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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

<http://www.stmattschool.org>



**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 13, 2020**

PASTORS CORNER



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Gospel parable illustrates the mercy of God incarnated in Jesus. The servant makes an “empty promise” to pay the whole debt, but the master shows magnanimous generosity, pardoning the entire debt at the servant’s plea for mercy. God expects that the mercy given should be extended to the fellow servant, who owes him a very small amount; in a sense, the forgiven servant has to pay it forward. At least, the amount of mercy given should also be extended to another, just as the amount of love given should also be reciprocated. The parable explains that God’s forgiveness is infinite, when Jesus admonishes Peter to forgive seventy-seven times.

The Responsorial Psalm aptly captures human thanksgiving: “The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger, and rich in compassion.” God forgives. God heals. God redeems. God is all holy; his forgiveness is his blessing: “For as the heavens tower over the earth, so his mercy towers over those who fear him.” Truly there is truth in the adage: “To err is human; to forgive, divine” (Alexander Pope).

Your Servant in Christ,

Fr Khanh D. Nguyen
Pastor

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

8:30am to 12:30pm Monday through Friday. Masks are required, as is distancing of 6 feet if you come to the office.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Please be sure to register on-line for Mass. Please only sign up for one Mass each weekend. We are beginning to reach our 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.



SINCERE THANKS from the Family of Bernadette Hueffed to Fr. Khanh, Sr. Georgia, Sue Canney, Kelli Hart and Linda Haptonstall for making our mother's rosary and funeral mass a beautiful celebration of her life. Special thanks also to parishioners for their prayers, cards and support. It's a blessing to belong to such a caring parish.

News , notes & Prayers

PRAYERS:

For comfort and healing: **Ireneo & Maria Pilati**
For those who have died: **Patty Geraghty, Roger Ocampo, and Apolinaria Tingco.**

CONGRATULATIONS to **Jacob C** who celebrated his First Communion at the 5:30pm Mass on August 29, 2020.



DONATE fresh flowers for our altar! Flowers can be placed in the vase by the school door before 10am each Sat. 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.

ST. MATTHEW PARISH in North Seattle, is looking 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 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, contact Linda at paa@stmatthewseattle.org.

FALL BIBLE STUDY: Are you looking for an anchor to hold you steady through the storms of life? Want the secret to finding joy in the midst of trials? Interested in learning to recognize the source of discord and the way to peace? James, one of the most practical books of the Bible has great insights into these things! Join your fellow parishioners in a study of this meaningful epistle this Fall. The study will be on Zoom, so the more the merrier - no driving or childcare needed. We will use breakout rooms to keep the discussions moving. Study begins Wednesday evenings beginning 9/9/2020 through 11/18/2020 from 7-8:30. You can register online with this link: <https://study.ascensionpress.com/studies/50028/registrations/new> or call or email Sara Lane for more info or to register (206) 334-5350 | sslane5@comcast.net.

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY OCTOBER 10th, The 2020 Public Rosary Rally will be held in front of the Mary Grotto. Masks and social distancing of 6 feet will apply. Let's honor Mary during the month of the Rosary and commemorate the Miracle of the Sun in Fatima in 1917.

PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST
Lord Jesus Christ, the Eucharist is your gift to us. As we celebrate your mysteries, the very work of our

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redemption is accomplished, and we are filled with every grace and blessing. May the liturgy become the pattern of our lives. May our celebrations of this great mystery draw us ever closer to you and to one another. Strengthen the bonds of unity in our local Church, that our love for one another may be evident and we may proclaim your Gospel more effectively. May our celebration bear fruit in our lives, and deepen our commitment to serve the poor and vulnerable in your name. You live and reign for ever and ever. Amen. How holy this feast in which Christ is our food; his passion is recalled; grace fills our hearts; and we receive a pledge of the glory to come, alleluia.
(Antiphon for Corpus Christi, attr. St. Thomas Aquinas)

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Should I Stay or Should I Go? Life is not always easy on us and it can be hard to figure out the next step to take in our journey. We can even become immobilized by indecisiveness and fear about making the wrong move or choosing the incorrect path. I think of the song, Should I Stay, or Should I Go, as a mantra for many times in my life. Should I stay in this house, this job, or this car? Should I go here or there? When those times of decision surface, I usually turn to my wife, my friends, or even my children. Talking it out can help, and their perspectives give me more data to consider. When I lean on others to help me make a decision, it helps me become more confident in my choices.

Discerning the will of God is not easy either. Rarely do we understand God’s calling clearly at first. God’s calling is always more easily discerned within a community of faithful disciples. Our stewardship way of life can suffer greatly if we refuse to allow others to assist us in the process of discernment. What gifts or talents are needed for the task at hand? Where do I fit best into God’s plan? Where is God leading me? No one should have to decide the answers to these questions alone. We need to always lean on the Body of Christ to help us see the path that God has laid before us. Without a little help along the journey, over time we might find ourselves stuck in the same place where we started.– Tracy Earl Welliver ~ ©LPI

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

August 30, 2020 Sunday Mass Giving

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Basket \$	4,309	\$ 5,240	\$ (984)
On line \$	2,731	\$ 2,913	\$ (182)
Total \$	7,040	\$ 8,153	\$ (1,113)
YTD	\$76,600	\$ 72,715	\$ 3,885

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

St. Matthew School News

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Visit the School website for updates and information
<http://www.stmattschool.org>

We Are Ready to Return to School!

St. Matthew School is ready to start the year remotely on September 3, in accordance with the governor’s return to school guidelines. We will be ready to return to in-class instruction when the COVID-19 case counts in King County go down. There is limited space in some grades. Take a virtual tour at stmattschool.org. Summer tours are available, contact Stacy Pretti at spretti@stmattschool.org or (206) 362-2785, ext. 103.

St. Matthew School is looking for Thunder Camp Counselors for this upcoming school year. Please refer to the Archdiocese of Seattle Catholic Schools - Frontline recruitment for a job description:
www.applitrack.com › [seattlearch](http://seattlearch.org) › [onlineapp](http://onlineapp.org).



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.

