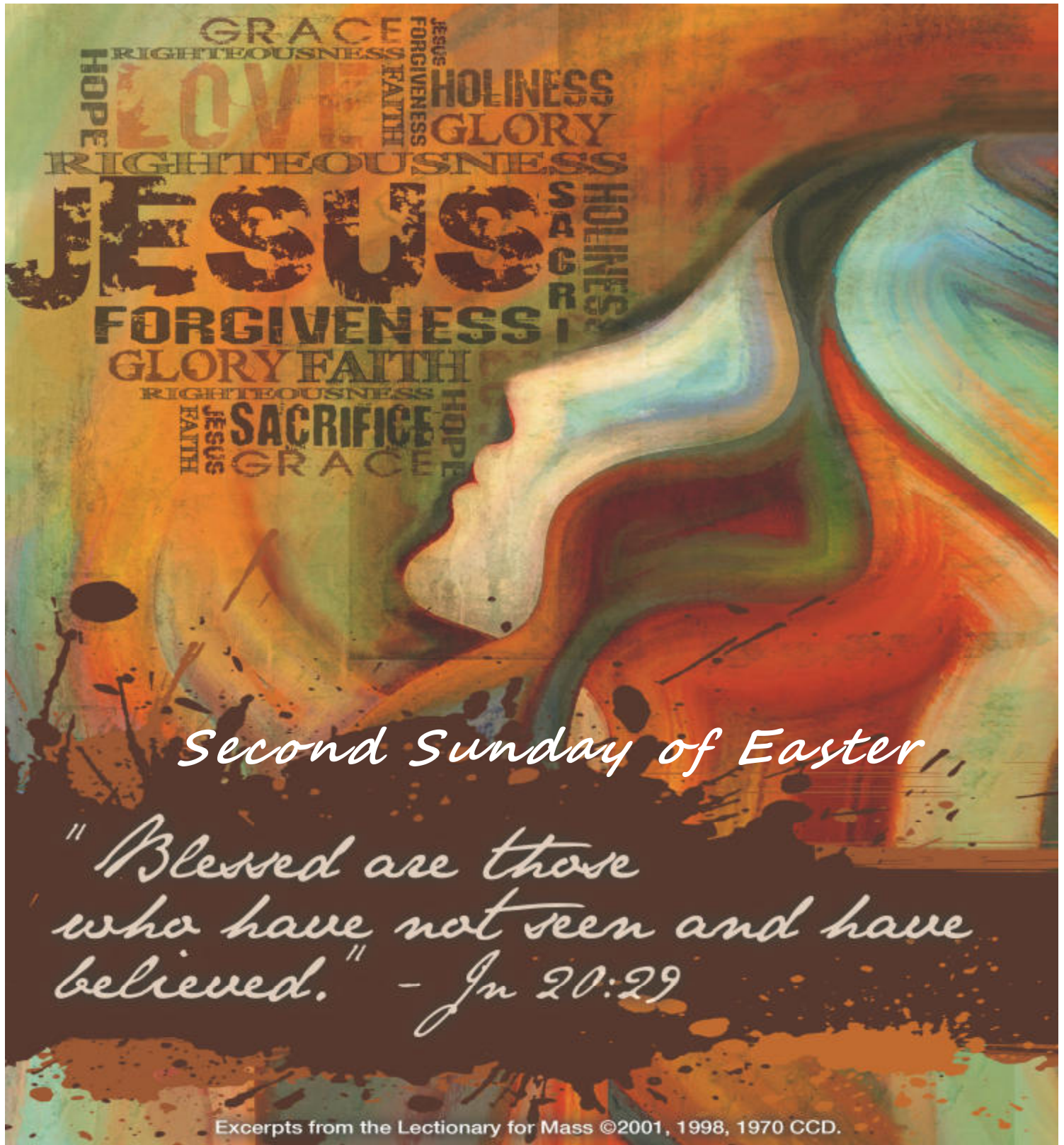




# *Saint Matthew Church* *The PULSE*

April 28, 2019

Detroit, Michigan



*Second Sunday of Easter*

*"Blessed are those  
who have not seen and have  
believed." - Jn 20:29*

## Readings for the Week of April 28, 2019

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/  
Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31  
Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/  
Jn 3:1-8  
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15  
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/  
Jn 3:16-21  
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  
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/  
Jn 3:31-36  
Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14  
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21  
Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12,  
13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

## 2nd Sunday of Easter

He has you in mind. Do we think about that much? The God of the universe has us in mind, individually as persons and together as one human family. We hear this truth in today's Gospel story of Thomas. His doubt is likely familiar to us by now. "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Jesus is God. He could have risen any way he wanted. He could have risen perfectly healed, as a further sign of his power over death and suffering. But when Thomas encounters him, we see what Jesus chose. "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." In resurrecting his body, Jesus already has Thomas in mind. Jesus retains his wounds for Thomas, for the disciples, and for all who would doubt the sacrificial power of love. This intentional love of Jesus is echoed by John and his disciples, who authored this Gospel. "Jesus did many other signs...these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ...and that through this belief you may have life in his name."

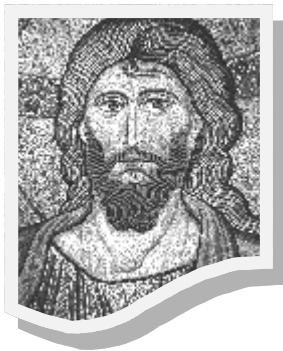
From its earliest beginnings, the Church knew the power of sign and story. When they wrote the Gospels, they had us in mind. We are all Thomas from time to time. We need to see the mercy of God lived and real in our lives. This can happen throughout the circumstances of our daily comings and goings. It can also happen through meditating on the Scripture, through placing ourselves in the stories and listening to God's voice speaking. We don't get to see what the disciples got to see, but we know, through them, that God always has us in mind. As he reminds the disciples, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."



## A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Jesus connects peace and forgiveness in today's Gospel. In our families, we will only experience peace to the extent we forgive one another. Peace is purchased with the currency of forgiveness. When we allow our anger and pride to lock out others, we also lock out peace and harmony.



## Love and Truth: The Face of God Continuing the Easter Experience

The door to God's presence is always open, and He is there, right now, waiting for us to open it from our own side, but the key to opening the door is Truth and Love. Truth is not impersonal, nor is it just a principle. Truth is a Person; and, in the same way, so is Love. This is in Jesus Christ, a real living person, who wants to meet us person to person, life to life, and heart to heart as soon as we are ready. It is only our own timidity and unawareness, and our own lack of wanting to really encounter this Truth and Love that keeps the door shut.

What stands in the way? First of all, we are distracted. We are so busy being drawn to everything else, almost hypnotized by the swirl and kaleidoscope of visual and mental stimuli bombarding us, that we don't step back and look for and so find this door. That is, amazingly, our greatest problem to get to know and see God.

Second of all, we don't stop when we are finally just concentrated on Him and Heaven to then knock. Without focusing our action to go in with our mind and heart on Jesus Christ, and so wanting to change from the small room we live in of our limited self-awareness to His big world of true spiritual space (which is so unimaginatively big that we can't really conceive it), we won't even try. This change which is so necessary is the root of the word repent, for it means a radical change of heart and mind to Godliness.

And thirdly, and most importantly, we need to move through the door, through the change, through the process of leaving behind our small desires and our made-up fantasy realities to then become truly images of Jesus Christ by adoption. To be remade in His Image and Likeness. We were born for this, we were nurtured throughout our life for this, and we are destined for this if we will only let Him be our Light and Life, our Truth and our Love, and the gladness of our spiritual rebirth so we can really and fully sing all the time. "Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen! Amen. Alleluia!"

## Feast of St. Joseph the Worker ~ May 1, 2019

In response to the "May Day" celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of St. Joseph the Worker in 1955. This feast extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion. Beginning in the Book of Genesis, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God. By work, humankind both fulfills the command found in Genesis to care for the earth (Gn 2:15) and to be productive in their labors. St. Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labor.

Jesus, too, was a carpenter. He learned the trade from St. Joseph and spent his early adult years working side-by-side in Joseph's carpentry shop before leaving to pursue his ministry as preacher and healer. In his encyclical *Laborem Exercens*, Pope John Paul II stated: "the Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated, and to help to guide [social] changes so as to ensure authentic progress by man and society."

St. Joseph is held up as a model of such work. Pius XII emphasized this when he said, "The spirit flows to you and to all men from the heart of the God-man, Savior of the world, but certainly, no worker was ever more completely and profoundly permeated by it than the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work."

## St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

**Wednesday, May 1, 6 pm - 2019 Jazz Nite Committee Follow up Meeting**

**Saturday, May 4, and Sunday, May 5, 4:30 pm and 10 am Masses, respectively - 2019 CSA Kick-off**

**Sunday, May 5, following 10 am Mass - Hospitality Sunday and 2019 CSA Kick-off**

*The following is the latest report on our 2018 CSA "double-down" efforts. Soon the 2018 campaign will come to a close. This is a reminder that if you have not as yet fulfilled your pledge or need to contribute to the 2018 CSA, please do so as soon as possible. Next weekend, May 4 and 5, will be our introduction to the 2019 CSA campaign. We congratulate all of you on making our 2018 "double-down" efforts such a success!*

### **CSA Campaign 2018**

|                                       |                    |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| CSA 2018 Goal:                        | \$15,804.00        |
| Total Pledged:                        | \$46,955.45        |
| Total Paid                            | <u>\$44,038.58</u> |
| Pledge Balance:                       | \$2,916.87         |
| Refund Anticipated:                   | \$31,151.45        |
| Refund Issued:                        | \$27,798.58        |
| Refund Due:                           | \$436.00           |
| Average Pledge:                       | \$384.88           |
| <b>Number of Pledges Fully Paid:</b>  | <b>98</b>          |
| Number of Pledges Received:           | 122                |
| <b>Number of Pledges Outstanding:</b> | <b>24</b>          |
| Number of Parish Families:            | 223                |

### *Easter Flower Donations on Behalf of These Loved Ones*

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## **CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ**



**Black Catholic Ministry** - "Taking a Knee: A Catholic, Intercultural Perspective," the third of four talks in the Office for Black Catholic Ministry's "Disciples on a Mission 2019" speaker series, will be held at Detroit's Corpus Christi Parish on Saturday, May 11.

The series focuses on religious issues touching the experience of Black Catholics in Detroit and Christ's call to bring the power of the Gospel into the city. Its goal is to rally Black Catholics from Detroit parishes around the call of Archbishop Vigneron to be missionary disciples in the African American community. The final talk, "Unleashing the Gospel in our Neighborhoods," will be held at Sacred Heart Major Seminary on September 14.

Your CSA gifts allow our local Church to minister to Black Catholics and predominantly African American parishes through the Office for Black Catholic Ministry.

### **Prayer for Our Nation**

This year, the National Day of Prayer for our nation falls on May 4. This observance was created by Congress in 1952.

Today, we see that religion in the public arena may have become a backseat participant in our national discussions. Our country was founded by immigrants who fled their home countries for many reasons. However, one of the most important reasons for emigration was for religious freedom. We as people of faith need to keep our faith lives in the forefront of our moral decision making.

*Let us pray!*

*God of freedom and liberty,  
you have created us a little less than the angels  
and, in doing so, have given us the ability  
to make moral choices.*

*Continue to bless our country  
and give us the wisdom to know your will.*

*We implore you to grant wisdom to our leaders.*

*We implore you to grant wisdom  
to individuals who vote.*

*Give patience to us when patience is needed.*

*Give us the knowledge to know  
when action needs to confront evil.*

*We ask all this in the name of  
Jesus, our brother and savior. Amen.*

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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.<br>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.*

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Betty Leone



# Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

## LECTORS

## SERVERS

Saturday, May 4, 2019, 4:30 p.m.

Janet Bielman  
Janet Law

Julie Smith

Lauren Smith

Sunday, May 5, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

Marilyn Lynn  
Beverly Goll  
Linda Holster  
Michael Holster  
Debra Nieddu  
Joseph Nieddu  
Kristen Stark

Dan McBride

Cory Fullilove  
Lauren Gross  
Julia Zuerblis

## Mass Schedule

**Saturday, April 27 - Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Easter**  
4:30 p.m. - Paul Coen (5th Anniv)

**Sunday, April 28 - 2nd Sunday of Easter**  
10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood  
and Consecrated Life

**Monday, April 29 - St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor  
of the Church**

**Tuesday, April 30 - St. Pius V, Pope**  
9:00 a.m. - For Immigrants Returning to their Home Countries to  
Rebuild their Lives

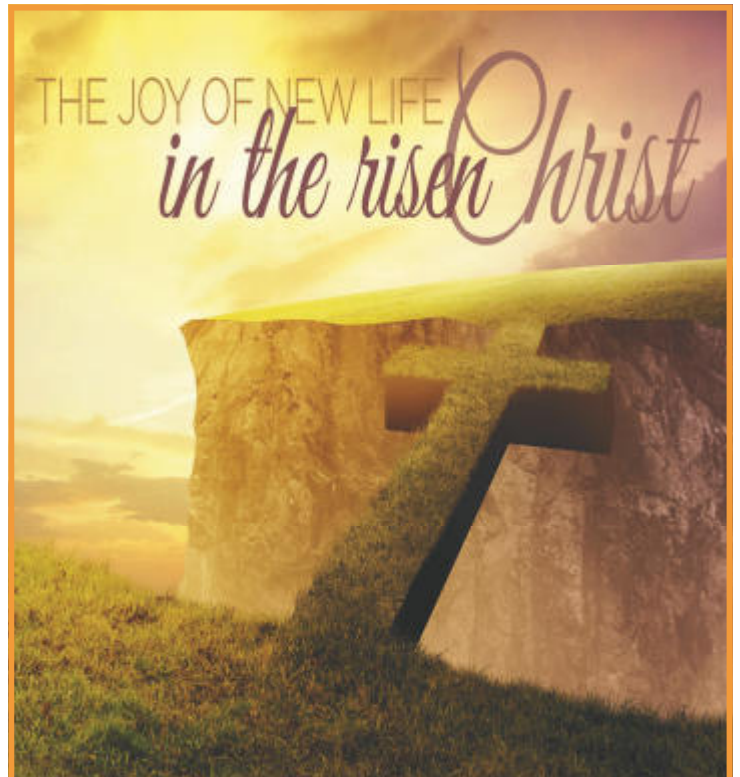
**Wednesday, May 1 - St. Joseph the Worker**  
9:00 a.m. - For those Who Labor for their Living

**Thursday, May 2 - St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the  
Church**

**Friday, May 3 - Sts. Philip and James, Apostles**  
9:00 a.m. - For the Missionaries Serving around the World

**Saturday, May 4 - Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Easter**  
4:30 p.m. - Anna Martinelli (24th Anniv), Dorothy Bielman (5th  
Anniv)

**Sunday, May 5 - 3rd Sunday of Easter**  
10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Betty Amara



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