



Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

October 27, 2019

Detroit, Michigan



30th Sunday

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

“But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, ‘O God, be merciful to me a sinner.’” - Lk 18:13

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ALL *Saints*

Friday, November 1, 2019
All Saints Feast Day
Holy Day of Obligation
Masses at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Readings for the Week of October 27, 2019

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 [7a]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14
 Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16
 Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Lk 13:18-21
 Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30
 Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31 [26b]/Lk 13:31-35
 Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
 Saturday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
 Next Sunday: Wis 11:22—12:2/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14 [cf. 1]/2 Thes 1:11—2:2/Lk 19:1-10

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

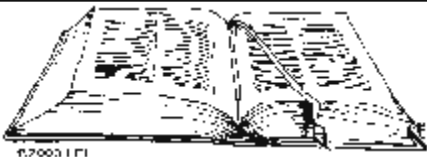
This Sunday's Gospel contrasts two different religious attitudes. First, the self-righteous Pharisee. Here is a man who seems to impeccably follow the law. In some terms, he is the model citizen!



Honest, fiscally generous, and faithful to his marriage vows. But something else lurks in his heart: pride. *"O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity ... or even like this tax collector."* For the Pharisee, no fault can be admitted. The only way to stay on top is to preserve one's image — even to God, it seems! — and point out the flaws of others from the pedestal.

In the back of the temple, hidden and bowed down, is the tax collector. *"O God, be merciful to me a sinner."* This man's prayer is one of supplication and petition. He isn't afraid to express his sinfulness and misery. This, Jesus says, is the one who *"went home justified."* How many times have we heard the mission of Jesus to seek and save the lost? Jesus is the one who dines with sinners and invites every heart to repentance. But how can we return to him if we don't know we've left? How can we receive God's grace when we're adamant we don't need it?

We all have within us both the Pharisee and the tax collector. We want to be sure of ourselves and to be admired in the eyes of others. Yet we also know that we are not always what we wish to present to others. We can be preoccupied with our self-image and feel anxious about our flaws being exposed. Because we do have flaws, after all. We are the sinner in need of mercy. This Sunday, will we humble ourselves enough to ask for it?



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Listen to Jesus in today's Gospel: "who humbles himself will be exalted." It is not the occasional big events, but the daily humble routine of family life which creates bonds and relationships which last a lifetime.

Saints Simon and Jude's Story Feast Day, October 28, 2019

Jude is so named by Luke and in the Acts. Matthew and Mark call him Thaddeus. He is not mentioned elsewhere in the Gospels, except, of course, where all the apostles are mentioned. Scholars hold that he is not the author of the Letter of Jude. Actually, Jude had the same name as Judas Iscariot. Evidently because of the disgrace of that name, it was shortened to "Jude" in English.

Simon is mentioned on all four lists of the apostles. On two of them he is called "the Zealot." The Zealots were a Jewish sect that represented an extreme of Jewish nationalism. For them, the messianic promise of the Old Testament meant that the Jews were to be a free and independent nation. God alone was their king, and any payment of taxes to the Romans—the very domination of the Romans—was a blasphemy against God.

No doubt some of the Zealots were the spiritual heirs of the Maccabees, carrying on their ideals of religion and independence. But many were the counterparts of modern terrorists. They raided and killed, attacking both foreigners and "collaborating" Jews. They were chiefly responsible for the rebellion against Rome which ended in the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70.

Reflection: *As in the case of all the apostles except for Peter, James and John, we are faced with men who are really unknown, and we are struck by the fact that their holiness is simply taken to be a gift of Christ. He chose some unlikely people: a former Zealot, a former (crooked) tax collector, an impetuous fisherman, two "sons of thunder," and a man named Judas Iscariot.*

It is a reminder that we cannot receive too often. Holiness does not depend on human merit, culture, personality, effort, or achievement. It is entirely God's creation and gift. Jude, like all the saints, is the saint of the impossible: Only God can create his divine life in human beings. And God wills to do so, for all of us.

Saint Jude is the Patron Saint of Desperate Situations

Prayer to St. Jude

*Glorious St. Jude, with faith in your goodness,
we ask your help today.*

*As one of Christ's chosen Apostles,
you remain a pillar and
foundation of His church on earth.*

*You are counted, we know,
among the elders who always stand
before God's throne.*

*With your seat of honor, please beg God
to both answer my request and
bring me to eternal rest with you. Amen.*



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 4:30 PM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 10:00 AM

MASS OF ANOINTING

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Saturday, October 26, 10 am - Tracey Walker's Funeral Mass

Friday, November 1, 9 am and 7 pm Masses - Feast of All Saints, Holy Day of Obligation

Saturday, November 2, 10 am - Mark Baumgart Funeral Mass; Instate at 9:30 am

Saturday, November 2; Sunday, November 3; 4:30 pm and 10 am Masses, respectively - Mass of Anointing



PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

We thank you, heavenly Father, for the gift of Father Duane, who responded to your call to priestly ministry. Accept this prayer we offer on his behalf. Fill him with the sure knowledge of your love. Open his heart to the power and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Lead him to new depths of union with your Son, Jesus. Increase in him profound faith in the Sacraments he celebrates as they nourish, strengthen, and heal us.

Lord Jesus Christ, grant that Father Duane may inspire us to strive for holiness by the power of his example, as a man of prayer who ponders your word and follows your will.

St. John Vianney, universal patron of priests, pray for us and for our priest, Father Duane Novelly

~ GoFundMe ~

A **GoFundMe** page has been created by Patrick Lusch in an effort to work on restoring and securing the St. Matthew building complex. This is a result of the recent vandalism to the church building that resulted in approximately \$200K in damages to the roof and gutter system. Information has been posted to our website: www.stmatthewdetroit.com. Go to the website, click on the green "**GoFundMe**" link to read about this important effort. Even if you can't contribute, please share the effort with your friends and family.

The **GoFundMe** page was started to ensure we can protect our assets, and establish proactive measures to deter future damage to the complex. God bless you for anything you can do!

Received at the rectory from Illinois, Class of 1977:

"We grew up in Detroit, attended St. Matthew's School and were married there. I think of it as my 'home' parish and have never seen a more beautiful church. Please accept this for restoration of the building after the recent vandalism."

Received at the rectory from Oakland Twp, Class of 1966:

"Please accept this money to be used to repair St. Matthew Church. I was a 1966 graduate and was married in St. Matthew's Church. God bless you always!"

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Evangelization - The 2019 Parish Day of Renewal, a day of fellowship and formation marking the third anniversary of Synod 16 and the second anniversary of the beautification of Blessed Solanus Casey, will be held at the Suburban Collection in Novi on Friday and Saturday, November 15 and 16.

The first day, designed only for pastors, parish staff members, and parish leadership teams, will explore transforming the parish culture into one of life-changing personal encounter with Jesus Christ and the practical tools and resources needed for creating an environment of encounter. The second day is for all who seek to unleash the Gospel by deepening their own relationship with Christ and leading others to encounter Him and will feature four breakout tracks.

SOLT Sister Miriam James Heidland, a former athlete who had a radical conversion and joined the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity in 1998, will serve as the keynote speaker for both days of this event, which is hosted by the archdiocesan Department of Evangelization, Catechesis and Schools and funded, in part, with gifts to the CSA.

For questions, please call 313-596-7140 or email at webb.marilyn@aod.org. Registration available online at PDR2019.eventbrite.com.

Daylight Savings Ends

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Archdiocese of Detroit: E-mail Scam Alert!

The Archdiocese has received reports of a new e-mail scam targeting Catholics. In this latest scam, an e-mail appears to be from Peter Arroyo, CEO of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Miami, includes a request for payment, and a link to a Microsoft OneNote document. **Should you receive such an e-mail, please delete it.**



2019 Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle

Our 50/50 raffle is underway. So far, so good. Remember to "take it to the streets" and get all your friends to participate. Returns can be made and additional tickets are available after the weekend Masses and at the rectory. Mark your calendars for the day of our drawing, Sunday, December 8, featuring a catered breakfast by the Majestic Cafe. Following the drawing of the Big Prize winners and the Seller's drawing, there will be consolation prizes for those attending. It is a fun time for all!

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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
Lolita Dorado
Albert Fajardo
Virginia Fajardo
Madeline O'Neill
Kurt Beghuyn
Sebastiano Stellino
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Pauline Williams
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John Allman

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

EUCCHARISTIC

MINISTERS

All Saints Holy Day, Friday, November 1, 2019, 9:00 a.m.
Patti Adams

All Saints Holy Day, Friday, November 1, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
Marilyn Lynn

Saturday, November 2, 2019, 4:30 p.m.
Janet Bielman
Janet Law

Sunday, November 3, 2019, 10:00 a.m.
Marilyn Lynn
Keith Arcicovich
Beverly Goll
Veronica Obianwu
Jean Solomon
Greg Redman
Kristen Stark

LECTORS

All Saints Holy Day, Friday, November 1, 2019, 9:00 a.m.
Marie Vortkamp

All Saints Holy Day, Friday, November 1, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
William Zuerblis

Saturday, November 2, 2019, 4:30 p.m.
Julie Smith

Sunday, November 3, 2019, 10:00 a.m.
Liz Foley-Dunstone

SERVERS

All Saints Holy Day, Friday, November 1, 2019, 9:00 a.m.
Julia Zuerblis

All Saints Holy Day, Friday, November 1, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
Julia Zuerblis

Saturday, November 2, 2019, 4:30 p.m.
Ian Campbell
Lauren Smith

Sunday, November 3, 2019, 10:00 a.m.
Cory Fullilove
Mary Pocius
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, October 26 - Vigil: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. - John P. Langan (6th Anniv)

Sunday, October 27 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Elizabeth Marie Hammond (1st Anniv),
For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood
and Consecrated Life

Monday, October 28 - Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

Tuesday, October 29 -

9:00 a.m. - For Missionaries Serving around the World

Wednesday, October 30 -

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

Thursday, October 31 - All Hallow's Eve

Friday, November 1 - Feast of All Saints

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

7:00 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

Saturday, November 2 - Vigil: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - Sylvia Law, Margaret Vernier

Sunday, November 3 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Walter and Esther Wilk, Sr. Karen
Eklund, IHM (4th Anniv), For all Deceased
Bishops, Priests, and Deacons



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