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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 127<sup>th</sup> St.  
Seattle, WA 98125

**Weekend Masses: 4PM Seniors & 5:30pm Saturday  
8am & 10am Sunday  
(10am Mass is also live streamed)**

Website: [stmatthewseattle.org](http://stmatthewseattle.org) Phone: 206-363-6767 E-mail: [parishoffice@stmatthewseattle.org](mailto: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>



**September 20, 2020**

## PASTORS CORNER



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Gospel parable is full of paradoxes; it is enigmatic, problematic and hard to understand. In the parable, God seems unfair. Imagine the last laborers, working for an hour, receive the same payment as the first laborers who have labored the whole day. What is the point Jesus is making?

Jesus is talking to the Jews, who are the first to receive the promise given to Abraham and to the chosen people of God, in contrast to the Gentiles who are latecomers in hearing the Gospel. Yet, the latter become members of the new chosen people of God, the community of Christian followers of Jesus Christ.

In fact, Jesus begins his parable, "The Kingdom of God is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard." At the end of the day, the landowner gives out the same wage for all. It looks unfair, but at the end of life, God gives out the same reward to all those who have found him.

In many ways, we are all bystanders waiting for God's call to come and be part of his heavenly Kingdom. Some are baptized early in life and given the privilege to become God's children. Others are converted at a later stage in life when they encounter Jesus who invites them to come and work for him. Many saints are converted sinners. One of them is Saint Augustine, who wrote in Confessions, his autobiography, "You are great, Lord and worthy of our highest praise; your power is great and there is no limit to your wisdom. Man, a tiny part of your creation, wishes to praise you. Though he bears about him his mortality, the evidence of his sin and the evidence that you resist the proud, yet this man, a tiny part of your creation, wishes to praise you. It is you who move man to delight in your praise. For you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you."

**Mary Mother of God**, Pray for us.

**Saint Matthew**, Pray for us.

Your Servant in Christ,

Fr Khanh D. Nguyen  
Pastor

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

## 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 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.

### PRAYERS:

For comfort and healing: **Edelmira Jimenez & Bonnie Minten**

For those who have died: **Gerry Gahan, & Martin Nguyen**

**DONATE** fresh flowers 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, Sao, Prisca, Gus, Carmen and others. 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.

**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](mailto:paa@stmatthewseattle.org).

**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.

**CATHOLIC SEAFARERS' MINISTRY** is hoping to pack and distribute ditty bags filled with toothpaste, shampoo, and soap. **Would you be willing to knit a stocking cap for seafarers and /or provide more ditty bags?** They would like to pack and distribute new ditty bags (with the stocking cap you knit during the Christmas season. They low stock of the bags and caps. They are searching for individuals or Church groups who can help. Please help to share God's love with those who work at sea. Knit caps, etc. can be sent to the Archdiocese of Seattle Attn: Joe Cotton 710 9th Ave Seattle, WA 98104 Thank you!

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**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH** supports public policies that serve the common good and are aligned with our Church teachings. The Catholic Church does not endorse candidates or political parties. For information regarding national public policy, please refer to the United States Conference of Catholic (USCCB) website at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org). Consult the Washington State Catholic Conference (WSCC) at [www.wacatholics.org/](http://www.wacatholics.org/) for information about state and local public policies. When considering political candidates' views on public policies, we recommend reading Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility found on the USCCB website.

**FIND HOPE AND HEALING** after abortion. Virtual Healing Opportunities beginning in September 2020. Virtual group healing via Zoom. Contact Julie 206 920 6413 or [JulieE@ccsww.org](mailto:JulieE@ccsww.org) Project Rachael is a program of Catholic Community Services. Serving people of all beliefs.

**FORGIVING FROM YOUR HEART**

Do you come to God for forgiveness, while your heart holds resentment for another? Do you look to have all your debts forgiven, yet imprison others with your demands against what you feel they owe you? Apart from grace, true forgiveness is impossible. This freely given gift from God allows us to experience true mercy. *Allison Gingras LPI*

**PRAYER**

Merciful Father, I come to your feet, to beg for the grace to forgive my brothers and sisters from my heart. Grateful for the many offenses you have forgiven in me, may I, with your help, forgive any transgressions against me. Amen.



**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

September 6, 2020 Sunday Mass Giving

	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
Basket	\$ 6,763	\$ 6,550	\$ 213
On line	\$ 3,659	\$ 2,913	\$ 746
Total	\$ 10,422	\$ 9,463	\$ 959
YTD	\$ 87,335	\$ 82,178	\$ 5,157

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

**St. Matthew School News**

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**Excellence – Diversity – Community”**

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

**We Are Back to School!**

St. Matthew School is back to school! Our Pre-K class is back to in-class instruction and students in Kindergarten through Grade 8 started the year remotely We look forward with hope to a great year ahead, and appreciate your prayers for a blessed year for our students and staff.

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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) to learn more about SCRIP NOW and RELOADABLE SCRIP.

