

# St. Mark Shoreline

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**January 28, 2024**

## Weekly schedule

**Sunday** - *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

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

St. Mark School Open House after the 10:30am Mass

11:40 am - Parish Rosary for Life, pro-life shrine

## Monday

9:30 am - Daily Mass (*Frankie Dornay, RIP*)

2:00 pm - Parish Prayer Team, church

6:30 pm - Family Rosary, church

7:00 pm - Boy Scouts troop meeting, cafeteria

## Tuesday

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

## Wednesday

9:30 am - Daily Mass (*for Vocations to the Priesthood*)

5:00 pm - Confessions

6:00 pm - Confirmation preparation, hall

## Thursday

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

10:30 am - Rosary for Ernesto Morga

11:00 am - Funeral Mass for Ernesto Morga

4:00 pm - First Holy Communion prep class, hall

6:30 pm - OCIA class, hall

## Friday

9:30 am - Daily Mass (*Helen Foisy, RIP*)

## Saturday

7:45 am - Lion's Den meeting, hall

9:30 am - Daily Mass (*Gene Sovar, RIP*)

3:00 pm - Confessions

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

6:00 pm - Multicultural Dinner, 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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# PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



## January 21, 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	\$15,687	\$12,843	(\$2,844)	\$3,637	94	69	163
Year to Date	\$420,674	\$470,610	(\$49,674)				



## Catholic Schools Week begins Sunday, January 28, 2024

This is also Ministry Sunday and the fourth/fifth graders will be reading at Mass. **Following the 10:30am Mass we will have an Open House for parishioners, school families, and new families.** Tours will be offered, faculty and staff will be present, and there will be student displays throughout the building for everyone to enjoy.

### Catholic Schools Week 2024 – St. Mark Students' Schedule & Events

#### *Sunday, January 28 - Focus on Beauty*

Wear your uniform to Mass and earn a non-uniform day pass! (See Mrs. Keck after Mass!)

#### *Monday, January 29 - Celebrating Community!*

Focus on Goodness

Mass – 9:30 am

**Sweats and Slippers (no slippers at Mass – nice looking sweats and shirt)**

Read In: 10:45–11:45 K–3 & 11:00–12:00 4–8

#### *Tuesday, January 30 - Celebrating our students!*

Focus on Truth

Thanks to all of the students for doing your best every day!

Dress in **yellow** and **green!**

Eighth grade vs. faculty volleyball game 1:30 pm

#### *Wednesday, January 31 - Celebrating the nation*

Focus on Piety!

Do something for your community today!

**Crazy Day**

#### *Thursday, February 1 - Celebrate Vocations*

Focus on Listening for God's Call in Our Lives  
Coffee and donuts for parents during carpool

**Theme Day** – As a class choose your theme

#### *Friday, February 2 - Celebrating Faculty and Staff*

Focus on Self-Gift

Mass – 9:30 AM

Talent Show after Mass

**Best Dress**



#### **Saints to imitate during Catholic Schools Week:**

SUNDAY – Saint John Vianney

MONDAY – Saint Mark

TUESDAY – Blessed Carlo Acutis

WEDNESDAY – Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

THURSDAY – Saint Paul

FRIDAY – Saint John Neumann

————— Please pray for —————

Yvonne Scott

Josie Brooks, RIP

Ernesto Morga, RIP

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## Multicultural Dinner

You are invited to a Multicultural Dinner on Saturday, February 3, 2024, in the gym celebrating the end of Catholic Schools Week and the kickoff for the Lion's Fund Drive.

There will also be a small silent auction that evening featuring: Starbucks Basket, Lego Set Basket, Beauty Baskets, Liturgical Living Basket, Cigars and Scotch with Father Maurer, Day Hike Basket and a few more surprises.

The dinner will begin in the gym after the Saturday, February 3rd 5:00 pm Mass.

Don't miss out on dinner, performances, and the silent auction. Bring your favorite dish and join us on Saturday, February 3rd!



**Rachel's Corner** *Hope & Healing After Abortion*  
"Sometimes God allows us to make a really big mistake, not so I find my identity in what I have done, but so that I find my identity in Him."

- Dr. Edward Sri

Seeing ourselves as God sees us and not as how we see ourselves for what we have done, is hard. Regret, and shame for an abortion decision can only make that more challenging. Join the women and men of the Project Rachel ministry on our next retreat and find out how that can all change as you find your identity in Him.

### English Retreat:

**Friday, March 8-Sunday, March 10, 2024**

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

Save the date!

**Monday, February 5th at 7:00 PM in Sullivan Hall (after the Family Rosary)**

**Friends of St. Francis** invite all parishioners to a **special video presentation** by Father Ron Rolheiser from the Oblate School of Theology, who will explain how the theme of The Common Good within Catholic social teaching enables us to deepen our moral and spiritual lives.





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## St. Mark Women's Group

Please come to our **Sun. Feb. 4th meeting at 1 P.M. in Sullivan Hall.** We're fine-tuning for the Craft Fair, praying the Rosary, and sharing snacks and fellowship.

Please call Sherrill at (206) 432-7180 for details.

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## Pray for Vocations with St. John Vianney

**These families will be praying for vocations with St. John Vianney in the coming weeks:**

January 29 Ursula Glancy  
February 5 Manni Family  
February 12 Pereira Family

**Please call the school office to sign up to bring home the St. John Vianney statue and pray for vocations.**



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## St. Mark Women's Group

Our **Wed., Feb. 7th meeting at 11:30 A.M. in Sullivan Hall** is open to all interested Catholic women. Bring your prayer intentions, Rosary, brown-bag lunch, and good ideas.

Please call Sylvia at (206) 419-3115 for details.

## Spring 40 Days for Life Kick Off Rally

Our Spring Kick Off Rally is **Thursday, February 8, 6:30 pm at St. Pius X in Mountlake Terrace, 22301 58th Ave W.**

Sophia Di Piazza, NW Regional Director of Students for Life is our guest speaker. This is a joint event with the Lynnwood, Everett and Seattle (Northgate) vigils.

Come to share fellowship and gather in unity as we prepare to pray, fast and participate in this peaceful, prayerful, public witness for life during the Lenten season. Signs and sidewalk materials will be available. Light refreshments will be served. Consider bringing people who need to know more about 40 Days for Life. The more the merrier!

Questions? Contact Rebecca Anderson, 206-718-1205, [40DaysforLife.Lynnwood@gmail.com](mailto:40DaysforLife.Lynnwood@gmail.com)

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## 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](mailto:jeannettea@saintmarkshoreline.org)



# WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

- Father Jacob Maurer

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations,  
to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

*Cf. Ps 106 (105): 47*

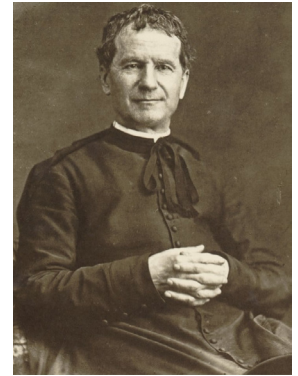
“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?”  
These words of the man with an unclean spirit might well express the anxieties and fears of every human heart. Who doesn't wonder if Jesus' healing might come at too high a cost.

In C.S. Lewis' *The Great Divorce*, one great passage depicts a man who is entrapped by a lizard of lust that sits on his shoulder, whispering evil into his ear. An angel approaches him, offering to help. The man hates the lizard, but as the angel approaches to silence it, he is overcome with fear. Will the death of the lizard kill *him*? Even if he survives, will the pain be too much to bear?

The angel offers him assurances that no, he will not die - though it will not be without pain. Nonetheless, that terrible uncertainty in the moment of decision holds the man captive for no small amount of time until he finally makes his desperate decision. I won't spoil the story for you, but I highly recommend the whole book.

This lesson is one that we need to revisit regularly - and especially in this time of discernment as we face future changes in our parish with *Partners in the Gospel*. Though we may have fears similar to the man in today's reading and in C.S. Lewis' story, we know how it ends: Jesus triumphs over sin & death - and does it for us! May we place our trust in Him, allowing & inviting Him to work in and among us so that we might be healed & restored.

Saint John Bosco - whose memorial is this Wednesday - is known for his care for orphans and the founding of the Salesians.



Inspired by Saint Francis de Sales (whose memorial was last week Wednesday), he dedicated himself to preaching and service. Due to the nationalist movement in Italy at the time, he faced great opposition - there were even assassination attempts on his life! By the time he died in 1888, 250 houses were established serving 130,000 children before his death.

Last Monday - January 22 - was our annual **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**. Though originally oriented towards the overturning of *Roe vs. Wade*, the work of building a culture of life is no less urgent - though there have been victories in courts, we have much to do to touch the hearts of our fellow citizens.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has a website with many, many resources - [www.respectlife.org](http://www.respectlife.org). I found one of the prayers that they share there to be especially affecting: [an appeal to St. Joseph](#). Let us continue to pray for the protection of all human life.





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Dear friends,

We are continuing through the details of my appeal for help in the five areas most on my mind for the good of our community and the incoming priests. This week I would like to share a little more about the role of **lectors**.

Let's put it out there: getting in front of people can be *hard*. But the great benefit of the Mass is that ministers are NEVER making it up as they go. From start to finish, there is a script that guides us in our words, actions, and posture. The Church has gone to extraordinary lengths to help us have confidence in both what we're doing and *how* we do it.

Though a lector is in front of everyone, it's not about them. Theirs is to proclaim the Word of God and lead us in praying for the intentions of the universal Church & our local community. Lectors have 3-5 duties at Mass: processing in with altar servers & priest with the Book of the Gospels, reading the first reading from the Old Testament, reading the second reading from the New Testament, and leading the petitions. Notice, by the way, what a lector is *not*: they're not a performer! Though there is room for enunciation and natural emphasis within a passage, the lector is proclaiming - not performing - the Scriptures.

By the by, those of you who are quick with numbers will notice that that is only four things. This is because sometimes - not often, but sometimes - we don't have a cantor to lead us in singing the psalm. In those cases, the lector will lead us in the psalm (spoken, not sung).

In addition to being able to read clearly and articulately, our bishop requires that all lectors must be baptized and confirmed Catholics.

Saint Mark parish provides an annual publication ([The St. Joseph Handbook for Lectors & Proclaimers of the Word](#)). This provides all of the readings - with pronunciation guides for difficult words & names - along with practical tips, and reflections to help a person understand what it is they're reading.

If you're wondering - yes, we DO have extra copies, waiting for (new!) lectors to join in this integral liturgical ministry! I hope many of you will prayerfully consider being a lector at Sunday (or daily) Masses here at Saint Mark parish.

yours in Christ,

Father Jacob Maurer