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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  
206-363-6767

Website: [stmatthewseattle.org](http://stmatthewseattle.org)

**Weekend Masses: 5:00 pm Saturday**

**8:00am & 10:00am Sunday**

Fax: 206 440-9476

E-mail: [parishoffice@stmatthewseattle.org](mailto:parishoffice@stmatthewseattle.org)

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

**Confession:** 4:00pm to 4:30 pm - Saturday or by appointment

**Infant Baptism:** Contact Parish Office

**Marriage:** Contact Parish Office

### ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL

Phone: 206-362-2785; Fax: 206-362-4863

*23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday*  
IN ORDINARY TIME

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“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”  
- Mt 18:20

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 06, 2020**

## PASTORS CORNER



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The intention of Jesus is that “no one should be lost.” That is why the attitude of Jesus towards sinners depicted in the Gospel is: 1st, to reach out; 2nd, to open hearts to reconciliation; 3rd, the Church as the go-between.

### REACH OUT.

Jesus takes the first initiative, the first step in the process of reconciliation. For though he had no sin, he entered into the world of sinners, so that we can be lifted up from our condition of sinfulness, so that our attitude towards sinners is often contrary to the ordinary experience of people, where we expect those who have sinned against us, or who hurt us, should take the first step. Feeling “righteous” we expect the other party to take the initiative, because we are the ones aggrieved or we are the victims. All of us are sinners. Sometimes we are the source of hatred, envy, jealousy, and selfishness, which are the causes of division or breakup of relationships. Even the prophet Isaiah admits “Woe to me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips.” (Is 6:5)

### OPEN OUR HEART TO RECONCILIATION.

Reconciliation can happen only if we open our hearts to our brothers/sisters who have erred or wronged us. Reconciliation is a two-way process, a dialogue. But it begins with HUMILITY, which is the opposite of PRIDE. Pride is the main hindrance to reconciliation, because it does not step down to understand the condition of the lowly one (the sinners). Pride condemns. On the other hand, HUMILITY allows compassion and mercy to flow over us, with the aim of “winning over our brothers/sisters” to the Lord-of bringing back the “black sheep” who have separated themselves from the community or the family.

### THE CHURCH AS THE GO-BETWEEN.

The Church is the last resort where one can find an impartial judgment, without prejudice and bias, as long as the sinner asks for pardon and mercy in humility and contriteness of heart. The Church takes the role of the final arbiter where the wounded sinner can find healing and conciliation.

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.

## MASS TIMES:

**4:00pm on Saturday** (Seniors/vulnerable adults and their families)

**5:30pm on Saturday**

**8:00am and 10:00am on Sunday**

**Daily Mass is at 8:45am except Tuesday's**

**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, per Mass under Phase 2, and we want to ensure we can accommodate all our parishioners who wish to attend.

News , notes & Prayers

## PRAYERS:

FOR HEALING: **Lito Manganis**

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: **Eugene Sovar**

**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](mailto: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

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Lane for more info or to register (206) 334-5350 | [sslane5@comcast.net](mailto:sslane5@comcast.net).

**SAVE THE DATE:** SATURDAY OCTOBER 10th, The 2020 Public Rosary Rally will be held in front of the Mary statue beside the church. Masks and social distancing of 6 feet will apply. Let us 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 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*)



### **Considering Separation or Divorce?**

Wait! There is an alternative. Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has brought healing to tens of thousands of troubled marriages worldwide. Your situation may seem hopeless, but there is always hope, and you are not alone in your struggle. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for our upcoming program on Oct. 9-11, 2020, call 206-706-2608 or go to [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

August 23, 2020 Sunday Mass Giving

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Basket \$	4,256	\$ 5,240	\$ (984)
On line \$	4,409	\$ 2,913	\$ 1,496
<b>Total \$</b>	<b>8,665</b>	<b>\$ 8,153</b>	<b>\$ 512</b>
YTD	\$69,560	\$64,562	\$ 4,486

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

*Sometimes in the midst of the storms in our lives, we encounter surprising struggles. They can turn out to have positive or negative effects in our lives. It all depends on how we respond to them.*

## 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 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](http://stmattschool.org). Summer tours are available, contact Stacy Pretti at [spretti@stmattschool.org](mailto: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](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.

