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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

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Website: stmatthewseattle.org

Weekend Masses: 5:00 pm Saturday
8:00am & 10:00am Sunday

Fax: 206 440-9476

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Weekday Masses:

Confession:

Infant Baptism:

Marriage:

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

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

Contact Parish Office

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Second Sunday in Advent

December 8, 2019



From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

John the Baptist preaches in the desert, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." John fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah.

Preparation, which translates into repentance, comes as a personal response to the coming of the Kingdom of God. It is no longer I who rule over my life, but God. I belong to God, to God's Kingdom, not to myself. I behave and relate to others according to God's expectations.

John the Baptist has a large audience. People from the city of Jerusalem and the whole of Judea and the region around the Jordan come for baptism. John welcomes them all. But when he sees the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for the same purpose, John challenges them to produce evidence of their conversion. They must be sincere. Their baptism is not for the records, not for show, but should signify their turning around from old and cunning ways like those of their serpent that made Adam and Eve fall. They must shed off their hypocrisy.

Repentant people readily accept Jesus when he speaks. They will not distract other by their philosophizing, justification or grandstanding. They will examine their conscience when they have fallen short of his love. Jesus does not have a hard time driving his point to them. They easily learn what God or the Church wants from them.

Your Servant in Christ,

Fr Khanh D. Nguyen

Pastor

DAILY MASS TIMES, READINGS & INTENTIONS

Monday, December 9, St Juan Diego Genesis 3:9-15, 20 ; Gosp: Luke 1:26-38 -Mass-8:45 am

Tuesday, December 10, St Gregory III Isaiah 40:1-11 ; Gosp. Matthew 18:12-14 –School Advent Prayers

Wednesday, December 11, St Damasus Isaiah 40:25-31 ;Gosp. Matthew 11:28-30 –Mass-8:45 am

Thursday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe Zechariah 2:14-17 ; Gosp. Luke 1:26-38 - 8:45am Mass & Adoration

Friday, December 13, St Lucy Isaiah 48:17-19 ; Gosp. Matthew 11:16-19 –Mass-8:45am + Anointing for sick.

Saturday, December 14, St John of the Cross - Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 ; Gosp. Matthew 17:9a, 10-13 -Mass-8:45 am

December 15, St Romaric Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 ; Matthew 11:2-11

SACRED STORY RESOURCES - Week 10

We ask God, our Divine Physician, to accompany us through an earnest review of the Commandments and the vices we have discovered in ourselves through our daily prayer. Take your time. Do each exercise each week. Sacred Story Resources can be found in the weekly e-mail or the Sacred Story Institute's website with free membership (sacredstory.net). To subscribe to the weekly email outreach, contact marycross@aol.com. The next Sacred Story Gathering is December 9, 7:00pm in the Parish Office Library. All are welcome.



COME CELEBRATE MASSES

with Archbishop Paul D. Etienne at St. James Cathedral on the following date:

Saturday, December 14, 11 am for the 22nd Annual Simbang Gabi Commissioning Mass.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday evening, February 8, 2020! It's the St. Matthew Parish Crab Feast! Another year, another bucket of crab. Tickets will be on sale beginning in December. For more information please contact Michael Kabalin at 206-992-4162 or Cel Ebilane at 206-354-4025.



POINSETTIA orders are being accepted now until Saturday December 21st. Remember or honor family and friends. Please turn in your order form in the Sunday basket, or come to the parish office Poinsettias on our Altar are a wonderful way to bring your loved one into this Christmas season

PEACE GUILD MEETING Peace Guild will meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, Dec. 10, for our annual Christmas party gathering. It's a potluck and we will have our usual gift exchange. Please come if you can. We have some important business to discuss.

HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION retreats at CYO Camps are filling up! There are still spaces available for the January and February dates: January 31- February 2, 2020 at Camp Don Bosco February 14-16, 2020 at Camp Don Bosco For more information and to register, visit CYO Camps.

MASS FOR LIFE AND MARCH FOR LIFE Tuesday January 21, 2020: , 9:30 a.m., Sacred Heart, Lacey - 10 a.m., St. Michael, Olympia. Prayer for the Faithful Departed



SCRIP CARDS: Purchase gift cards for your favorite stores and support St. Matthew School at the same time. Cards are for sale *Sundays at coffee hour from 9 to 11:30 am in the Community Center; in the teachers work-room on *Mondays, from 1:45 to 2:30 pm and Fridays from 8:10 to 8:30 am & 2:45pm to 3:30pm. We accept cash and checks payable to St. Matthew SCRIP. Thank you! Questions? Contact Mike Kabin at scrip@stmattschool.org

SOCK IT TO 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 or on Sunday’s you can leave them at the back of the Church. Please bring socks by December 11th for delivery on December 14th. Any questions, call Jackie or Clark @ 206-866-4103. Thank You!

BENEFIT CONCERT TO HELP THE NEEDY: Saturday, Dec. 14, at 7:30 pm at **St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church** (814 NE 85th St., Seattle). **Admission is complimentary;** a free will offering will be taken to benefit **Northwest Harvest**. This is a family-friendly opportunity to participate in the work of Christmas. For details, please visit www.nwchorale.org.



United Way AmeriCorps VISTA Positions are now open! Check them out here: <https://www.uwkc.org/about-us/careers/ameriCorps/>.



COME AND JOIN FR. NORTHRUP for a silent preached retreat that will show us how music can help us on our spiritual journey to celebrate the beauty of our Catholic faith. December 14, 2019 “O House of Israel, come; Let us walk in the light of the Lord” One-Day Advent Retreat Led by: Ron Ryan

PRAYER FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
Good and Faithful God you have given us so many people in our lives that have given us joy and solace. On this day we ask you to remember our dearly departed. Keep them close to you as we all wait for that day when we all will come and worship in your presence. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



St. Matthew School News

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ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE

We will have Advent Services on Tuesday mornings at 8:30 in the church now through, Dec. 17th. Please come join students and staff in prayer.

Nominate the 2020 Distinguished Graduate and Young Alumnus

As part of Catholic Schools Week in January, we will honor two St. Matthew School graduates. The Distinguished Graduate is sponsored by the National Catholic Education Association. Nominees must have graduated a minimum of 10 years ago. The Young Alumnus Award is sponsored by St. Matthew School and is to recognize more recent graduates. Nominees for both awards must have made contributions to their community and church and be examples of faith and service. Nominations forms can be found at www.stmattschool.org. Nomination forms must be turned in to the school office by Dec. 13.

Doing Some Holiday Shopping? Support St. Matthew School As You Shop Do you shop on amazon.com? Go to amazon.com and select St. Matthew School and we will receive .5% of purchases each time you shop through smile.amazon.com.

Link your Fred Meyer rewards card to St. Matthew School and our school will receive a donation when you shop (you will also still receive all your rewards). www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards Thank you!

Nov. 24 2019 Sunday Mass Giving			
	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
Basket	\$ ** 4,659	\$ 9,148	\$ (4,489)
On line	\$ *2,683	\$ 2,627	\$ 56
Total	\$ 7,342	\$ 11,775	\$ (4,433)
Year to Date	\$ 218,032	\$220,175	\$ (2,143)

(Fiscal year 2020 from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020)