



Saint Matthew Church
The PULSE

February 16, 2020

Detroit, Michigan

The main graphic features a vibrant background of radiating yellow and orange lines, resembling a sunburst. In the center is a large circular icon containing a stylized line drawing of a church with a cross on top. Below this icon is a large orange circle with the number '6' in white, followed by 'th' in a white script font. Below the orange circle, the text 'SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME' is written in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font. Underneath that, a quote is written in white: "Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow." followed by "- Mt 5:33b". At the bottom left, there is a small line of text: "Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD." and at the bottom right, a small logo: "©LPI".

Readings for the Week of February 16, 2020

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
Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77a]/ Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/ Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/ Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [7a]/Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 1b]/ Mk 8:34—9:1
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
Next Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



People are not property. We cannot exchange them at will or simply use them for our own designs and purposes. What does the word “commitment” mean to you? We can begin to understand its meaning by looking at some synonyms: dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, fidelity, and bond. Commitment is primarily about relationship, and Jesus is all about relationships. How our lives affect others, how we treat our brothers and sisters, how we resolve conflict, and how we view the vows of marriage. Jesus’ teachings on obeying the commandments, murder, reconciliation, marriage, divorce, and adultery all stem from the sacredness of commitment. All of this has a God connection.

We can easily see one another as interchangeable and dispensable. We treat so much of our lives this way. What works today may not be what I want tomorrow. We search and search for the right thing only to find our hearts still restless in the end. Is real happiness achievable this side of the grave? Sometimes we expect too much out of others and want our relationships to fill a hole that we must figure out how to fill ourselves. Any seasoned married couple will tell you that their love for one another changes as time passes. Even though the understanding of romance changes as life changes, the dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, and fidelity all remain and even deepen.

Some relationships can be hurtful, and God does not want us to live with abuse or pain. Also, how a relationship develops is sometimes out of our control, and we become the victim of someone else’s decision. But we can’t be self-focused in our relationships and see them exclusively as self-fulfilling ends. We are companions on life’s journey with varying depths of relationships being enjoyed by all who are with us along the way. We have the freedom to choose. God asks us to do so wisely, with right judgment and thinking.



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

To experience the peace which Christ promises, we must shed our grudges, jealousy, and feelings of being misunderstood, unappreciated, or ignored. Peace and anger don’t mix. Today’s Gospel warns, if you want peace in your heart and home, get rid of your anger. Anger is too costly.

St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Friday, February 21st

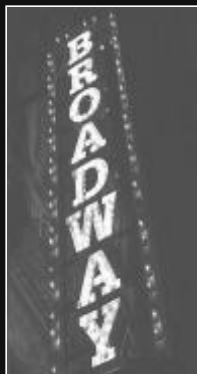
During the liturgical year, we celebrate a great many Doctors of the Church. This official title is given to certain saints whose writing or preaching is outstanding for guiding the faithful in all periods of the Church’s history. Some of the more well-known Doctors are listed below:

- **St. Albert the Great** (1200-80). Dominican, Patron of natural scientists; called Doctor Universalis, Doctor Expertus.
- **St. Alphonsus Liguori** (1696-1787). Patron of confessors and moralists. Founder of the Redemptorists.
- **St. Ambrose** (340-97). One of the four traditional Doctors of the Latin Church. Opponent of Arianism in the West. Bishop of Milan.
- **St. Anselm** (1033-1109). Archbishop of Canterbury. Father of Scholasticism.
- **St. Anthony of Padua** (1195-1231). Franciscan Friar. Evangelical Doctor.
- **St. Athanasius** (297-373). Bishop of Alexandria. Dominant opponent of Arianism. Father of Orthodoxy.
- **St. Augustine** (354-430). Bishop of Hippo. One of the four traditional Doctors of the Latin Church. Doctor of Grace.
- **St. Basil the Great** (329-79). One of the Three Cappadocian Fathers. Father of monasticism in the East.
- **St. Bonaventure** (1217-74). Franciscan theologian. Seraphic Doctor.
- **St. Catherine of Siena** (1347-80). Mystic. Second woman Doctor.
- **St. Francis de Sales** (1567-1622). Bishop, leader in Counter-Reformation. Patron of Catholic writers and the Catholic press.
- **St. Gregory I, the Great** (540-604). Pope. Fourth and last of the traditional Doctors of the Latin Church. Defended papal supremacy and worked for clerical and monastic reform.
- **St. Gregory of Nazianzus** (330-90). Called the Christian Demosthenes because of his eloquence and, in the Eastern Church., one of the Three Cappadocian Fathers.
- **St. Hilary of Poitiers** (315-68). Bishop. Called the Athanasius of the West.
- **St. Isidore of Seville** (560-636). Archbishop, theologian, historian. Regarded as the most learned man of his time.
- **St. Jerome** (342-420). One of the four traditional Doctors of the Latin Church. Father of biblical science.
- **St. John Chrysostom** (347-407). Bishop of Constantinople. Patron of preachers
- **St. John Damascene** (675-749). Greek theologian. Called Golden Speaker because of his eloquence.
- **St. John of the Cross** (1542-91). Joint founder of the Discalced Carmelites. Doctor of Mystical Theology.
- **St. Leo I, the Great** (400-61). Pope. Wrote against Nestorian and Monophysite heresies and other heresies of the time..
- **St. Peter Canisius** (1521-97). Jesuit theologian. Leader in the Counter-Reformation.
- **St. Peter Chrysologus** (400-50). Bishop of Ravenna. Called Golden-Worded.
- **St. Peter Damian** (1007-72). Benedictine. Ecclesiastical and clerical reformer.
- **St. Robert Bellarmine** (1542-1621). Jesuit. Defended doctrine under attack during and after the Reformation. Wrote two catechisms.
- **St. Teresa of Avila** (1515-82). Spanish Carmelite nun and mystic. First woman Doctor.
- **St. Therese of Lisieux** (1873-1897). Mystic. French Carmelite nun.
- **St. Thomas Aquinas** (1225-74). Dominican philosopher and theologian. Called Angelic Doctor. Patron of Catholic schools.

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

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

Reminder to bring your "old palms" to Mass on Saturday, February 21, and Sunday, February 22, to be burned on Ash Wednesday



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.

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!

Welcome

To St. Matthew's Parish Family
Trevor Karty of Detroit

Toni and David Scully of Grosse Pointe Woods

We hope you find
your spiritual home here!
Where you can grow in faith
and be inspired!

Let us pray with Our Holy Father, Pope Francis,
his special intention for February
for the Church worldwide.
~ Listen to the Migrants' Cries ~

"We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers
and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard,
and considered, and answered."

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



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Spiritual Opportunities to Enhance Your Lenten Experience

LENTEN EVENING OF REFLECTION

Presented by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Detroit
A Dynamic Presentation by Bishop Donald Hanchon
Sacred Heart Major Seminary
2701 Chicago Blvd., Detroit 48206
On Wednesday, March 11, 6 pm Dinner ~ 7 pm Program
RSVP by Monday, March 2 at 313-393-3014
or djackson@svdpdetroit.org

Lenten Evening of Prayer & Quiet

St. Paul of the Cross
Passionist Retreat & Conference Center
23333 Schoolcraft, Detroit 48223
Thursday, March 16 ~ 6 to 8:30 pm
\$35 / person ~ Dinner, Reflective Talks, Prayer
\$30 Early Registration Discount before March 12
Contact Lynnette Marshall at lmarrshall@stpaulretreat.org.
(registration forms in back vestibule of church)

LENTEN VESPERS

Sunday, March 22, 4 pm
Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament
9844 Woodward, Detroit 48202

Join the Archdiocesan Chorus for evening prayer
on Laetare Sunday, the halfway point through Lent
when the Church loosens the rigidity
of her liturgical fasting.

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Divine Direction

A guy named Joe found himself in dire trouble. His business had gone bust, and he was in serious financial trouble. He was so desperate that he decided to ask God for help. He began to pray, "God, please help me. I've lost my business, and if I don't get some money, I'm going to lose my house as well. Please let me win the lotto." Lotto night came, but somebody else won it.

Joe again prayed, "God, please let me win the lotto! I've lost my business and house, and I'm going to lose my car as well." Lotto night came, but Joe still had no luck.

Once again, he prayed, "My God, why have you forsaken me? I've lost my business, house, and car. My wife and children are starving. I don't often ask you for help, and I've always been a good servant to you. Please just let me win the lotto this one time so I can get my life back in order."

Suddenly, there was a blinding flash of light as the heavens opened. Joe was confronted by the voice of God himself. "Joe, meet me halfway on this. Buy a ticket!"

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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 Crimando
Kurt Beghuyn	Rosemary Schoolcraft
Sebastiano Stellino	Tiffany Gelle
Teresita Covacha	Robert Stark
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Glenda Johnson	Fr. Duane Novelly
Stephanie Smith	
Janet Law	
Laura Alix	
Betty Leone	

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

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MINISTERS

Janet Bielman

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Saturday, February 22, 2020, 4:30 p.m.

Marilyn Lynn

Liz Foley-Dunstone

Lauren Gross

Beverly Goll

Patti Hammond

Mary Pocius

Debra Nieddu

Joseph Nieddu

Veronica Obianwu

Kristen Stark

Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 15 - Vigil: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Fr. Duane Novelly

Sunday, February 16 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Laura Bush-Terry, Fr. Duane Novelly

Monday, February 17 - The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Tuesday, February 18 -

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

Wednesday, February 19 -

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

Thursday, February 20 -

Friday, February 21 - St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

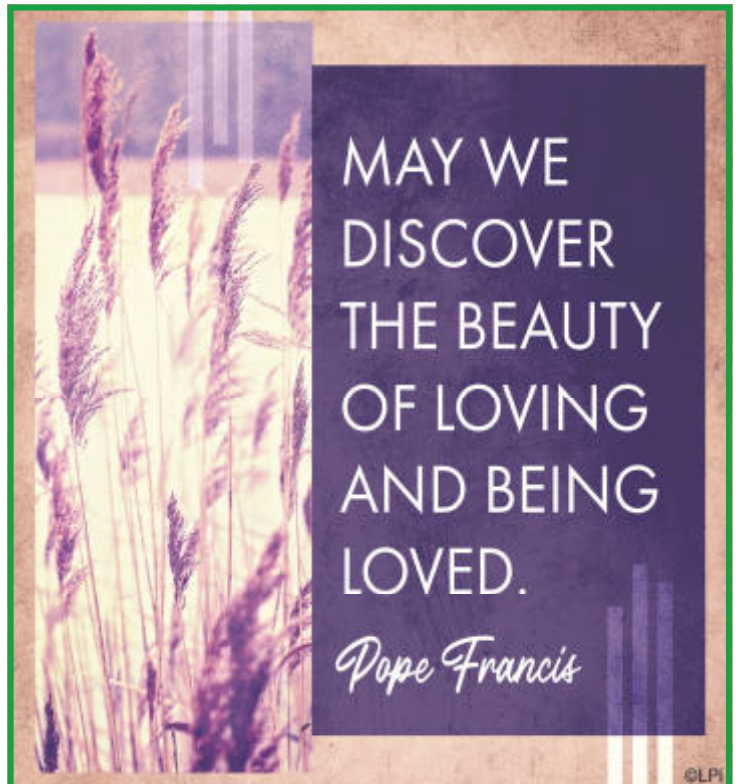
9:00 a.m. - For Missionaries Serving around the World

Saturday, February 22 - Vigil: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Fr. Duane Novelly

Sunday, February 23 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Frank Amara (20th Anniv), Laura Bush-Terry, Fr. Duane Novelly, For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life



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