



Saint Matthew Church The PULSE

April 26, 2020

Detroit, Michigan



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" - Lk 24:33-34

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From Father Duane's Desk

On this Third Sunday of Easter, we continue to rejoice in the risen Lord. Although we could not be together in church as a community, it does not change the fact that Jesus rose from the dead. In fact, it is more important than ever at this time when surrounded by sickness and death of so many that our hope and encouragement lies in a strong spirit of renewal and new life. I keep reminding myself and in my daily prayer that this too shall pass. The risen Lord renews and recreates humanity throughout the ages no matter what history or challenge we live through. This COVID-19 virus will one day be history. Generations will read about it as we read about the influenza epidemic of 1918. They will judge us based upon our strength, endurance, cooperation with each other, and our faith. Take courage, be not afraid!

In the midst of it all, I'm sure there are particular and personal signs of new life that each one of us can identify in our lives. For me personally, I want to share with you some good news about my own health. As you know, just as the "lockdown" was beginning, I had just come off ankle reconstruction surgery. Well, it has been ten weeks now, and the last time you saw me, I was non-weight bearing and on a knee cart. I have since progressed to walking with a "boot"/cast on to now being back in a shoe (athletic, of course). There is still a great deal of swelling, but Dr. Hosey is pleased with it and because all the therapy clinics are closed, our good parishioner, David Gross, who is a physical therapist has given me a number of in-house exercises to do so that my healing continues. They both say it will take a good six months for a complete recovery.

Having said that, I want to thank all the kind and generous parishioners who have been helping me in these weeks. For the parishioners who brought food, gone shopping, sent cards and notes, called me, took me to doctor appointments, who prayed for me, I am most grateful. Each and every day I feel you as my spiritual family who takes such good care of me in my time of trouble. I see this as one of the signs of Easter's new life, as resurrection of spirit that gives rise to faith. I can see that what we celebrate on Sunday is not empty ritual, it is, in you, the living and risen Lord. You, St. Matthew parishioners, the living body of Christ. I can see it in your actions, not only to me but to others in the community that I know you have been responding to. Keep up the good works as you keep the faith.

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Readings for the Week of April 26, 2020

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [11a]/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66: 1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
St. Joseph the Worker:
Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/
Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf.17b]/
Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10



Third Sunday of Easter

What does it take for our eyes to be opened? Every day, a man laboriously walks down Main Street of town. With great difficulty but graceful determination, he places one foot in front of the other, uses a crudely made staff for support, and walks. His pace is slow, but he walks. What does he hope to see? Where does he want to go? What does he find? We all walk through life. The type of “walking” life requires is not always physical but is most assuredly emotional and spiritual. We walk, we look, we encounter, and we seek. How we do these things and what we actually find is determined by what we carry and what we allow ourselves to discover along the way.

If walking is too challenging for us, we may choose to isolate and stay alone. If we are afraid to walk, we may become overly dependent on others providing for us and abandon the journey. We can walk and pay attention only to what is in front of our feet and never notice the immensity of what is happening around us. The road is never the same twice. The journey is always different. What kinds of things do you notice as you walk through life? It seems that the disciples of the Road to Emmaus missed a lot at first. We do as well.

We are called to walk with purpose, to listen, and to notice things that may not at first be apparent. We have to allow the One who has a special claim on our soul to enlighten, instruct, and inspire us. The incarnate mystery of God is pulsating in and through all of creation, where the presence of the Word who became flesh can be discovered. He has been with us all along. How could we have missed Him? Our journey brings us back to the breaking of the bread, and something begins to stir within us.

We begin to understand, and things look differently. Bread, body, wine, and blood bring us to see that everyone and everything is a “Eucharistic” encounter. We become what we eat and we see what we eat. We continue to walk. Our eyes are now opened, and we recognize Him. Our hearts burn. Stay with us. Please stay with us.



From Father Duane's Desk (cont'd)

On a more mundane, temporal but thoroughly necessary item, I want to thank you for continuing to support the parish. Even though we are not yet open, the buildings still need to be heated, water bills paid, and general expenses taken care of. Many parishioners are either sending in their contributions or giving online. Some have continued their weekly commitment, some have given extra knowing our income is down. I thank you for responding so generously. I do hope that all the parishioners would respond as we are going to have some difficult financial times ahead. Not that we didn't in the past, but you have always pulled us through and kept our presence here at Harper and Whittier.

I also share with you that I have applied for the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) from the federal government. Typically, the diocese does not allow us to apply for loans outside the diocese. However, in this situation, they made an exception. I do hope we will see a result from this. We qualify for payroll and some utilities, and whatever we do receive would be most helpful. Please pray that it comes through. But in the meantime, don't forget St. Matthew's, we will be here for you when all this is over. The risen Lord is with us, alleluia!

Giving Thanks in Hard Times

For two thousand years, the Church has celebrated its worship best in the Mass, the Eucharist, which means Thanksgiving. During Holy Week, we celebrated all those events that happened to Christ, including the judgment, condemnation, torture and death he endured, as part of the completion of our salvation proclaimed when Christ rose from the dead. So then we can also give thanks for all of it, for it is precisely by these means that his saving grace is given to us and to all the world.

Was this all a mistake? Were Christ's sufferings all meaningless? Is our own pain within our Christian understanding that we profess today meaningless also? Only when we see things with truly limited eyes. Let us use our pain and suffering in a positive way, avoiding self-pity and doubt and blame, and use each day, each night, and each moment with a humble heart to make everything into a blessing, especially in these hard and uncertain times. It is most pleasing to God if we give him thanks for all things that happen to us and to those for whom we love and care, both the easy and the hard. Let us reach to Heaven above with a full heart now and say thank you to Jesus for his patient suffering for us, and to give us now the heart to thank him and love him back.



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

In today's Gospel, the disciples were returning home so “downcast” they did not recognize Jesus walking with them. In our homes, we can be so overwhelmed with responsibilities we don't see God with us. Today's Gospel tells us to stop and open our eyes to the blessings we are to one another.



*Easter Flower Offerings
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Due to the suspension of the Easter liturgies, there were no Easter flowers displayed on the altar.

Nevertheless, there is much appreciation for those who made these donations in memory of their loved ones. Thank you!

Prayer to St. Joseph the Worker

Glorious St. Joseph,
model of all those who are devoted to labor,
obtain for me the grace to work conscientiously,
putting the call of duty above my many sins;
to work with thankfulness and joy,
considering it an honor to employ and develop,
by means of labor, the gifts received from God;
to work with order, peace, prudence and patience,
never surrendering to weariness or difficulties;
to work, above all, with purity of intention,
and with detachment from self,
having always death before my eyes
and the account which I must render of time lost,
of talents wasted, of good omitted,
of vain complacency in success
so fatal to the work of God.
All for Jesus, all for Mary,
all after your example,
O Patriarch, Joseph.
Amen



CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



The Catholic Services Appeal benefits parishes and people in the Archdiocese of Detroit by helping to fund more than 100 ministries, programs and services, including: support for men discerning God's call to the priesthood at Sacred Heart Major Seminary; campus ministry; grants to Catholic schools; and young adult programs. Essentially, CSA dollars help fund the spiritual and corporal works of mercy in the greater Detroit area.

Except for six national collections of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), CSA funds remain in the archdiocese. These national collections include: Black and Indian Missions, Catholic Communications, Catholic Home Missions, Catholic University of America, Church in Latin America, and the Holy Land.

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!

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 - That's it! You are all set for recurring automatic contributions.

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!

Observances for the Week of April 26, 2020

- Monday:
Tuesday: St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr;
St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest
Wednesday: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and
Doctor of the Church
Thursday: St. Pius V, Pope
Friday: St. Joseph the Worker
Saturday: St. Athanasius, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter;
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

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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	Jo Marie Nardi
Lolita Dorado	David Beaupre
Albert Fajardo	Kenneth Beaupre
Virginia Fajardo	Anthony Crimardo
Madeline O'Neill	Rosemary Schoolcraft
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Kathy Bush	Mike and Theresa Elrick
Glenda Johnson	Doreen Redman
Stephanie Smith	Dennis Corbett
Janet Law	
Laura Alix	
Betty Leone	
Michelle Harter	

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 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 ~ 3rd Sunday of Easter

For the Church throughout the world, may Jesus, our head, grant us reconciliation and unity.
Let us pray to the Lord

For all those who are suffering in the current outbreak of the coronavirus, especially Mike and Theresa Elrick, that they may be healed.
Let us pray to the Lord

For scientists, health professionals, public officials, and all who are serving the public good in this difficult time, may they be filled with wisdom, strength, and compassion.
Let us pray to the Lord

For the poor, unemployed, and underemployed, that they may experience wholeness through their faith in the Lord.
Let us pray to the Lord.

For all the sick of the parish, and those whom we love, especially Herb and Jeanne Damman, Steve Czapski, Jr., Doreen Redman, and Father Duane Novelly. May they know 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, those who have died from the coronavirus pandemic, and all our deceased loved ones, especially Richard Gargulinski, 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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