



St. Matthew

Catholic Church & School

March 20, 2020

Thank you all for your continued support of me through your prayers and emails. I appreciate it more than I can put into words.

Although our parish offices remain closed, our staff is working from home. If you need to contact one of them, please send an email, and they will respond. For general enquiries, email the office at parishoffice@stmatthewseattle.org.

I will be available to hear Confession by appointment. Please call the office at 206-363-6767 x206 or email me at FrNguyen@stmatthewseattle.org. Also, please contact me if you need the Sacrament of Anointing. I will talk with you about how we can do that, while keeping each other safe.

We are starting our Facebook Live stream for Mass this Sunday, March 22nd, 2020 at 10 AM. This will continue until we are able to once again join together for this most Holy of celebrations. Since this is our first attempt, it may be a little bumpy, but then again, our lives are a little bumpy right now!

We are able to include up to 10 people per week to celebrate Mass with me in person at 10 AM on Sundays. These people will represent all of our community each week. If you feel safe to do so, and would like to join us, please email Kelli Hart, our Music and Liturgy coordinator and she will send you a date and time for you to attend. Her email is khart@stmatthewseattle.org. If you wish to sing along with our liturgy from home, please contact Kelli and she will arrange for you to check out one of our Gather hymnals.

As many around the world struggle with the Coronavirus, St. Matthew Parish has not been immune to the effects caused by these recent events. The directive from Archbishop Etienne to suspended all Masses was an important step in helping slow the spread of the virus. This decision was not taken lightly. It was made out of concern for the common good and care of the vulnerable in our community. This decision has seriously impacted our weekly collection. Like most parishes, 90% of our revenue comes from the generous support of our faith community. Your continuing generosity supports our basic operations (payroll, utilities, maintenance, etc.) and our church ministries.

This is a good time to remind you that we have several options available for giving electronically in a safe and secure way. Please check our website at www.stmatthewseattle.org. Online giving can be customized by you. The frequency of how you want to give (weekly, monthly, quarterly, etc.) and the type of gift (debit, credit, EFT, etc.) is up to you. If you don't wish to give online, please remember to mail in your weekly stewardship gift. We thank you for your continued support of our parish. If you need assistance in this area, please contact bookkeeper@stmatthewseattle.org.

If you are receiving this letter in the mail, then we don't have a current email address for you. If you would like to receive these updates by email, then please update your email information by sending an email to paa@stmatthewseattle.org with your name. I will then update our parish database.

We are also trying to reach out to our homebound parishioners. In particular, we know there are folks who would appreciate a phone call to be checked on, or if they don't have email or cable, to receive updates on the current situation at St. Matthew. If you would like us to call you regularly, or if you know someone who would benefit from a call, please email parishoffice@stmatthewseattle.org.

I ask you to continue to pray with us, and for each other during this extraordinary time for our church in the world, and in our Archdiocese.

In Christ,

Fr. Khanh D. Nguyen
Pastor