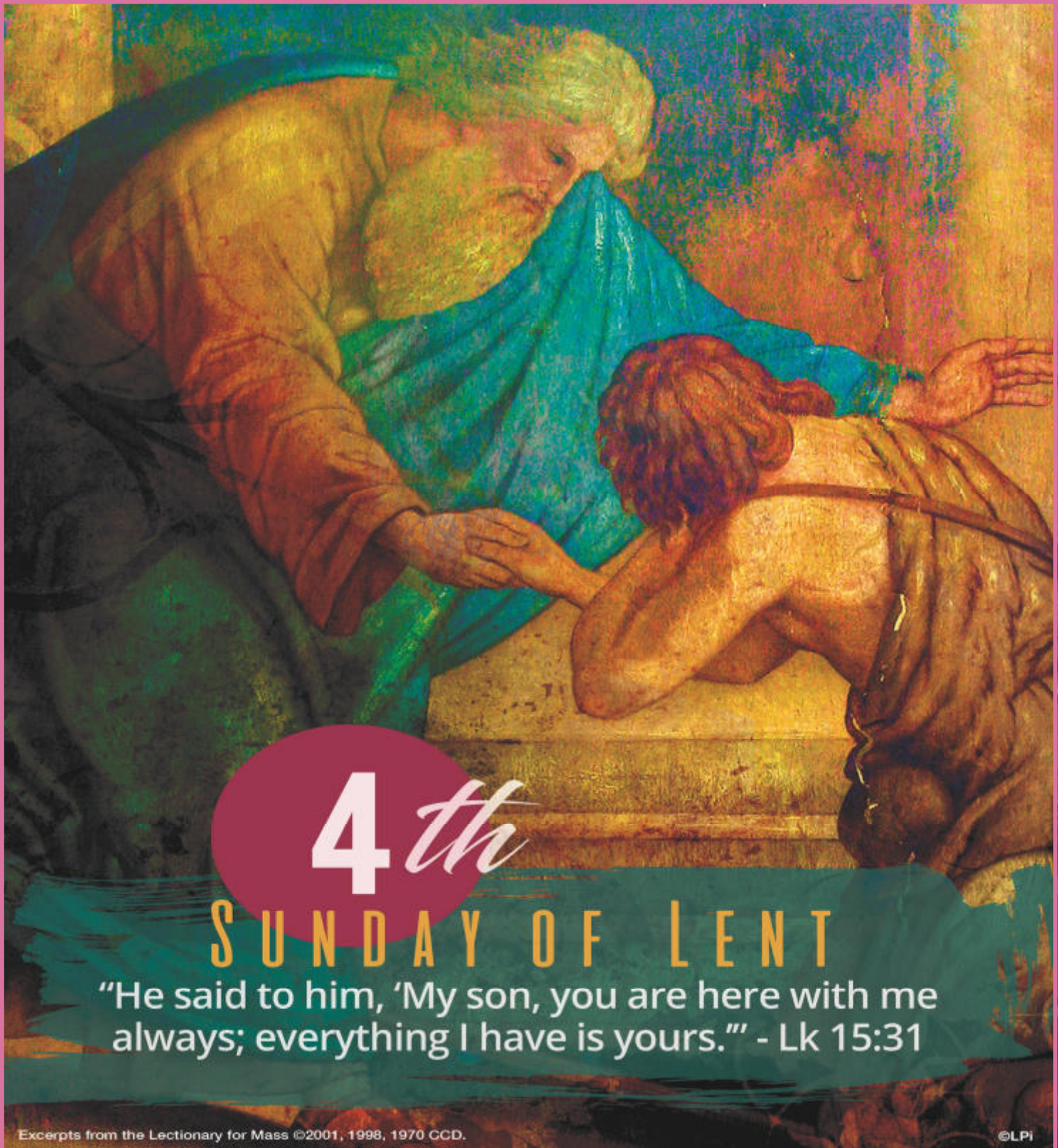




Saint Matthew Church *The PULSE*

March 31, 2019

Detroit, Michigan



4th

SUNDAY OF LENT

“He said to him, ‘My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours.’” - Lk 15:31

Readings for the week of March 31, 2019

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/
2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and
13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/
Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/
Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and
23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/
Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/
Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

4th Sunday of Lent

Repentance. Envy. Joy. Hope. Have you felt these human emotions? Today's Gospel offers a rich story, one we can all find our place in. As we reflect on our own spiritual lives this Lenten season, it can be helpful to imagine ourselves in the story of the Prodigal Son.



"I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers." The younger son has sinned greatly, betraying his father's trust and squandering his money in sin. Yet the parable turns on his deep repentance and humble return to his father. Is there any area of your life you have been wandering from God or you've squandered good gifts? This Lent, return to the sacrament of Confession! God, a merciful Father, waits for you there.

"While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him." The father in the parable sees his son's selfishness, perhaps even suspects what he might do, but gives him the inheritance anyway. After his son's departure, the father waits with hope for his son's eventual return. Has someone you love left the Church, made poor decisions, or abused your trust? This Lent is a time to let go of bitterness and to live in hope. Prepare your heart to be merciful!

Not all in the parable invite the mercy of God into their hearts. The self-righteous older brother dishonors his father with his pettiness. "My son, you are here with me always, everything I have is yours." Do you covet what others have? Do you feel as if you've been taken advantage of or that your work goes unseen? This Lent is a time to grow in gratitude. Take a close look at the blessings in our life that you might be missing. We are all called to repentance and God's personal invitation to growth!

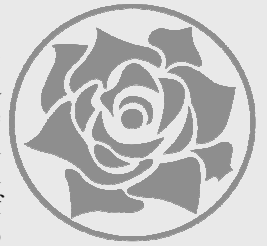


A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

We may feel like the Prodigal Son, but the Gospel wants us to focus on the father who was forgiving and understanding. We all make mistakes and need forgiveness. Who in your family needs your forgiveness and acceptance this Lent?

LAETARE SUNDAY (ROSE SUNDAY)



The rose vestments on Laetare Sunday is a custom originating as a symbol of joy and hope in the middle of this somber Season. Popes would carry a golden rose in their right hand when returning from the celebration of Mass on this day all the way back to 1051 AD; at which time, it was considered by then an ancient tradition.

Originally it was natural rose, then a single golden rose of natural size; but since the 15th Century, it has consisted of a cluster of roses wrought of pure gold in brilliant workmanship by famous artists. The popes bless at least one every year, and often confer it upon churches, shrines, cities, or distinguished persons as a token of esteem and paternal affection.

The golden rose represents Christ in the shining splendor of His majesty, the "flower sprung from the root of Jesse," and it is blessed on that day.

O God!

*by Whose word and power all things have been created,
by Whose will all things are directed,
we ask You, who are the joy and gladness of the faithful,
would in love bless and sanctify this rose,
delightful in appearance,
which we carry as a sign of spiritual joy.*

*We pray on this day that You will protect the Church
and make her safe; and through her good works
that she may be united in giving honor and glory
to Your name and be happy without end
in eternal glory with all the saints. Amen.*

After the rose is blessed, the Pope incenses musk and balsam and then places them inside the cup of the largest rose. Then the entire rose is incensed and sprinkled with holy water.

Journey to Sierra Leone

This weekend we encounter Kumba in Sierra Leone who through CRS Rice Bowl initiatives in education, helps her to find new opportunities to grow and to give back to her community. A good education doesn't just benefit the student, it benefits the family, the community, and the common good, allowing people to flourish without need to migrate.

Encounter Kumba - Waisa didn't spend a single day in school. When she was young, no one thought girls should receive an education. Instead, she and her 12 siblings worked at her family's farm.

Things have changed in Sierra Leone. Waisa knows the importance of education, especially for girls. That's why her granddaughter, Kumba, attends the nearby CRS-sponsored school. Kumba is learning how to make a difference in her community and wants to be a nurse when she grows up. Thanks to the nutritious lunch CRS distributes every day, students like Kumba can focus on their studies and not on their hunger.

"I'm happy if I can support my daughters and granddaughters, even through university," Waisa says. With a smile, she adds, "I know that educated girls help their parents and their communities."

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Saturday, March 30 4:30 pm Mass; Sunday, March 31, 10 am Mass - Collection for the Catholic Relief Services (not Rice Bowl!)

Saturday, April 6, 6:30 pm - St. Matthew's 2019 Jazz Nite Event, Assumption Greek Orthodox Banquet Center

Plan Ahead this Lent and Prepare for Easter ~ Monday, April 15, 7 pm - Parish Reconciliation Service



to our St. Matthew Community Family

Claudia Gostine of Grosse Pointe Farms
We hope Claudia finds
many spiritual blessings and graces
here in St. Matthew's faith community.

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Jazz Nite 2019

~ City Rhythms ~

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SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 6:30 to 11 pm

Last weekend but not the last chance to buy your tickets to our 2019 Jazz Nite. Tickets for our Jazz Nite are \$75 per person, \$55 for young adult, and \$25 for children under age 12. Table sponsorships are \$750 for eight of your guests. Tickets will also be available through Thursday, April 4, at the rectory. The caterer needs to know the number of attendees in order to prepare the proper amount of food.

If you are still contemplating any of the special sponsorships, please see one of our volunteers in the back vestibule after the weekend Masses. We will recognize all **City Rhythms** special sponsors.

A wonderful 5-course dinner will be provided by Marchiori Catering, an open bar, dancing to the music of Heart 'n Soul, and other surprises throughout the night. Believe it, this will be an unforgettable evening as we celebrate all that Detroit offered through the 20th Century. Hang on, and take that ride down memory lane!

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Youth and Young Adult Ministry - "In His Presence," a retreat for those who minister to our youth and young adults, was held this week at the Queen of the Family Retreat Center in Oxford, Michigan.

The retreat offered youth and young adult ministers an opportunity this Lenten season to sit in the presence of our Lord and reflect on where He is in every aspect of their lives. Taking the time for reflection, prayer, and small group discussion with other ministers allows them to grow closer to God and in Community.

Gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal allow the Archdiocese of Detroit to minister to those who foster the spiritual and personal growth of our youth and young adults, and to empower them to become disciples of Jesus Christ and actively witness their faith.

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

Help Jesus in Disguise

The Catholic Relief Services Collection
(Formerly the Bishops' Overseas Appeal)

Today, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support for this collection gives aid to victims of persecution and natural disasters, provides legal services to poor immigrants, and advocates for the powerless. Through your generosity, six Catholic agencies help Jesus in the disguise of the vulnerable refugee, the immigrant family, and the poor and marginalized. Please prayerfully consider contributing to the collection today. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Lenten Vespers, Sunday, March 31, 4 pm

Join the Archdiocesan Chorus for evening prayer on Laetare Sunday, this halfway point through Lent when the Church loosens the rigidity of her liturgical fasting. Experience beautiful Lenten music, psalmody, hymns, and readings with a dose of joy!

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



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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
Albert Fajardo
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Dan Lusch
Jesse Ocampo*
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Larry Hamel
Laura Alix*
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Betty Leone*

* Parishioner

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MINISTERS

Janet Bielman
Mary Bielman
Janet Law

LECTORS

Saturday, April 6, 2019, 4:30 p.m.
Bruce Campbell

SERVERS

Ian Campbell

Sunday, April 7, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

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

Bryan Jones

Lauren Gross
Mary Pocius
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, March 30 - Vigil: 4th Sunday in Lent (Laetare)

4:30 p.m. - George Zainea

Sunday, March 31 - 4th Sunday in Lent (Laetare)

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Renee LaPratt Jaczkowski (5th Anniv),
George Zainea, Lincoln Chrysler (3rd Anniv), For
an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood

Monday, April 1st -

Tuesday, April 2nd - St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

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

Wednesday, April 3rd -

9:00 a.m. - For the Missionaries Serving around the World

**Thursday, April 4th - St. Isidore Bishop and Doctor of the
Church**

Friday, April 5th - St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest

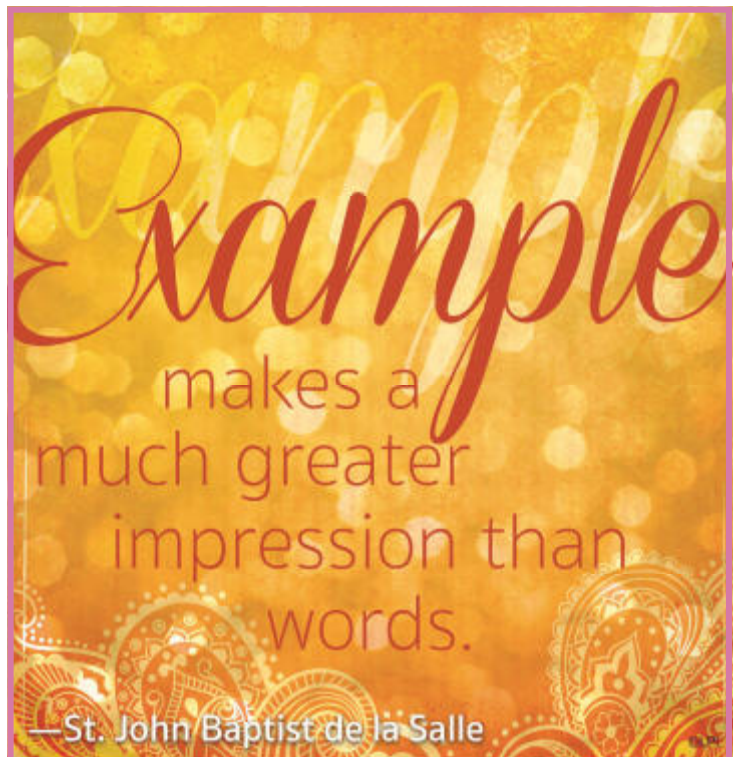
9:00 a.m. - For the Military Families Serving Here and Abroad

Saturday, April 6th - Vigil: 5th Sunday in Lent

4:30 p.m. - George Zainea

Sunday, April 7th - 5th Sunday in Lent

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, George Zainea, Paul Geist, Frank
Klassner, Sr., Grace Chinnici (9th Anniv)



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