



April 8th, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today, I am preparing for the celebration of the Sacred Triduum—Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, Good Friday Passion of the Lord, Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, and Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord. I am so very sad that we cannot celebrate together in our church. I am continuing to pray for an end to this terrible pandemic, and that all of you are staying home and staying safe.

I so miss seeing all of you that I have asked Kelli and Linda to receive pictures from all of you that can be placed in the pews! Please send those by email to khart@stmatthewseattle.org if you would like to join us in this way.

On Good Friday, we invite you to come to St. Matthew and pray the Stations of the Cross for a Pandemic from your cars. **We ask that you not get out of your cars**, but rather stop in front of each station briefly to pray. Attached to this email is a copy of the Stations of the Cross that we are using, and which was created by Maribeth Hopps, a mother of a priest in the Diocese of Saginaw, Michigan.

The first station will be on the driver's side of the car as you enter the east parking lot. That is the parking lot by the Community Center. Proceed through the parking lot for each station, with the final station posted on the west side of the Church. If there is a car behind you, remember that you can pray the Glory Be prayer for each station as you move to the next station.

When you return home, consider praying the Our Lady of Seattle Prayer which is also attached.

The outdoor stations will be available beginning Holy Thursday afternoon (April 8th), and will stay up through Saturday mid-day. A video of the Stations of the Cross, made by students and staff of our school, is also available on the school website.

We will again be using Facebook Live for Triduum Liturgies as noted in the schedule below.

- **Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper** **April 9th 7pm**
- **Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)** **April 10th 3pm.**

Archbishop Etienne has added a special intercession for Good Friday prayer, and I have put it below so that you and I can pray this together:

Let us pray also for those suffering because of the coronavirus—for those who are sick and their families, for those who are frightened and alone, and for all doctors, nurses, and researchers who are serving the common good. Almighty ever-living God, source of life and hope, hear our prayers, and stretch out your hand to protect us. Grant healing to the sick, banish disease from our midst, and speed the day when we can gather to give you thanks in the midst of your Church. Amen

- **The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night** **April 11th 8:30pm**
- **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord** **April 12th 10am**

May you all stay safe and find hope in the Resurrection of our Lord! You will continue to be in my prayers, and I ask you to keep me and our staff in your prayers.

In Christ,

Fr. Khanh D. Nguyen
Pastor