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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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**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 8, 2020**

PASTORS CORNER



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Gospel describes for us how to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus' "Kingdom Parable" of the Ten Virgins is drawn from the customary wedding practices in Palestine. The bridesmaids are tasked with receiving and accompanying the bridegroom to the wedding feast. It is customary to celebrate it at night; thus, the bridesmaids have to be equipped with lamps.

We all know well the parable; five are wise and five are foolish. The foolish do not bring along any additional oil. As the bridegroom is delayed, they all fall asleep. At midnight the bridegroom comes; the wise go in with him to the banquet. The foolish are late and miss their opportunity; they remain outside.

The lamp is the symbol of faith that illumines our life, while the oil is the symbol of the charity that nourishes, makes fruitful and credible the light of faith. The condition to be ready for the encounter with the Lord is not only faith, but a Christian life rich in love and charity for our neighbor.

If we let ourselves be guided by what seems to us more comfortable, by the pursuit of our interest, our life becomes sterile, incapable of giving life to others, and we don't accumulate any oil stock for the lamp of our faith. And, the latter-faith-will go out at the moment of the Lord's coming, or even before.

If, instead, we are vigilant and we seek to do good, with gestures of love, of sharing, of service to our neighbor in difficulty, we can remain at peace while we await the coming of the bridegroom. The Lord can come any moment, and even the sleep of death does not scare us, because we have the reserve of oil, occluded with the good works of every day. Faith inspires charity and charity guards faith.

Let us belong to the "wise" with lighted lamps and abundant supply of oil.

Your Servant in Christ,

Fr Khanh D. Nguyen
Pastor

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.

News, notes & Prayers

PRAYERS:

- * For healing and comfort, especially: **Na Nguyen**, and for all suffering from COVID or any illness or disease.
- * For those who died, especially: **Dominic Do**.
- * Mass intention for the souls of; **Lowell Wally Walton, Jun Morales. And Robert Arenas**

THE FLOWERS: for Mass last weekend were donated for All Souls Day. This is a correction!

SVdP ANNUAL FOOD LIST IS HERE: We are holding our annual food drive before/after Masses this weekend and next. 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.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS: will be at **9 a.m. 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.

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.

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.

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

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THE LIGHT AND THE DARK: An excerpt from an article written by Br. John-Marmion Villa.

How can we learn to temper our five senses, then, in order to help our souls be more attentive to the arrival of the Bridegroom (v.6b)?

1. The Jesus Prayer, often found in Eastern Christian literature, the constant repetition of the phrase, "Lord Jesus, son of the living God, have mercy on me, a sinner," can have a dual effect. It can calm our agitation, and it can focus our attention. Learning to pray The Jesus Prayer with a trusted guide can be a helpful tool in learning how to remain calm and focused throughout the day.

2. Ascetical Practice, this is nothing more than learning how to say "no" to pleasures and desires which are illicit. It's not that our desires or pleasures are bad or immoral, it's rather that they can seductively dominate or crowd out time and space for prayer. If we are unable to say "no" to them, we can find ourselves enslaved by these pleasures through our rationalized excuses for them.

3. Love in action. I read this recently, "A study from Yale said the best way to deal with stress is to do a small act of generosity for someone else." Our stress levels can be diminished when we diffuse someone else's stress. This is difficult for us, indeed, but not impossible! This difficulty that we all experience is the Titanic-sized effort to shift the focus of our lives away from "me" and onto "you." In this way, we can become the hands and feet of Jesus wherever we go.

PRAYER

One dark night,
fired with love's urgent longings — ah, the sheer grace! —
I went out unseen, my house being now all stilled.

In darkness and secure, by the secret ladder,
disguised, — ah, the sheer grace! —
in darkness and concealment, my house being now all stilled.

On that glad night,
in secret, for no one saw me, nor did I look at anything, with no other light or guide than the one that burned in my heart.

(excerpt of The Dark Night, poem by St. John of the Cross)

10/25/2020 Sunday Mass Giving

| | Actual | Budgeted | Difference |
|------------|--------|----------|------------|
| Basket \$ | 4,577 | \$ 6,925 | \$ (2,348) |
| On line \$ | 3,385 | \$ 2,913 | \$ 472 |
| Total \$ | 7,962 | \$ 9,838 | \$ (1,876) |

St. Matthew School News

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School Update

Our teachers are amazing! Our pre-kindergarten students are attending school in-person and our kindergarten, first and second grade students may choose to attend school in-person or remotely, and all other grades doing remote learning only. Our teachers have been flexible, creative and patient throughout this pandemic and continue to deliver high quality instruction and connection for our students. Please pray for them as they fulfill our mission each day.



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 \$50,000 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 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.

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