



# *Saint Matthew Church* *The PULSE*

December 27, 2020

Detroit, Michigan



## THE HOLY FAMILY

"For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples."  
- Lk 2:30-31

## Readings for the Week of December 27, 2020

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40  
Monday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40  
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18  
Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7 /Lk 2:16-21  
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28  
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

# Mary, Mother of God

January 1, 2021

## Feast of the Solemnity of Mary

Way back in 431, there was a bitter controversy among theologians over the role of Mary in the Catholic Church. They debated the question: Who is Mary in God's plan?

In the end, the bishops declared that Mary is really the mother of Jesus, and Jesus is really God. So it must be said that Mary is the Mother of God. The oldest Christian greeting of Mary was proclaimed when Mary's relative, Elizabeth, called her "Mother of my Lord." When Elizabeth welcomed Mary, she recognized both the great privilege God had given Mary and Mary's great faith in accepting it.

For centuries, Mary has been praised because she believed. She is Mother of God because of her faith in God. The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, celebrates Mary's faith and trust in God alone. The Church wants us to imitate her faith.



### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Tragedy and disappointment are inevitable. What sees you through this? There will be challenges, changes, unexpected circumstances, interrupted plans, hurts, and injustices experienced

by every human being at some point in their lives. We will be asked to adjust our plans, change course, and even encounter suffering and death. Where do we learn all of the lessons we need to live life well? Some of them we learn along the way but much of what we bring to life, positive and negative, comes from our early beginnings, our families. This is our early world and provides the blueprint for how we see the bigger, more inclusive world, which unfolds before us.

Our families of origin can be sources of grace, heartache or a combination of both. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication, and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. They can also determine whether we have an accessible and healthy relationship with God. Many of life's challenges can literally bring us to our knees and require that we possess a strength of character that resides well beyond the superficialities of our world. At some point we will all need three coping gifts that can be given to us only by God: faith, hope, and love. Our families help us learn that we are not the ones responsible for their creation, but God!

Our experience of early family life colors all of our relationships and what we expect to achieve from life in general. Resolving conflicts, dealing with difficulty and suffering, celebrating accomplishments, prioritizing our needs, listening to God's call, understanding relationships, understanding disappointment, learning about the virtues and living a centered focused life are all lessons our families either succeed in teaching or do not. To succeed, as God has designed and ordered our world, is to discover his presence and then trust that Presence. The Holy Family can teach even the most dysfunctional family how to best use God's gifts of faith, hope, and love to find him and do his will. Their simple humble example is always before us, showing us the way. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

### The Gift of Family

What a year it has been! How will we speak of these times a decade from now? As time goes by, our impressions of this past year will certainly change. How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I would assume that most of us right now are also holding those we love a little closer and hugging them a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we feel toward our family should never leave us.

Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is family. Families take all shapes and sizes and some look very different than others. For some, family is a caretaker or temporary guardian. For others it is a friend when everyone else seems to have vanished. The bottom line is that, to quote a song from many years ago, "people need people."

When God gave the world His only Son, the Incarnation did not come on a cloud or with a flash of light. He was born into a family. Jesus understood the gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a family wasn't important God would have still included this in the plan of salvation?

As this year draws to a close, remember your stewardship many days begins and ends with the people closest to you. Don't misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son.



~ December 30th ~

Happy 70th Birthday, Father Duane!

We thank God for you with an Amen and Alleluia!

May God's Blessings be with you,  
may He grant you Good Health, and  
may He surround you with His Grace and Love!

## St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Friday, January 1, 2021, New Year's Day, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God: 10 am Mass - Holy Day of Obligation (Dispensed)

Rectory Office Closed at 3 pm  
December 31, opening on  
Monday, January 4, 2021, at 10:30 am

Wednesday, January 6, 6 pm - Father Novelly's Class for RCIA, St. Clare of Montefalco Church



## A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

This Christmas remember your task as a parent is the same as Mary's. We must not let our doubts, fears, and unfulfilled expectations get in the way of our loving ACCEPTANCE of our children.



## Christmas Flower Offerings

Donated on Behalf of These Loved Ones

In Memory of:

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Helen Jaskowski	Kay Wroblewski
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Renee LaPratt Jaczkowski	John Camazzola
Rose & George Godoshian	
Theresa Witkowski	Orlando Moszczenski
Casmere Moszczenski	Lucia Matelonek
Antoni Matelonek	Robert Matelonek
Paul Matelonek	Denise Matelonek (Giard)
Lara Galka (Zebrowski)	David Galka
Little Meryn Hodges	Edward Goclowski

In Honor of:

Doreen Redman

## CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Please remember to respond to your invitation to pledge to the Catholic Services Appeal. Our parish benefits from your pledges and payments. Repeat the Success! Double the Participation! Thank you!

## Prayer for Families

God, our Father, loving and merciful,  
bring together and keep all families in perfect unity  
of love and mutual support.

Infuse in each member the spirit of understanding,  
love, and affection for each other.  
Keep quarrels, bitterness, and pettiness far from them,  
and for their occasional failures  
impart forgiveness and peace.

May the mutual love and affection of parents  
be a source of loving obedience and discipline.  
May their chastity and fidelity be an inspiration  
to their children.

Instill in children such self-respect that  
they may respect others,  
obey their parents and those in authority,  
and grow in mature independence  
and the tender joys of friendship.

Make the mutual affection and respect of families  
a sign of Christian life here and hereafter,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.



## THE HOLY FAMILY



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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.*

Madeline O'Neill	Bill Solomon
Sebastiano Stellino	Eloise Parker
Joe Petrylka	Herb and Jeanne Damman
Roger Sharpe	Doreen Redman
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Rosemary Schoolcraft	
Tiffany Gelle	
Robert Stark	
Pauline Williams	

# Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

## LECTORS

*New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1, 2021, 10:00 a.m.*  
Liz Foley-Dunstone

## SERVERS

Julia Zuerblis  
Cory Fullilove

Saturday, January 2, 2021, 4:30 p.m.  
Bruce Campbell Ian Campbell

Sunday, January 3, 2021, 10:00 a.m.  
Liz Smith Jermaine Donaldson  
Cory Fullilove

## Mass Schedule

**Saturday, December 26 - Vigil: Feast of the Holy Family**  
4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

**Sunday, December 27 - Feast of the Holy Family**  
10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Linda Holster, For an Increase in  
Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated  
Life

**Monday, December 28 - The Feast of the Holy Innocents**

**Tuesday, December 29 - St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and  
Martyr**

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

**Wednesday, December 30 -**

9:00 a.m. - Dr. Phil Szuba

**Thursday, December 31 - St. Sylvester I, Pope**

**Friday, January 1, 2021 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
10:00 a.m. - Ponina Stellino, Osvaldo Moroni, Patrick Goll

**Saturday, January 2, 2021 - Vigil: Epiphany of the Lord**  
4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

**Sunday, January 3, 2021 - Epiphany of the Lord**  
10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark



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