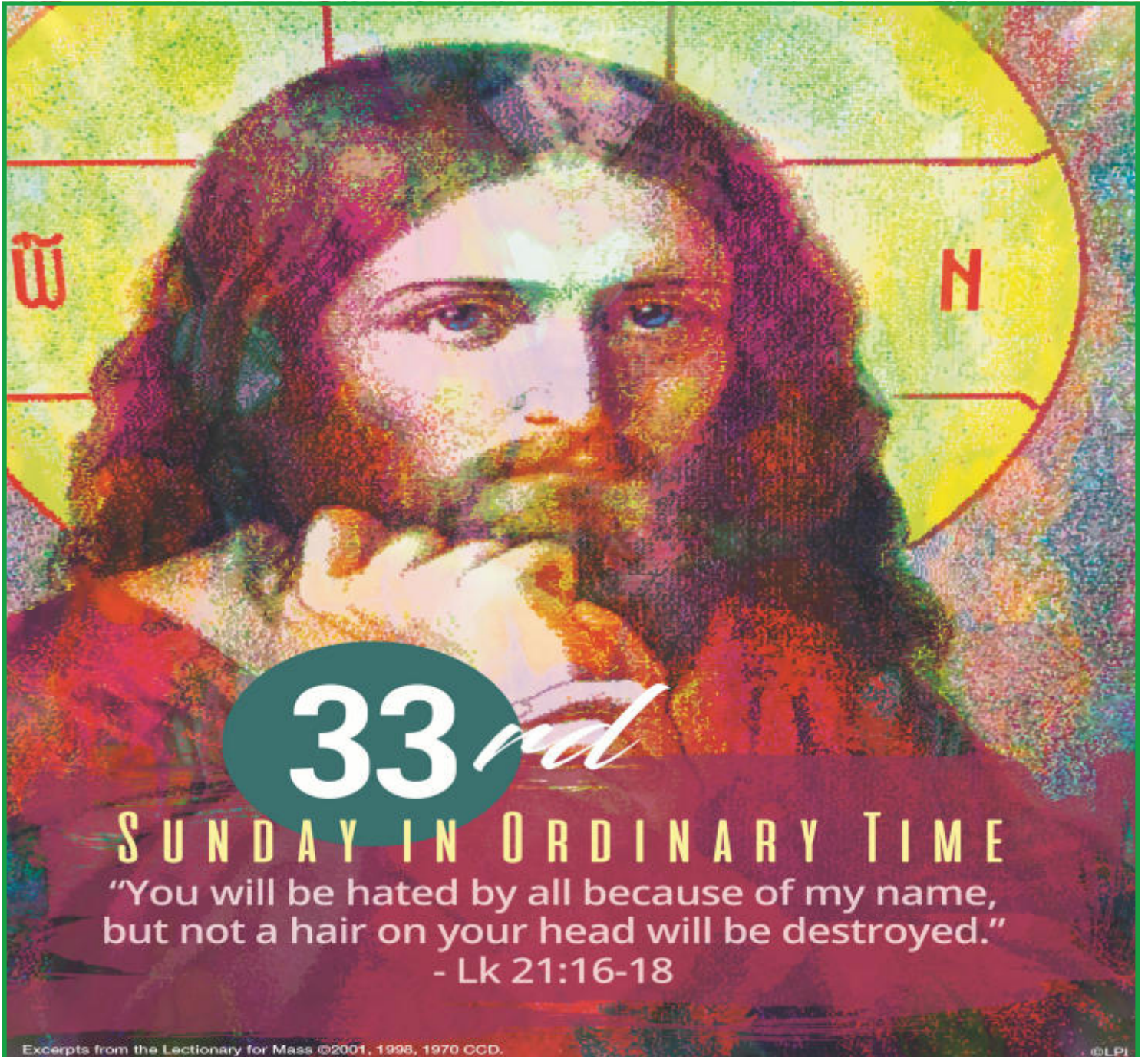




# *Saint Matthew Church* **The PULSE**

November 17, 2019

Detroit, Michigan



**33<sup>rd</sup>**

**SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*"You will be hated by all because of my name,  
but not a hair on your head will be destroyed."*

*- Lk 21:16-18*

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**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE  
FOR OUR DECEASED LOVED ONES  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2019  
4:30 P.M.**

## Readings for the Week of November 17, 2019

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 [cf. 9]/  
2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19  
Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53,  
61, 134, 155, 158 [cf. 88]/Lk 18:35-43  
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [6b]/Lk 19:1-10  
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15  
[15b]/Lk 19:11-28  
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [23b]/  
Lk 19:41-44  
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chrn 29:10bcd, 11abc,  
11d-12a, 12bcd [13b]/Lk 19:45-48  
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19 [cf.  
16a]/Lk 20:27-40  
Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 [cf. 1]/  
Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

### 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



Where would you go if the world was ending? What would you do? The last decade has seen a rise in doomsday prepping, the marketing of survival techniques, and a sea of products designed for you to weather the apocalypse.

*“The days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another that will not be thrown down,”* Jesus warns in today’s Gospel. On the one hand, he is referring to the literal downfall of the city of Jerusalem. Indeed, many of his prophecies here have come true over the last few millennium. Nations have indeed *“rise[n] against nation[s],”* kingdoms against kingdoms. Surf any world news website today alone, and you will see stories of *“powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues.”* Jesus’ advice to his disciples, however, isn’t to build a bunker. It’s to persevere in faith ... which won’t be easy.

*“They will seize and persecute you ... you will be handed over ... you will be hated because of my name.”* This warning, too, has come to pass in the Church throughout history in state-sponsored persecutions and martyrdoms. Jesus is the Messiah, but his first coming was not a coming of earthly victory. Any disciple of his can expect a challenge. The coming of Christ didn’t disrupt our free will. Evil still exists and sometimes even appears to triumph. This does not mean God has abandoned His people!

Jesus reminds the disciples — and us — of his constant presence. *“I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking.”* In other Gospel passages, Jesus promises and sends the Holy Spirit upon his followers. The presence of God is real in our lives, no matter what trials come our way. It’s tempting to be distracted or dismayed by natural destruction and moral evil in the world. But the Church has weathered greater storms. The sacredness of the human person endures. We can have hope! This day and every day, we can persevere in hope and trust in God.



### A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

So many conflicting voices and influences make parenting difficult. In today’s gospel, Jesus encourages parents to bravely “give testimony” and trust He will give us the “wisdom” to be good parents. You are not alone in parenting; a loving Father is standing with you.

### Did You Know? The Story of the Dedication of the Churches of Saints Peter and Paul



St. Peter’s is probably the most famous church in Christendom. Massive in scale and a veritable museum of art and architecture, it began on a much humbler scale. Vatican Hill was a simple cemetery where believers gathered at Saint Peter’s tomb to pray. In 319, Constantine built a basilica on the site that stood for more than a thousand years until, despite numerous restorations, it threatened to collapse. In 1506, Pope Julius II ordered it razed and reconstructed, but the new basilica was not completed and dedicated for more than two centuries.



St. Paul’s Outside-the-Walls stands near the Abazia delle Tre Fontane, where Saint Paul is believed to have been beheaded. The largest church in Rome until St. Peter’s was rebuilt, the basilica also rises over the traditional site of its namesake’s grave. The most recent edifice was constructed after a fire in

1823. The first basilica was also Constantine’s doing.

Constantine’s building projects enticed the first of a centuries-long parade of pilgrims to Rome. From the time the basilicas were first built until the empire crumbled under “barbarian” invasions, the two churches, although miles apart, were linked by a roofed colonnade of marble columns.

**Reflection:** *Peter, the rough fisherman whom Jesus named the rock on which the Church is built, and the educated Paul, reformed persecutor of Christians, Roman citizen, and missionary to the gentiles, are the original odd couple. The major similarity in their faith-journeys is the journey’s end: both, according to tradition, died a martyr’s death in Rome—Peter on a cross and Paul beneath the sword. Their combined gifts shaped the early Church and believers have prayed at their tombs from the earliest days.*

### Prayer of Renewal

*Lord Jesus, You are the Savior of my life!  
With my whole heart, I desire to live in Your radiant light.  
I wish to enjoy forever the fellowship of Your saints.  
I firmly reject the dominion of darkness and beg You  
by the power of Your blood shed on the cross to forgive my sins  
and cleanse me from all my guilt.  
I promise with Your gracious help to follow You  
ever more closely, trusting only in Your abundant mercy.  
Stir up the gifts of the Holy Spirit in my soul.  
Grant that I may find inspiration and strength through prayer,  
that I may experience Your abiding presence in the Sacraments,  
that I may be guided by the truth of Your Word  
which comes to us in Scripture and Tradition.  
Help me to forgive and serve others  
as You have forgiven and served me.  
Help me to use the gifts you have given me to build up  
Your one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.  
In all my trials, I trust You will never abandon me.  
When my life on earth is complete, lead me to the eternal home of  
Your heavenly Father,  
where You live and reign forever and ever. Amen.*

## St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

**Sunday, November 17, following 10 am Mass-** St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Matthew Conference, Meeting, Church Auditorium

**Saturday, November 22, and Sunday, November 23, 4:30 pm and 10 am Masses, respectively** - Catholic Charities of SE Michigan Collection

**Thursday, November 28, Thanksgiving Day - 9:00 am Mass**

### Dismemberment Abortion

This weekend, David Gross, will make a presentation regarding the upcoming legislation prohibiting the dismemberment abortion procedure. David is spearheading a petition drive here at St. Matthew Parish, working under the committee name "Michigan Values Life," which is organized by Right to Life of Michigan and is supported by Michigan Catholic Conference. Archbishop Allen Vigneron strongly encourages parish participation in the overall effort to gather signatures.

Dismemberment abortion (or D&E) is a gruesome procedure, usually performed in the second trimester between 13 and 24 weeks of the pregnancy. It involves dismembering an unborn baby by tearing the baby apart limb by limb inside the womb and individually removing each of the body parts.

At present, 12 other states have passed bans on the procedure, as we are working to ban the procedure on living fetuses by amending Michigan's 2011 law which bans partial-birth abortion.

Please listen carefully to David and let your voice for life be heard by signing the petition in the back vestibule of the church

More information can be found at the *Michigan Values Life committee website*.

### Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan

Each day, Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan (CCSEM) serves families from all walks of life at 14 locations throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit. Through the All Saints Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry in southwest Detroit, services for newcomers to the United States, Project Hope for expectant mothers and mothers with young children, and other ministries, CCSEM brings the love and mercy of Jesus Christ to our brothers and sisters most in need.

Next week, our parish will take up a special collection for CCSEM. Please prayerfully consider contributing to help CCSEM care for the most vulnerable among us.

## CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



**Young Adult Ministry** - A special Theology on Tap will feature Matt Fradd, a bestselling author, speaker, and podcaster, sharing why the world needs St. Thomas Aquinas at St. Anastasia Parish's Davidson Center in Troy on Thursday, November 21.

Gifts to the CSA help fund these fellowship evenings focusing on topics relating to religion and theology for young adults ages 18 to 35. In this presentation, the podcaster of *Pints with Aquinas* will share seven reasons he loves Thomas Aquinas and provide an introduction to the figure of Thomas Aquinas and his writings as well as inspiration for beginning to read him.

Although admission, drinks, and food at this Theology on Tap are free, attendees must reserve a free ticket on Eventbrite. See [aod.social/theology-on-tap](http://aod.social/theology-on-tap) for more information.

*A father wanted to read the paper but was being bothered by his little daughter, Susie. Finally, he took a sheet out of his magazine, on which was printed the map of the world. Tearing it into small pieces, he gave it to Susie, and said, "Go into the other room and see if you can put this together."*

*After a few minutes, Susie returned and handed him the map correctly fitted together. The father was very surprised and asked how she had finished so quickly.*

*"Oh," she said, "on the other side of the paper is a picture of Jesus. When I got Jesus in his place, then the world came out all right."*

### Advent is Just around the Corner

What are your plans to grow in faith and discipleship this Advent? Do you want to learn how you can follow Christ more totally?

We all love a good adventure story. This Advent Sacred Heart Major Seminary is offering a free short interactive online course called, "The Adventure of Discipleship." Based on his new book, seminary professor, Dr. Daniel Keating, invites you to look at your Christian journey as an adventure that far surpasses all other adventure stories. Dynamic and engaging, each week of the course features short videos, film clips from epic adventures such as *Lord of the Rings*, scriptural meditations, and interactive learning activities, and online discussion.

The course starts December 1, the First Sunday of Advent. Register for this wonderful opportunity to grow by visiting the Sacred Heart website homepage: [shms.edu](http://shms.edu).

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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.<br>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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Joe Petrylka  
Roger Sharpe  
Nenette Ferreria  
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Tiffany Gelle  
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Pauline Williams  
Bill Solomon  
John Allman  
Peggy Bates  
Eloise Parker

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## EUCCHARISTIC

### MINISTERS

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### SERVERS

Saturday, November 23, 2019, 4:30 p.m.

Janet Bielman

Bruce Campbell

Ian Campbell

Sunday, November 24, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

Marilyn Lynn

Bill Ridella

Cory Fullilove

Dorothy Brooks

Mary Pocius

Beverly Goll

Julia Zuerblis

Linda Holster

Michael Holster

Debra Nieddu

Joseph Nieddu

*Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28, 2019, 9:00 a.m.*

Marilyn Lynn

Liz Smith

Cory Fullilove

Beverly Goll

## Mass Schedule

Saturday, November 17 - Vigil: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary

Time

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

Sunday, November 17 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, William Kuypers, Zachary Winston and Family

Monday, November 18 - Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles

Tuesday, November 19 -

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

Wednesday, November 20 -

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

Thursday, November 21 - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, November 22 - St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

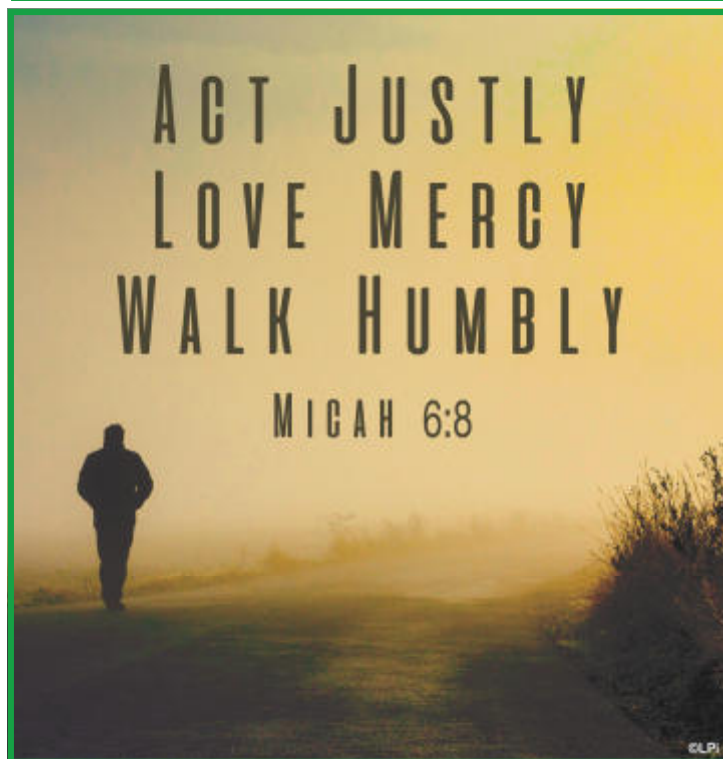
9:00 a.m. - For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Saturday, November 23 - Vigil: Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

4:30 p.m. - For all our Deceased Loved Ones

Sunday, November 24 - Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life



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