

St. Mark Shoreline

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December 17, 2023

Weekly schedule

Sunday - *Third Sunday of Advent*

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

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

KofC Santa Breakfast after each Mass

Monday - (*Parish office closed from 12/18/23 to 1/2/24*)

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 - (*Parish office closed from 12/18/23 to 1/2/24*)

No daily Mass (Father's day off)

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

Wednesday - (*Parish office closed 12/18/23 to 1/2/24*)

9:30 am - Daily Mass (*Gregorio Anonuevo, RIP*)

5:00 pm - Confessions

6:00 pm - Confirmation preparation, hall

Thursday - (*Parish office closed from 12/18/23 to 1/2/24*)

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

5:00 pm - Confessions

6:30 pm - ~~OCIA class, hall~~ (CANCELLED)

7:00 pm - St. Mark School Christmas Concert, church

Friday - (*Parish office closed from 12/18/23 to 1/2/24*)

9:30 am - Daily Mass (*Jean McGuigan*)

5:00 pm - Confessions

6:30 pm - Movie Night, hall (movie TBD)

Saturday

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

9:30 am - Daily Mass (*Niolito Subaran, RIP*)

3:00 pm - Confessions

5:00 pm - Vigil Mass (*for Saint Matthew 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



December 10, 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	\$17,523	\$1,836	\$8,279	101	80	181
Year to Date	\$376,488	\$336,031	(\$40,457)				

Santa Breakfast is today, 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



The Saint Mark School Christmas Concert is THIS 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.**



The **Christmas Giving Tree** is in the narthex with opportunities to give small or large cash gifts to one of three charities:



- **Saint Vincent de Paul**
- **Next Step Pregnancy Services**
- **St. Joseph Carmelite Monastery**

Make checks out to St. Mark Church. Please return your gifts by December 19th!

Welcome Mrs. Alma Alvarez!

Mrs. Alvarez joined St. Mark Catholic Classical School faculty this week. She is with an Exchange Visitor Teacher Program and is here for five years. She is originally



from Calamba City in the Philippines. She is teaching the sixth and seventh grade.

We are glad you are here!

Please pray for

David Cardenas
Mary Helen Cardenas

Struan Robertson
Eddie Galutera

Katherine Fae Miller
Mary Lynn Waterson, RIP

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Christmas Eve Social Hour & Potluck

Join us **Sunday, December 24th** in Sullivan Hall from 6pm-7:30pm, right after the 5pm Christmas Eve Mass.

Come wish your fellow parishioners a Merry Christmas, sing a few songs and (optionally) share your favorite holiday appetizer and/or cookies with all your new & old friends. Coffee & tea will be provided.



No signup needed.

Questions? Call Michelle Anderson 206-909-4167.

Pray for vocations with St. John Vianney

Return 12/18/23 - Moore family
Pickup 12/18/23 - Hannon family
Return 12/26/23 - Hannon family
Pickup 12/26/23 - Keck family
Return 1/2/24 - Keck family
Pickup 1/2/24 - Zambrano family



If you would like to bring home the statue for a week to “Pray for Vocations with St. John Vianney”, please call the school office to be added to the calendar.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship

will be on **January 10th (11th if necessary), 2024** in the St. Mark gymnasium. Check in time is 3:30pm; competition will be from 3:45 PM

The event is open to St. Mark students age 9 through 14 as well as students from the parish who are home schooled or attend public school.

Registration forms are available at the St. Mark school office. Please **bring the completed registration form with you to the competition.**

Questions? Contact John Anderson, St. Mark Knights of Columbus Youth Director, Council # 11217 at 206-235-2181.

Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring the **Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest** for students grades K-8.

Students may be from St. Mark School, home-schooled or attend public school.

Contest entry form, info letter and poster paper may be picked up at St. Mark School.

Contest entries must be returned to St. Mark School by Thursday, December 21st.

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Christmas Tree Recycling/Chipping



St. Mark Scout Troop 309 will be recycling/chipping natural Christmas trees on **Saturday January 6, 2024.**

Bring your evergreen tree to the lot next to St. Mark Church between 9AM and 11AM on Saturday, January 6th where it will be chipped and spread on the lot next to the Church. You-haul chips are available about noon after the chipping is done and before the spreading is finished.

Please **remove all ornaments and stands.** And **NO flocked trees** as we cannot chip them.

Summer Camp is \$500 next year and your help to get the Scouts out of town is greatly appreciated.

Can you help?

Saint Mark parish is in need of parishioners to help with counting the weekly collection.



We could use several people who would count the Sunday offering - usually on a Monday or Tuesday - once or twice a month.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact the parish at **(206) 364-7900 x100** or by email at jeannettea@saintmarkshoreline.org

Rachel's Corner *Hope & Healing After Abortion*
“The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; He has sent me to bring good news to the afflicted, to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, release to the prisoners, To announce a year of favor from the Lord and a day of vindication by our God; To comfort all who mourn.”

- Isaiah 61: 1-2

On this third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, we rejoice! We rejoice that Jesus came to save us from sin, and that he continues to love and forgive us no matter our past! If you carry the wounds from involvement in a past abortion, the men and women of the Project Rachel ministry are here to help you find healing and peace!



English Retreat:

Friday, March 8-Sunday, March 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

End of the year giving reminder

The last day for donations to be posted for 2023 is **Sunday, December 31st, 2023.**

Donations on or postmarked Monday, January 1st, 2024 or later will be posted for 2024.



The Knights of Columbus invites St. Mark Parish to participate in the

Consecration to the Holy Family

Consecration Saturday, December 23rd

Novena Runs Through Sunday, December 31st



Before praying the Consecration to the Holy Family:

- ◆ Discuss the importance of this consecration as a family.
- ◆ Encourage family members to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly.
- ◆ As a family, be intentional about fasting. As our physical bodies are drawn to things of the world, it is strongly encouraged to abstain from something that you normally do or consume. Fasting helps to discipline our minds and hearts to refrain from secular activities and be more focused on God.
- ◆ Prepare for the commitment you are making. Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event. You have chosen a way of life for your family. You and your family are consciously choosing to be a beacon of light of God's love through His church.

(See prayer next page)

Consecration to the Holy Family Prayer:

Lord Jesus,

you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth.

There you grew in age, wisdom and grace

as you prepared to fulfill your mission

as our Redeemer.

We entrust our family to you.

Blessed Mary,

you are the Mother of our Savior.

At Nazareth you cared for Jesus

and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home.

We entrust our family to you.

Saint Joseph,

you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary,

and gave us a model of fatherhood

while showing us the dignity of work.

We entrust our family to you.

Holy Family,

we consecrate ourselves and our family to you.

May we be completely united
in a love that is lasting, faithful
and open to the gift of new life.

Help us to grow in virtue,
to forgive one another from our hearts,
and to live in peace all our days.

Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer,
diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need.

May our home, O Holy Family,
truly become a domestic church
where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

2023 Christmas Season Mass Schedule



Sunday Masses — December 23rd/24th

Saturday, December 23rd — 5:00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday, December 24th — 8:30 am

Sunday, December 24th — 10:30 am

Christmas Mass schedule

Sunday, December 24th (Vigil)

Christmas Eve — 5:00 pm

Monday, December 25th

Midnight Mass — 12:00 am

(No 8:30 am Mass)

Morning Mass — 10:30 am

Sunday Masses — December 30th/31st

Saturday, December 30th — 5:00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday, December 31st — 8:30 am

Sunday, December 31st — 10:30 am

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

Monday, January 1st, 2024 — 9:30 am

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 6th, 2024 (Vigil) — 5:00 pm (Mass with Vespers)

Sunday, January 7th, 2024 — 8:30 am

Sunday, January 7th, 2024 — 10:30 am



WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

- Father Jacob Maurer

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

Cf. Phil 4: 4-5

Today is the half-way mark to Christmas! Though we still have two full weeks before the Nativity of the Lord, we can't help but be excited even as we continue in our preparations. This is reflected in today's rose vestments, a mix of the colors of Advent (violet) and Christmas (white).

As we rejoice in the coming birthday of Christ, we do well to consider *why* we are rejoicing. The first reading - a continuation of our reflection on the prophecies of the prophet Isaiah - speaks directly to our joy. The Lord is sending One Who brings glad tidings, healing, liberty, and the favor of the Lord. How could we do anything *other* than rejoice?!?



The entrance antiphon for today, from which the title Gaudete Sunday comes (see translation above)

One way of preparing that I have found especially helpful is to reflect on where I need good news, healing, liberty, and God's favor. This hard work is often something we fail to undertake, preferring to protect but otherwise avoid touching on those tender places in our lives where we most need God's care.

As we approach Christmas, I encourage you to take time to consider what wounds and hurts you would most like the Lord to address - a wish list of sorts, if you will. Let us together use this time to prepare ourselves to receive the long-promised gifts He has for us.

One of the mysteries of the Incarnation of the Word of God is **the Holy Family**. What was it like for the Blessed Virgin, the Son of God, and Joseph to be a family together - and how might we be united with them?



The feast of the Holy Family, taking place the Sunday after Christmas, is not only a celebration of Jesus' earthly family but an invitation for us to join in their life and relationship. May we take this opportunity to draw nearer to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

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!