**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, March 21**, Isaiah 42:1-7; Gosp John 12:1-11  
**Tuesday, March 22**, Isaiah 49:1-6; Gosp John 13:21-33, 36-38  
**Wednesday, March 23**, Isaiah 50:4-9a; Gosp Matthew 28:14-25  
**Holy Saturday-Easter Vigil of the Holy Night, March 26**, Genesis 1:1, 26-31a, 12-14a, 16; Gosp Matthew 1:16, 18-21  
**Holy Saturday-Easter Vigil, March 27**, Isaiah 50:4-7; Gosp Luke 24:1-12

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

- Holy Thursday Liturgy - 7 pm  
- Good Friday Liturgy - 7 pm  
- Easter Vigil Mass - 8:15 pm  
- Easter Sunday Masses - 7:30, 9 & 11 am

**MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE** Please remember that beginning the first Sunday after Easter, April 3, Sunday Masses will be at 8 am & 10 am.

**THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS** Back by popular demand, Father Armando will again share about the need for and power of forgiveness. Prepare for the Triduum with Father’s practical and personal reflections on the act of forgiveness on Wednesday, March 23, at 7 pm in the Community Center Hall.

**EASTER DECORATING HELPERS NEEDED** Come on Saturday, March 26 at 9 am to help transform St Matthew Church. Many hands make light work. School families and parishioners all welcome. Call Laura for more information at 206-271-4348.

**HUNGERING TO BUILD COMMUNITY** We follow Jesus this week on our Lenten journey as He enters Jerusalem, a community he knew well. CRS Rice Bowl asks us to prayerfully enter into our own communities, find those who are hungry and thirsty, those who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we encounter in our daily lives? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER MONDAY.**

**THERE WILL BE NO MORNING MASS THE WEEK OF MARCH 28.**

**REMINDER** Please remember to bring your Rice Bowls to our Holy Thursday Liturgy. The collection at this liturgy goes to support our St. Vincent de Paul, who continues to feed the many hungry in our midst.

**Sacred Story - Week Six**

Chose the time and place for your 15 minute prayer time.  
- Establishing the time is vital to your discipline of prayer.  
- Seek a technology free place, a place apart.  
- If you decided on one period, you are free at any time to switch to two, and vice-versa.

**Week 6**  
- This week offers a chart to fill out, for the ten most important persons, events, or issues that generate or evoke gratitude/hope/love or anger/fear/grief.  
- We take the opportunity to ask the Lord to gently show us the joys that we have forgotten.  
- If we find it painful to identify the negative moments, remember that the Lord is also with us in these memories.

**Affirmation**

I will ask God to reveal to me the most important people, life events and/or issues in my story up to now.

**Information**

- April 4th is the next regular gathering of those doing Sacred Story prayer. Parish Lower Level 7:00 pm. All are welcome!  
- If you wish to receive regular e-mail contact marycross@aol.com and msloane@comcast.net

**WHY DID JESUS DIE? WHAT HAPPENED IN JESUS’ LAST WEEK?** Holy Week is a special time every year to walk with Jesus through the last days leading up to His Passion. Come join us on Wednesday for Youth Group and we will prepare ourselves for the Triduum. Wednesday nights in the Music Portable:  
- Middle School: 6:30–7:30 pm  
- High School: 7:30 – 8:30 pm. (Youth Group is cancelled for Spring Break on March 30).

**THE NEXT INFANT & CHILD BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS** for Parents and Godparents is scheduled for Tuesday, April 5, at 7 pm in the Parish Center Library. Contact Ken Barroga in the Parish Office at 206-463-6767 ext 202 to register for this class. You can also go to our website: stmatthewseattle.org and complete the “Infant Baptism Registration Form” and bring this form to the class, along with a copy of your child’s Birth Certificate.

**25th ANNUAL RAINBOW HERITAGE FESTIVAL** We are looking for photos of the Rainbow Heritage Festival in its early years. If you have any old photos to contribute to a slide show, please turn them into the Parish Office. Leave contact information so they can be returned to you. Call Marcela Aguilar at 206-992-4127 with questions or to volunteer. Thank you.

**At sunrise I offer my prayer**
PARISH BOokeeper opening  St. Matthew Parish is seeking a 30-40 hr/wk bookkeeper. Salary, doe and benefits. See Parish website at http://stmatthewseattle.org/ or contact the Parish Office for detailed qualification requirements. Qualified applicants must have an Accounting Degree or equivalent & a minimum of 3-4 years experience in bookkeeping. Must be proficient in the use of QuickBooks, Microsoft Office applications, particularly Excel and Word. Experience with PDS (Parish Data System) and Payroll processing and recording is desirable. If interested contact, Ed Jose at 206 363 6767, or mail resume to the Parish Office 1240 NE 127TH St., Seattle, WA 98125, or email: ejose@stmatthewseattle.org

JOB OPENING Program Assistant, Peace & Spirituality Center, Bellevue. Full-time position w/benefits, flexible hours-Tuesday thru Saturday; salary range $41K-$52K, depending on experience and qualifications. Contact Valerie Ross at vross@csjp-olp.org for complete job description.

CABRINI MINISTRY TRAINING invites you to their 2016 Graduation Mass on Monday, April 18 at 7 pm at St. James Cathedral. Come support this year's graduates, learn more about the program, and connect with other pastoral care ministers. Reception immediately following in the Cathedral Place Hall.

OPPORTUNITY: THE WORLD-RENOWNED CANADIAN BRASS will perform a Seattle exclusive concert at Blessed Sacrament Church on Friday, April 8 at 7:30 pm Enjoy their full range from Baroque and Dixieland tunes to new compositions and arrangements created especially for them. Tickets are $10 less if purchased in advance! Call 1-800-838-3006.

DO YOU FEEL DISILLUSIONED WITH YOUR MARRIAGE? Do you think you have to settle for a lackluster, cold or distant relationship? Think again. You can gain new insight into your marriage and rekindle the warmth you once felt. Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of struggling couples worldwide. Your marriage could be next. For confidential information about, or to register for our upcoming program beginning April 8-10, call 360-671-6479 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com

NEW TO THE PARISH? INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR COMMUNITY? Please call the parish office at 363-6767 and we will mail you a registration packet.

LARGE PRINT VERSIONS of this bulletin are available on table at the church main entrance.

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STEM FAIR Come and see science, technology, engineering and math in action on Monday, March 21 from 3 to 6 pm in the St. Matthew Community Center.

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Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it will not bear fruit.

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**“The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue that I may know how to speak to the weary a work that will rouse them,” says Isaiah in today's first reading. The gifts God has given us are likewise given for the good of others. How am I using my gifts?**