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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

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Weekday Masses:

Confessions:

Infant Baptism:

Marriage:

School Office:

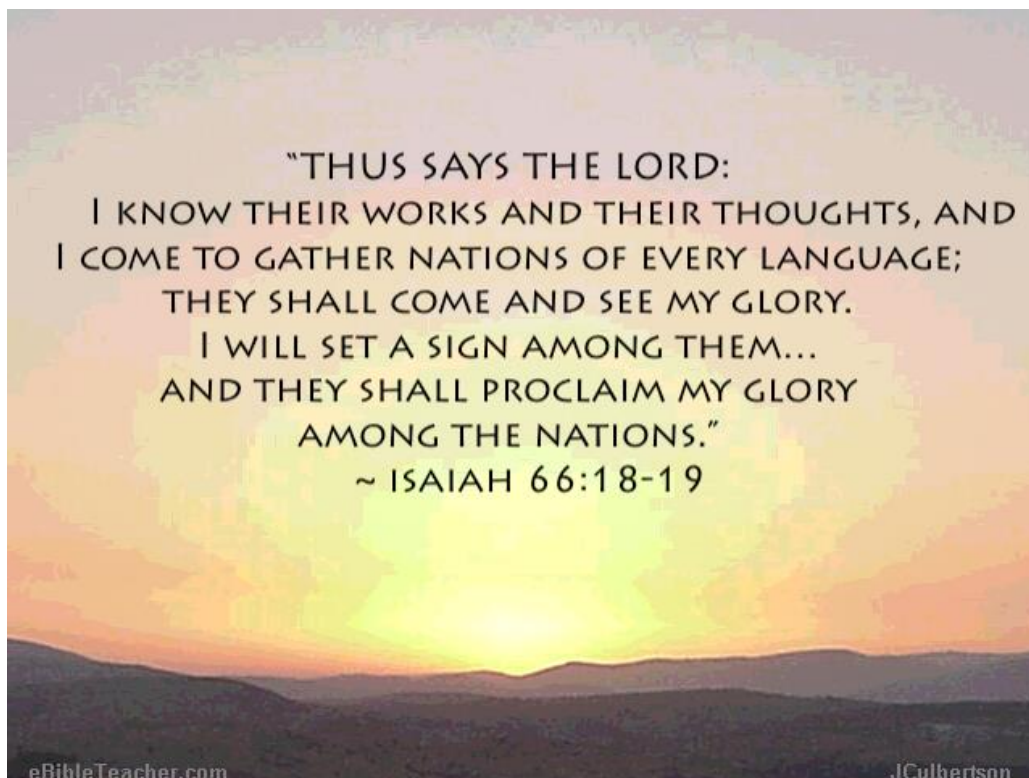
8:45 am - Mon., Wed., Thurs., Friday & Sat.

4 to 4:30 pm - Saturday or by appointment

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**21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 25, 2019**

From the Pastor's Desk



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

While all human beings die, going the “way of the flesh,” later Jewish belief holds that the just continue to have existence in the afterlife. The Book of Wisdom declares, “The soul of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them” (3:1). To the Sadducees who deny that there is a resurrection, Jesus says, “The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob ... is not God of dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive” (Lk 20:37-38).

Of the patriarchs, Abraham is the most important. The Jews in Jesus' time see him as the Father of the Jewish people, and the original source of blessings for the Jewish people. In many instances, God's compassion towards the Israelites is invoked on the basis of God's covenant with Abraham (Dt 9:27; Mi 7:18-2). It was Abraham's obedience to God (Gn 26:4-5) that is the basis for the blessing of his descendants.

Jesus identifies Abraham as one who is alive in God. He reaches that Abraham presides at the eschatological banquet together with Isaac, Jacob and all the prophets (v 28). Jesus uses the heavenly Abraham as a figure to express what paradise is for the Jews: to be “carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham” (Lk 16:22).

Jesus, however, underlines that “to recline with Abraham” is not simply based on being Jewish by birth. In the parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man, the rich man addresses Abraham as “Father” yet Abraham refuses to assist him and bring him relief (Lk 16:24-31). To recline with Abraham is the fruit of righteousness, and hence, Gentiles could be included, while certain Jews may find themselves excluded from the heavenly banquet. For this last consideration, Abraham is also an appropriate figure because he himself welcomed strangers in his lifetime (Gn 18).

Your Servant in Christ,
Fr Khanh D. Nguyen
Pastor

“**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!

VOLUNTEERS are still needed to help with counting the Sunday collection at the Parish Office 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.

❖ DAILY MASS TIMES, READINGS & INTENTIONS ❖

Monday, August 26, St. Teresa of Jesus Jornet Ibars, 1

Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10; Gosp: Matthew 23:13-22 - Mass at 8:45 am

Tuesday, August 27, St. Monica, 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Gosp Matthew 23:23-26 – no morning Mass

Wednesday, August 28, St. Augustine of Hippo, 1

Thessalonians 2:9-13; Gosp Matthew 23:27-32 – Mass at 8:45 am

Thursday, August 29, St. John the Baptist, 1

Thessalonians 3:7-13; Gosp Mark 6:17-29 – Masses at 8:45 am

Friday, August 30, 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Gosp Matthew 25:1-13 – Mass at 8:45 am – **for Remedias B. Valencia, Sr. death anniversary**

Saturday, August 31, 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Gosp Matthew 25:14-30 - Mass at 8:45 am

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 1, Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Gosp Luke 14:1, 7-14



OUR CORNER OF GRATITUDE

- ◆ We are grateful and pleased for the new landscaping on the north side of our Parish Community Center.
- ◆ We are grateful for all of our volunteers who help with stuffing bulletins, posting to our parish data system, and for those who help as our counters.
- ◆ A special thanks from Sue Canney to all those who worked in the parish office so she could take a vacation to spend time with her Mom.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST.

MATTHEW COUNCIL St. Matthew Council will conduct a membership drive after each of the Masses on Sundays, September 1 & 8. If you are interested in

serving in our parish, helping those in need, and growing in your faith, please consider joining St. Matthew Council 14852 of the Knights of Columbus. In addition, members have access to top-rated insurance protection for your family. For more information, visit kofc.org or contact Membership Director/ Grand Knight- Bro. Luis Abad, Jr. at labad327@aol.com or 206-362-5268.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE HOMEBOUND ARE NEEDED Our Homebound list has greatly increased. Volunteers are needed to bring communion on Sunday to the sick and elderly who cannot attend Mass. It would be very much appreciated for any time that you could give to this ministry. The joy you receive is immeasurable. Please call the Parish Office or Joanne Bowen at 206-365-1292. Thank you and God Bless.



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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS Regular hours resume on Friday, September 6, The office will be open from 8:30 am – 12 noon and 1 – 4:30 pm.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND To learn more about the upcoming Holy Land tour on May 11 thru May 21, 2020, with Fr. Nguyen, please visit <https://www.holylandtoursllc.com/a-pilgrimage-to-the-holy-land-with-fr-khanh-nguyen/>. A meeting for all interested parties is being held on Friday, September 6, at 6 pm in the Parish Community Center conference room to introduce the tour, including:

1. Registration process, Payments, Insurance and communications between the pilgrims and HLT LLC.
2. Flights, upgrades, seating, departure airport.
3. General overview about the places to visit
4. Buses, Hotels, Guides, and daily tour process.
5. food, drinks, safety, clothing, weather.
6. Doctors, Hospitals, Currency, money needed etc.
7. Answer your questions. We would love to have you join us!

RACHEL'S CORNER HOPE AND HEALING

AFTER ABORTION Is it hard to imagine escaping the darkness you have known since your abortion decision? Would you be willing to invite God in, so He can show you the way with His light? Join us for a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat. For a compassionate, confidential conversation, please call or email: English: 206-920-6413; Español: 206-450-7814; projectrachel@ccsw.org; For more information, visit www.ccsw.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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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 & after school care program" starting this fall. We especially love St. Matthew parishioners & alumni. Contact Mrs. Prepotente for more information or stop by the school office. Job description is at <http://www.ocsw.org/>.

SACRED STORY PRAYER FORMATION starts again at St. Matthew with an orientation on Monday, October 2, at 7 pm. See insert in today's bulletin for complete details.

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 & 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 kevc085@msn.com.

August 18, 2019 – SUNDAY COLLECTION

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Basket	\$ 7,921	\$ 8,183	<\$ 262>
Online	\$ 2,393	\$ 2,519	<-\$ 126>
Total	\$10,314	\$10,702	<-\$ 388>
Year-to-date:	\$76,435	\$ 80,411	< \$ 3,976 >
(Fiscal Year 2020 from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020)			



Today's reading from Isaiah describes the Israelites bringing their offering to the Lord "in clean vessels." The gift of myself---my patient endurance and fidelity to the will of God---is as important as the monetary gift I offer.