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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.
Seattle, WA 98125

Weekend Masses: 4pm Seniors & 5:30pm Saturday

8am & 10am Sunday
(10am Mass is also live streamed)

Website: stmatthewseattle.org Phone: 206-363-6767 E-mail: parishoffice@stmatthewseattle.org

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

Confession: By appointment only - contact Fr Khanh Nguyen 206 363-6767 X 206

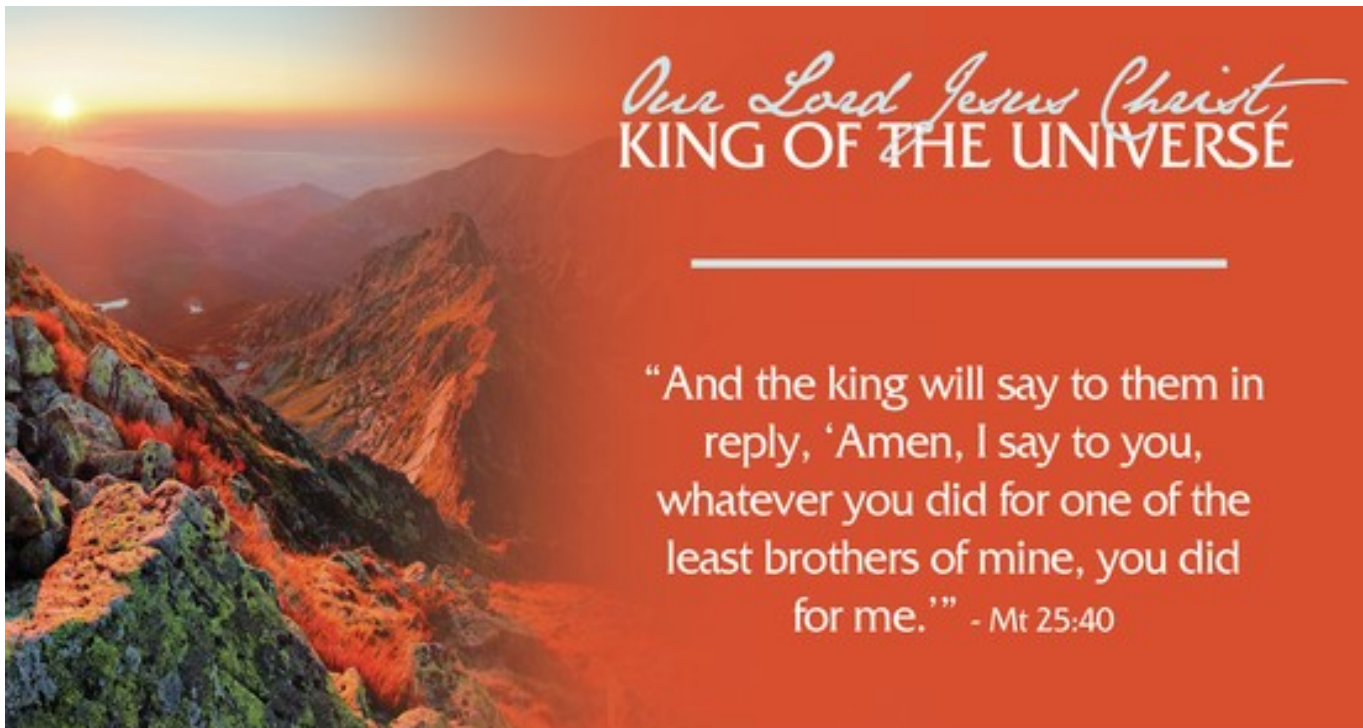
Infant Baptism: Contact Parish Office

Marriage: Contact Parish Office

ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL

Phone: 206-362-2785

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November 22, 2020

PASTORS CORNER



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Solemnity of Christ the King is the crown of the liturgical year; next Sunday, the first Sunday of Advent, begins a new liturgical year.

The Gospel is Mathew's dramatic description of the Last Judgment. Here we find the "stand" or "criterion" of judgment. Have we shown mercy of Christ in the way we have treated him in the "little ones" of society?

The parable teaches us what Jesus requires; mercy, tenderness and compassion are the rule of life for us. It is on this basis that we will be judged. We know Jesus' words so well: "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

Your Servant in Christ,
Fr Khanh D. Nguyen
Pastor

THE PARISH OFFICE : Will be closed for Thanksgiving Thursday November 26th and Friday November 27th

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.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS: will be at **9 am on Thursday, November 26th.** The monetary collection will be given to St. Vincent de Paul. Advance signups (same as Sunday Masses) will apply. We are not able to accept food contributions on that day.

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

News, notes & Prayers

PRAYERS:

- For healing and comfort, especially Janna Moskovitz, Andy Duran, Tom Lord, Elizabeth Lemire, the residents of Northgate Plaza, and for all suffering from COVID or any illness or disease.
- For those who died, especially Ernesto Aurelio.
- For all celebrating a birthday or anniversary.

WE HAVE A YOUTH MINISTER: Please welcome Anna Budinick as our new Youth Minister!

ADVENT GIVING TREE: We are collecting donations of Gift Cards for the St Matthew Giving Tree Ministry. **Please see the insert** in the bulletin of the agencies we are supporting. The Gift Cards can be returned at mass in a sealed envelope marked St Matthew Giving Tree and placed in the giving basket at the front door when checking in or to the Parish office drop box at the front door.

Gift Cards requested: Safeway, Fred Meyer, Home Depot, Amazon, Costco, Target, Walmart, Walgreens and Pre-Paid Visa Cards.

For information or questions please call Monica Williams at 206.915.7555. Thank you.



SOCK IT TO THE HOMELESS: Operation Nightwatch needs men's white socks for the homeless. They are on their feet all day and rarely have more than one pair of socks which are often wet.

If you'd like to help, please bring new white socks to the parish office during the week (Office hours are 8:30am to 12:30pm M-F) or on Sunday's you can leave them at the back of the Church. Please be sure and let the Check-in person know what you need to do so they can get them in the basket provided.

Please bring the socks by December 13th. Please note that men's white socks are half price at Fred Meyer the day after Thanksgiving!

If you have any questions, please contact Jackie or Clark at 206 866-4103. Thank you.

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 or names in the bulletin. Funds for flowers should be labeled Altar Society.

THIS YEAR'S THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION:

will be so different than before as we try to keep each other safe during this nasty virus but, we can phone, FaceTime, Zoom or find another way to pray, and "be" with each other so we stay as connected as possible. We have much to be thankful for.



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**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD
IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

There Is Much to Be Done

Growing up Catholic means I must have heard a million times the passage in Matthew's Gospel about how doing things for the "least of these" means you have done them for Jesus. Okay, that is an exaggeration to make a point. But it has been a slogan for so many social justice activities, from clothing and canned food drives, to letter writing campaigns and peaceful protests.

Growing up I only knew how to help the least of these through the school and church activities of the time. Today, YouTube and GodTube are filled with videos of creative ways people reach out to one another. Have you seen the one about the pizza party for the homeless? How about the fake lottery ticket or the house bought from online donations for a poor man? There are even videos of people paying for the car behind them at the drive-through! The awesome thing about this is that it serves as a witness to others. It is not boasting but instead sharing the Good News. Giving and good stewardship can be contagious!

Our pastor has several times over the years handed out \$10 bills to confirmation candidates and asked them to "pay it forward." They can keep the money or use it to make a difference in someone else's life. One teen planted a garden for an elderly woman. One bought ingredients for brownies and sold them to give even more than \$10 to charity. The teens not only learned something about good stewardship in the process, but also served as great examples to the parish community.

As always, there is much to be done. The King is coming soon! Let's spread the news and some love at the same time!

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

11-08-2020 Sunday Mass Giving

	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
Basket	\$ 9,089	\$ 7,854	\$ 1,235
On line	\$ 4,380	\$ 2,330	\$ 2,050
Total	\$ 13,469	\$ 10,184	\$ 3,285
Year to Date	\$ 163,492	\$ 170,283	\$ 6,791

(Fiscal year 2021 from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021)



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St. Matthew School News

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LOOKING FOR THE CLASSES of 1960 & 1980
St. Matthew School has graduating class photos for nearly all of our grades proudly displayed in our hallway, but we are still missing the classes of 1960 and 1980. If you have an 8th grade class photo from 1960 or 1980, please contact the school at spretti@stmattschool.org. Thank you!

ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL FUND DRIVE

THANK YOU to the many people who have donated to the St. Matthew School Fund Drive. We have raised more than \$57,000 so far of our goal of \$65,000. YOU are an important part of keeping Jesus at the heart of our school and giving HOPE to our students. There is still time to donate on Giving Tuesday (December 1) or make a year-end gift. Donate online at www.stmattschool.org. Thank you.



SCRIP CARDS Did you know, while the school and parish are semi 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.