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A PARISH OF MANY CULTURES BUT ONE FAITH

We believe in Jesus Christ and welcome all who seek God's grace.

Our compassionate community embraces many cultures.

Through prayer, liturgy, our ministries and service to others,
we cultivate a lifelong journey of faith.

ST. MATTHEW PARISH

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Weekend Masses: 5:00 pm Saturday
8:00 am & 10:00 am Sunday

Fax: 206-440-9476
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Weekday Masses:

Confessions:

Infant Baptism:

Marriage:

School Office:

8:45 am - Mon., Wed., Thurs., Friday & Sat.
4 to 4:30 pm - Saturday or by appointment
Contact Parish Office
Contact Parish Office
Phone: 206-362-2785; Fax: 206-362-4863



**20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 18, 2019**

From the Pastor's Desk



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Jesus suggests that he came to light the earthen oven, that is, to be a catalyst. As used by Luke, the image is that of the earth's inhabitants set "on fire" by the message of the Gospel.

Fire is used in Scriptures to symbolize God's judgment where the just are purified and the evil ones destroyed (Mal 3:2-5). As metal is refined of dross by fire, so people are tested as genuine by life's orders. Here, Jesus states that the purpose of his coming is to test the hearts of men and women, to separate the good from the evil. Christ becomes a "sign of contradiction," that is, people are divided over him-whether they are for him or against him. He cannot be ignored; one cannot remain neutral; one must take a stand. Since the world has values contrary to Christ's division results between those who accept Christ and those who reject him. His good news is bad news for those who refuse him.

While Jesus is at times seen as "my sweet Lord," his teaching and demand are far from saccharine. They are "salt" that sets hearts on fire. It is true that Jesus comforts those who are afflicted, but he also "afflicts" those who are comfortable to remove them from their comfort zones.

I would like to thank you for those who involved and participated during Our Lady of Namacpacan visiting Saint Matthew. May God bless you all. Mary Mother of God. Pray for us.

Your Servant in Christ,
Fr Khanh D. Nguyen
Pastor



OUR CORNER OF GRATITUDE

We are grateful to be able to welcome Sandi Walls as the new Administrative Assistant for the school, and we pray for a successful school year. We are grateful for every breath we take.

"**CATHOLIC CONVERSATIONS**" is held every Sunday, 11:20 am - 12:30 pm at the Parish Office Library. Participants bring their insights and questions on the Gospel of the day. The gathering promotes faith development for people considering joining the Church, members of the parish and anyone interested in deepening their faith. Join us! All are welcome!

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND To learn more about the upcoming Holy Land tour on May 11–21, 2020 with our pastor Fr. Nguyen, please visit <https://www.holylandtoursllc.com/a-pilgrimage-to-the-holy-land-with-fr-khanh-nguyen/>

❖ DAILY MASS TIMES, READINGS & INTENTIONS ❖

Monday, August 12, Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Gosp: Matthew 17:22-27- Mass at 8:45 am

Tuesday, August 13, Deuteronomy 31:1-8; Gosp Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 – no morning Mass

Wednesday, August 14, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Gosp Matthew 18:15-20 – Mass at 8:45 am

Thursday, August 15, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Gosp Luke 1:39-56 – Masses at 9 am and 7 pm

Friday, August 16, St. Stephen of Hungary, Joshua 24:1-13; Gosp Matthew 19:3-12 – Mass at 8:45 am

Saturday, August 17, St. Joan of the Cross, Joshua 24:14-29; Gosp Matthew 19:13-15- Mass at 8:45 am

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 18, Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Gosp Luke 12:49-53

ANNOUNCING FALL BIBLE STUDY You are invited to join the study of "*Acts: Spread of the Kingdom*" at St. Matthew beginning Wednesday, September 18, and continuing for 10 weeks. Two sessions will be offered – mornings from 9:30 -11 am in the Parish Center Library; and evenings from 7 - 8:30 in the Community Center Conference Room. This study is appropriate for those new to Bible Study and for experienced Bible students – don't be shy – just give it a try! Enrich and deepen your faith as you learn how the Apostles continued Christ's mission on earth through the Power of the Holy Spirit. For more information or to register for the study, call Sara Lane at 206-334-5350 or via email at sslane5@comcast.net or Maureen Sloane at (206) 419-7695 or via email at msloane@comcast.net

ST. MATTHEW HONDURAS MISSION The Mission team is collecting school supplies (spiral notebooks, notebook paper, markers, dry erase markers, black & red pens, report folders, construction paper, etc.), toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, new socks, new underwear and soccer balls to take to the Children's Homes in Honduras next month. A full wish list can be found in the vestibule of the church. Questions? Please contact Kevin and Colleen Flanigan at 206-362-6499 or kevcol85@msn.com.

VOLUNTEERS We still need additional volunteers to help with counting the Sunday collection on Monday mornings at 8:30 am. We rotate teams so a commitment is not every month. If you or your group is interested, please contact Susan Rivera, ext. 203, at the parish office.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS During summer we close at 3 pm on Fridays.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT JOB OPENING

St. Catherine of Siena Parish in north Seattle is looking for a skilled person to work 15-20 hours per week in the parish office, including receptionist duties. Experience with excel and word, attention to detail, organization skills, and the ability to reflect the values of our parish and wider church in everyday interactions are required. Call the parish office, 206-524-8800, or email carolynfoster@stcatherineparish.net for more information and an application.

Is Your Marriage in Crisis? There Is Hope!

When marriages are in crisis, couples often feel alone, frustrated and hopeless. But there is hope! Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of troubled marriages. There is always hope, and you are not alone in your struggle. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for our upcoming weekend Sept. 6-8, 2019, call 206-706-2608 or go to www.helpourmarriage.org.

LIGHT WEIGH ONE KING is a 12-week Catholic Bible Study DVD program for weight-loss and health. The next session begins September 9 at St. Mark Parish, Shoreline. For details, contact Rebecca Anderson at 206-718-1205 or visit lightweigh.com

Rachel's Corner Hope and Healing After Abortion

"It took a lot of courage for me to call, but I'm so glad that I did." - local parishioner
This weekend, numerous women and men are seeking help from the divine healer, Jesus Christ, on a Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreat. Please keep our retreatants and team in your prayers! Could God be calling you to experience this healing as well?

Now registering for Fall Retreats!
October 25-27, Stanwood (Español)
November 8-10, Seabeck (English)
Call for a compassionate, confidential conversation.
English: (206) 920-6413 Español: (206)-450-7814
Email projectrachel@ccsww.org
Visit us at www.ccsww.org/projectrachel or www.facebook.com/projectrachelww.
Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services. You are loved with an everlasting Love!

St. Matthew School News

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"Excellence – Diversity – Community"



Pre-K and Kindergarten Playdate Come play with us on Wednesday, August 21 from 5 to 6 pm on the Big Toy.

Families enrolled in Pre-K and Kindergarten for the upcoming school year are invited, as well as any families wanting to learn more about our great school and to explore Catholic education. RSVP: spretti@stmattschool.org.

Back to School Ice Cream Social and Used Uniform Sale
St. Matthew School families are invited to our Back to School Ice Cream Social at 6 pm on Tuesday, August 27 in the courtyard between the school and Community Center. There will also be a Used Uniform Sale at the same time in the Community Center.

Fall Job Opportunity We are currently seeking high energy, caring people to work in our before and after school care program starting in the fall. We especially love St. Matthew parishioners and alumni. Contact Mrs. Prepotente for more information or stop by the school office. The job description is on the OCS website at <http://www.ocsw.org/>.

August 11, 2019 – SUNDAY COLLECTION

	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
Basket	\$10,686	\$ 8,183	\$ 2,503
Online	<u>\$ 2,692</u>	<u>\$ 2,519</u>	<u>\$ 173</u>
Total	\$13,378	\$10,702	\$ 2,676

Year-to-date: \$66,121 \$ 69,709 < \$ 3,588 >
(Fiscal Year 2020 from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020)

Note: This report includes all sources of parish income and actual expenses for the fiscal year.



In today's second reading, St. Paul encourages us not to grow weary or lose heart, but to persevere in following Jesus. Our willingness to give of ourselves, even in the face of conflict and division, is one way to measure our discipleship.