

## From the Pastor's Desk



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Fear haunts all of us. We worry about people, events and things. We fret over job and possessions, health of body and spirit, welfare and security of loved ones. We are afraid of the varied dangers that threaten our life and disturb our peace of mind. These concerns explain our frantic efforts and frazzled nerves; they visit as nightmares in our sleep.

In the Gospel, the Apostles have reason to be apprehensive about their mission of proclaiming the Kingdom and witnessing to Jesus. True, their Master has just given them authority to expel unclean spirits and to heal diseases. But he has also warned them that their message will not find an easy hearing. They will be entering dens of wolves, filled with hostile forces bent to kill them. They will be maligned haled before courts, persecuted and murdered.

Jesus addresses their apprehension by bidding them three times: "Do not be afraid." They are not to allow themselves to be intimidated or to be crippled by fear. He tells them that there is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, and no secret that will not be known. The message that they have listened to attentively and received from him they are to speak with boldness.

Jesus also says that the disciples need not fear the things or people who can hurt superficially but cannot harm the spirit. No bodily harm human beings can inflict approximates the real death that only separation from God brings.

Finally, Jesus assures the Apostles that they have no reason to be afraid of anything because they are in God's hands. The heavenly Father's loving care extend not only to big things like armies in battle, but also to intimate little details like the life of a sparrow. If God attends to sparrows, an entire flock of which is nowhere near the worth of a human being, how much more does he look after the disciples whose every hair is numbered.

How comforting it is to know that God's providential care for us is always there, even in the smallest details of our lives. Our concerns and preoccupations, our misfortunes and tragedies, our nightmares and disasters-these are all in the hands of a loving Father. Despite appearances, God is absolutely in control. There is nothing to fear.

**I would like to thank those who have already pledged to the Annual Catholic Appeal. If you haven't yet responded to the Annual Catholic Appeal, please join me and those who have already pledged. I ask you to continue praying for a successful Annual Catholic Appeal this year.**

Mary Mother of God, pray for us.

Your Servant in Christ,  
Fr. Khanh D. Nguyen, Pastor

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## ❖ READINGS FOR THE WEEK ❖

**Monday, June 26,** Genesis 12:1-9; Gosp Matthew 7:1-5 –  
**Mass at 8:45 am**

**Tuesday June 27, St. Cyril of Alexandria,** Genesis 13:2,  
5-18; Gosp Matthew 7:6, 12-14 – **no morning Mass**

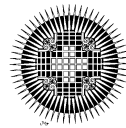
**Wednesday June 28,** Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Gosp  
Matthew 7:15-20 – **Mass at 8:45 am**

**Thursday, June 29, Sts. Peter & Paul,** Acts 12:1-11;  
Gosp Matthew 16:13-19 – **Mass at 8:45 am**

**Friday, June 30, St. Bertrand of Le Mans,** Genesis 17:1,  
9-10, 15-22; Gosp Matthew 8:1-4 – **Mass at 8:45 am**

**Saturday, July 1,** Genesis 8:1-15; Gosp Matthew 8:5-17 –  
**Mass at 8:45 am**

**Sunday, July 2, 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time,** 2 Kings  
4:8-11, 14-16a; Gosp Matthew 10:37-42



## SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEK

We take up the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. These funds help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous. Envelopes are in your packets and at the ends of the pew. For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence).

**NEXT WEEKEND** we will have a visiting priest presiding at all Masses. He is from the "Unboard" organization. Please see the insert in today's bulletin.

**PLEASE READ THE JULY CALENDAR IN THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN.**

**ANNUAL APPEAL REPORT** To date, we have received pledges of \$88,300-111% of our Parish Goal of \$80,000. 328 parishioners (52%) have responded. Thank you so much. Any contributions made from now on will be returned to St. Matthew.

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL CLOSE AT 3 PM EVERY FRIDAY DURING THE SUMMER.** Be sure to pick up any keys needed for the weekend prior to 3 pm. Thank you very much.

**SACRED STORY/LENTEN RETREAT** Our next gathering is June 26 at 7 pm in the Parish Lower Level. *All our Welcome!* We will be sharing on our current experience of daily Sacred Story Prayer through discussing the principals of Spiritual Discernment regarding the role of spiritual/psychological wounds and the enemy of our human nature. Review of pages 240-249 in Sacred Story 40 Weeks focus on both the graces and challenges. Sacred Story 40 Weeks will be offered to the parish and school this Fall. If you have any questions, contact [marycross@aol.com](mailto:marycross@aol.com) or [msloane@comcast.net](mailto:msloane@comcast.net)



### THANK YOU AND GOODBYE, KEN

We say goodbye and thank you to Ken Barroga. He is moving on and this is his last weekend as Music Director for St. Matthew Parish. Ken has served in this role for the last six years and, along the way, in a variety of other capacities. For the last three years, he served as our Sacramental Preparation staff working with families preparing to receive the sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation. He has also assisted moderating our last RCIA program along with Faith Formation volunteers. In addition, Ken worked for the school assisting as a part-time music teacher and helping prepare music for the school children's liturgy. Ken chose not to have a formal going away celebration. However, anyone wishing to send cards, notes and well wishes, please send these to the parish office and we will forward them to him. Thank you, Ken for your service and for sharing your many talents to our community of St. Matthew. Good luck on your next endeavor. We will miss you!

**SCHOOL BATHROOM REMODEL** Excuse our dust...bathroom remodel work has begun! Both the boy's and girl's bathroom will be under construction for most of the summer. The adult bathroom in the school and Community Center restrooms will still be available. The remodel project is made possible through the generosity of the Garneau-Nicon Family Foundation, the Elizabeth A. Lynn Foundation, the Fulcrum Foundation, Aurora Plumbing & our generous Auction donors. Thank you!

**JOB OPENINGS** ▶▶ St. Jude Parish in Redmond is seeking a Pastoral Assistant for RCIA and Evangelization. This is a 30 hours per week position. Contact Krista Schafer at krista@stjude-redmond/org for more information. Please submit application and resume by July 15. Position is open until filled.  
▶▶ St. John Vianney in Kirkland, a parish of 650 households and no elementary school, is seeking a part-time, full-charge bookkeeper with experience with double-entry bookkeeping. Applicant must be proficient in QuickBooks Pro and Microsoft Excel. Salary in accordance with Archdiocesan guidelines. HR background/experience is a plus. For more information or to request an application packet, please call the parish's office at 425-823-0787.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** Experience increased trust and intimacy in your marriage by working through a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend at the Sheraton Bellevue Hotel on August 11-13. Apply at [www.wvme.org](http://www.wvme.org). More information at 206-772-2344.

### St. Matthew School News

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**"Excellence – Diversity – Community"**



**SUMMER TOURS AVAILABLE** St. Matthew School is now enrolling for Pre-K, Kindergarten, elementary school and middle school for the 2017-2018 school year. St. Matthew School provides academic excellence and diversity in a community of faith. Summer tours available. Contact Stacy Pretti at [spretti@stmattschool.org](mailto:spretti@stmattschool.org) or (206) 890-6570.

**SUMMER THUNDER CAMP** is open to all parish and school family children entering grades K to 5; and to students entering grades 6 to 8 who may wish to apply to be Junior Counselors. Camp is from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and features field trips & fun at an affordable rate. Information & registration forms are available at: <http://www.stmattschool.org/summer-thunder-squad.html>



**ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL RUMMAGE SALE** Donate your used items to the St. Matthew School Rummage Sale. Collections begin on Sunday June 18 through July 23. Volunteers will be at the music portable to take your items from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings (except July 2). Proceeds benefit the Parent's Club, which all goes back to our wonderful school! We cannot accept TVs, mattresses, or basketball hoops. Donation receipts are available.

**USHERS NEEDED** One of the most convenient ways of "showing forth Christ by your life" is by assisting parishioners at our weekly services. Ushers are vital and greatly appreciated by all they greet and assist. With St. Matthew's new scheduling system, your service can be customized to your needs, yet help the parish. Call John Sweeney at 425-614-7641 today to join this parish ministry.

### Sunday Env/Loose/Holy Days

	<u>6/18/2017</u>	<u>YTD 6/18/2017</u>
<b>Budgeted</b>	\$ 9,650	\$ 559,350
<b>Collected</b>	\$ 9,113	\$ 523,938
<b>Difference</b>	<\$ 537>	<\$ 35,412>



"Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed," Jesus tells us in the Gospel today, "and nothing hidden that will not become known." May our stewardship of God's gifts be such that we would not be ashamed if it were seen in the clear light of day.