



# *Saint Matthew Church* **The PULSE**

March 17, 2019

Detroit, Michigan



**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY—TODAY  
IN THE CHURCH AUDITORIUM AFTER 10 AM MASS  
CELEBRATE ST. PADDY'S DAY WITH YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS!**

## Readings for the week of March 17, 2019

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14  
[1a]/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36  
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/  
Lk 6:36-38  
Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27,  
29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-  
21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/  
Mt 20:17-28  
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/  
Lk 16:19-31  
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17,  
18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-  
12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11  
[8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9



### 2nd Sunday of Lent

As we march through Lent, it can be easy to think it's all about sacrifice. No chocolate, no alcohol, no meat on Fridays. Yet here, only in the second week of Lent, we have the story of the transfiguration. This reading reminds us of the "why" behind what we do. We don't fast from dessert to lose weight. We don't donate money or serve others because it's merely a nice thing to do. Lent is about transformation!

Peter, James, and John trudged up the mountainside behind Jesus. This must have been a difficult hike, because when they reached the top, "Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep." Despite our best efforts, perhaps we, too, can be asleep to the deeper meaning of the Lenten season. Jesus is transfigured while they slumber, but eventually they become "fully awake, [and] they saw his glory and the two men standing with him."

This is no small thing! The disciples witness Jesus in his divine splendor and see the miraculous apparitions of Moses and Elijah. The entire mountain becomes a spiritual breakthrough. "A cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud." These symbols are present in the Old Testament. They are present on Mount Sinai when Moses prayed alone and received the 10 Commandments. Elijah had a similar experience when he prayed alone before God. But here are ordinary men, former fishermen, who have been drawn up into an adventure beyond their wildest expectations. Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the fulfillment of all that came before. But Christianity is not the religion of the elite, where only the select few are allowed to participate. We are all invited into spiritual transformation. Lent is a privileged time for this!

## FASTING

Fasting was not adopted in the church as a result of any ecclesiastical commandment but began as a voluntary practice. It was regarded as a matter of course that a Christian should fast for various motives - to reinforce prayer, to do penance for sins, to save something for the poor, or even to prepare for a feast. Therefore, one fasted to prepare for Easter!

*Merciful God,*

*You called us forth from the dust of the earth;  
You claimed us for Christ in the waters of baptism.*

*Look upon us as we enter these Forty Days  
bearing the mark of ashes,*

*And bless our journey through the desert of Lent  
to the font of rebirth.*

*May our fasting be hunger for justice;  
our alms, a making of peace;*

*Our prayer, the chant of humble and gentle hearts.*

*All that we do and pray in the name of Jesus  
for in His cross You proclaim Your love  
for ever and ever. Amen.*



### Journey to Uganda

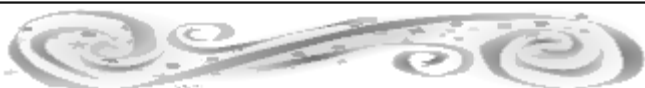
*In Uganda, we encounter Annet and her family, children forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities?*

**Encounter Annet** - Annet's youngest sister calls her Mom—and for good reason. Since their parents' deaths 4 years ago, 16-year-old Annet has been caring for her three siblings: Gladys, 6, Irene, 8 and Emmanuel, 10. It hasn't been easy. Ongoing violence in their home country, South Sudan, forced Annet to take her siblings and flee south to neighboring Uganda. It was a dangerous journey, but Annet kept them safe despite threats from rebel soldiers.

For more than 2 years now, Annet and her siblings have been living in Bidi Bidi, one of the world's largest refugee settlements. Formed in 2015, Bidi Bidi is home to nearly 300,000 people—many South Sudanese who, like Annet, fled for their lives to Uganda. While Annet is happy to be away from the violence, life in Bidi Bidi is hard—especially for a young woman trying to raise her siblings. That's why CRS is building houses for families like Annet's. A place to call home means Annet can rest a little easier at night knowing her family is safe.

But that's not all. CRS is also helping people like Annet learn to farm and giving them the tools they need to succeed. Annet has her own plot of land to plant on so she will be able to continue providing for her siblings. For her, that's the most important thing. While she wants her family to return to South Sudan one day, for now she knows that Bidi Bidi is the safer option. Meanwhile, she encourages her siblings to go to school and does all she can to ensure they'll have a bright future.

"My hope is to raise my siblings," she says. "And I know I can do it with the help of CRS and my Catholic faith."



### A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Jesus "went up the mountain to pray," and he was "changed." Prayer has the power to change us. This Lent set aside a few minutes each day to pray for members of your family. Pray before each meal; and if you are married, spend five minutes in prayer together.

*St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings*

**Sunday, March 17, St. Patrick's Day**  
 - following the 10 am Mass, Hospitality  
 Sunday, Church Auditorium

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**Jazz Nite 2019**

**~ City Rhythms ~  
 20th Century Detroit**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 6:30 to 11 pm**

**PROGRAM BOOKLET DEADLINE**

If you are contemplating any one of the following special sponsorships, please present your order form or your business ad information before the deadline of this Friday, March 22nd. Your name and/or the name of your business will be printed in the booklet and acknowledged on the evening of the event.

- Benefactor ~ "Fisher Building" ~  
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- ~ Table Sponsor for Eight Guests ~  
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There will be a committee volunteer at the back vestibule of the church on Saturday after the 4:30 pm Mass, or you can meet with a committee volunteer at our Hospitality Sunday in the church auditorium Sunday following the 10 am Mass. Please seriously consider one of the special **City Rhythms** sponsorships. Your participation at these levels ensure that our **City Rhythms, 20th Century Detroit Jazz Nite** will be a success.

If you have yet to purchase your Jazz Nite event ticket, please take advantage of the opportunity this weekend.

**CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ**



**Permanent Diaconate** - Men discerning a call to the permanent diaconate ministry are invited to attend an information night, with their wives, if married, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20, at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit.

The evening will explore the three-fold ministry of deacons: the ministry of the Word, ministry of the liturgy, and ministry of charity and justice. Attendees will also learn about the application process and requirements for entering formation for the permanent diaconate.

Gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal fund the work of the archdiocesan Office of the Clergy and Consecrated Life and the Permanent Deacon Formation Team, which coordinate diaconal ministry and formation. In addition, the CSA supports men studying for the permanent diaconate at Sacred Heart Major Seminary.



*News from the Neighborhood*  
*Courtesy of EEV*

Our friends at the DPD 5th Precinct will be holding a Peace Walk in this area on Friday, March 29, from 3 to 4 pm. This is an effort to bring attention to the need for more security and safety in our surrounding neighborhoods.

The Peace Walk is sponsored by the Wayne State University's AmeriCorps Urban Safety Team to help make a difference in this area.

You are encouraged to participate and help make a difference. If you have questions or need further information, please contact Jamillah Douthet, WSU Center for Urban Studies, 313-577-1163.

**LENTEN WORD SEARCH**

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D U P G D A L W U I A A L T R	LENT
P A L M S U N D A Y A N Y O C	PALM SUNDAY
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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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Virginia Fajardo  
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Laura Alix  
Robert Rabe



# Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Janet Bielman  
Mary Bielman

## LECTORS

Saturday, March 23, 2019, 4:30 p.m.

Bryan Jones

## SERVERS

Ian Campbell

Sunday, March 24, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

Marilyn Lynn

Beverly Goll

Michael Holster

Linda Holster

Veronica Obianwu

Jean Solomon

Kristen Stark

Liz Foley-Dunstone

Corey Fullilove

Mary Pocius

Julia Zuerblis

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday, March 16 - Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Lent

4:30 p.m. - George Zainea, Julian Edward Habrowski (50th Anniv)

### Sunday, March 17 - 2nd Sunday in Lent

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Hugh Glen McGillivray, Veronica Kaminski, George Zainea, Mary Louise Merlo

### Monday, March 18 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

### Tuesday, March 19 - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 a.m. - For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

### Wednesday, March 20 -

9:00 a.m. - For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

### Thursday, March 21 -

### Friday, March 22 -

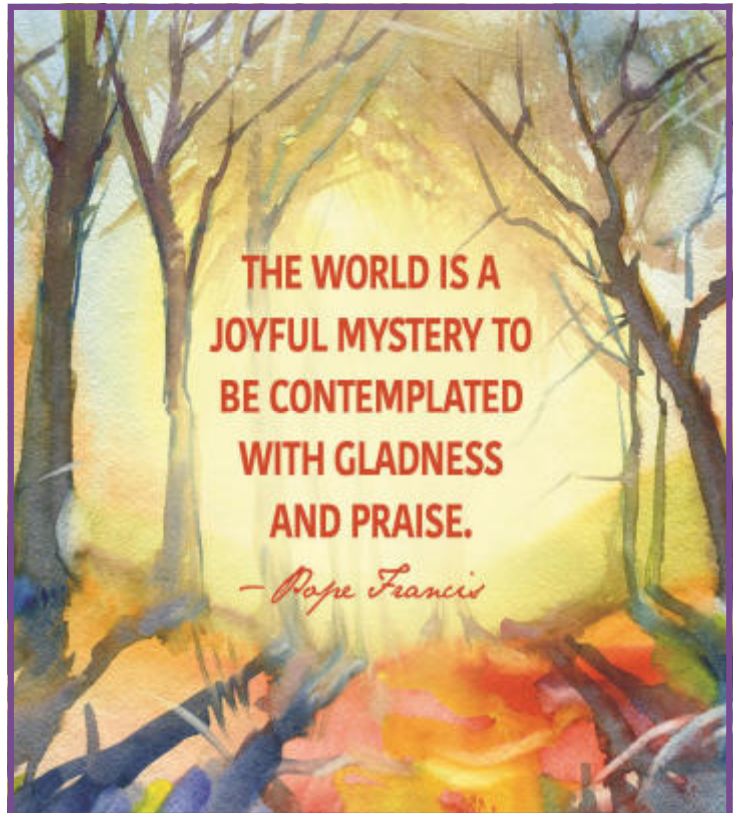
9:00 a.m. - For the Poor and Marginalized our City

### Saturday, March 23 - Vigil: 3rd Sunday in Lent

4:30 p.m. - George Zainea

### Sunday, March 24 - 3rd Sunday in Lent

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, John David Palkovic, George Zainea



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