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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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Confessions:

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Infant Baptism:  
Marriage:

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

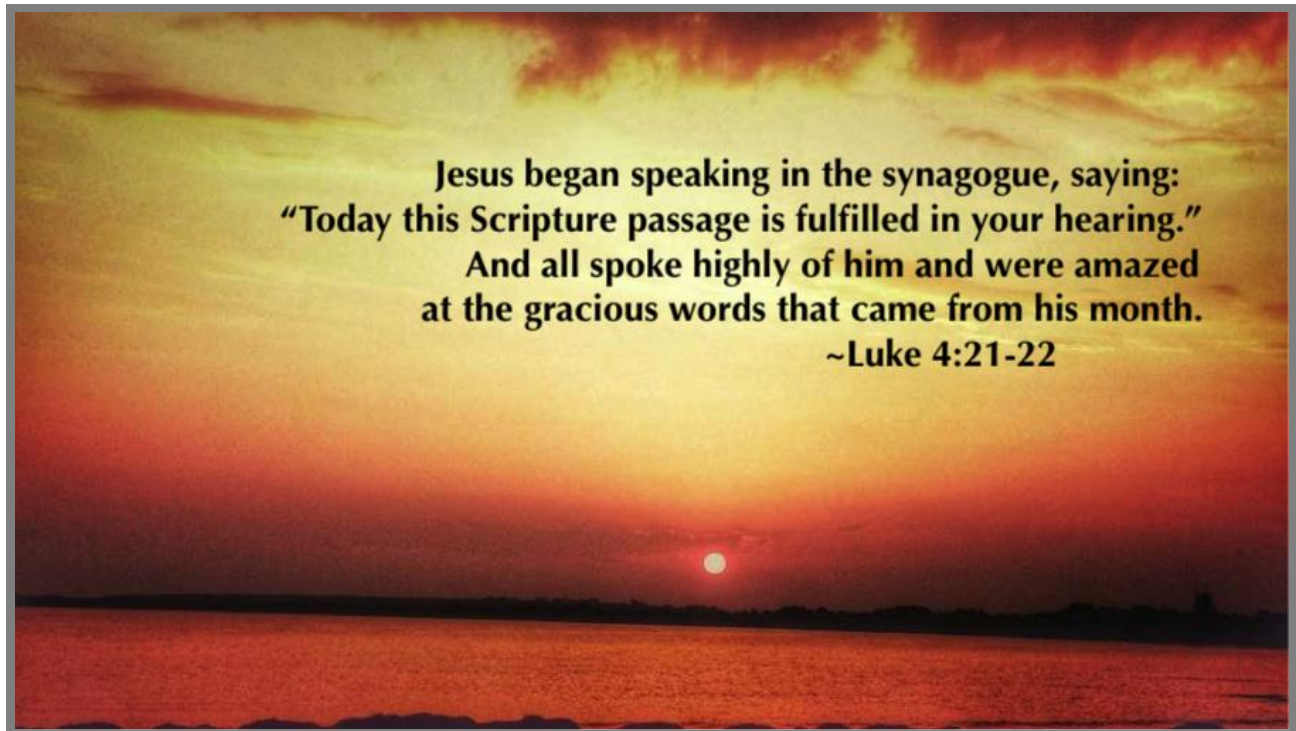
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**February 3, 2019  
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## From the Pastor's Desk



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"There is no place like home." After all, home is where we belong. In the home we first experience being loved and cared for; it is where we can be our true selves and are accepted. At the end of a hard day's work, we often sigh, "It's good to be home!"

In the Gospel, Jesus returns home, to his native town of Nazareth. His sense of belonging is shown in his attendance at the synagogue service and in volunteering to do the reading. His fellow town mates initially welcome him, amazed at his gracious words. But then they realize he is just one of them, someone without proper credentials and their admiration turns into doubt.

Jesus responds by saying that their reaction is something "normal" or expected because "no prophet is accepted in his own native place." He cites the examples of two pagans-the widow of Zarephath and Naaman the Syrian. Feeling insulted, the people are infuriated and want to throw Jesus off the cliff, but he manages to escape.

When we judge people simply by their background, we can lose sight of their real worth. The townsfolk of Nazareth forget Jesus' marvelous deeds and his gracious words and teachings as they become fixated or scandalized by his "ordinariness." They are not wise enough to realize that God can reveal himself in ordinary, unspectacular ways.

Happy "TET" to all of you. May "The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let his face shine upon you and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!" (Numbers 6: 24-26).

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



**ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA** (1869 – 1947) was born in rural Sudan, Africa, and was sold into slavery at about age 7. After suffering extreme torture in captivity, she gained freedom through Italian courts and later became a sister of the

Canossian Daughters of Charity. Canonized in 2000 by Pope John Paul II, she is the namesake of Bakhita Gardens, which serves homeless women in Seattle's Belltown neighborhood. Her feast day is celebrated on February 8. To learn more, visit <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/st-josephine-bakhita-680>

**JOIN US FOR THE SENIOR BRUNCH** on Friday, February 8 at 9:30 am in the Parish Center Office Library.

## ❖ DAILY MASS TIMES, READINGS & INTENTIONS ❖

**Monday, February 4**, Hebrews 11:32-40; Gosp; Mark 5:1-20 - Mass at 8:45 am

**Tuesday, February 5, St. Agatha**, Hebrews 12:1-4; Gosp Mark 5:21-43 – no morning Mass – **for Nelly Sammiento**

**Wednesday, February 6, St. Paul Miki**, Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15; Gosp Mark 6:1-6 – Mass at 8:45 am

**Thursday, February 7**, Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24; Gosp Mark 6:7-13 – Mass at 8:45 am

**Friday, February 8, St. Josephine Bakhita**, Hebrews 13:1-8; Gosp Mark 6:14-29– Mass at 8:45 am

**Saturday, February 9**, Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21; Gosp Mark 6:30-34 - Mass at 8:45 am

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 10**, Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8; Gosp Luke 5:1-11



## COME JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE 2019 LUNAR NEW YEAR AT ST. MATTHEW

There will be a Mass at 11 am on Saturday, February 9, in the church, with a celebration to follow at 12

noon in the Community Center Hall. Tết, Vietnamese New Year, Vietnamese Lunar New Year or Tết Holiday, is the most important celebration in Vietnamese culture. The word is a shortened form of Tết Nguyên Đán, which is Sino-Vietnamese for "Feast of the First Morning of the First Day"

Tết takes place from the first day of the first month of the Lunar calendar (around late January or early February) until at least the third day. Many Vietnamese prepare for Tết by cooking special holiday foods and cleaning their house. There are a lot of customs practiced during Tết such as visiting a person's house on the first day of the new year (xông nhà), ancestral worship, wishing New Year's greetings, giving lucky money to children and elderly people and opening a shop.

Tết is also an occasion for pilgrims and family reunions. During Tết, Vietnamese visits their relatives, churches and temples, forgetting the troubles of the past year and hoping for a better upcoming year. They consider Tết to be the first day of spring and the festival is often called Hội xuân (spring festival).

Like other Asian countries, Vietnamese believe that the color of red and yellow will bring good fortune, which may explain why these colors can be seen everywhere in Lunar New Year. People consider what they do on the dawn of Tết will determine their fate for the whole year, hence people always smile and behave as nice as they can in the hope for a better year.

**FATHER WILLIAM POWER SERVICE AWARD NOMINATION** Forms are available at the ends of the pews. Please take a form home and consider nominating a parishioner who exemplifies outstanding service and has ongoing involvement in the parish community at St. Matthew. Forms are due in the Parish Office no later than Monday, February 11. Thank you.

**SACRED STORY RESOURCES - WEEK 16**  
 This week we are learning the components of a daily prayer life with exercises for different times of the day. Sacred Story Resources can be found on St. Matthew's Facebook page or the Sacred Story Institute's website –free membership (sacredstory.net). To subscribe to the weekly email outreach, contact [marycross@aol.com](mailto:marycross@aol.com). The next Sacred Story Gathering is February 4, at 7 pm in the Parish Office Library. All are welcome.

**THE WINE AND CHEESE SOCIAL** is on Saturday, February 9, at 6 pm in the Community Center Conference Room.

**ALL CATHOLICS ARE INVITED** to attend The Joy of Life: Celebrating 50 Years of Humanae Vitae Conference being held on Saturday, March 2, at St. Brendan Catholic Church. This event offers "Ted talk" style presentations by Bishop Mueggenborg, Dr. Sarah Bartel, Jason Kidd, Ashley McCullough and more. Meet and network with other Catholics throughout the day at the vendor booths and exhibits. Learn more at [www.cwbn.us/joyoflife](http://www.cwbn.us/joyoflife) or call 253-278-6550. Registration opens February 1.

**THE MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY COMMITTEE** at St. Luke Parish invites you to find out how YOUR parish and faith community can provide understanding and support to those suffering from mental illness and their families. Attendees will receive specific tools and resources from parishes that have been offering this support to their parishioners and families impacted by mental illness. Come to one of following free workshop luncheon events. Wednesday, February 13, at Holy Family Parish, Kirkland; or at Wednesday, March 20, at St. Luke's Parish in Shoreline. Lunch provided. Register for a luncheon by emailing [ericac@seattlearch.org](mailto:ericac@seattlearch.org).

**NEW TO THE PARISH? INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR COMMUNITY?** Please call the parish office at 206-363-6767 and we will mail you a registration packet.

**St. Matthew School News**

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**"Excellence – Diversity – Community"**



**80's Prom Gala Auction** The St. Matthew School Gala Auction will be on Saturday, March 2 and the theme is 80's prom! Dust off your taffeta dresses, shoulder pads, parachute pants and skinny ties and get ready to have a rad time. RSVP at <http://stmattschool.maestroweb.com/> or buy your tickets at coffee hour in February.



**SCRIP HOURS** ▶ **Mondays:** from 1:45-2:15 pm in school work room ▶ **Fridays:** from 8 - 8:15 am & 2:45 - 3:15 pm in school work room ▶ **Sundays:** 8:30-11:30 in the Parish Community Center. We accept cash and checks made payable to St. Matthew SCRIP. Thank you!

**ABOUT OUR PARISH BULLETIN** There are currently several spaces available on the back of our bulletin. If you would like to advertise your business or know of someone who would be interested, please call the Catholic Printery, 206-859-6878. We encourage you to patronize our advertisers who provide the bulletin each week at no expense to the parish.

**JANUARY 2019 COLLECTION**

<u>1/27/19</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<b>Basket</b>	\$ 8,224	\$ 10,646	\$ <2,422>
<b>Online</b>	\$ 2,789	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,789
<b>Total</b>	\$ 11,013	\$ 11,646	\$ < 633>
<b>Year-to-date</b> (since 7/1/18)	\$315,989	\$ 320,462	\$ <4,472>



**Jeremiah declares that the Lord knew him before he was born, and dedicated and appointed him to his role as prophet even before he drew breath. We, too, are known and sent by the Lord. What deeds of love and service are mine to perform?**