

St. Mark Shoreline

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December 3, 2023

Weekly schedule

Sunday - *First Sunday of Advent*

8:30 am - Sunday Mass (*for Saint Pius X parish*)
10:30 am - Sunday Mass (*for Saint Mark parish*)
Bake Sale/Cookie Exchange, gym (after both Masses)
1:00 pm - Women's Group prayer, church support, hall

Monday

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

Wednesday

9:30 am - Daily Mass (*Barbara Sullivan, RIP*)
11:30 am - Women's Group Rosary gathering, hall
5:00 pm - Confessions
6:00 pm - Confirmation preparation, hall

Thursday

9:30 am - Daily Mass (*Kyle Oliphant*)
5:00 pm - Confessions
6:30 pm - OCIA class, hall

Friday

9:30 am - Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary
5:00 pm - Confessions
6:30 pm - Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary

Saturday

7:30 am - Lion's Den meeting, hall
9:30 am - Daily Mass (*Lucia Gambalan Deuma, RIP*)
11:00 am - Partners in the Gospel feedback mtg, gym
3:00 pm - Confessions
5:00 pm - Vigil Mass (*for Saint Matthew parish*)
6:00 pm - Parents Night Out, gym

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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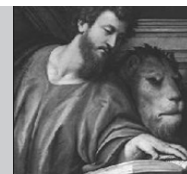
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November 26, weekly stewardship report (fiscal year July 2023 - June 2024) St. Mark parish

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Online	# In Person	# Online	Givers
Income							
Last Week	\$15,687	\$12,225	(\$3,462)	\$5,614	88	72	160
Year to Date	\$345,114	\$301,295	(\$43,819)				

Christmas Wreaths are here at last! They will be on sale December 2-3 after all of the Masses. Each wreath is handmade, florist quality, about 24" in diameter. They have three kinds of boughs and pine cones.



The cost is \$30 and helps support St. Mark Boy Scout Troop 309 which has been here since 1956.

St. Mark Women's Group prayer, church support meeting

Please come to our **Sunday, Dec. 3rd meeting at 1 P.M. in Sullivan Hall.** Prayer intentions, Rosary, and snacks following the meeting are all part of our event, open to all Catholic women seeking involvement and fellowship.

Come see what we're about!

Parents Night Out is December 9th from 6-9pm in the gym/cafeteria. Contact stmssevents@gmail.com for more info.

Christmas Giving Tree

The Christmas giving tree tradition is back. In the narthex, see our Saint Mark Giving Tree to find opportunities to give small or large cash gifts to one of three charities:



Saint Vincent de Paul is involved in every corner of our parish giving an answer of love to the marginalized, those hurting and in need.

Next Step Pregnancy Services offers mothers alternatives to abortion and also support in thriving as mothers.

St. Joseph Carmelite Monastery is right here in our parish; they are praying for us.

Gifts of cash or checks, along with one of the tree ornaments, may be sealed in an envelope (please write "Giving Tree" on the envelope!) and placed in the offering basket at Mass. And we are making electronic giving very easy with QR codes (or a St. Mark web address) on each of the ornaments. Details are available in the narthex after this weekend's Masses.

Please return your gifts by December 19th!

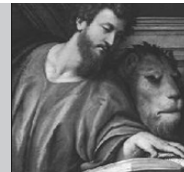
Please pray for

Diane Bunce

Tom Rutledge

Maria Cruz, RIP

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Women's Group Christmas Potluck

This celebration of St. Mark's Women's Group will be **Wednesday, Dec. 6th, at 11:30 A.M. in Sullivan Hall.** Bring your Rosary, dish to share, and Christmas Basket donations. Music and festive mingling will enliven our abbreviated meeting. Come and share our Advent joy.

The Latin language is part of the great heritage of the Church and the Dominican Order in particular. **Blessed Sacrament has a group dedicated to reciting the Holy Rosary in Latin.** You don't need to know Latin, as printed copies of the prayers are provided. **The group meets on Saturday mornings,** and those interested can contact Brian Jobe for more info: brianjobe@protonmail.com.

Rachel's Corner *Hope & Healing After Abortion*
O Lord, look mercifully on us, and grant that we may choose the way of peace. Rescue us from the captivity of sins which have oppressed us, that we may attain the dwellings of the heavenly Jerusalem; through Jesus Christ. Amen – An 11th Century Advent Prayer for Deliverance from Sin

During this season of Advent, may we prepare our hearts for Jesus' coming by allowing him to rescue us from our sins. If you carry the wounds of a past abortion, know that the women and men of Project Rachel are here to help you begin your journey of healing.

English Retreat: Fri., Mar. 8-Sun., Mar. 10, 2024

Visit us online at www.ccsww.org/projectrachel or www.facebook.com/projectrachelww or contact us at (206) 920-6413 (English), (206) 450-7814 (Español) or by e-mail at projectrachel@ccsww.org

Do you need some gift cards for the holidays?

Our school is selling SCRIP (aka - gift cards) to assist you with all your holiday shopping and gifting needs! Buying gift cards is a great way to simplify your shopping and help the school at the same time because you purchase cards at normal face value, and the vendors give a percentage (2 - 20%) back to the school at no additional cost to you! It is truly a win - win!

So stop by the school cafeteria after the Sunday Masses to purchase or get more information.

During the month of December, all orders over \$50, both in person and on-line, will be entered into a weekly drawing for a \$25 gift card of your choice!

Thank you so much for your continued support of our school!

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Santa Breakfast is coming SOON!!!

Sunday, December 17 after both Masses.

There will be great food: pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, ham, roasted potatoes, biscuits and gravy, coffee, tea, orange juice, apple juice.



There will also be a visit from Santa Claus with pictures and candy canes.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Christmas outing with St. Mark Women's Group on Wednesday, December 27th:

Join us for luncheon at 3pm at Las Margaritas restaurant, then go see Zoo Lights at Woodland Park Zoo at 6pm (advance ticket required). Let's meet and mingle!

The Knights of Columbus are planning on having the **Novena for the Consecration of the Holy Family** again this year. The novena will run from **December 23rd to December 31st.**

Knights will be available to answer questions after weekend Masses on December 9th & 10th and also at the Santa Breakfast December 17th.



BECOME ONE OF THE MILLIONS OF MONICAS

One Hour
One Purpose
Our Children

TUESDAYS ~ 4:30-5:30PM
ST. PIUS X CHURCH
22301 58TH AVE. W MOUNTLAKE TERRACE, WA
IN THE MAIN CHURCH

Join with other mothers as we pray to grow in holiness and humility and for our children's faithful return to the Catholic Church



SAVE THE DATE!

The Saint Mark School Christmas Concert is Thursday, December 21st and will again be held in the church.

The concert will begin at 7:00pm. All the students will be singing and the eighth graders will be performing the Nativity play. **Everyone is welcome to attend.**





Praying for Vocations

Starting this first Sunday of Advent, we will begin a campaign praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. **Each week a family/individual will take home the St. John Vianney statue and pray a prayer each day for vocations.**

The purpose of the campaign is to encourage everyone to pray and promote vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. The statue of St. John Vianney is a tangible reminder of this special intention for the church. The Second Vatican Council highlights the responsibility of the laity to pray for and support

vocations. This urgent call has been strongly affirmed in the writings and addresses of both Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI.

The vocation prayer the parish prays has encouraged young people from the parish to discern a vocation. Currently two young men who attended St. Mark Catholic Classical School are now studying to be priests. Jonathan Cheever, will serve in the Archdiocese of Seattle and Matthew Keck, who will serve in the Diocese of Helena, Montana.

Praying for vocations is the most powerful way to support vocations. A vocation is a call from the Holy Spirit, a gift from God that is nurtured in prayer. When we pray for vocations, we lift up to our Father those men and women whom He is calling to follow Him in a very special way.

The statue will go home every Monday with a family or individual and will return the following Monday morning by 10:00 am to the school office. St. John Vianney will be ready for pickup before 3:00 pm for the next family. You will receive a text from a volunteer to remember to return the statue and a text to remind your family to pick up the statue.

If you would like to bring home the statue for a week you can call the school office at any time to be added to the calendar. Today a volunteer is here to sign up families who would like to participate in the campaign.

Thank you for continued prayers for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Praying for vocations this week: David & Suzanne Reed Family



WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

- Father Jacob Maurer

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Cf. Ps. 25 (24): 1-3

Advent is one of my favorite seasons in the liturgical year. Starting with the blessing of the advent wreath and its candles, we spend four weeks in joyful anticipation of the birth of Christ. Though our colors are penitential, it is eagerness that moves us onward.

Take the opening prayer for Mass today, where we asked God for the resolve to “run forth” to meet Jesus. Like children anticipating a visit with their best friend, so we set our faces towards the entrance of Christ into the world!



How do we get ready? Well, that same prayer speaks of righteous deeds, offered not only to glorify Him, but to help transform us to be worthy to be with Him. And the amazing thing is, Jesus does that work too, if we let Him.

Let us be sure to take advantage of the time that has been given to us in this season. Consider using an Advent calendar ([such as the one provided by the USCCB](#)) to guide you in daily reflections, praying with family & friends, and making a good confession. Together let us prepare to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord!

This Friday we celebrate the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, also a holy day of obligation. The doctrine we celebrate is of Mary’s conception free from original sin - this by virtue of her Son, Jesus Christ.



At Saint Mark parish, we will offer two Masses, one at 9:30 am and one at 6:30 pm. Be sure to plan on coming to Mass - and consider inviting someone you know to join us in honoring our mother and asking her intercession!

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that “each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year” (#1457). Of course, we sin more than once a year - even if not seriously! We are blessed to have the sacrament of reconciliation, in which we are not only forgiven of our sins, but strengthened in the life of grace.



At Saint Mark parish, extra confession times will be offered throughout Advent: **Wed-Fri, 5-6pm**

Come receive the sacrament by which God releases us from sin and restores us to wholeness!



ADVENT CALENDAR 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>3</p> <p>The First Sunday of Advent</p> <p>Begin your Advent journey by blessing your Advent wreath. Light the first violet candle and sing "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."</p>	<p>4</p> <p>What can you do this Advent to prepare your heart and life for the coming of Christ?</p>	<p>5</p> <p>"The liturgical Season of Advent ... invites us to go to the encounter with the Lord who comes through prayer, penitence and works of charity. Prepare yourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus with assiduous listening to the Word of God and a generous response to his grace." Pope Francis, Audience, November 30, 2022</p>	<p>6</p> <p>In honor of Saint Nicholas whose memorial we celebrate today, consider ways that you can share your time, treasure, and talent to assist those who are in need.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>On this Memorial of Saint Ambrose, a bishop and great teacher of the faith, pray for all clergy and others charged with forming others in the faith of the Church.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Today is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the United States of America. It is a holy day of obligation. Offer your Mass intention today for the needs of the nation.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Make plans to receive the gift of God's mercy in the Sacrament of Penance during this Advent season.</p>
<p>10</p> <p>The Second Sunday of Advent</p> <p>On this Second Sunday of Advent, light two violet candles on your Advent wreath and ask God for the strength to be like John the Baptist, preparing the way of the Lord."</p>	<p>11</p> <p>"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." Mark 1:10</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Today is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe who appeared to Juan Diego as a pregnant indigenous woman. Pray for all pregnant women and mothers and look for ways that you can walk with moms in need: Walking with Moms in Need</p>	<p>13</p> <p>In the bustle of the holiday season, spend some time this week in silence and prayer, possibly before the Blessed Sacrament, to prepare your heart to receive the Lord at Christmas.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>According to custom, the Christmas tree is set up before Christmas and remains in place until the Solemnity of Epiphany. Share this blessing with your family and friends.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>"For the believer, the Word of God is not simply a text to read. The Word of God is a living presence, it is a work of the Holy Spirit that comforts, instructs, gives light, strength, relief, and a zest for life. To read the Bible, to read a piece, one or two passages of the Bible, is like a short telegram from God that immediately goes to the heart." Pope Francis, Audience, December 21, 2022</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Las Posadas, a reenactment of Mary and Joseph seeking the shelter before the birth of Jesus, traditionally begins today. Pray for migrants seeking shelter around the world.</p>



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<p>17</p> <p>The Third Sunday of Advent</p> <p>Today is the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday. At this halfway point in the season of Advent, light two violet and the rose candles on your Advent wreath and Rejoice! For the Lord is near!</p>	<p>18</p> <p>The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me: he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted... to announce a year of favor from the LORD.” Isaiah 61:1-2</p>	<p>19</p> <p>“God, in the Christmas mystery, reveals himself not as One who remains on high and dominates the universe, but as the One who bends down, descends to the little and poor earth, it means that, to be like him, we should not put ourselves above others, but indeed lower ourselves, place ourselves at the service of others, become small with the small and poor with the poor.” Pope Francis, Audience, December 18, 2022</p>	<p>20</p> <p>“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” Luke 1:38</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Spend a family evening eating cookies and drinking hot chocolate while you read the Christmas cards you have received. Before bed, pray an Our Father and a Hail Mary for all your beloved family and friends.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Use this blessing to bless the nativity scene in your home: Blessing of a Christmas Manger or Nativity Scene USCCB</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Reach out to those in your community who may be alone this Christmas and invite them to Mass and to share part of your celebration.</p>


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The Fourth Sunday of Advent

This year, the Fourth Week of Advent lasts only one day. Light all three violet candles and the rose candle on your Advent wreath and prepare to celebrate the birth of the Lord.

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“Jesus is born in our midst; he is God with us. He comes to accompany our daily lives, to share with us in all things: our joys and sorrows, our hopes and fears. He comes as a helpless child. He is born in the cold night, poor among the poor. In need of everything, he knocks at the door of our heart to find warmth and shelter.”
Pope Francis, Urbi et Orbi Blessing, December 25, 2022





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