




Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

September 2, 2018

Detroit, Michigan



TWENTY-SECOND
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

“Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?” He responded, “Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written:
*This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.”*

- Mk 7:5b-6

Readings for the Week of September 2, 2018

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 [97]/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 [17]/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 [12]/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [1]/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37



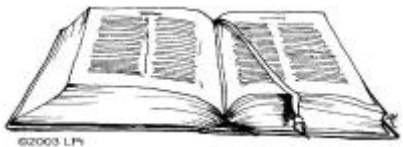
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Judgment tends to have a bad reputation. We often associate it with condemnation, and in the Gospels, we associate it with the Pharisees. Today's Gospel features the Pharisees doing exactly what we expect. "They observed that some of his disciples ate their

meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands." The Jewish people had strict purification laws that applied to all areas of life. The Pharisees attempt to accuse Jesus of not following the ancestral traditions. Jesus doesn't take offense at their judgments per se. He instead points out the hypocrisy of their words. "You hypocrites. This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me."

From there, Jesus turns his attention to the concerns of the heart. "The things that come from within are what defile." He lists off a number of sins, including some the Pharisees were likely struggling with, including evil thoughts, envy, and arrogance. When we examine the list, perhaps we're reminded of our own trips to the confessional! As we strive to follow Jesus and live with integrity, we must be aware of our hearts. We must judge our own actions. Are they leading us closer to God or away from Him? Are we growing in love of our neighbor, or are we becoming more closed in on ourselves?

As we move into this week, consider the state of our own heart. Perhaps you are overly scrupulous in less important areas. Perhaps there are large areas of overlooked sin that you've excused for too long. Whatever it is, the judgment of God need not cripple us. He offers us a share in His mercy as soon as we turn to Him. This week, allow your heart to be transformed!



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

In today's Gospel, Jesus warns "what comes from within can defile" a person. Families need to worry about "outside influences" but also about "inside influences." The values our children carry for a life time are learned at home. Habits of the Heart are the most powerful influences on a child. That's the good news! That can also be the bad news!

REST IN PEACE

**SALVADOR CARDENAS
FATHER OF ANGIE JONES**

*"MAY ETERNAL REST GRANT
UNTO HIM, O LORD,
AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT
SHINE UPON HIM."*

**EL SEÑOR HA LLAMADO RESTO
CASA, SALVADOR, EN PAZ.**



Happy Labor Day

September 3, 2018

How Labor Day Began

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, and planned by the Central Labor Union. In 1884, the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday, and the Central Labor Union urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and hold a "workingmen's holiday."

The idea spread, and in 1885, Labor Day was celebrated in many industrial centers of the country. In 1894, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a federal holiday. Labor Day was to be observed with a street parade to exhibit to the public "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations" of the community, followed by a festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families.

Prayer for Workers ~ "Ora et Labora!"

St. Benedict, the founder of Western Monasticism is the person who wrote a series of rules for his monks. It is called the Rule of St. Benedict. In the rule, he taught that the monks under his care were to pray and work. Hence the phrase "Ora et labora" (pray and work).

*O God, to whom all our prayers rise like incense,
we thank you for the ability to work
and to provide for our families.*

*Assist us in honoring the laborer
and providing a fair wage for all laborers.*

To work brings us purpose and dignity.

*In work, the laborer honors you,
the One who provides everything we need.*

*We ask you to bless all those
who have no opportunity to work.*

*Enliven our hearts to hear their cries for meaningful work
and help us to give from our abundance
to those who have little.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, AND
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4,
FOR THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
THERE WILL BE NO MASS ON LABOR DAY.**

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Saturday, September 1, and Sunday, September 2, 4:30 pm and 10 am Masses, respectively - Blessing of Students and Teachers

Monday, September 3, Labor Day - Rectory Office Closed until Wednesday, September 5, at 10:30 am

No Mass on Labor Day!

Sunday, September 9, 9:15 am - Choir rehearsal begins in the Choir Loft (Interested? See Rick's article below)

Sunday, September 16, 10 am Mass - Don and Debra Veryser, 40th Wedding Anniversary Blessing

Tuesday, September 18, 6 pm - Parish Council Meeting, Rectory Conference Room

CUCCHI'S CORNER

Rick's Notes from the Loft POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Choir Members Wanted: Positions open to soprano, alto, tenor and bass. No others need apply.

Physical Qualifications: Must be able to carry light musical notes across the sanctuary. Must have sufficient vision to see the director.

Experience: No application will be accepted from persons who have not sung, hummed, or whistled in the bathtub or shower at some or any time.

Beginning Wage: Increased satisfaction and joy in the service to God.

Fringe Benefits: Social Security. We promise you the security of social fellowship with other choir members. Bonus: Year-end Choir Member Picnic!

Hours: Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 11:15. There are occasional opportunities for overtime.

Retirement: Generally determined by printed notes getting too small; the hymnal too heavy; notes too high; sanctuary too hot or too cold; or the organist is unable to play the notes you sing!

Interested?: Come to the first rehearsal in the choir loft balcony on September 9th at 9:15 a.m.

Prayer for Teachers

Lord God, your spirit of wisdom fills the earth
and teaches us your ways.

Look upon teachers and let them strive to share their
knowledge with gentle patience and endeavor always
to bring the truth to eager minds.

Grant that they may follow Jesus Christ,
the way, the truth, and the life, forever and ever.

Prayer for Students

Lord our God, in your wisdom and love, you surround us
with the mysteries of the universe.

Send your Spirit upon students and fill them
with your wisdom and blessings.

Grant that they may devote themselves to their studies
and draw ever closer to you, the source of all knowledge.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Black History Ministry - "We Are Witnesses: Taking Back the Night—Taking Back the Community," an initiative of the Black Catholic Ministry Office, will take place on the streets of the Archdiocese throughout September.

Catholics will meet at 9 p.m. to pray, sing, and join in fellowship with their brothers and sisters in the community on the street corners near the Detroit parishes of Nativity from September 4 to 7, St. Augustine and St. Monica from September 10 to 14, St. Mary's of Redford from September 17 to 21, and St. Charles Lwanga from September 24 to 28.

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 this and other CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, go to www.aod.org.



Kroger Community Rewards

The Kroger Co. Family of Stores has recently **upgraded their** Community Rewards system; and as a result, our St. Matthew Parish **has a new account number—AW497.** St. Matthew parishioners who are participants allow our parish to be a recipient of this Kroger Program Awards Program set up to bring hope and help to local neighborhoods and create a stronger community.

If you are not participating as a member of this Community Awards Program, please seriously consider joining. We are trying to boost our membership; here is how you can join.

- Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com
- Click "create an account"
- Put in your e-mail address and a password; confirm your password
- Enter your Kroger card number or alternate ID number
- Go to Community Rewards section
- Follow the steps (name, address, etc.)
- Put in the NPO number for St. Matthew Parish—**AW497** or part of the church's name
- Choose St. Matthew Church
- Click "enroll"

You can also enroll at stmatthewdetroit.com by selecting **Giving** under **Our Parish** information. You must have a computer to enroll. Kroger Customer Service no longer enrolls members at their stores.

"God is a Father
who forgives. His
mercy is greater
than our sin."

—Mother Teresa

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Rick Cucchi ~ *Music Minister / Choir Director*
Joe Balistreri ~ *Saturday Organist*
David Troiano ~ *Weekday Organist*

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Denise Balogh ~ *Bookkeeper*

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PARISH ORGANIZATION

Dennis Costello ~ *St. Vincent de Paul / Christian Service*
Dan McBride ~ *St. Vincent de Paul / Christian Service*

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
Albert Fajardo
Virginia Fajardo
Madeline O'Neill
Kurt Beghuyn
Laura Bush-Terry
Sebastiano Stellino
Allen McKee
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Janet Law
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Robert Stark
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Alice Mocer
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Dan Lusch
Michelle DeLeauw
Phil Smith

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

EUCCHARISTIC

MINISTERS

LECTORS

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*Monday, September 3, 2018, Labor Day
No Mass*

Saturday, September 8, 2018, 4:30 p.m.

Janet Bielman	Bruce Campbell	Ian Campbell
Mary Bielman		
Michelle VandenBrooks		

Sunday, September 9, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

Marilyn Lynn	Bill Ridella	Lauren Gross
Patti Adams		Mary Pocius
Beverly Goll		Julia Zuerblis
Veronica Obianwu		
Greg Redman		
Jean Solomon		
Kristen Stark		

Mass Schedule

Saturday, September 1st - Vigil: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Robert Gannon

Sunday, September 2nd - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Robert Gannon, Judy Stark

Monday, September 3rd - St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday, September 4th -

Wednesday, September 5th - St. Teresa of Calcutta,

Religious

9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Robert Gannon

Thursday, September 6th -

Friday, September 7th -

9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Robert Gannon

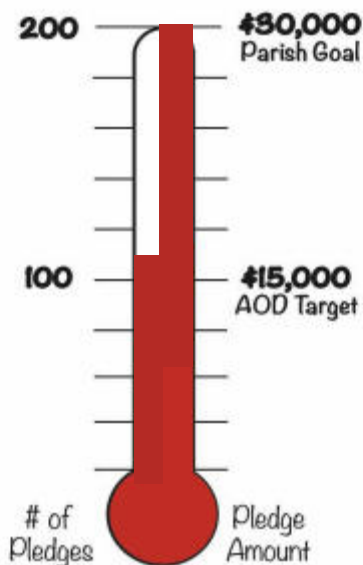
Saturday, September 8th - Vigil: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Robert Gannon

Sunday, September 9th - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Robert Gannon, Judy Stark,
Anna Sasinowski, Lucy Zenewak, Ginger Cotone

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