



Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

September 8, 2019

Detroit, Michigan



“In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” - Lk 14:33

Readings for the week of September 8, 2019

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
Monday: Col 1:24--2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-
19
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab [9]/
Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-
38
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11
[cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38
[cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Next Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19
[Lk 15:18]/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1
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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's said that upon reading the Gospels, Gandhi commented that he very much liked Jesus Christ. It was Christ's followers he found troublesome. One wonders who Gandhi had met and if these Christians had truly counted the cost of their faith. Following Jesus, really following Jesus, is much more challenging than we may think. He emphasizes this with strong language in this Sunday's Gospel. He compares discipleship to the carrying of one's own execution device - "his own cross" - and for the need even to "hate" what could disrupt one's commitment. Some of this is standard hyperbole, exaggeration for effect common to the time period. Some of this should make us wonder how deep our discipleship goes.

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost?" Jesus imagines this construction project gone wrong. Someone may lay the foundation but not have enough resources to finish. We've received the firm foundation of the sacraments - our baptism, for one, along with weekly Mass attendance and regular confession. Yet how often do we find ourselves too distracted, exhausted, or uninterested to truly build our lives on our faith? We have all met such Christians. Some days, we may be those Christians ourselves. We become the incomplete tower that confuses and baffles the onlookers. "This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish!"

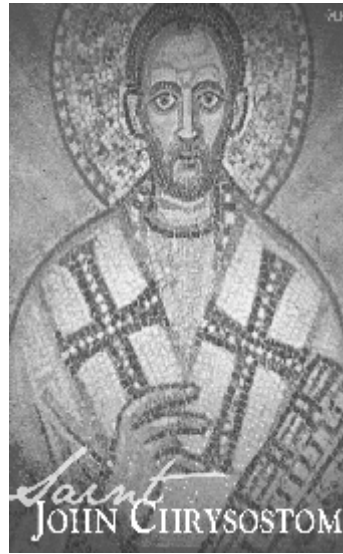
For some of us, our cross may feel heavier than we expected upon the first lift. Building a tower means laying stone upon stone. It's a process. We don't arrive at completion overnight. Grace is always sufficient to provide the resources, but we need to keep saying yes to the task. This week, consider your own discipleship. What is one area where you've become distracted or discouraged? How can that improve this week? Let God lay another brick on the tower.



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Today's Gospel is clear: commitment to another involves sacrifice. Before we accept a commitment such as marriage or parenting, we must plan carefully like the king in today's Gospel. These are serious commitments which demand complete self-giving and are not for the faint-hearted or selfish.



Feast Day, September 13th

St. John, named Chrysostom (golden-mouthed) on account of his eloquence, came into the world born of Christian parents, about the year 344, in the city of Antioch. His mother, at the age of 20, was a model of virtue. He studied rhetoric under Libanius, a pagan, the most famous orator of the age.

In 374, he began to lead the life of an hermit in the mountains near Antioch, but in 386 the poor state of his health forced him to return to Antioch, where he was ordained a priest.

In 398, he was elevated as Archbishop to the See of Constantinople and became one of the greatest lights of the

Church. But he had enemies in high places and some were ecclesiastics, not the least being Theophilus, Patriarch of Alexandria, who repented of this before he died. His most powerful enemy, however, was the empress Eudoxia, who was offended by the apostolic freedom of his discourses. Several accusations were brought against him in a pseudo-council, and he was sent into exile.

In the midst of his sufferings, like the apostle, St. Paul, whom he so greatly admired, he found the greatest peace and happiness. He had the consolation of knowing that the Pope remained his friend and helped him in what lay in his power. His enemies were not satisfied with the sufferings he had already endured, and they banished him still further, to Pythius, at the very extremity of the Empire. He died on his way there on September 14, 407.

John's influence on church teachings is interwoven throughout the current Catechism of the Catholic Church (revised 1992) citing him in 18 sections, particularly his reflections on the purpose of prayer and the meaning of the Lord's Prayer. He is referred to by one noted cleric as "one of the most eloquent preachers who ever since apostolic times have brought to men the divine tidings of truth and love", and the 19th-century John Henry Newman described John as a "bright, cheerful, gentle soul; a sensitive heart."



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.

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

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

Saturday, September 14, 10 am to 4 pm (tentative) - Church Clean-up Crew Reporting for Duty

Sunday, September 22, 1 pm - Mass of Thanksgiving, Father Duane's 40th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood

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

As you may already know, on Sunday, September 22nd, our parish will 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 and no 10 a.m. Sunday 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.

Catholic Relief Services Emergency Response to Victims of Hurricane Dorian

Just this week, Hurricane Dorian slammed into the Bahamas and has not stopped there but will be continuing on to the coast of Florida. While hurricanes and storms can be forecast and expected in some areas, it doesn't change the fact that they still devastate lives and uproot families, no matter how prepared they might have been.

Even as this is being written, heavy rains continue, making relief efforts difficult. Communication is limited, but Catholic Relief Services, along with local partners, is working to assess the needs as quickly as possible. You can provide emergency food, water, and shelter through a donation to

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CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Christian Worship - The Sunday Experience, a conference about developing transformational liturgies through dynamic preaching, engaging hospitality, and helping the assembly sing, will be held next Monday and Tuesday, September 16 and 17.

The keynote for the event's first day, which is focused on musicians, is on liturgical intentionality. The second day will feature three tracks designed specifically for clergy, musicians, and hospitality ministers, and keynotes on full, active, and conscious participation, and hymns of Eucharistic amazement.

Your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal support the work of the Christian Worship Office, which is presenting The Sunday Experience at a low cost to parishes.

Prayer for Teachers

Lord God, your spirit of wisdom fills the earth
and teaches us your ways.

Look upon our teachers.

Let them strive to share their knowledge
with gentle patience
and endeavor always to bring the truth to eager minds.

Grant that they may follow Jesus Christ,
the way, the truth, and the life,
For ever and ever.

Amen.

Prayer for Students

Lord our God, in your wisdom and love

You surround us with the mysteries of the universe.

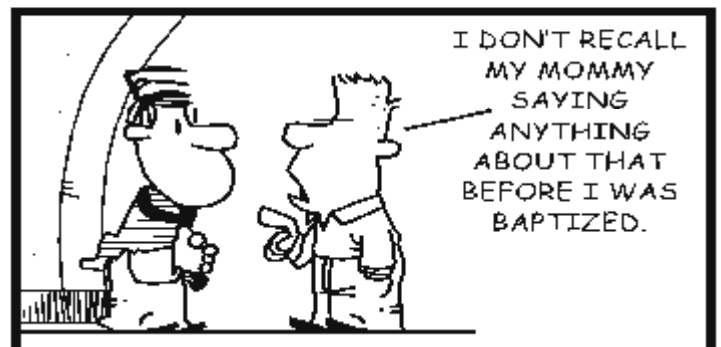
Send your Spirit upon these students
and fill them with your wisdom and blessings.

Grant that they may devote themselves to their studies
and draw ever closer to you, the source of all knowledge.

We ask you this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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WEEKEND/WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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| 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.

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| Chuck Schuster | Janet Law |
| Lolita Dorado | Jesse Ocampo |
| Rita Moroni | Laura Alix |
| Albert Fajardo | Betty Leone |
| Virginia Fajardo | Michelle Harter |
| Madeline O'Neill | Jo Marie Nardi |
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| Alice Mocerì | |

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

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Janet Law

LECTORS

Bryan Jones

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Lauren Smith

Saturday, September 14, 2019, 4:30 p.m.

Marilyn Lynn
Dorothy Brooks
Beverly Goll
Patti Hammond
Veronica Obianwu
Jean Solomon
Kristen Stark

Bill Ridella

Lauren Gross
Mary Pocius
Julia Zuerblis

Sunday, September 15, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

Mass Schedule

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)

Monday, September 9 - St. Peter Claver, Priest

Tuesday, September 10 -

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

Wednesday, September 11 - Patriot's Day

9:00 a.m. - For all Military Personnel and First Responders in
our Country

Thursday, September 12 - The Most Holy Name of Mary

**Friday, September 13 - St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church**

9:00 a.m. - For Victims of Natural Disasters

**Saturday, September 14 - Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

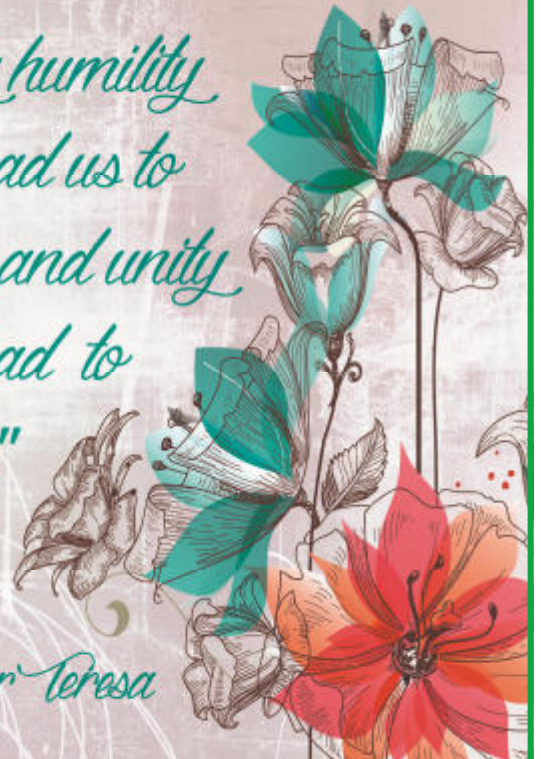
4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, September 15 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Ross Chinnici (12th Anniv)

"Only humility
will lead us to
unity, and unity
will lead to
peace."

-Mother Teresa



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