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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: 5:00pm 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

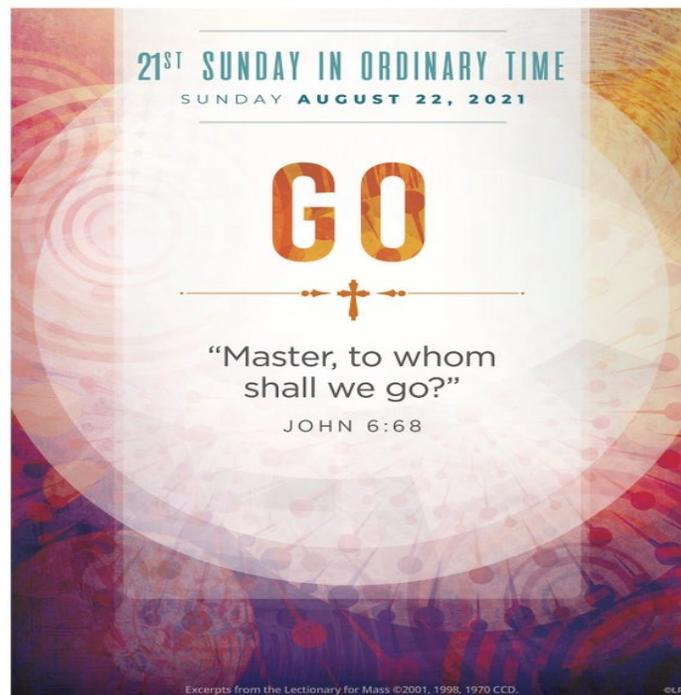
Infant Baptism: Contact Parish Office

Marriage: Contact Parish Office

ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL

Phone: 206-362-2785

<http://www.stmattschool.org>



August 22, 2021

PASTORS CORNER



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Jesus's discourse on the Bread of Life closes this Sunday. It starts with Jesus' multiplication of bread and fish and feeding of the multitude on a mountain in Galilee on the feast of the Passover. Jesus proceeds to teach the people that the true bread that they should look for is the food on that mountain, not even the wonderful manna that the Israelites ate during their wandering in the desert. Jesus then claims that he is the Bread of Life that gives people a life that is not merely physical and doomed to perish. He offers "eternal life" which is a life with God that begins in this world with its reception in faith and continues beyond that grave into eternity.

Jesus then invites the people to "come to him," that is to believe in him. But the "Jews" take issue of his origin (he cannot be coming from heaven) and find the idea of feeding on his flesh and drinking his blood repulsive. They "murmur" among themselves, that is, they turn their backs on Jesus. Even many of Jesus' own disciples find his teaching hard to swallow and no longer follow him.

Jesus does not take back his word to call back his followers. Instead, he challenges those who still remain with him, the Twelve, who are closest to him. Do they also want to leave? Jesus is aware that "flesh" alone-human beings unaided by divine grace-cannot fathom his revelation and humans are unable to attain eternal life. It is the heavenly Father, with his gift of life-giving Spirit, who must draw people to Jesus: "No one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." People are divided over Jesus. Some reject him. But others remain with him, confessing with Peter that his word is life.

In the end, one has to make up one's mind, one has to make a decision. We, too, have to make up our mind about Jesus and about his claim to be the Bread of Life.

Your Servant in Christ,
Fr Khanh D. Nguyen

CDC and the Archdiocese recommend wearing a mask while indoors. This includes attending Mass. We have masks available in the vestibule if you forgot one.

MAINTENANCE/GROUNDSKEEPER needed at St. Matthew Parish, Seattle

Oversees and/or provides custodial and landscaping services for the parish and its school. May involve lifting 40 lbs on a regular basis. This is a full time 40 hour per week position with full benefits.

Salary commensurate with experience. To apply, email paa@stmatthewseattle.org

DAILY MASS at 8:45am, READINGS & INTENTIONS

Mon. Aug. 23, St Rose of Lima

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8-10/Ps 149:1-6,9/Mt 23:13-22

Tues. Aug 24, *No Mass today*

Rv 21:9-14/Ps 145:10-13,17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Wed. Aug. 25, St Louis, St Joseph Calasanz

1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-12/Mt 23:27-32

Thurs. Aug. 26

1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5,12-14,17/Mt 24:42-51

Fri. Aug. 27, St Monica

1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1&2,5-6,10-12/Mt 25:1-13

Sat. Aug. 28, St Augustine

1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1,7-9/Mt 25:14-30

Sun. Aug. 29,

Dt 4:1-2,6-8/Ps 15:2-5/Jas 1:17-18,21-22,27/Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

News, notes & Prayers

- ◇ For healing and comfort for all our parish community.
- ◇ Prayers of healing and peace for all who are victims of abuse.
- ◇ For those who have died, especially, those in our St. Matthew family, and all who have gone before us.
- ◇ All celebrating a birthday or anniversary this month Especially Emilia Suarez on her 100th birthday, may blessings fill each of your days.
- ◇ Mass Intentions for: Sun 8am Agatona R Garcia, Sun 10am Emilia Suarez.



Knights of Columbus, Rudy Cabansag, Walter Von Moos, Vince Condez and John Sweeney spent Mon. morning July 30th shoveling 6 cubic yards of dirt into the parish's east parking lot beds, using shovels, a yard cart, and rakes. The work took about three hours. St. Matthew's Knights plan to beautify most of the church's plantings — at no expense to the parish. We invite you to a parish-wide **"Gardening Hour" on the third Saturday of every month at 8:30 AM.** Being old guys, we'll take all the help we can get. No RSVP necessary; just show up with your work gloves and garden tools. Nearly all the small plantings have withered and need replacement. We're looking for a parish member with landscape design experience; otherwise, we'll use whatever strikes our fancy at Home Depot! Contact John Sweeney 425 614 7641 or Nail56@gmail.com with your thoughts and ideas.

HONDURAS MISSION COLLECTION The collection of items to bring to the Children's Homes in Honduras continues through the weekend of September 12th. The greatest need is: new socks and underwear for boys and girls ages 2 - 18, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, black fine sharpies, markers, highlighters, dry erase markers, erasers, pencil sharpeners, stickers, red pens, used soccer shoes (mens size 6 - 11) and soccer balls. A complete list of needed items can be found in the back of the church. The box for donations is in the vestibule of the church. Please call Colleen Flanigan with any questions 206-362-6499

Thank you to all who have donated flowers for our altar. Especially, **GINGER & NINA FRANEY**. They brought flowers over the last 2 summers. The vase for flower donations is by the school door. Any and all are welcome. You may also make a donation that will be used for altar flowers. Please write Altar Society on your donation.

SVdP CHRISTMAS IN JULY

We are still accepting donations if you forgot or were out of town. We are grateful and inspired by your support and generosity.

Status of Mortgage Accounts as of July 31, 2021

	Outstanding Balance	Monthly payment including interest
Old convent	411,039.87	3,190.31
Parish office/ Preschool remodel	138,582.81	2,047.01
Total	549,622.68	5,237.32

Sunday giving August 8, 2021

	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
Basket	\$ 7,271	\$ 5,740	\$ 1,531
On-line	\$ 3,873	\$ 2,900	\$ 973
TOTAL	\$ 11,444	\$ 8,640	\$ 2,504
YTD	\$ 59,100	\$ 54,951	\$ 2,504

(Fiscal year 2021-2022 from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022)

St. Matthew School News

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School Office Hours During Summer Break

School is out for the summer! The St. Matthew School office will be open from 9 am to noon each weekday this summer.

Now Enrolling for 2021-2022

Summer Tours Available St. Matthew School is now enrolling for Pre-K, Kindergarten, elementary school and middle school for the 2021-2022 school year. St. Matthew School will continue with full time in-person instruction for all grades this fall. Summer tours available, contact Stacy Pretti at spretti@stmattschool.org(206) 362-2785, ext. 103.



GIFT CARDS from SCRIPT; Remember when you used to buy Fred Meyer cards for your shopping AND support St. Matthew School? Guess what. You still can! Contact Mike Kabalin at scrip@stmattschool.org

Fall Sports Are Back!

We are getting ready to return to school on September 2 and we are very happy that fall sports are back! Students who are school or parish members can join the CYO soccer and cross country teams with St. Matthew School. Registration information available at stmattschool.org.

USHERS calling all ushers and those who want to be ushers. As we begin a more normal Mass celebration, we need you. Call the parish office to sign up. Training will be provided in Sept.

