



Saint Matthew Church
The PULSE

February 9, 2020

Detroit, Michigan



5th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You are the light of the world."

- Mt 5:14a

Readings for the Week of February 9, 2020

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
 Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 [8a]/Mk 6:53-56
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 [2]/Mk 7:1-13
 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 [30a]/Mk 7:14-23
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 [4a]/Mk 7:24-30
 Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 [11a and 9a]/Mk 7:31-37
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 [4a]/Mk 8:1-10
 Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 [1b]/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

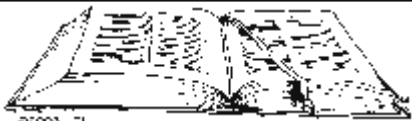
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What does it mean to be salt and light? If we listen carefully to Jesus' words, we gain some direction. To be salt means to bring taste, zest, and joy to life. We are asked to liven things up a bit by allowing the joy of our faith to spill over into the lives of others. Only a sincere and deep relationship with God can freshen up humanity and set it on proper course. To be light means that our faith must translate into action so that we can be Christ for others and extend the same arm of mercy and compassion that Christ did. Our acts of piety, then, cannot be directed solely at ourselves. Prayer is never about self-benefit but must always be directed toward union with God, deepening our relationships with one another and learning how to be effective stewards of the beautiful universe God has entrusted to our care.



The Master gives us wise direction in terms of how we can best become the salt and light he desires. Listen carefully to the Beatitudes. Think about the oppression and alienation that exists in our world, the violence and prejudice, the anger and the hatred, the fear and the shame. All of these things require action. The poor need food, housing, and clothes. Hatred must be replaced by love. Retaliation and violence by forgiveness. Our thoughts and speech can become more like Christ. We can change and continue to change. Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman said, "To live is to change and to be perfect is to have changed often."

But it doesn't end with just offering the bandages needed to heal wounds. It must go deeper. We must ask ourselves what has happened that we have found ourselves in this place with these wounds and divisions. What are their causes? Together we must address these systemic problems, politically and spiritually, and face the truth. Only then will we truly be salt and light. But then again, we may not like what the light shows us.



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Today's Gospel challenges us to be a "light" to our family. Parents shine their guiding light, not in front but behind them, inviting their children to follow their "good deeds."

Did You Know?

An analysis of the water at Lourdes was commissioned by the then mayor, Anselme Lacade, in 1858. It was conducted by a professor from Toulouse, who determined that the water was potable (fit to drink) and was quite pure and inert.

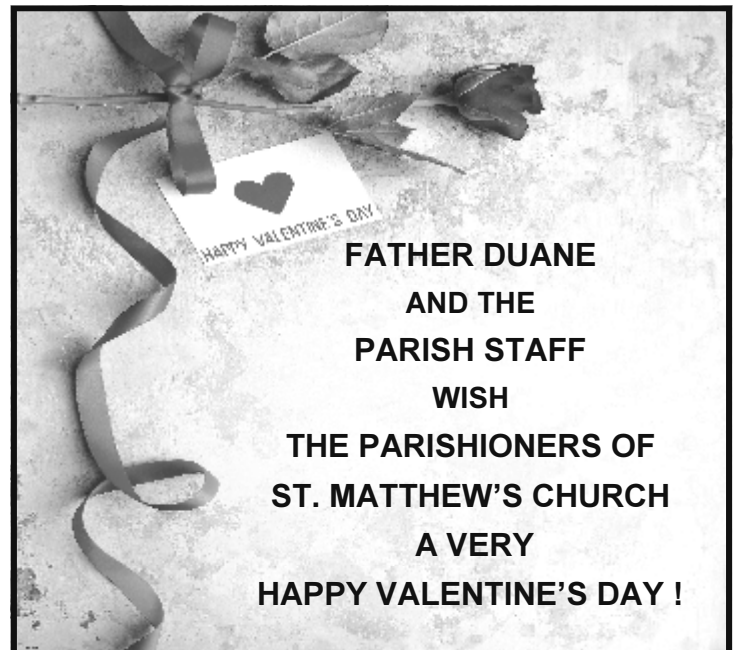
Mayer Lacade had hoped that Lourdes water might have special mineral properties which would have allowed him to develop Lourdes into a spa town such as the two neighboring town of Caudebec and Bagneres-de-Bigorre.

Although not formally encouraged by the Church, Lourdes water has become a focus of devotion to the Virgin Mary at Lourdes. Since the apparitions, many people have claimed to have been cured by drinking or bathing in it, and the Lourdes authorities provide it free of charge to any who ask for it.

To ensure claims of cures were examined properly and to protect the town from fraudulent claims of miracles, the Lourdes Medical Bureau was established at the request of Pope Pius X. It is completely under medical rather than ecclesiastical supervision. Approximately 7,000 people have sought to have their case confirmed as a miracle, of which 69 have been declared a scientifically inexplicable miracle by both the Bureau and the Catholic Church.

In 1992, a World Day of the Sick was initiated by Pope John Paul II to encourage people to pray for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers. It was his intention to have this day coincide with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. At that time, Pope John Paul II had been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease.

*Dear Lady of Lourdes,
We seek your intercession for those
who are suffering illness of any kind.
Bring them comfort and ease their pain.
Give strength and grace to their caregivers
who tirelessly work toward their healing. Amen.*



St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

CANCELLED - Tuesday, February 11 - Parish Council Meeting, Rectory Conference Room

CANCELLED - Sunday, February 16 - Following the 10 am Mass, Hospitality Sunday

Sunday, February 16 - Reminder to bring your "old palms" to Mass on Sunday, February 22, to be burned on Ash Wednesday

Welcome

To St. Matthew's Parish Family

Bill and Bonnie Leone
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We hope you find your spiritual home here!

**St. Matthew Presents
BROADWAY
"and all that Jazz" (Nite!)
April 25, 2020
6:30 pm to 11 pm**

"GIVE MY REGARDS TO BROADWAY" AS THE SONG GOES. JOIN IN THE FUN AND ENJOY ALL YOUR FAVORITE TUNES OF BROADWAY, EXPERIENCE THE DRAMA AND COMEDY, AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 25.

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THERE WILL BE MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS IMPORTANT SPRING FUNDRAISER. THE EVENT TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON, SPECIAL BROADWAY SPONSORSHIPS ARE OFFERED, AS WELL AS TABLE SPONSORSHIPS FOR YOU AND YOUR GUESTS, AND, OF COURSE, OUR PROGRAM BOOK AVAILABLE FOR BUSINESS ADVERTISEMENTS.

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THERE IS MUCH MORE INFORMATION TO COME. THIS WILL BE A MEMORABLE EVENING FOR ALL WHO ATTEND. PLAN ON IT!

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Rise Detroit 2020 (Youth Ministry) - Teens in the Archdiocese of Detroit are invited to attend Rise Detroit 2020 on April 25. With a theme based on Isaiah 43:1, "Do not fear; for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine!" This event will include a keynote presentation by Dr. Bob Rice, breakout sessions led by The Culture Project, and a special appearance by Archbishop Vigneron.

Visit risedetroityouth.org for more information and to register.

Your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal make possible events such as this, ensuring that young people in the Archdiocese of Detroit remain engaged and active in their faith. Visit aod.org for information about CSA-supported ministries, programs, and services.

PRAYER BEFORE SURGERY

Dear Lord, we ask that you would strengthen Father Duane, our pastor, and prepare him for his upcoming surgery.

Lord, we ask that you prepare each doctor and each assistant so that each one is refreshed and at his or her best when the surgery starts. Enable them to disregard any personal distractions and fully focus on his surgery. We pray that each one is clear thinking and able to receive wisdom from you as the surgery is in progress. May each decision be correct and each procedure be accurate.

Heavenly Father, we are asking for your supernatural protection during his surgery. We pray for the outcome to be your very best. We also pray for protection and provision during his recovery period.

You are our Creator, and you are our Sustainer. Guide him on that day as he seeks to find peaceful rest in your presence.

In the mighty name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

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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	David Beaupre
Virginia Fajardo	Kenneth Beaupre
Madeline O'Neill	Anthony Crimauddo
Kurt Beghuyn	Rosemary Schoolcraft
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Stephanie Smith	
Janet Law	
Laura Alix	
Betty Leone	

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

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MINISTERS

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Saturday, February 15, 2020, 4:30 p.m.

Janet Bielman
Janet Law

Bruce Campbell

Ian Campbell

Sunday, February 16, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

Marilyn Lynn
Dorothy Brooks
Beverly Goll
Linda Holster
Michael Holster
Jean Solomon
Greg Redman

David Smydra
Jermaine Donaldson
Cory Fullilove
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 8 - Vigil: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - For Migrant and Refugee Families

Sunday, February 9 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, The Delisi Family, Daniel Lusch

Monday, February 10 - St. Scholastica, Virgin

Tuesday, February 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes

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

Wednesday, February 12 -

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

Thursday, February 13 -

Friday, February 14 - Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius,
Bishop (Valentine's Day)

9:00 a.m. - For Peace and Justice in our World

Saturday, February 15 - Vigil: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, February 16 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark



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