



Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

November 3, 2019

Detroit, Michigan



31st Sunday

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

When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. - Lk 19:5-6

Readings for the Week of November 3, 2019

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
Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36 [14c]/
Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/
Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/
Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/
Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8, 9 [5]/1 Cor
3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Next Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 [15b]/
2 Thes 2:16—3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Christ loves us first. So much of the Christian life is as simple as that. Today's Gospel is a prime example! "*Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man ... was seeking to see who Jesus was.*" We may have gotten used to the story of Zacchaeus, this short, seemingly innocent man who climbs a sycamore tree in his desperate desire to see Jesus. But this colorful, children's Bible illustration isn't what the gathering crowd would have seen. They would have seen the white collar criminal. Tax collectors were notorious for extortion. They were collaborators with the oppressive Roman overlords, overcharging for taxes and skimming a cut off the top. And how does Jesus respond to this man?

"*Come down quickly,*" Jesus says, "*for today I must stay at your house.*" If you had been there, would you have believed it? No doubt there were other disciples in the city or, at the very least, kind, generous, and just people. "Good" people. But those aren't the people Jesus chooses to share a meal with. Christ loves us first. He chooses Zacchaeus even before the man makes a public profession of his repentance.

"*The Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost.*" We may not be tax collectors and extortionists — I hope not! — but we all have elements of our lives that are lost. We have wounds from childhood, unresolved anxieties or attachments, daily fears. No matter how "put together" we are, we all have our lost moments. Some days, it may feel like we can't see over the ways they crowd our inner life. Today's Gospel invites us to do something a little strange. Don't let your flaws, failures, or hang-ups prevent you from seeing Jesus. Take a deep breath. Go climb a tree, because Jesus is passing by. And he wants to stay in your heart today.



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Jesus is saying to you what he said to Zacchaeus, "I must stay at your house today." It doesn't matter if, in today's Gospel, Jesus "intended to pass through Jericho to another town." In families, we sometimes stop at the wrong places. It is wisdom to "pass through" annoying family situations so we can enjoy the goodness of each other.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Orlando Moszczenski

Casmere Moszczenski

Antoni Matelonek

Lucia Matelonek

Thersea Witkowski

Robert Matelonek

Paul Matelonek

Lara Galka (Zebrowski)

Renee Jaczkowski (LaPratt)

Meryn Hodges

Gloria Pocius

Sheila Pocius

All Deceased Members of St. Matthew Parish

November is called the month of All Souls, or more recently, it has been called the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. November 2nd, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, dovetails with November 1st, the feast of All Saints.

The saints, our models of Christian living, are one with God in heaven. All the faithful departed are those who have died with hope and trust in a loving God who calls us to greater growth and development, even beyond death. This growth and development occurs in a state of being that we have traditionally called purgatory.

While the Western Church has emphasized the cleansing and purifying nature of purgatory, the Eastern Orthodox Church has emphasized the growth and development aspect of it. Today, belief in purgatory allows one who has died in Christ to continue growing and developing before meeting God face to face. God continually invites communion with these loved ones, but there is the need to continue growing and developing before entering into full communion with God.

These November feasts vividly remind us of the rich reality known as the communion of saints. This belief stresses the strong affirmation that the church is always one in Christ. Death does not sever any of the bonds that unite us in Christ. That is why it is a fitting practice to pray for the dead and to ask them to pray for us. Just as we do that for each other when we are alive, so, too, do we continue that bond and concern for each other even beyond death.

Just as in Adam, all men die,
so in Christ, all will be made alive.

Prayer for All Souls Day

*God our Father, we ask that you hear our prayers
and bring us some consolation in our lives.
As we remember in our prayers all of our loved ones
who have died, we pray that they will have received
the promise of eternal life and that they are with you
in experiencing the joy of heaven.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

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

Tuesday, November 12, 6 pm - Parish Council Meeting, Rectory Conference Room

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Black Catholic Ministries - The Black Catholic Ministries Office is presenting, "I Am Determined," a Gospel experience featuring its Gospel Choir at Sacred Heart Church in Detroit this Sunday, November 3. The "I Am Determined" concert begins at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth.

For more than 30 years, the Black Catholic Ministries Gospel Choir has shared the Gospel message to all communities through the African culture. The choir is committed to prayer and the transforming power in song that leads people to Christ.

CSA gifts support the Archdiocese of Detroit's ministry and outreach to the African American community. The Office of Black Catholic Ministries is committed to improving the spiritual and social needs of black Catholics and joining those needs with the mission of the Archdiocese, sharing Christ in and through the church.

**~ This weekend ~ Daylight Savings Time Ends ~
Did you set your clocks back one hour?
Did you replace your smoke alarm batteries?**

A Prayer for the California Fire Victims



Almighty God, who alone created the beauty and the bounty of our land, who cares and loves everyone—from the workers in the field to the owners of the field—be with your people in California now in the midst of the fires.

Bring an end to the loss of lives and the loss of homes. Bring aid to the firefighters who, by serving others, serve you. Give them courage and strength to persevere, to find the ability in their bodies and souls to keep working for another day or hour or minute. Ease the winds that spread the flames and disperse the smoke that covers the sky.

Bring hope to the displaced and the homeless. Keep alive inside their minds and hearts memories, the physical traces of which may be lost. Remind us that you are the promise of a new tomorrow.

Bring rest and peace to those who have been lost, and let their souls find eternal life with you. Be a comfort and relief to the grieving.

As the cities are rebuilt, may no one be left behind. May all be remembered as you remember all. As you led the Hebrew people through the desert, lead your people now, God. From immigrants who face unique obstacles to farmworkers who continue to labor in the fields despite dangerous smoke to families who have lost loved ones to those who have lost everything they have built over a lifetime, may all be included and cared for as we rebuild, guided by your Spirit. May our hearts never turn away from you or from each other in our time of need. May we see you in the faces of those in need. May we see your work in the hands of all those who reach out to help and in the green—the life!—that will soon return, by your hand, to our land. Amen.



2019 Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle

Did you know that this annual fundraiser brings the community together to work for a common cause? That it helps the parish sustain itself and remain a beacon of light and a sign of hope on this eastside of the city? Did you know that cumulatively your efforts have grossed \$393,700 in sales, with \$196,850 given back to the parish? Do you realize how important this effort is to our budget?

And this year, we need to work diligently toward "restoring and securing" our church complex as we "take it to the streets." We are entering the mid-point of the Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle. And typically, returns are coming in slowly. Don't wait until the last minute to sell or buy tickets, don't wait until the last minute to request more tickets. The time to respond is now!

The Big Drawing is on Sunday, December 8, with a wonderful catered breakfast provided by the folks at the Majestic Café.

~ GoFundMe ~

A **GoFundMe** page, created by Patrick Lusch in an effort to work on restoring and securing the St. Matthew building complex, is still up and running. You can easily access the **GoFundMe** page by going to www.stmatthewdetroit.com, click on the green "GoFundMe" link, and follow the prompts. Please share the effort with your friends and family. God bless you for anything you do!

Received at the rectory from Chesapeake, VA:

"We are so sorry to hear about the theft of gutters at the church which also affected the roof. We are donating this gift to you. We love and miss you."

Received at the rectory from Temecula, CA:

"Though I live 2,000 miles away, I think of my St. Matthew family often. Please use the enclosed check to help repair the recent damage to the roof."

Drawing: Sunday, December 8, 2019

Noon ~ 1:00 PM

Need not be present to win

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Gold'n Harvest
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1st - \$12,000
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1st - \$1,200
2nd - \$560
3rd - \$240

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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	Michelle Harter
Lolita Dorado	Jo Marie Nardi
Albert Fajardo	Thomas Bingham
Virginia Fajardo	David Beaupre
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Stephanie Smith	
Janet Law	
Laura Alix	
Betty Leone	

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

LECTORS

SERVERS

Saturday, November 9, 2019, 4:30 p.m.
Janet Bielman Bruce Campbell Ian Campbell

Sunday, November 10, 2019, 10:00 a.m.
Marilyn Lynn William Zuerblis Jermaine Donaldson
Dorothy Brooks Lauren Gross
Beverly Goll Julia Zuerblis
Linda Holster
Michael Holster
Debra Nieddu
Joseph Nieddu

Mass Schedule

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, Sister Karen Eklund, IHM (4th Anniv), For all Deceased Bishops, Priests, and Deacons

Monday, November 4 - St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Tuesday, November 5 -
9:00 a.m. - For the Sick, Suffering, and Dying

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

Thursday, November 7 -

Friday, November 8 -
9:00 a.m. - For our Military Families around the World

Saturday, November 9 - Vigil: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. - Frank and Adele Martinelli

Sunday, November 10 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, The Polonis Family, Jaclyn Scott, Tracey Lynn Walker

GOD CREATES OUT OF NOTHING.
WONDERFUL YOU SAY.
YES, TO BE SURE, BUT HE DOES
WHAT IS STILL MORE WONDERFUL:
HE MAKES SAINTS OUT OF SINNERS.

— SOREN KIERKEGAARD

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