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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

1240 NE 127th St.
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**Weekend Masses: 4pm Seniors & 5:30pm Saturday
 8am & 10am Sunday
 (10am Mass is also live streamed)**

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Weekday Masses: 8:45 am - Mon., Wed., Thurs., Friday & Sat.
Confession: By appointment only - contact Fr Khanh Nguyen 206 363-6767 X 206
Infant Baptism: Contact Parish Office
Marriage: Contact Parish Office

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November 1, 2020

PASTORS CORNER



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today, the Solemnity of All Saints, we proclaim the Beatitudes. Pope Francis gave us a lengthy commentary on the Beatitudes in his 2018 apostolic exhortation *Gaudete et Exultate* (Rejoice and Be Glad). By imitating the saints, we become saints ourselves; this is, in fact, the goal of our Christian life. For Pope Francis, “nothing is more enlightening than turning to Jesus’ words ... The Beatitudes are like a Christian identity card ... In the Beatitudes, we find a portrait of the Master, which we are called to reflect in our daily lives” (GE, 63).

Let us draw helpful insight from Pope Francis’s reflection on the first four Beatitudes.

Blessed are the poor in spirit. “Wealth ensures nothing. Indeed, once we think we are rich, we can become so self-satisfied that we leave no room for God’s Word, for the love of our brothers and sisters ... That is why Jesus calls blessed those who are poor in spirit, those who have a poor heart; for there the Lord can enter ... Being poor of heart: that is holiness” (GE 68,70).

Blessed are the meek. Pope Francis ask us to follow *St. Therese of Lisieux* who asserts that “perfect charity consists in putting up with others’ mistakes, and not being scandalized by their faults ... Reacting with meekness and humility: that is holiness” (GE 72,74).

Blessed are those who mourn. “The World tells us exactly the opposite: entertainment, pleasure, diversion and escape make for the good life ... But the cross can never absent ... Knowing how to mourn with others: that is holiness” (GE 75,76).

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. “True justice comes about in people’s lives when they themselves are just ... Hungering and thirsting for righteousness: that is holiness” (GE 79).

Holy Mother of God. Pray for us. Saints Joseph and Matthew. Pray for us. Holy Men and Women. Pray for us.

Your Servant in Christ,

Fr Khanh D. Nguyen
Pastor



News , notes & Prayers

Please be sure to register on-line for Mass, and only sign up for one Mass each weekend. We are starting to reach maximum capacity, with proper social distancing, for Mass under Phase 2, and we want to ensure we can accommodate all our parishioners who wish to attend. Please call the parish office if you have any questions.

PRAYERS:

For healing and comfort, especially: **Dave Swinarski**, continued prayers for **Jean Cooney**, and for **all suffering from any illness or disease**.

For those who died, especially: **Usha Mavis Shaha**, **Edgar Sing**, **Caroline Sing**, and **Rebecca Alicbusan**.

Mass intention for the souls of; **Janet Julius**, **Agnus Julius**, **Virginia Reyes** and **Ching Robles**

THE FLOWERS: for Mass this weekend were donated in loving memory of Elizabeth Boonruang Panaram.

SVdP ANNUAL FOOD LIST IS HERE: We are holding our annual food drive before/after Masses on the next two weekends of Nov 7/8 and 14/15. We are most in need of holiday fare such as stuffing and cranberries. Due to COVID restrictions please place your food donations by the bench in the vestibule of the church. See the insert in today’s bulletin for the **FOOD LIST** and collection schedules. Thank you for helping to make the holidays more special for our neighbors in need.

ST. MATTHEW PARISH: has an opening for a temporary, 25 hour-a-week Custodian. Job tasks include cleaning and light maintenance for the parish and school buildings and grounds, to include dust mopping and/or vacuuming floors, cleaning bathrooms, collecting and emptying garbage and recycle, and washing windows. Also includes blowing walkways, some weeding, and raking on a seasonal basis. Ability to lift and carry up to 40 pounds is required. For more information on how to apply, please contact parishoffice@stmatthewseattle.org, or call 206-363-6767. Open until filled.

ST. MATTHEW PARISH: in North Seattle, is accepting applications for a dynamic, faith filled person to be our part time youth minister. We want to grow our youth ministry for middle school and high school as we animate our youth to understand their connection to

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and involvement with their faith. This is a 10 to 15 hour a week position, which will grow into a full time position within the next three years. For more information, or to apply please contact the parish office at: parishoffice@stmattthewseattle.org

FRESH FLOWERS: can be donated for our altar! **Flowers can be placed in the vase by the school door by 9:30am each Saturday.**

Thank you to those who have brought flowers from their gardens or bouquets. All flowers will be used! If you wish to make a monetary donation, \$30 a week will cover usual expenses. Email the parish office to place your dedication name(s) in the bulletin. Funds for flowers should be labeled Altar Society.



ORDER YOUR OWN MISSAL: So you can follow along with Mass at home. Order "Today's Missal" by calling OCP (Oregon Catholic Press) 1 800 548 8749

GROWING IN LOVE OF GOD AND NEIGHBOR: An

excerpt from an article written by Allison Gingras. The secret to giving all to God while balancing the world's demands is prayer. In conversation with God, we witness love in action, and with the Spirit's guidance, we can prioritize and navigate the world He has put us in. Remember, He knows the plans and the purpose for which you were created. Most importantly, He knows how to protect your soul, so one day, you will be with Him in heaven forever.

The incredible thing is, when we live in a relationship with God and work to imitate Jesus, then giving all, including loving our neighbor like ourselves, becomes seamless. If we truly believe God is who He says He is, then we also believe He deserves the highest place in our heart, mind, and soul. If we give Him all, we will naturally love our neighbor; we'll see them with the eyes of God, recognizing they too are made in His likeness and image; wonderfully and fearfully made.

Allison Gingras

PRAYER:

Lord, I long to love you with all my heart, mind, and soul.

I invite you today into every aspect of my life, recognizing each is a gift from you.

May my offering all I have to you grow my Christian faith and understanding,

but most of all, may I grow in the love of neighbor. Amen.

FINANCIALS WILL RESUME NEXT WEEK.



St. Matthew School News

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ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL FUND DRIVE

We have started our St. Matthew School Fund Drive. YOU are an important part of keeping Jesus at the heart of our school and giving HOPE to our students. Your gifts go directly to helping our students and teachers this year. Our need is greater than ever with families impacted by COVID and our teachers meeting the needs of our students in person and remotely. If you are able, please donate today. Donate online at www.stmattschool.org. Thank you!



SCHOOL UPDATE

We began the school our Pre-Kindergarten class attending school in-person and all other grades doing remote learning. As COVID-19 case counts dropped in September, we began to slowly bring back students to in-person learning. We were so happy to welcome our first and second graders back to the classrooms, with many new safety procedures in place. Since COVID-19 case are rising again, we are being very careful as we plan our return to the classrooms. We pray that case counts go down again so that we can continue to bring back more students.



SCRIP CARDS Did you know, while the school and parish are closed to assist in the effort to control the corona virus, **YOU** can still support St. Matthew by buying SCRIP online?! Go to and shop with scrip.com and register your family.

When you register you will need to Join a SCRIP Program. That program is St. Matthew School in Seattle. Contact your SCRIP Coordinator at Scrip@stmattschool.org for your ENROLLMENT CODE.

Once you register, you will need to link your SCRIP to your bank account through the secure PrestoPay. Go to www.shopwithscrip.com to learn more about SCRIP NOW and RELOADABLE SCRIP.