



Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

September 1, 2019

Detroit, Michigan



22nd Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

“Do not recline at table in the place of honor.
A more distinguished guest than you may
have been invited.” - Lk 14:8bc

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**In celebration of Labor Day,
the Rectory Office will be closed on
Monday, September 2nd!**

Readings for the week of September 1, 2019

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 [cf. 11b]/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14
Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 [1]/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

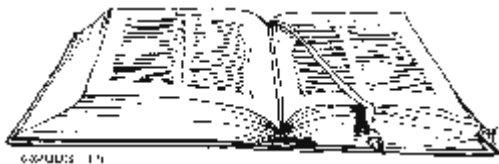
Can you imagine if Jesus threw a party? From the wedding feast at Cana, we know he wouldn't let the wine run out. From this Sunday's Gospel, we know there would be quite a lively array of guests! We also knew who the most important people would be - everyone. Jesus advises throwing a party that turns everything upside down.



Everyone should assume they're the least important attendee, and the guest list shouldn't include the neighborhood "who's who." Rather, we should go looking for "the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind" and hope they RSVP. Jesus describes a particular posture towards our own hospitality.

Parties are about the other people. "Do not recline at table in the place of honor." How often can small talk become a one-upmanship of job promotions, home renovations, and our children's achievements? We've all been to parties where being the most interesting guest is the highest achievement. Yet so often, we know the best party guests are the ones who listen well to our stories. Whether we are guests or hosts, we have the opportunity to look on others with humility and awe.

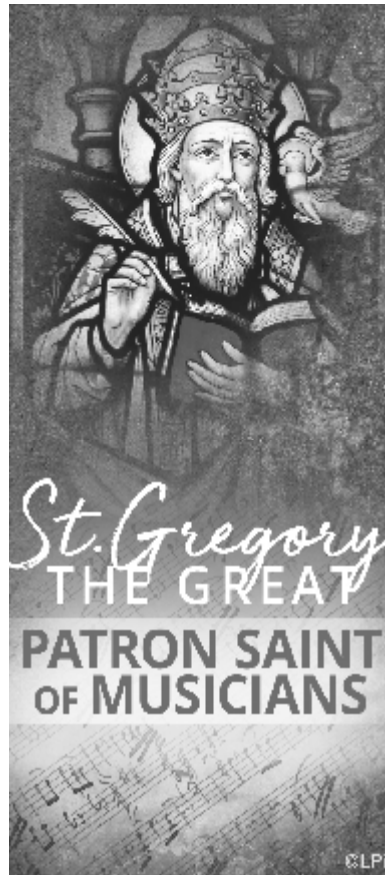
Parties are opportunities to serve. Jesus advises us to be careful who we invite "in case they might invite you back and you have repayment." Does Jesus literally mean we shouldn't invite our friends over? Of course not! But he does invite us to special consideration when we offer hospitality. When we invite people over to our home, what motivates us? Who we want to spend time with? Who we'd like to impress? These ultimately have only ourselves in mind. How about asking: Who could use some extra care right now? Who could benefit from a fun evening out? In other words, who can I serve?



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Family life well lived confirms the words of Jesus in today's Gospel, "Those who humble themselves will be exalted." Commitment, intimacy, loyalty, and love are the rewards of humble service and care for one another.



St. Gregory
THE GREAT
PATRON SAINT
OF MUSICIANS

Pope Gregory I (540 to March 12, 604), commonly known as Saint Gregory the Great, was Pope from September 3, 590 to March 12, 604 AD. He is famous for instigating the first recorded large-scale mission from Rome, the Gregorian Mission, to convert the then-pagan Anglo-Saxons in England to Christianity.

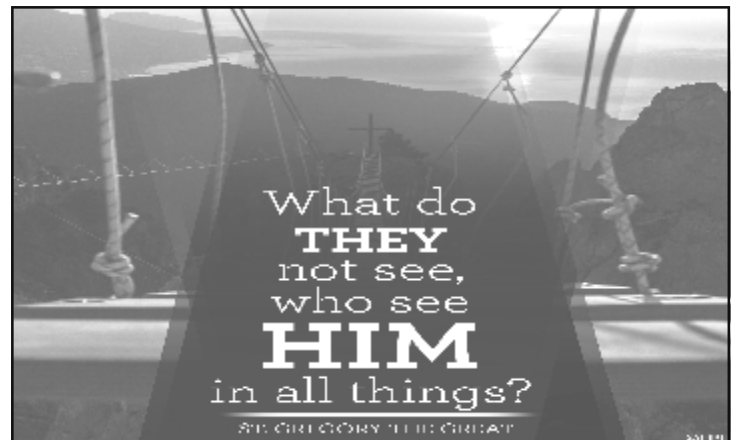
Gregory is also well known for his writings, which were more prolific than those of any of his predecessors as Pope. The epithet Saint Gregory the Dialogist has been attached to him in Eastern Christianity because of his Dialogues.

A Roman senator's son and himself the Prefect of Rome at age 30, Gregory tried the monastery but soon returned to active public life, ending his life and the century as pope. Although he was the first pope from a monastic background, his

prior political experiences may have helped him to be a talented administrator, who successfully established papal supremacy. During his papacy, he greatly surpassed with his administration the emperors in improving the welfare of the people of Rome, and he successfully challenged the theological views of Patriarch Eutychius of Constantinople before the emperor Tiberius II.

Gregory regained papal authority in Spain and France and sent missionaries to England, including Augustine of Canterbury and Paulinus of York. The realignment of barbarian allegiance to Rome from their Arian Christian alliances shaped medieval Europe. Gregory experienced the Franks, Lombards, and Visigoths align with Rome in religion. He also combated against the Donatist heresy, popular particularly in North Africa at the time.

Gregory is a Doctor of the Church and one of the Latin Fathers. He is considered a saint in the Catholic Church, Eastern Orthodox Church, Anglican Communion, and some Lutheran denominations. Immediately after his death, Gregory was canonized by popular acclaim. The Protestant reformer John Calvin admired Gregory greatly and declared in his Institutes that Gregory was the last good Pope. He is the patron saint of musicians, singers, students, and teachers.



St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Monday, September 2, Labor Day, and
Tuesday, September 3 - No Masses Scheduled

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Tuesday, September 3,
Rectory Office will be Closed

Sunday, September 8, 9:15 am - First
Choir Practice; following 10 am Mass - St.
Matthew Conference, St. Vincent de Paul Soci-
ety Meeting, Church Auditorium

~ Sunday, September 22, 1 pm ~
Mass in Celebration of Father Duane's
40th Anniversary of Ordination

As you may already know, next month our parish will gather to celebrate two beautiful milestones with our Pastor, Fr. Duane Novelly, the 40th Anniversary of Father's Ordination to the Priesthood and the 30th Anniversary serving as Pastor of St. Matthew Parish! A Mass of Thanksgiving is scheduled on the weekend of the Feast of St. Matthew, **September 22, 2019** at the special time of **1:00 p.m.** Please note that there will be no 4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass for that weekend only.

Following Mass and weather permitting, there will be an outdoor reception in the Courtyard located between the Church building and the Rectory building. You, as a parishioner, may have already received your invitation to this event. Please take time to RSVP either via the e-mail address, stmatthew27@aol.com, or by calling the rectory office at 313-884-4470, and indicate the number of family members attending.

Through all the years as our priest, he has seen to the needs of parishioners, living and deceased. Father has served stranger and friend following in the footsteps of Jesus. We, as his parishioners, want to be there to share in the joy of the wonderful ministry Father Duane has brought not only to our parish but to the community as well.



To our St. Matthew Parish Family
Kendall Donaldson and her son, Jermaine,
of Grosse Pointe Woods.

We hope you find your spiritual home here in
our St. Matthew Community of faith.

Kroger Community Rewards

The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to local neighborhoods. The period of May to July brought a monetary reward of **\$255.35** back to St. Matthew Parish thanks to the participation of **70** households. Please join those who participate!

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CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Youth and Young Adult Ministry - "What's Your Story?" is the theme of the upcoming Engaging the Young Church Conference, to be held September 27 and 28 for those who minister to youth and young adults in the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Your CSA gifts help fund this two-day conference, which provides priests, deacons, parish catechetical leaders, volunteers, and youth, young adult, and junior high ministers with the latest ministry tools and resources, encouragement, and inspiration for this ministry. Keynote presentations will focus on figuring out one's own story, sharing God's love with others, helping families and youth grow as disciples, and witnessing the faith.

The Engaging the Young Church Conference will be held at St. Anastasia Parish in Troy and will feature 14 workshops. Registration is required by September 14.

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).

Tomorrow, Monday, we celebrate Labor Day. The history of Labor Day is very interesting. It arose in the early 19th Century as the labor movement was beginning to flourish in the US. It was established as a day to encourage the union movement and collective bargaining. With our heightened political awareness of labor unions today, it would be good to encourage the foundation of Labor Day: the dignity of the laborer and the dignity of work itself.

*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.*

Apple Harvest Festival



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On Sunday, September 15, from noon to 5 p.m., St. Raymond/Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish is holding an Apple Harvest Festival, 20103 Joann, Detroit 48205. There will be a BBQ, home-made pierogi, Asian food, bake sale, games, music, raffle, flea market, and more fun! Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. with Bishop Hanchon presiding. The parish grounds are located two blocks south of 8 Mile, four blocks east of Schoenherr. Call 313-527-0525 with questions.

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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	Janet Law
Lolita Dorado	Jesse Ocampo
Rita Moroni	Laura Alix
Albert Fajardo	Betty Leone
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Kurt Beghuyn	Thomas Bingham
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Kathy Bush	Bill Solomon
Glenda Johnson	
Robert Stark	
Stephanie Smith	
Alice Mocerì	

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

LECTORS

SERVERS

Saturday, September 7, 2019, 4:30 p.m.
Janet Bielman Bruce Campbell Ian Campbell
Lauren Smith

Sunday, September 8, 2019, 10:00 a.m.
Marilyn Lynn Liz Foley-Dunstone Cory Fullilove
Patti Adams Jermaine Donaldson
Beverly Goll Julia Zuerblis
Linda Holster
Michael Holster
Debra Nieddu
Joseph Nieddu

Mass Schedule

Saturday, August 31 - Vigil: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, September 1 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark

Monday, September 2 - Labor Day

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

Wednesday, September 4 -
9:00 a.m. - For Refugee and Migrant Families

Thursday, September 5 -

Friday, September 6 -
9:00 a.m. - For the Poor and Needy in our Community

Saturday, September 7 - Vigil: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, September 8 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. - Anna Sasinowski, Judy Stark, Lucy Zelenak, Ginger Cottone, Gloria Pocius, William and Jean Solomon (57th Wedding Anniv)



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