



Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

May 26, 2019

Detroit, Michigan

6th
SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." - Jn 14:27

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*Memorial Day Mass to Honor those who Served
our Country and Gave their Very Last Measure
Monday, May 27, 9:00 a.m.*

Readings for the week of May 26, 2019

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b
[cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26--16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8
[7c]/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22--18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13,
14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-
23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

Friday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd,
5-6 [6]/Lk 1:39-56

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/
Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday:
Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/
Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/
Lk 24:46-53
7th Sunday of Easter: Acts 7:55-60/Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9
[1a, 9a]/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26

6th Sunday of Easter

Theology has two words to describe the space between God and us - transcendent and immanent. When we say God is transcendent, we speak of the One whose ways are not our ways, the placer of stars and maker of mountains. This is God who transcends our understanding, whose being goes beyond what we can know. When we say God is immanent, we mean His nearness to us. This is the way Jesus speaks of himself in today's Gospel. "Whoever loves me keeps my word...and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him."



The Hebrews saw God as intimately involved with the fate of their people. But for all His care, God was still distant to most. He spoke through prophets and was represented in blazes of fire and pillars of cloud. Priests offered animal sacrifice to atone for the nation's sins. While we still know that God is transcendent - any morning's resplendent sunrise confirms this - Jesus introduces us to himself in a new way. Not only does Jesus walk among us, but the Holy Spirit dwells within us. "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit...will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you!"

How do you tend to view God? For many of us, the transcendent sense of a distant God might fill our perception. Today's Gospel reminds us of something altogether different, something more intimate. Our God remains with us. He overcomes the confusion of the world and speaks peace to our troubled hearts. Our God is not far from us. The more we remain connected to Him and love as He loved, the more we will experience His nearness. We can have confidence in His presence and rest in His encouragement: "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."

A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Today, Jesus gives this advice: "Do not let your hearts be troubled." Worry and anxiety can consume our lives preventing us from seeing the love which surrounds us and binds us to one another. Don't miss the forest for the trees. We are living today what we worried about yesterday.

THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



This is a fairly late feast, going back only to the 13th or 14th century. It was established widely throughout the Church to pray for unity. The present date of celebration was set in 1969, in order to follow the Annunciation of the Lord and precede the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist.

Like most feasts of Mary, it is closely connected with Jesus and his saving work. The more visible actors in the visitation drama (see Luke 1:39-45) are Mary and Elizabeth. However, Jesus and John the Baptist steal the scene in a hidden way. Jesus makes John leap with joy—the joy of messianic salvation. Elizabeth, in turn, is filled with the Holy Spirit and addresses words of praise to Mary—words that echo down through the ages.

It is helpful to recall that we do not have a journalist's account of this meeting. Rather Luke, speaking for the Church, gives a prayerful poet's rendition of the scene. Elizabeth's praise of Mary as "the mother of my Lord" can be viewed as the earliest Church's devotion to Mary. As with all authentic devotion to Mary, Elizabeth's (the Church's) words first praise God for what God has done to Mary. Only secondly does she praise Mary for trusting God's words.

Then comes the Magnificat. Here, Mary herself, like the Church, traces all her greatness to God.

*My soul magnifies the Lord,
And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
Because he has regarded the lowliness of his handmaid;
For, behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed;
Because he who is mighty has done great things for me,
And holy is his name; and his mercy is from
generation to generation for those who fear him.
He has shown might with his arm,
he has scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.
He has put down the mighty from their thrones
and has exalted the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has given help to Israel, his servant, mindful of his mercy,
Even as he spoke to our fathers,
To Abraham and to his posterity forever.*

The Day of the Lord; An Unleash the Gospel Pastoral Note from Archbishop Vigneron

In his latest pastoral note to the faithful, entitled *The Day of the Lord*, Archbishop Vigneron encourages the faithful to "reclaim Sunday as a day set apart for the Lord, the family, and for works of mercy" in recognition of Christ's resurrection, the pouring out of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost Sunday, and the first "rest" of God after the work of creation.

In the pastoral note, Archbishop Vigneron also announced a new policy to cease youth sporting activities on Sundays. This re-commitment to honoring Sunday is rooted in Synod 16 when the faithful of the archdiocese expressed their desire to rededicate Sunday to worship, rest, and family time.

To read this and earlier pastoral notes, visit unleashthegospel.org/resources.

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Monday, May 27, 9 am - Memorial Day Mass; Rectory Office Closed and will Re-open at 10:30 am on Tuesday, May 28

Remember to pledge to CSA and "Repeat the Success"

Re: Your Michigan Catholic Yellow Envelope

Your packet of 2018 / 2019 envelopes contains a yellow envelope for the payment of The Michigan Catholic that would be delivered to your homes. Last year, the Archdiocese decided to discontinue the publication of this newspaper.

Consequently, you do not need to provide payment. So please disregard the "yellow envelope."

You will find all the important information regarding Catholic life in the Archdiocese and Michigan by accessing the website: DetroitCatholic.com.

Clinton River Cruise

Thursday, June 27, 2019, 6 p.m.

It's not the Muddy Mississippi, the Beautiful Blue Danube, the Mighty Colorado, or the Sleepy Thames, but it's ours, all of it, the Clinton River; and, we have an opportunity to set sail on a cruise of the winding Clinton River aboard *The Clinton Friendship* on Thursday, June 27. Boarding begins at 6 pm; *The Clinton Friendship* leaves the dock at 6:30 pm sharp!!!

Included in the \$42.50 per person cost will be a dinner buffet of your favorite selections, a cash bar, a DJ for dancing, and views from all decks. Starting in Mt. Clemens, sailing down the Clinton River to Lake St. Clair and back will take three-hours. Please plan on embarking on this unique parish outing. Transportation to the boarding dock is on your own. Directions and details will follow.

To make reservations, please use the form below, place it in an envelope that is clearly marked River Cruise with your check made payable to St. Matthew Church or cash. Drop it in the Offertory collection basket or at the rectory either during regular office hours or in the mail slot.



CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Marriage and Family Ministry - Engaged couples across the Archdiocese of Detroit have been preparing for summer nuptials through marriage preparation programs.

Catholic marriage is a calling from God to a shared vocation of life and love. CSA gifts allow the archdiocesan Office for Marriage and Family Ministry to advise couples of the steps necessary to seek marriage in the Catholic Church, including completing marriage preparation programs to help build a foundation for this important sacrament. The office also offers programs that enrich and nurture couples in every stage of the family life cycle.

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

WE REMEMBER THEM

In the rising of the sun and in its going down
We remember them.
In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter
We remember them.
In the opening of buds and in the warmth of summer
We remember them.
When we are weary and in need of strength
We remember them.
When we are lost and sick of heart
We remember them.
When we have joys we yearn to share
We remember them.
So long as we live, they too shall live
For they are now a part of us,
As we remember them. Amen

Kroger Community Rewards

The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to local neighborhoods. The period of February to April 2019 brought a monetary reward of **\$245.90** back to St. Matthew Parish thanks to the participation of **68** households.

Please go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com to sign up today. Every little "bite" helps. The account number for St. Matthew Parish is **AW497**.

St. Matthew's Clinton River Cruise Outing Ticket Reservation Form

Thursday, June 27, 2019, 6:30 pm Sail Time

Board *The Clinton Friendship* at 6:00 pm



Name(s): _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Number of Persons Attending: _____ x \$42.50 = _____

Submit completed form to Rectory with full payment (cash or check payable to St. Matthew)
Call the Rectory if you have any questions: 313-884-4470

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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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Betty Leone

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Monday, May 27, 2019, Memorial Day, 9:00 a.m.
Marilyn Lynn
Beverly Goll

LECTORS

William Zuerblis

SERVERS

Julia Zuerblis

Saturday, June 1, 2019, 4:30 p.m.

Janet Bielman
Janet Law

Bruce Campbell

Ian Campbell

Sunday, June 3, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

Marilyn Lynn
Patti Adams
Beverly Goll
Debra Nieddu
Joseph Nieddu
Jean Solomon
Kristen Stark

Bill Ridella

Cory Fullilove
Mary Pocius
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, May 25 - Vigil: 6th Sunday of Easter

4:30 p.m. - For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life

Sunday, May 26 - 6th Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Joseph Comiskey, Sr. (50th Anniv), Elenita Juco

Monday, May 27 - Memorial Day

9:00 a.m. - For the Deceased Members of the Armed Forces and their Families

Tuesday, May 28 -

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

Wednesday, May 29 -

9:00 a.m. - For Refugee and Immigrant Families and their Safety

Thursday, May 30 - The Ascension of the Lord (moved to the 7th Sunday of Easter)

Friday, May 31 - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

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

Saturday, June 1 - Vigil: The Ascension of the Lord

4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, June 2 - The Ascension of the Lord

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Brent Jacob, Frederick Allman (22nd Anniv)



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