


# St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

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Sue Griffith (248) 627-3100

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Monday – Thursday 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

## NEW PARISHIONERS:

Welcome! Individuals who actively participate with us are asked to register by contacting the Parish Office.



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## MISSION STATEMENT

*St. Mark the Evangelist Parish is  
a growing community of faith which strives  
to help its members follow Christ's commandment:  
"Love one another, as I have loved you."  
John 15:12*

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE:

Weekend Liturgies:

Saturday 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day:

Saturday 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

Weekday Liturgies:

Tuesday 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.  
First Friday of the month 8:30 a.m.  
Eucharistic adoration 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Christmas, Easter, and Holy Days: see bulletin

Penance Saturday, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Infant Baptism Contact Parish Office

Matrimony Contact Parish Office  
(9 months in advance)

Anointing of the Sick Contact Parish Office  
(After Masses, at home, or in hospital)

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Monday Noon

## CONTACT INFORMATION:

If you move, have a seasonal address, or change of address, phone or e-mail, please contact the Parish Office.

**St. Mark the Evangelist Feast Day** is Tuesday April 25<sup>th</sup> in the Liturgical Calendar of the church. Each year it is an opportunity for parishioners around the world to celebrate their patron saints day. April 25 generally is within the National Volunteer Appreciation week. Our appreciation reception acknowledges all the faithful Time & Talent of adult parishioners. Our parish is a more vibrant faith community because of the generous members that participate all year round.

As a member of a family, we naturally give for the common good. In Catholic circles, an active parishioner is a registered member of a Parish who participates in weekly Mass and contributes time, talent and treasure through personal stewardship. Once a year through our renewal, adults have the opportunity to name their gifts and skills that can be tapped into for the needs of their parish family. Our coordinator of Time & Talent, Sharon Roberts, facilitates this important ministry.

As Pastor, I am aware and grateful for the valued contribution of parishioners making a difference. A gift each year is given to acknowledge your generosity. Whenever we can participate there is greater sense of belonging to the parish family.

**10 Year Pastoral Plan** was created in 2010 to help perpetuate the growth and development of our Catholic Community. Now -in our 8<sup>th</sup> year- it is prudent to review and revise areas completed and to make necessary additions to the plan. The Pastoral Council and Parish Commissions have this on their agendas.

**Witness to Hope – Capital Campaign** began for us July 2016. From July to December we were among the pilot parishes initiating the diocesan wide campaign. During that time there was a great deal of information shared through meetings and mailings. Each parishioner was given an explanation letter along with a pledge card. Pledges were made over a maximum of 3- 5 years. Several gave through their IRA the required minimum distribution; others choose planned giving from their budgets. The parish plans to continue receiving donations from individuals, funerals, estate planning, and anonymous donors. Any and all contributions help achieve the necessary improvements for the parish buildings and grounds. Each parish has a required amount to contribute toward the diocesan goal. Our pledges fulfilled that requirement in the first two weeks. Now all contributions have been going toward our immediate needs as defined in the Parish Case Statement.

The Finance Council and I have been diligently working in this process to bring our projects from the planning stages to completion. Our Buildings and Grounds Chair, Jim Rabine, has been very dedicated toward completing these projects. Next week, he and I will be attending diocesan meetings to secure the go ahead with the plans and the loan amount. This will include the parking lot replacement and church interior updates.

During this feast day weekend, I offer great appreciation and respect for the sacrifices of our deceased benefactors; they continue to help us maintain a Catholic presence through our individual and community witness as St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community.

Peace,

**MONDAY, April 24**  
6:30 p.m. – Paint & Pray – Parish Center

**TUESDAY, April 25**  
**Parish Feast Day**  
6:30 p.m. – Word & Eucharist

**WEDNESDAY, April 26**  
8:30 a.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish  
9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Guild – Parish Center  
10:00 a.m. – AA – Room 1 & 2  
7:00 p.m. – Confirmation Liturgy – St. John Davison

**THURSDAY, April 27**  
7:00 p.m. – Book Club – Parish Center  
7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice – Church

**FRIDAY, April 28**  
**HOSPITAL VISITS**  
10:00 a.m. – Euchre & Luncheon – Parish Center

**SATURDAY, April 29**  
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Spring Clean Up  
12:00 p.m. – Luncheon – Parish Center  
4:30 – 5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church  
5:30 p.m. – Mass: +Bernice Kuchar / Parish

**SUNDAY, April 30**  
9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Joyce Alford / Alford Family  
9:30 a.m. – Children’s Liturgy of the Word  
10:30 a.m. – Hospitality Hour – Parish Center  
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – REF Grades K-5  
5:30 p.m. – Mass: Victims of Natural Disasters / Parish  
6:30–8:00 p.m. – REF Grades 6-8

**LET US PRAY:**  
***For Peace; for Women/Men in the Military Service:***  
SSG J Gillett; Maj. S Halleaux; Maj. C Kaighen;  
SPC T Kenney; S/Sgt. D Kendall; CPL M Zagone  
***For Our Sick:*** Those who are homebound, in the hospital or another healthcare facility.  
**For Prayer Ministry Requests:** Contact Joan Turner, [joanturner38@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joanturner38@sbcglobal.net) or 248-410-2286.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**  
Mon, 4/24: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8  
Tues 4/25: 1Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7,16-17; Mk16:15-20  
Wed, 4/26: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21  
Thur, 4/27: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36  
Fri, 4/28: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15  
Sat, 4/29: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21  
Sun, 4/30: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;  
1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

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: : **Caring for Creation – Ways to Help the Planet** : :  
: : **Choose Your Diapers Wisely** – Wherever possible, : :  
: : choose cloth diapers – this aids the environment and is : :  
: : kinder to baby’s skin. If you desperately need the : :  
: : convenience of the disposable diaper, use an : :  
: : environmentally friendly brand. The average child uses : :  
: : between five and eight thousand diapers – which equates to : :  
: : 3.5 million tons of landfill waste. And makes a huge dent in : :  
: : your pocket!  
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**Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)  
A SEASON OF JOY**

“They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers” (Acts 2:42). This first line of today’s first reading sets the tone as this fifty-day celebration of Easter opens before us. Today we listen to the teachings of three apostles - Luke, Peter, and John -who remind us that even though we have not seen Christ, we nonetheless are filled with joy as we place our belief in his saving death and resurrection. Each week during the Easter season we will gather as a community of faith to find strength and support from our God and from one another. Each week we will gather to break bread and offer the great prayer of thanksgiving, actions that will manifest the very presence of the risen Christ in our midst. Let us be open to the wonders of this season of joy.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE	
April 15 & 16	
Weekly Collection .....	\$ 6,159.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 2,150.00
Children .....	\$ 26.00
Youth.....	\$ 0
Holy Land Collection.....	\$ 145.00



**CCW – Paint & Pray – Apr. 24**

CCW is hosting Paint & Pray – Monday, Apr. 24, 6:30-9 pm, Parish Center. Cost is \$25 and includes all supplies and beverages. You may bring a snack to share. Enjoy a wonderful evening of creative fun and best of all...no experience necessary. Sign-up by Monday, April 24 in the Gathering Space or Parish Office. You can pay at the door.

**Friday Morning Euchre – Apr. 28**

Euchre is at 10:00 a.m. on Apr. 28 with a light lunch to follow. Cost is \$5.00. Contact Ruth and Mike Petroski at teacuplady47@hotmail.com or 810-344-7293 to sign up.

**Parish Clean-up Day – Apr. 29**

Mark your calendars for our spring Parish Clean-up Day on Saturday, April 29 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. There will be indoor and outdoor projects. Please bring your own gardening tools; the parish will supply everything else, including lunch. Sign up in the Gathering Space.

**Basket Weaving Classes – May 3**

Do you have an interest in learning how to weave a basket? Two classes will be offered on Wednesday, May 3: an afternoon session – 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and an evening session – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$24.00 per person, which includes instruction and materials. Sign up with the Parish Office or in the Gathering Space.

**Cinco de Mayo Celebrations – May 6 and 7**

Join your parish family on Saturday, May 6, after the 5:30 p.m. Liturgy for a Cinco de Mayo Dinner of Mexican Cuisine. RSVP by signing up in the Gathering Space or calling the Parish Office. The celebration continues on Sunday, May 7, with a Cinco de Mayo Breakfast after the 9:30 a.m. Liturgy. No RSVP is needed for breakfast.

**FAITH FORMATION**

**Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation**  
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In Mark 9:24, a soldier and father of a boy Jesus heals says to our Lord, “I do believe; help my unbelief.” A similar sense is shared today by the Apostle Thomas as he doubts the appearance of Jesus after the resurrection. Thomas, known as the doubting Thomas, wants to see and feel the wounds of Jesus before he believes.

I would suggest that most of us are more like Thomas and want to see to believe. But, here is a little learning tool that helps you move forward towards understanding and truth. Doubts and questions are okay, but, do this with the mentality of understanding, not disproving. Ask the questions, not to disprove, like science and math, but to better understand. That is the key to being a faith-filled disciple. When we ask the right questions we believe stronger and live stronger for the Lord.

Here’s a fact, Jesus is real. Now ask the questions that will help you to see that Jesus is not only real, but that he is God. Remember this, “God raised this Jesus from the dead. And, of this we are all witnesses.” (Acts 2:32). Be Easter people!

Walk the Talk! Be Peace!  
Deacon Ron

**REF Children and Youth**

- **4/26 – NO HS Youth Group –** Confirmation at St. John Davison
- **4/30 – REF** (K-5: 11-12:30pm, 6,7,8: 6:30-8pm)
- **5/7 – Final REF and Mandatory ALL REF PARENT MEETING** and early registration.

**St. Mark Youth Group**

- **St. Mark Youth Group COLOR FUN RUN!** Mark the date, Saturday, June 17th, 8:30am. All proceeds go to help support St. Mark Youth Group Mission Trip 2017. Registration available through St. Mark Faith Formation Office. All ages, families, kids, adults!

**Adult Faith Formation**

- **St. Mark Book Club: Next Book – *In Search of Belief*** (Liguori) – Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB; *In Search of Belief* examines the Apostles' Creed phrase-by-phrase, offering challenging interpretations of its familiar themes and a provocative way of understanding--and expressing--its tenets. Discussion dates: April 27th and May 23rd 7-8:30pm

**Confirmation and First Eucharist**

- We have 12 Confirmand and 9 First Communicants. As they approach their final days before receiving their sacrament of initiation keep them in your prayers.
- **Confirmation Liturgy with Bishop Boyea:** Wednesday, April 26th, 7pm St. John Davison
- **Parish Celebration of First Eucharist:** Saturday, May 6th, 10am

**RCIA –** At our Easter Vigil, the sacraments of initiation were celebrated. Laura Bellinger received Confirmation and first Eucharist and Rachel Welch received Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Let’s welcome these two young women into the “loving arms” of our parish.