



Saint Matthew Church
The PULSE

April 5, 2020

Detroit, Michigan



PALM

Sunday

Readings for the Week of April 5, 2020

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 3-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: *Chrism Mass*: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/
Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/
Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday: *Easter Vigil*:
Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/
Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/
Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

Next Sunday: *Easter Sunday*:
Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 24/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

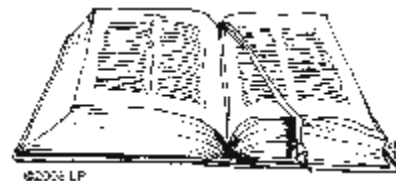
Human beings are united in their suffering. When we find ourselves in a painful moment, our first reaction is “why me?” as if we are the only person on earth who ever encountered this challenge.

Going through life with a “why me” attitude only finds us wallowing in the mire of self-pity and never seizing opportunities or graces. We walk in solidarity with every human being in the experience of suffering. Believing that the goal of life is the elimination or avoidance of suffering is simply an illusion that keeps us entrenched in a collective myth. This myth distorts us and limits us.

There are living witnesses among us showing how courage and determination can overcome any degree of hardship, pain, loss, or tragedy. Folks finding the normalcy of their lives suddenly torn asunder are faced with options: opportunity or despair, stay or leave. Jesus stands before us as the prime example of endurance and perseverance. He is the One who showed humility through both the triumphs of life (by learning to be humble) and the tragedies and injustices (by learning how to be obedient). To secular ears, this may be perceived as nonsense. But to those with the eyes of faith, they are pearls of great price.

True humility tempers the temptation we have to become complacent and prevents an excessive relishing of life's successes and affirmations. Learning obedience keeps us faithful to our relationship with God so that we can find the courage to endure any depth of hardship, disappointment, betrayal, or agony. While we may want our cup of suffering to be taken away, it simply cannot be. Somehow and somewhere in the seemingly opposing experiences life can deal us, God is present with His reassuring, compassionate, empowering, and persevering love. To be true to who we are and who God is, we must take up the cross of suffering, even when it's the hardest and most apparently senseless thing to do.

Only our soul can understand these things, but our minds cannot, so they continue to run to secular ideas and solutions to pain and hardship. It goes without saying that we need to do all we can to eliminate as much senseless, unjust suffering as possible. Hunger, violence, abuse, exploitation, rejection, prejudice, homelessness, disrespect for life, and a whole host of other sins all result in suffering that is within our control. Then, when we face the uncontrollable kind of suffering or find ourselves the victim of injustice, what do we do?



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

The cruel death of Jesus tells us bad things can and do happen to very good people. It also tells us God is present during the suffering. When bad things happen, God does not abandon us.

PALM SUNDAY



Challenges and Opportunities in Lent

We live in challenging times, and this is always the case, except now in this Lent, these challenges are more obvious. In a Christian sense, it is in these times that we have the opportunity to live more by the Gospels to know how to act in challenges and make them a blessing.

Let us turn our hearts and minds closer to God when troubles surround us, and so by drawing closer to the Source of all goodness, hope, and faith, may we be comforted and increase our Faith so this opportunity becomes not just a challenge or a threat, but a spiritual blessing.

St. Paul says, “And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer in the Spirit, and watching therefore with all perseverance and appeal to all saints...”

May Christ help us see all things with this hope today!



St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

CANCELLED - Monday, April 6, 7 pm -
Parish Reconciliation Service

CANCELLED - April 9 to April 12, Holy
Week Liturgies

CANCELLED - Saturday, April 25, 6:30
pm - St. Matthew's 2020 Jazz Nite

From Archbishop Vigneron, March 31, 2020

"As I reflect on these days, it's clear to me that this is not the Lent I would have planned, and this is not the Lent you have expected. But by God's providence, it's the Lent He gives us. In this time of grace, in order for us to be renewed in the mystery of Jesus' Passover from death to life, it's a time here for us to hear this question, 'Do you believe?'"

Remember ~ CRS Rice Bowl ~ "For Lent for Life"

Everyone—you, your parents, your friends—has dreams for the future. Each of the girls has dreams, too. They want to learn more and get jobs so they can help their families.

In Vietnam - Trinh dreams of becoming a doctor. "I want to be a doctor to help poor patients," says Trinh. "When my father is in pain, I want to cure him."

She knows that if she wants to achieve her dream, she'll need to attend university. Trinh's parents are ready to help her get there. "Trinh will be different than me," her mother, Tien, says. "I want her to be fully educated and not drop out of school. It'll be hard for us at home—but I'm prepared to work to make Trinh's dreams come true."

In Honduras - Maria Ana also wants to help people; she wants to be a nurse. To do this, she will need more education and training beyond the opportunities available in her community.

She's already preparing. Several times a week, she travels two hours to the nearest city where she earns money cleaning homes. She is also very careful to save money and spend it only on what's necessary.

Maria Ana feels called to help people be healthy, especially the children she sees in her community who suffer from malnutrition and lack of proper hygiene.

"I want to make my family proud," she says. "And I want to help my family move forward."

In Kenya - And Yvone? She wants to be a hairdresser so that she can earn money to help her family. She dreams of one day being able to buy a car and give rides to her family, so they don't have to walk far distances.

Through CRS, we are helping all three girls, and their families, achieve their dreams.

Jesus calls each of us to use our gifts and talents in the service of others. What gifts and talents have you been blessed with? How might you use your gifts to help other people?

**The date for the collection
of your Rice Bowls
will be determined at a later time.
Please continue this important
almsgiving effort for Lent.**

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



What is the Catholic Services Appeal?

The Catholic Services Appeal is an annual campaign that raises funds for Archdiocese of Detroit ministries, programs and services that benefit all the faithful in southeast Michigan. This archdiocesan-wide campaign communicates that the local Church extends beyond the parish.

Since the CSA was introduced in the early 1980s, it has been conducted through parishes with the support of materials and guidance from the archdiocese. The CSA is an opportunity for the faithful to respond to Christ's command "to love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12) by helping to fund services throughout the broader area of southeast Michigan. This collaborative, archdiocesan campaign is a way to demonstrate the unity of the larger Church and to fund these vital programs, as opposed to simply increasing the archdiocesan assessment of parish offerings.

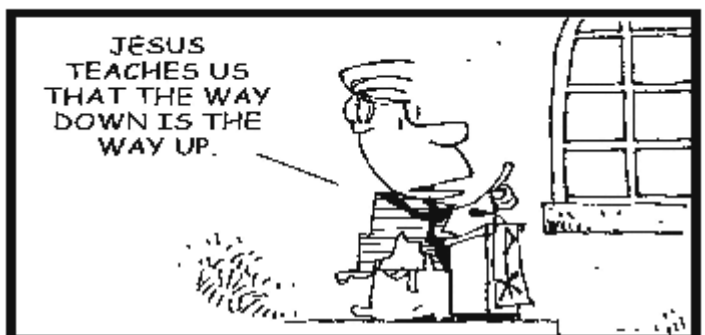
Our CSA Campaign for 2019 is soon to be coming to a close. Have you completed your pledge? Do you still wish to contribute? All monies over our AoD target are returned to St. Matthew Parish. Please help our parish meet its budgetary needs!

During the Suspension of Public Masses, your continued financial support is still vital to the sustainability of St. Matthew Parish. Please don't forget your Sunday Envelope and its importance to the day to day operation of the parish. You may mail it in, drop it off at the rectory, or hold on to them until the return of public Masses. There is, however, another means of making sure your Sunday Envelope contribution is never forgotten or missed. We have established an Online Giving portal on our website: stmatthewdetroit.com. Online Giving is fast, easy, and secure and comes with benefits for both you and the parish!

It is so essential that we maintain a consistently weekly budget during these challenging times. Your continued support and attention of ensuring your weekly contribution does not go unnoticed! If you need further assistance, please reach out to our webmaster, Patrick Lusch, at Patrick.Lusch@gmail.com.

Thank you and God bless you for all you do!

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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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Glenda Johnson	Laura Allman
Stephanie Smith	Doreen Redman
Janet Law	Dennis Corbett
Laura Alix	
Betty Leone	

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

To all Ministers:

The regular schedule with respect to your ministry will resume when public Masses resume. Please watch for updates.

Mass Schedule

The Mass Intentions that were scheduled for the days and times effected by the suspension of public Mass will be moved forward to future dates when public Masses are resumed.

Prayers of the Faithful ~ Palm Sunday

For the Church, as we begin our solemn remembrance of the events of our salvation, may God grant us a spirit of humility and devotion.

Let us pray to the Lord

For our communities, that we do not deny the reality of COVID-19 on our most vulnerable brothers and sisters and implore the Lord to relieve their suffering.

Let us pray to the Lord

For those who are struggling with their faith in this difficult time of pandemic, may they be renewed in hope by God's grace.

Let us pray to the Lord

For those waiting for Baptism this Easter season, may Christ's renewing power change their lives.

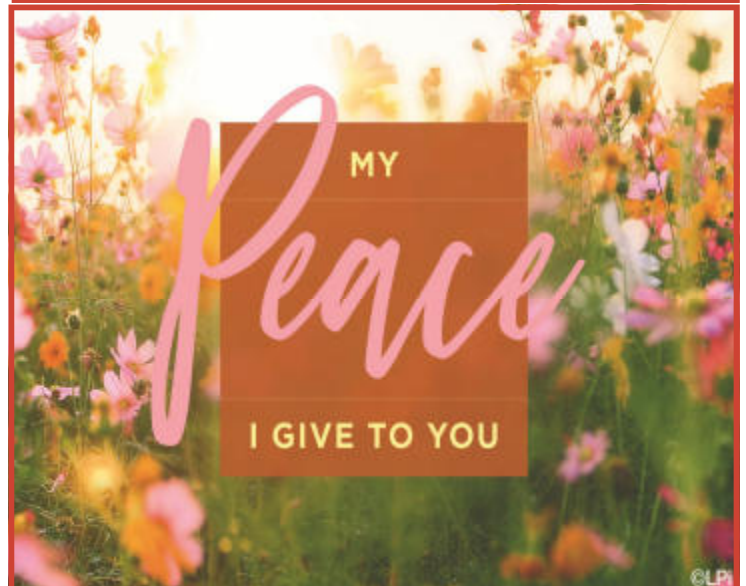
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For all the sick of the parish, those who are suffering in the current outbreak of the coronavirus, and those whom we love, especially Herb and Jeanne Damman, Steve Czapski, Jr., Doreen Redman, and Father Duane Novelly. May they experience the healing presence of Christ through his Church.

Let us pray to the Lord

For those who have died marked with the sign of faith, especially those who have died from the coronavirus pandemic, and all our deceased loved ones, may the mercy of God cleanse them so they may enjoy the fullness of his kingdom.

Let us pray to the Lord



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