



Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

April 29, 2018

Detroit, Michigan



5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” - Jn 15:5

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*Next Sunday, May 6, 2018, Hospitality Sunday, following 10 a.m. Mass
Catholic Services Appeal Campaign Kick-off*

Readings for the Week of April 29, 2018

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab]/ Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26--2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23 -24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/ Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/ Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

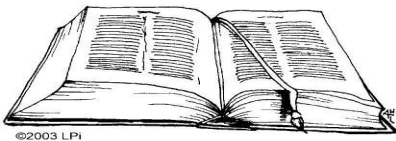
5th Sunday of Easter

Are you ready for a trim? In today's Gospel, we hear the familiar teaching of the vine and the branches. Jesus reminds us that if we remain close to him—living in humility, following God's law, loving our neighbor—we will notice a positive change in our life and the lives of those around us. "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit." The Holy Spirit is life-giving. He is fruitful. The Spirit of God won't refuse grace to a heart that is open.



As we progress through life, learning how to live and love, we grow. Our personalities flower. We discover what it is to be a blessing to others. We also experience lack, loss, and the results of our failures. We know what it is like to "wither" at times, particularly the times when we willingly separate ourselves from Jesus. "Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me." For most of us, this experience of being disconnected and off track generates a desire to return to what is right and good, to return to the vine.

But this Gospel is more than "Are you in or are you out?" Even when we remain in God, when we follow Jesus, we are not exempt from the challenge, the pruning. "Everyone that [bears fruit] he prunes." A prudent trim is necessary in the natural world of trees and vines. Dead wood, broken shoots, and diseased branches need to be cut back in order for the plant to bear fruit. Jesus wants us to be healthy! He says as much himself: "By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples." Take a look at your life today. Where are you bearing fruit? Where do you need to be pruned?



A Family Perspective

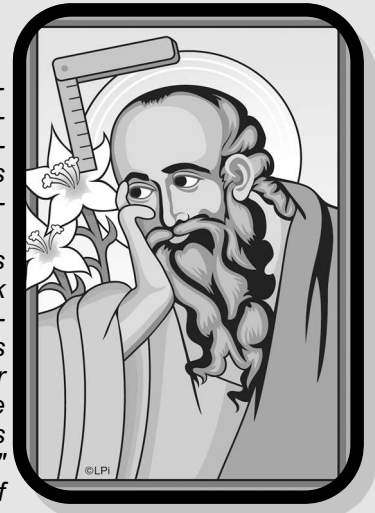
by Bud Ozar

Like the vine grower in today's Gospel, parents must "prune and cleanse" the branches in their family if their children are going to be rooted. Discipline, limits, and setting goals are a necessary part of parenting so our children will grow and "bear fruit."

St. Joseph, the Worker May 1, Feast Day

In the Gospels, Joseph's occupation is mentioned only once in the Gospel of Matthew when it is asked: "Is not this the carpenter's son?"

Joseph's description as a "tekton" from the Greek has been traditionally translated into English as "carpenter" but is a rather general word (from the same root that gives us "technical" and "technology" which could cover makers of objects in various materi-



als. The Greek term evokes an artisan with wood in general, or an artisan in iron or stone. But the specific association with woodworking is a constant in Early Christian tradition; one reference would be that Jesus made yokes and ploughs.

Others have argued that "tekton" could equally mean a highly skilled craftsman in wood or the more prestigious metal, perhaps running a workshop with several employees, and noted sources recording the shortage of skilled artisans at the time of Jesus. It has been stated that the terms 'carpenter' and 'son of a carpenter' are used in the Jewish Talmud to signify a very learned man, and it is suggested that a description of Joseph as 'naggar' (a carpenter) could indicate that he was considered wise and highly literate in the teachings of the Torah.

At the time of Joseph, Nazareth was an obscure village in Galilee, about 40 miles from the Holy City of Jerusalem, and is barely mentioned in surviving non-Christian texts and documents. Archaeology over most of the site is made impossible by subsequent building, but from what has been excavated and tombs in the area around the village, it is estimated that the population was at most about 400. It was, however, only about 3 or so miles from the ancient city of Sepphoris which was destroyed and depopulated by the Romans in 4 BC, and thereafter was expensively rebuilt.

Analysis of the landscape and other evidence suggest that in Joseph's lifetime, Nazareth was "oriented towards" this nearby city which had an overwhelmingly Jewish population although with many signs of a strong Greek influence.

Historians have speculated that Joseph, and later, Jesus too might have traveled daily to work on the rebuilding. Specifically, the large theatre in the city has been suggested, although this has aroused much controversy over dating and other issues. However, other scholars see Joseph and Jesus as the general village craftsmen, working in wood, stone and metal on a wide variety of jobs.

O God, the creator of all things,
you framed the law of labor for the human race.
Graciously grant, by the example and patronage of
St. Joseph,

we may do the work You provide us
and earn the reward You promise.

Sustain us with Your grace to live up to our duties in charity
and justice. Amen.



St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Sunday, May 6, following the 10 am Mass
- Hospitality Sunday, CSA Kick-off!

Tuesday, July 31 ~ **SAVE THE DATE** ~
Parish Tiger Game Outing; Tigers vs Red Sox

April in Paris "A Jazzy Soiree"

Ooh la la! Mon Ami! The 2018 Jazz Nite fundraising event was held at the Assumption Greek Orthodox Banquet Center on April 14. With the help of the following committee members and the support of these special sponsors, our event was a success! Merci beaucoup!



Kathy Lozon Coordination with Marchiori Catering, Decorations, Set-up, and 50/50 raffle

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Again, many thanks to those who helped out in other ways, greeters, runners, raffle ticket sellers and counters. We appreciate all of your efforts as you worked tirelessly and with enthusiasm. God bless you all!

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Black Catholic Ministry - "We are Unleashed! Living Acts 29," the 2018 Black Catholic Women's Conference, will be held at Sacred Heart Major Seminary on Saturday, May 5.

The Black Catholic Women's Conference provides an opportunity for women of faith to come together and support one another through workshops, worship, and prayer experiences that use the gifts and the lens of the African American woman. The 2018 event will feature speakers Dr. C. Vanessa White, MTS, DMin, and Mary Martin.

Your CSA gifts allow our Archdiocese to minister to African American Catholics and predominantly African American parishes through the archdiocesan Office for Black Catholic Ministry. The office's mission is to highlight, enhance, and celebrate the contributions of those in the black Catholic community as they share their gifts with the Church and society.

For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to www.aod.org.

2018 CSA "DOUBLE DOWN" ~ ROLL-OUT AND KICK-OFF ~ WEEKEND OF MAY 5TH & 6TH

~ PERSPECTIVE ~

~ PREPARE ~

~ PARTICIPATE! ~

Pregnancy Aid Annual Layette Drive

The Baby Bassinet for Pregnancy Aid will be at the Blessed Mother's Altar ready for your donations. Items may be placed there through Sunday, May 20th. The following items are most needed by new and expectant mothers and their babies.



- Boy and girl outfits, size 0-6 months
- Three-pack onesies
- Car seats (for 7 yrs old or younger)
- Bouncy seats (new or gently used)
- Umbrella strollers (new or gently used)
- Pack-n-plays (new or gently used)
- Boppy pillows and gently used breast pumps (for breastfeeding Moms)
- Crib sheets and blankets

Any donation is gladly accepted! Your support of this effort is part of St. Matthew's community outreach.

Happy 85th Birthday Tita Aurora!

May God bless you on this day and all the days of your life.

Be happy and healthy, and know that you are loved and appreciated by your St. Matthew Catholic Church Community.



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WEEKEND/WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	4:30 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday	9:00 a.m.
Reconciliation	By Appointment
Holydays	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

In your prayers...

Please remember those in our parish and in our families who are sick or in need of our prayers.

Chuck Schuster
Bienvenido Fajardo
Lolita Dorado
Rita Moroni
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Janet Bielman
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Saturday, May 5, 2018, 4:30 p.m.

Dan McBride

SERVERS

Ian Campbell*

Sunday, May 6, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

Marilyn Lynn
Patti Adams
Beverly Goll
Linda Holster
Michael Holster
Debra Nieddu
Joseph Nieddu

Bill Ridella

Lauren Gross*
Mary Pocius
Julia Zuerblis

**Please note change in servers' schedule*

Mass Schedule

Saturday, April 28th - Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:30 p.m. - Paul Coen (4th Anniv), Aurora Guinto

Sunday, April 29th - Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. - Peppino Moroni, Lincoln Chrysler, Judy Stark, For an Increase in Vocations and to the Consecrated Life

Monday, April 30th - St. Pius V, Pope

Tuesday, May 1st - St. Joseph the Worker

9:00 a.m. - For the Men of St. Matthew Parish

Wednesday, May 2nd - St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m. - For the Sick, Suffering, and Dying

Thursday, May 3rd - Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

Friday, May 4th -

9:00 a.m. - For the Poor and Needy in our Community

Saturday, May 5th - Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter

4:30 p.m. - Anna Martinelli (23rd Anniv), Emma Langan, Dorothy Bielman (4th Anniv), Phil and Yvonne Smith (50th Wedding Anniv)

Sunday, May 6th - Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. - John A. Sasinowski, Betty Amara, Judy Stark, Pantaleon Vivo (6th Anniv) Phil and Yvonne Smith (50th Wedding Anniv)

Prayer to St. Joseph, Patron of the Church

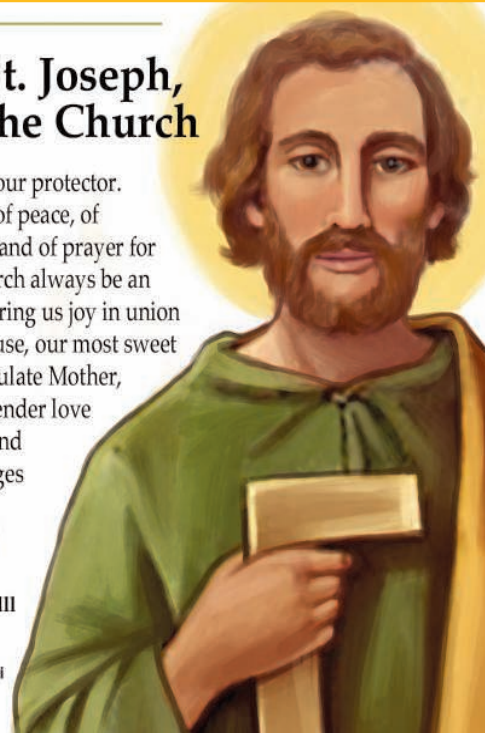
St. Joseph! Always be our protector.
May your inner spirit of peace, of
silence, of good work, and of prayer for
the cause of Holy Church always be an
inspiration to us and bring us joy in union
with your blessed spouse, our most sweet
and gentle and Immaculate Mother,
and in the strong yet tender love
of Jesus, the glorious and
immortal King of all ages
and peoples.

Amen

—Pope St. John XXIII



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