

From the Pastor's Desk



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Word of God this Sunday focuses on the quality of fidelity or faithfulness that a servant of the Lord should possess.

Moses consoles his fellow Israelites by announcing to them that God will raise up for them another prophet like him (Moses) who will be imbued with the same quality of faithfulness and steadfastness that he possesses. This man of God will be a genuine prophet, speaking only what the Lord will tell him to proclaim and not preaching on his own behalf.

Paul argues why the Corinthians who are not married should remain as they are: because the time is short and so that they can render undivided devotion to the Lord. For Paul says a married man will be necessarily caught up with the affairs of his household, whereas an unmarried one can focus all his energies on the things of God.

In the Gospel, after he has called the first of his disciples, Jesus begins his ministry in word and in deed. People in the synagogue are amazed at the way he teaches. They are astounded that Jesus drives out an unclean spirit from a possessed man. They have not seen anything like this before; they have not met anyone like this man, Jesus. Jesus is totally absorbed in the mission the Father has entrusted to him, and he will remain faithful to the end.

Some of us live like driftwoods in the ocean: without direction or sense of why we are here in this world, allowing the waves and the currents to bring us, instead of taking control. And so we end up being dependent upon others, letting others shape our lives. Instead, when we find time to reflect or realize what gifts we have been endowed with, we get a sense of our "mission" in this world. With this knowledge, we can focus our energies and resources in fulfilling that mission. May we allow nothing to distract us from pursuing that for which God has created us.

Your Servant in Christ,  
Fr Khanh D. Nguyen, Pastor

**PLEASE READ & SAVE THE FEBRUARY CALENDAR INSERT IN TODAY'S BULLETIN.**

**THE NORTHWEST CATHOLIC COLLECTION** will be taken up today. Envelopes are at the ends of the pews.

**ST. MATTHEW ANNUAL CRAB DINNER** is on Saturday, February 3. Tickets (\$40) are on sale in the Community Center on Sundays at the Coffee Hour and at the Parish Office during office hours.

❖ READINGS FOR THE WEEK ❖

**Monday, January 29, St. Gildas the Wise,** 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Gosp Mark 5:1-20 - **Mass at 8:45 am**  
**Tuesday, January 30, St. Hyacintha of Mariscotti,** 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Gosp Mark 5:21-43 - **no morning Mass**  
**Wednesday, January 31, St. John Bosco,** 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Gosp Mark 6:1-6 – **Mass at 8:45 am**  
**Thursday, February 1, St. Brigid of Ireland,** 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; Gosp Mark 6:7-13 – **Mass at 8:45 am**  
**Friday, February 2, St. Joan de Lestonnac,** Malachi 3:1-4; Gosp Luke 2:22-40 – **Mass at 8:45 am**  
**Saturday, February 3, St. Blaise,** 1 Kings 3:4-13; Gosp Mark 6:30-34 - **Mass at 8:45 am**  
**Sunday, February 4, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time,** Job 7:1-4, 6-7; Gosp Mark 1:29-39

**SOUPER SUNDAY CHALLENGE FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** Next Sunday, February 4, St. Vincent de Paul is sponsoring its 9th annual Souper Sunday. Help your favorite team to victory by donating cans of soup. If you believe the team led by Brady will march to victory bring in tomato soup. If you think the fowls led by Foles will fly high, then donate cans of chicken soup. Seahawk fans can celebrate the joy of being a "12" by donating what you "can."

**THANK YOU** St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank the school students, families and faculty for their support during this school year. The school has donated hundreds of food items to help us feed those in need. We are grateful for the school's presence in our parish.

**VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE** - After months of hard work, we are delighted to officially announce the launch of our renewed website:  
[www.stmatthewseattle.org](http://www.stmatthewseattle.org).

Our goal with this new website is to provide an easier way to learn about what is happening at St. Matthew and we are especially proud of our calendar feature which allows visitors to view sub calendars and to submit calendar requests in the Contact section. We hope you find the new website fresh and modern. We worked hard to make sure it contains valuable information. Please check back here for more features as we continue to update our new webpage. For any questions, suggestions, feedback or comments, please E-mail us at [office@stmatthewseattle.org](mailto:office@stmatthewseattle.org) P.S. Please like and follow us on Facebook: @stmatthewsparishseattle.

### Sacred Story-Week 17

Choose the time and place for your 15-minute prayer time.

- Establishing the ritual is vital to your discipline of prayer. If you decided on one period, you are free at any time to switch to two, and vice versa. We are making a life habit our daily prayer.

#### Week 17

- We are given the first of the five concepts in Sacred Story Prayer – **CREATION**.
- The content of the daily prayer sessions is deliberately short and simple.
- The task of this week to acclimate to the 6 parts of the disciplines throughout the day.
- Follow the lesson's text: it will not be complicated and we will begin to remember the pattern to assist our daily prayer.
- Developing a daily pattern, creation of a habit and the use of the concepts of Sacred Story prayer are useful tools that help beyond the 40 Weeks of formation.

#### Affirmation

*God resolves all problems with time and patience.*

#### Information

- The next Sacred Story Gathering is on February 5, 7:00pm at the Parish Office Library. All are welcome!
- If you wish to receive regular e-mail contact [marycross@aol.com](mailto:marycross@aol.com) and [msloane@comcast.net](mailto:msloane@comcast.net)

### WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE PARISH CALENDAR

at: [www.stmatthewseattle.org](http://www.stmatthewseattle.org). Sub-calendars can be sorted - for example: CYO, Faith Formation, Mass Events, Parish Life, School, etc. All ministries and groups should now submit calendar requests via our link off the webpage. Scroll down to the bottom of the homepage to "Submit Parish Calendar Request" or through the Contact menu. This link generates an email to both myself and Jean and will make facilities management much smoother, as everyone can see in "real time" what is scheduled. All submissions are subject to parish office approval. For other general questions, suggestions, feedback or comments regarding the parish webpage please email: [office@stmatthewseattle.org](mailto:office@stmatthewseattle.org)

### STRESSED AND BLESSED PARENT SESSION:

**Sunday - 5 pm at St. Catherine Parish Parents:**  
 We have organized a special parent presentation on teens and stress just for you! Local school counselor Ms. Julie A. Keller, MA, LMHCA, LCC will be presenting on stress management in teens. She will be talking about how stress impacts teens, the difference between stress and anxiety, how to talk about stress with your teen, and more! Please join us on January 28 from 5 - to 6:15 pm at St. Catherine Parish, 814 NE 85<sup>th</sup> Street, Seattle, WA 98115. All are welcomed – even if you don't have kids in the youth group! RSVP by emailing Kate Brown, Youth Ministry Director at [kate@nseattlecatholicyouth.org](mailto:kate@nseattlecatholicyouth.org)

### St. Matthew School News

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**"Excellence – Diversity – Community"**



### Catholic Schools Week This Weekend

Please join the students and staff as we kick off Catholic Schools Week with these events on Sunday, January 28.

- Catholic Schools Week Mass, 10 am
- All School Open House, 11 am to 12:30 pm
- Reception for our award recipients, Laura Kenney, our 2018 Distinguished Graduate and Joseph Damitio, our Young Alumnus. Immediately following Mass in the Community Center.



**Save the Date** for the St. Matthew School Gala Auction on Saturday, March 3. The theme this year is Monopoly, so get ready to play at this great fundraiser and party. You can register online at <http://stmattschool.maestroweb.com/> New this year! We will have a 50/50 raffle. You can win half the pot, up to \$10,000. Tickets are \$100 each and only 200 will be sold. They will be available after Mass when auction tickets are sold and at the auction.

**STANDING WITH OUR NEIGHBORS** Stand in solidarity with our neighbors in need! Join hundreds of Catholics as we put our faith in action to advocate for just policies at Catholic Advocacy Day in Olympia on Wednesday, Feb. 23. The day will include briefings on legislative issues. Mass and appointments with legislators. **Register at [www.jpc.org](http://www.jpc.org) by February 2.**

### Sunday Env/Loose/Holy Days

	<u>01/21/2018</u>	<u>YTD 12/31/2017</u>
Budgeted	\$ 10,025	\$ 299,592
Collected	\$ <u>6,599</u>	\$ <u>288,967</u>
Difference	< \$ 3,426>	<\$ 10,625>



Moses told the people, "The Lord will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own kinsmen. "God still provides among His people the gifts and talents necessary to continue the work of His church. What gifts are yours to share??"