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Communion Calls:	Please call Parish Office
Catholic Cemetery:	Holyrood: 206-363-8404

## 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

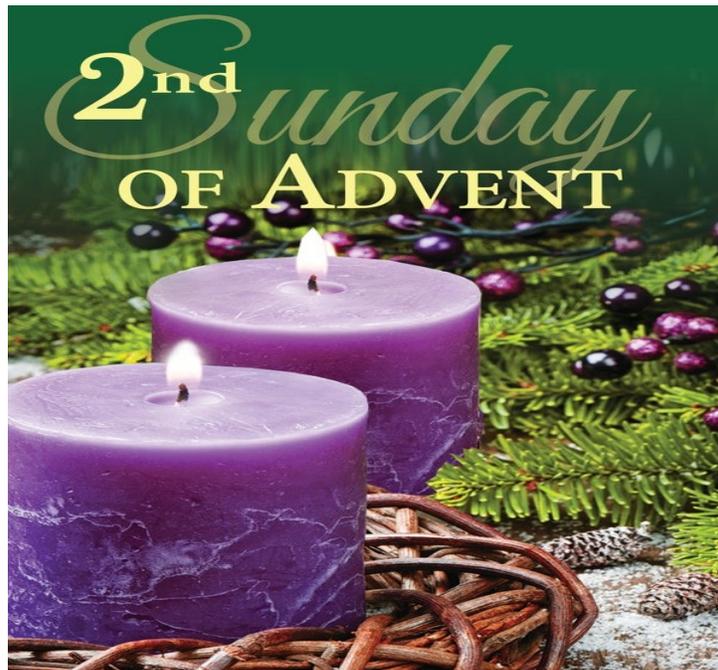
**Infant Baptism:** Contact Parish Office

**Marriage:** Contact Parish Office

### ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL

Phone: 206-362-2785

<http://www.stmattschool.org>



**December 6, 2020**

## PASTORS CORNER



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There are many people whom we call actors “behind the scenes.” We do not often see them, but without them the “shows” people enjoy may not be possible. Indeed, many of us act as “facilitators,” paving the way, preparing for the “show” where others take on many different roles.

John the Baptist is like this in some sense, though much greater, perhaps, he is not simply “behind the scenes”; he is also very active in his own right. To be “herald” is to announce, to prepare and to alert people to an upcoming important event. John heralds the coming of our Lord. And how he fares as a herald! He is not just a timid voice, but a voice “crying out in the desert.” He does not only routinely or for formality’s sake “invite” people to repentance; he challenges and condemns in harshest of words the scribes and Pharisees who do not live up to who they are as religious leaders.

As workers “behind the scene,” are we simply quiet, less serious, timid and complacent? We can learn a lot from the herald John the Baptist.

Your Servant in Christ,  
Fr Khanh D. Nguyen  
Pastor

**PLEASE** be sure to register on-line for Mass, and only sign up for one Mass each weekend. We are and have been at 25% capacity since we re-opened for Mass. We need to keep up the good work wearing masks, and using proper social distancing, for Mass under Phase 2. We want to ensure we can continue to accommodate all our parishioners who wish to attend. Please call the parish office if you have any questions.

**ORDER YOUR OWN MISSAL:** So you can follow along with Mass at home. Order “Today’s Missal” by calling OCP (Oregon Catholic Press) 1 800 548 8749

### News, notes & Prayers

#### **PRAYERS:**

- For healing and comfort, especially; Jody Sophia, and for all suffering from COVID or any illness or disease.
- For those who died, especially; John Sloane, and Rita Cameron.
- For all celebrating a birthday or anniversary.

**PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS:** are invited to remember loved one with the purchase of poinsettias to decorate our Christmas Altar. Flowers can be ordered thru Dec 20. A donation of \$10 per name is requested.

Fill out the bulletin flyer, and drop in the collection basket or take it to the Parish office. Thank you.

**ADVENT GIVING TREE:** This is the last weekend to donate Gift Cards to our Giving Tree Ministry. The Gift Cards can be returned at mass in a sealed envelope marked St Matthew Giving Tree and placed in the giving basket at the front door when checking in or to the Parish office drop box at the front door.



An even easier way would be to purchase the Gift Cards from St Matthew School and we can do that for you! Place your check in an envelope marked Giving Tree, drop in the offertory basket or deliver to either the Parish Office, or School Office. Choose the cards which you wish to purchase, or we can choose for you. Make checks payable to St Matthew. Another great way to support St Matthew School and those in need. Please call Monica Williams at 206.915.7555 with any questions or if you need help with your donation.

**SOCK IT TO THE HOMELESS:** Operation Nightwatch needs men’s white socks for the homeless. They are on their feet all day and rarely have more than one pair of socks which are often wet.

If you’d like to help, please bring new white socks to the parish office during the week (Office hours are 8:30am to 12:30pm M-F) or on Sunday’s you can leave them at the back of the Church. Please be sure and let the Check-in person know what you need to do so they can get them in the basket provided.

Please bring the socks by December 13th. Please note that men’s white socks are half price at Fred Meyer the day after Thanksgiving!

If you have any questions, please contact Jackie or Clark at 206 866-4103. Thank you.

**FRESH FLOWERS:** can be donated 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. 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 or names in the bulletin. Funds for flowers should be labeled Altar Society.

**HOLYROOD IS HIRING:**

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A full time office assistant position is available at Holyrood Catholic Cemetery. Please call Kristi for position description (206) 363-8404.

**CAN DIVORCED CATHOLICS TAKE COMMUNION?**

Question: Can a divorced Catholic receive holy Communion?

Answer:

Unfortunately, too many people today — Catholics and non-Catholics alike — mistakenly believe that divorce separates one from the Communion of the Church and that divorced persons may not receive Communion. However, as the Church has communicated in a number of places, the issue at hand is not the reality of divorce, but is more often the reality of re-marriage outside of the Church (such as in the case of a Catholic who was previously married within the Church, divorced, and remarried without receiving an annulment).

Divorced persons are called to live chastely as single people and to observe the same call to avoid sin as anyone else who desires to receive the Eucharist. Beyond this, however, Pope Francis has reminded us that the healing power of the Eucharist can be especially significant for those who have “endured separation, divorce, or abandonment ... divorced people who have not remarried, and often bear witness to marital fidelity, ought to be encouraged to find in the Eucharist the nourishment they need to sustain them in their present state of life.” (Amoris Laetitia, no. 242) Moreover, he continues, “The local community and pastors should accompany these people with solicitude, particularly when children are involved or when they are in serious financial difficulty.” (AL, no 242)

As Pope Francis has also reminded us, the Eucharist is “not a prize for the perfect,” but “a powerful medicine and nourishment” (Evangelii Gaudium, no. 47). Because we all stand in need of healing and wholeness, the Church invites all who seek to live their faith in integrity and devotion to come and receive the grace offered in the Eucharist. ©LPi



**11-22-2020 Sunday Mass Giving**

	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
Basket	\$ 4,951	\$ 7,854	\$ (2,903)
On line	\$ 3,614	\$ 2,330	\$ 1,284
Total	\$ 8,565	\$ 10,184	\$ (1,619)
Year to Date	\$ 179,402	\$ 190,651	\$ (11,249)

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

**St. Matthew School News**

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**LOOKING FOR THE CLASSES** of 1960 & 1980  
St. Matthew School has graduating class photos for nearly all of our grades proudly displayed in our hallway, but we are still missing the classes of 1960 and 1980. If you have an 8th grade class photo from 1960 or 1980, please contact the school at spretti@stmattschool.org. Thank you!

**ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL FUND DRIVE**

THANK YOU to the many people who have donated to the St. Matthew School Fund Drive. We have raised more than \$57,000 so far of our goal of \$65,000. YOU are an important part of keeping Jesus at the heart of our school and giving HOPE to our students. There is still time to donate on Giving Tuesday (December 1) or make a year-end gift. Donate online at [www.stmattschool.org](http://www.stmattschool.org). Thank you.



**SCRIP CARDS GIFT CARDS –** This holiday season, let St. Matthew SCRIP program meet all your needs, from groceries to gaming, to presents for those far and near.

While the SCRIP Table also misses Coffee Hour, you can buy your cards and help support St. Matthew School’s technology needs.

How to buy cards:

Send an email to Mike Kabalin at [scrip@stmattschool.org](mailto:scrip@stmattschool.org) and let him know what you would like. Payments can be dropped off at the School Office when cards are ready for pick-up.

SCRIP is also supporting the Parish’s Advent Giving Tree. You can donate and buy your gift cards with us.

Contact Mike Kabalin at [scrip@stmattschool.org](mailto:scrip@stmattschool.org) for more information.