Sacrament Parish Library**. RSVP to Nick by phone or text message at 503-898-0521 for more detailed directions to the meeting location.

## Family Rosary

The month of **October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary** [Liturgical Year: October, Month of the Holy Rosary | Catholic Culture](#), but we meet **every Monday evening at 6:30 PM at St. Mark church** to pray the Holy Rosary, offer up any and all intentions expressed in our Book of Intentions, and recite the Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood from St. Mark Parish. And of course, there is always some sort of community and gathering in the vestibule afterwards! **Come join us!** [usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary](http://usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary)

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**Rachel's Corner** *Hope & Healing After Abortion*  
Taken from the USCCB's Respect Life Month Intercessions for Life:

*For all people throughout the world: that they might recognize and treat each person as a masterpiece of God's creation; We pray to the Lord*

*For all those facing an unexpected pregnancy: that the peace of Christ may fill their hearts; We pray to the Lord  
That birthparents placing their children with adoptive families may receive abundant support; We pray to the Lord  
That all women, men, and family members suffering from abortion may know the Lord's tender, healing love; We pray to the Lord*

Spanish Retreat – Fri., Oct. 27- Sun., Oct. 29 2023  
English Retreat – Fri., Mar. 8-Sun., Mar. 10, 2024

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## Season of Creation 2023 Creation Mass - Feast of St. Francis of Assisi at St. Mark Parish 6:30 – 8:30 PM Wednesday, October 4th

Reception following Mass in Sullivan Hall

Special collection for St. Vincent de Paul  
monetary donation and/or pet food

**“Let Justice and Peace Flow”**

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## Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge

The Knights of Columbus Father Theodore P. Sullivan council #11217 will be hosting a **Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge** for girls and boys ages 9 – 14 in our parish. It is open to students of St. Mark Parish School as well students from the parish who attend public school or are home schooled.



**The dates are October 11th (and October 12th if necessary).** Competition will begin after school at 3:30PM and end approximately 5:30PM. The event will take place on the playfield behind St. Mark School. Eligibility is determined by the student's age as of September 1st. Proof of age is required. Students will kick from 12 yards toward a regulation soccer goal. The goal is divided into zones with different point values. Students ages 9 – 11 will kick a size 4 regulation ball while the students in the 12 – 14 group will kick a size 5 regulation ball. Students will be given 15 shots on goal. Their total score will determine the winner. Winners of each age will then compete for the district title and kick and additional 25 kicks. This competition may take place on Thursday the 12th if not enough time is available on the 11th. State competition date and time TBD.

**Forms will be available at the school office.** Students and parents need to fill out the entry form accurately, sections 1 and 2, and **return the entry form to the school or parish office by Friday, Oct 6th.** Should there not be enough entries, the event may be cancelled. Contact John Anderson, 206-235-2181, or email [jmrand@msn.com](mailto:jmrand@msn.com) if you have specific questions.



# WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

- Father Jacob Maurer

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy. *Dn 3:31, 29, 30, 43, 42*

This weekend's Gospel is a timely one for us here at Saint Mark parish. Over the last couple of weeks, I've been pulling 12-14 hour days nearly every day of the week and I realized this week that I'm at capacity....and that I can't keep this up.

Though we have had several folks respond to my invitation - and pleas! - for volunteers, **Saint Mark still needs your help. I need your help.**

The parable of the man with two sons couldn't come at a better time. Many in our community - perhaps you, reading this right now - have responded (if only through inaction) 'I will not' to the work asked of us. But that need not be the end of the story! It is not how we begin, but how we finish that matters. The Lord's vineyard is rich with harvest - what is lacking now is workers to join Him in His work.

How can you help? Where is the Lord calling *you* to assist in the work of our parish?

And most importantly, how will you respond?



*Parable of the Two Sons*, Andrey Mironov  
[Image courtesy Wikimedia Commons](#)

This Wednesday we celebrate the **memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi**. For those who are interested, we will have our annual  **blessing of animals** at the school parking lot around 8:45 am. If you do bring an animal, make sure they are *leashed* or *in a carrier* to safeguard them & others.



On Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm, we will have a special Mass celebrating Saint Francis, followed by a reception in Sullivan Hall hosted by the Friends of Saint Francis group. We hope you'll come join us!

This last Thursday we had our official input session regarding parish family 13 - the proposed configuration that would bring together Saint Mark, Saint Matthew, and Saint Catherine parishes. Thank you to all who attended and offered their feedback! I am especially grateful to those who assisted with facilitating the small group conversations and who recorded them.



If you were not able to attend and you would like to offer your personal feedback, you may find [the participant handout \(available on our website\)](#) helpful. The archdiocese has set up a public comment page where you can offer your personal feedback - [click here to offer your thoughts for consideration](#).



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## Frequently Asked Questions

With the launch of the public input phase of *Partners in the Gospel*, this bulletin feature will seek to address commonly asked questions & concerns. To submit your own question for consideration, use the form at our parish website: [www.saintmarkshoreline.org/partners](http://www.saintmarkshoreline.org/partners)



# PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL

### **What are the main catalysts that got us here?**

The primary things are a lack of priests and a projected lack of priests. Currently, we have over 100 priests but you'll see in the documents that we're projected in about 10 years to have something like 67 or 70 pastors. The second reason is we have a lot of churches including our own that until very recently have been running at a deficit - not making enough money to meet bills. The third big aspect is numbers in parishes. And I think you'll see that our parish and others have declined in attendance. Those numbers have been steadily declining - even between priests. So the primary considerations would be priests, finances, and parishioners.

### **Why the cynical outlook - if I can use that word - on the ability to gain more priests in the future versus this outlook that things are only going to get worse?**

I can't speak exactly to why the archbishop is choosing the direction he's choosing, but I can tell you that the urgency & decision to move this way almost assuredly comes from the tension between raising new priests (a 9-10 year process) and the current crisis of parish life. We currently have just 13 candidates at various states of seminary formation. So I would hazard to guess that this is a great part of why we're moving in this direction and in this way it isn't cynicism - it is the sense that we can't wait for whatever optimistic change would happen.

### **Is this happening nationwide?**

Well, so not every diocese is doing this. Many are, however - I would point particularly to Chicago and Cincinnati as places that are. Cincinnati is in progress with a program called Beacons of Hope. Chicago did this a few years ago, though I forget the name of their process. Ours looks a lot more like Cincinnati's program, where they did this process of bringing communities together, spending some years consulting together, and then making a decision. I believe Chicago went the route of just merging, so I don't know if they closed anything - just merged everything. I also know that in many dioceses, even if they haven't initiated a process, they're facing this reality.

[Visit our website for more information, as well as to read the full summary of the parish townhall Q&A session \(September 23, 2023\) and the archdiocesan Q&A documents](#)