



*Serving the Community and People of
St. Matthew Parish for 30 years.*

Fr. Duane R. Novelty

*Ordained to the
Priesthood*

June 3, 1979

*40th Anniversary
Celebration*

September 22, 2019



From Father Duane's Desk

"a man wonders if he ever really chose this life, if he even knew enough at the time of his entrance into the seminary, or of his ordination to be able freely to choose this life. The fundamental truth is not that we have well or poorly, enlightened or unenlightened, chose Christ in this life. The fundamental truth is that He has chose us."

Archbishop Roger Mahoney
Archbishop of Los Angeles



As I look back on 40 years of ordination, the words of Archbishop Mahoney ring true. I wonder how it all came to be?

Priesthood has certainly offered me opportunities great and small. To stand before hundreds of people and speak words of truth and mission is a responsibility and a privilege. To be invited into people's lives at intimate moments like birth and death, to hold bread and wine that becomes the Body and Blood of Christ, to say your sins are forgiven, these are not just life moments, these are encounters with Christ that priesthood offers in a unique way.

A priest looks into his soul and is humbled. He is neither a businessman nor a man with a craft. He is called to be everything when he is needed and often ignored when not. He is called to be an artist releasing in people's spirits the beauty of the Most High Priest. He is asked to give good homilies yet he is not an entertainer.

Who could have imagined, as Archbishop Mahoney said, what would be asked of him the day he entered the seminary or the day of his ordination. Who could ever know fully the direction in which God would take him? No one! For that reason, priesthood is a mystery tied to the mystery of Christ the High Priest.

I did not fully realize what my life would be 40 years ago, but I don't regret a moment. I know now that I did not choose this, it truly was Christ who chose me. Today, I give thanks to God for that calling. So many times, I have felt in the midst of ministry to people, that I have been ministered to as well. That is when I know Christ is by my side with me in the Father's work.

For the past 40 years as a priest and the 30 years that I have been pastor at St. Matthew's, I want to thank you for your support and love, and now I ask you to pray for me as I give thanks to God for having chosen me.

With gratitude,
Father Duane



Congratulations and Thank You

On the occasion of your 40th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood and your 30 years as Pastor of our parish, St. Matthew's, we the Parish Council and the parishioners of St. Matthew Parish, wholeheartedly congratulate you on these special milestones.

We thank you for nurturing our faith, for sharing the Gospel message, for bringing to us the Body and Blood of Christ, for sharing our joy and our sorrows, for your welcome smile, and your joyful hospitality. Thank you for being our Beacon of Light and our Sign of Hope. God bless you always!

Father Duane's Journey

Education:

1969 – Graduated Warren Woods High School
1969 – 1970 Macomb Community College
1970 – 1974 Sacred Heart Major Seminary (B.A. Philosophy)
1974 – 1977 St. John's Provincial Seminary (Masters of Divinity)

Assignments:

1978 – 1979 Diaconate: St. Isidore Parish
1978 – 1979 Archdiocesan Marriage Tribunal
June 3, 1979 Ordination to the Priesthood
1979 – 1982 Associate Pastor: St. Ephrem Parish
1982 – 1985 Associate Pastor: St. Anne Parish
1985 – 1989 Associate Pastor: St. Joan of Arc Parish
1989 – Present Pastor: St. Matthew Parish

Activities:

1986 – 1989 Vicar, SERF Vicariate
1995 – 2001 Vicar, Detroit / Grosse Pointe Vicariate
2006 – 2007 Administrator, St. Brendan and Guardian Angels Parishes
(Brought to Closure per Archdiocesan Directive)

2010 – Administrator, St. Jude
2010 – Present Speaker and Presenter for Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club
2018 – Invocation for Opening the Detroit City Council Meeting, February
2018 – Invocation for Wayne County Board of Commissioners Meeting, July
Ongoing – Presenter for Parish Retreats and Days of Renewal

Committees:

1986 – 1989 School Outreach Fund Committee
1987 – Co-Chair, Eucharistic Ministers for Papal Visit
1995 – 1997 Priests' Convocation Program Committee
Confirmation Policy Committee
Chair, Health Care Chaplaincy Committee

Honors:

1997 – Induction into the Warren Woods High School Hall of Fame
2004 – John Farrell Award
(3-month Sabbatical Study at the Pontifical North American College, Rome, Italy)

Interests:

Former Member of the Detroit Rugby Club
Sailing (participated in 3 Mackinaw Races)
Sky Diving (Only Once!)
Golf
Former Member of U of M Choral Union
Former Member of the Metropolitan Detroit Chorale

Travel:

Travelled extensively through Europe, England, Israel, Egypt
Sailed the British Virgin Islands and Granada

Other Interests:

Cooking and Good Wine

Patience is power ...
it is "timing": it waits
on the right time to
act, for the right
principles and in the
right way.

—Ven. Fulton Sheen

Readings for the Week of September 22, 2019

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 [cf. 1a, 7b]/
1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13
Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/
Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5
[1]/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/
Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12a, 13 [cf.
10d]/
Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Tm 6:11
-16/Lk 16:19-31



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Compartmentalization or consistency? In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells a strange story of a sneaky, savvy steward that raises questions about our personal virtue. "How much do you owe? Here is your promissory note, write one for eighty." This parable isn't advice for money management. Historically, there were many positions that acted on behalf of their masters regarding money, like customs agents, household stewards, and tax collectors. Often these workers over-charged and skimmed off the top.

Usurious practices like this were not in line with the traditional Jewish understanding of money lending, which strictly forbade them from taking interest or making a profit off of their own people. As the steward reduced the debt, he was likely writing out the amount he originally intended to take for himself. Before the steward can be commended, he needs to right the wrong done.

"The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones." This parable contains an important self-check. We have a great many things we're responsible for that seem to have nothing to do with the kingdom of God. How do we interact in those spaces? Are we trustworthy in our dealings at work and at home? Are we honest and faithful to our commitments to family and friends? Are we honest with our money and prudent with how we spend our time?

Jesus calls his disciples to consistency. How often do we expect that we can be one person one place, yet shrug off that persona in a new situation? "No servant can serve two masters." These week, take stock of your life. All of your life. Are you living the Gospel values wherever you go?

St. Vincent Paul Society News - Detroit Friends Walk

On Saturday, September 28th, at 10 A.M. the Society of St. Vincent de Paul "Detroit Friends Walk" will take place on Belle Isle, allowing the entire metropolitan Detroit St. Vincent de Paul organization to proudly walk in support of our mission – hands on charitable work for people in need. All parishioners are welcome to join our members for this day of friendship and solidarity.

Due to our special celebrations this weekend, we ask that if you want to pledge or walk, please call the rectory or sign up the day of the Walk at 9 A.M.

Donations in any amount are welcome and will help us serve the less fortunate in our St. Matthew neighborhood community. Thank you in advance for your generosity. All participants will receive a T-shirt and light lunch.

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Priestly Vocations - The Office of Priestly Vocations is hosting a Vocation Night and five Junior High Vocation Days at Sacred Heart Major Seminary this fall, allowing seventh grade boys and girls to learn more about the priesthood and consecrated life.

Students will hear how others have come to understand their call from God, pray Evening Prayer or celebrate Mass with an auxiliary bishop in the seminary chapel, and tour the historic seminary. The Vocation Night will be held at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 9. The dates for school groups to attend the Junior High Vocation Days are Tuesday, September 24; Wednesday, September 25; Tuesday, October 8; Wednesday, October 9; and Wednesday, November 6. All carry a low cost of \$5 per person.

Your CSA gifts ensure the Office of Priestly Vocations is able to promote vocations through events like these as well as discernment overnights and weekends at Sacred Heart Major Seminary and regional gatherings. It also provides outreach to parishes and schools and vocations literature, brochures, and prayer cards.



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September 9, 2019

Father Duane Novelly
St. Matthew Catholic Church
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Dear Father Novelly:

My most heart-felt congratulations during this celebration of the 40th anniversary of your ordination to the priesthood and the 30th anniversary as Pastor serving the people of St. Matthew and the eastside of Detroit. Throughout your years as a priest you have been both a spiritual leader and a friend to your parishioners, and we in the community are deeply appreciative of your efforts and good works in the name of the Lord.

Throughout the years of ministry, you have been an asset to the Catholic community, as you have nurtured Christian values, offered leadership and guidance, and performed with true compassion and understanding the many varied and temporal duties that the priesthood requires. In the true spirit of the Catholic faith, your works show you have been most concerned with those who are least able to care for themselves, the children, the aged, and the needy.

You have accomplished much in the last 30 years at St. Matthew and 40 years in the priesthood. Once again I congratulate you and please accept my own best wishes and encouragement for the future.

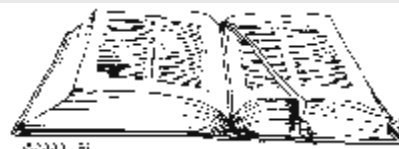
Sincerely,

Tenisha Yancey
State Representative
House District 1

A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Despite all our time saving gadgets, we still have less leisure and family time. To solve this, we created the myth of "Quality Time." Don't be fooled: Quality time is *quantity time*. Jesus counsels us today, we "cannot serve two masters" and expect to be happy. Dedicate time to your family. No one in their final hours regretted not spending more time at work.



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Dennis Costello ~ *St. Vincent de Paul / Christian Service*
Dan McBride ~ *St. Vincent de Paul / Christian Service*

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
Lolita Dorado
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Pauline Williams
Bill Solomon

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Liz Smith

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Lauren Smith

Sunday, September 28, 2019, 4:30 p.m.

Marilyn Lynn
Patti Adams
Keith Arcicovich
Dorothy Brooks
Beverly Goll
Greg Redman
Kristen Stark

William Zuerblis

Cory Fullilove
Lauren Gross
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, September 21 - No 4:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, September 22 - Feast of St. Matthew Celebration

1:00 p.m. - Raymond and Sylvia Novelly, Fr. Duane R. Novelly

Monday, September 23 - St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Tuesday, September 24 -

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

Wednesday, September 25 -

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

Thursday, September 26 - Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Friday, September 27 - St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

9:00 a.m. - For the Poor and Needy in our Community

Saturday, September 28 -

10:00 a.m. - Nathan Harrington Funeral Mass

Saturday, September 28 - Vigil: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, September 29 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Matthew Lynn, For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood

"No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." - Lk 16:13

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