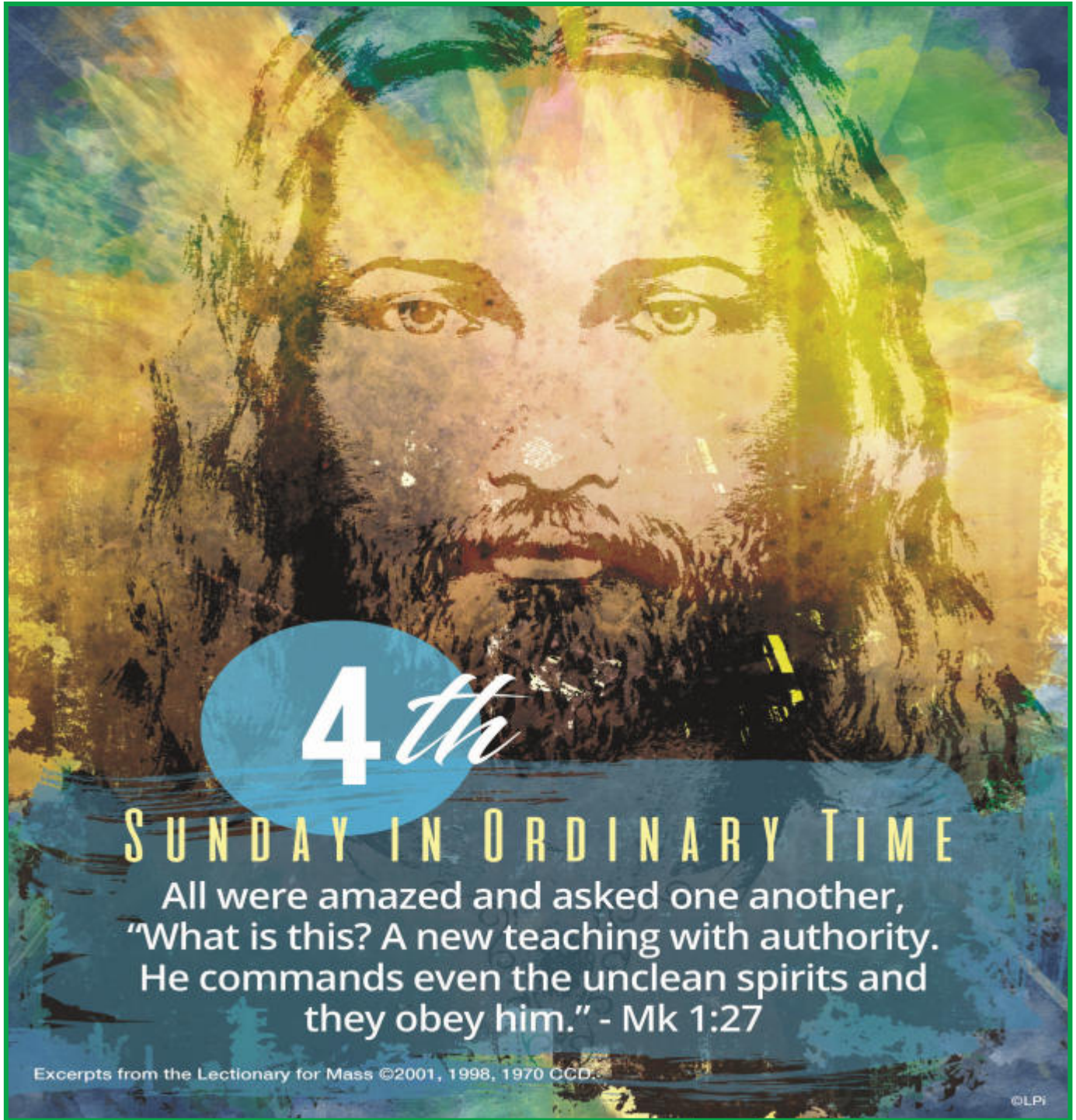




# *Saint Matthew Church* **The PULSE**

January 31, 2021

Detroit, Michigan



4<sup>th</sup>

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

All were amazed and asked one another,  
"What is this? A new teaching with authority.  
He commands even the unclean spirits and  
they obey him." - Mk 1:27

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCB.

©LPI



*In Honor of the Feast of St. Blaise on Wednesday, February 3,  
Throats will be Blessed next Weekend at all Masses.*

*Remember the faith of this saint each year  
and pray for blessings on those who suffer throat ailments.*

## Readings for the Week of January 31, 2021

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28  
Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20  
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32  
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6  
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13  
Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29  
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34  
Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



Most of us are quiet people who desire to live a good and holy life, promote the values and mission of the Gospel as best we can and desire to one day inherit the surprise of life eternal God promises to us. We are not trail blazers. We are simple people who want to do the simple things of life well. But there are others who left a more profound impact along the way of the paths they walked. Folks like Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Thomas Merton, Gandhi, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and many others left lasting impacts and legacies. Like Moses, they show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose driven life look like. They show us how to be holy. We need Moses people like these to give us inspiration, hope and an example of holy living.

We do not need to do what they did or even mirror their relationship with God. Each one of us is God's special creation, with a purpose and soul known only to us. We need to learn how to open up and bring, without compromise, our soul-ness to life. We know when someone is authentic and centered because they always point to truth, even though they struggle and sin themselves, and they embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and it astonished many who listened. We do not need to move mountains, advance a cause, write books or become notable. All we have to do is become credible witnesses of the faith we profess. Moses people can teach us how to do this.

St. Oscar Romero was an amazing man and a Moses figure for sure. He saw God in the burning bush and brought the flame of Gospel faith to the poorest of the poor, challenging the evils of the society in which he lived. He was tireless and persistent. He must have gotten very close to the problem because it cost him his life. He suspected it would. St. Romero said, "When we leave Mass, we ought to go out the way Moses descended Mt Sinai: with his face shining, with his heart brave and strong to face the world's difficulties." We can learn from this wisdom. If we allow the power of the Mass to truly transform us, we will leave that holy encounter changed. Our face will shine, and we will have courage. We can then bring what we have received to life's challenges. That sounds doable, doesn't it? Because of the example of our simple holiness, people will be amazed.



The tree is down and you no longer hear Mariah Carey's 'All I Want for Christmas is You' every time you visit the supermarket, so you may have thought the festivities were over. That's right, the candle hasn't gone out on Christmas cheer - in fact, it will be reignited on 2 February for Candlemas.

### What is the origin of candles as a religious symbol?

Candles and Candlemas may date back to pagan times - much like many other traditions now adopted into the Christian faith. Pagans used to light candles on the day between the winter and spring equinox (the beginning of Spring), as a Festival of Light. Some believed that the weather on this day would determine the weather for the rest of the winter - some may know the traditional rhyme:

*"If Candlemas Day be fair and bright,  
Winter will have another fight.  
If Candlemas Day brings cloud and rain,  
Winter won't come again."*

Superstitions included theories that a candle dripping on one side as it enters the church on Candlemas could indicate a death of a family member in the year ahead. Snowdrops brought into the house on Candlemas were also thought to serve as a warning of a parting of relationships in the near future.

### Why do Christians celebrate Candlemas?

Candlemas is the celebration of the purification of the Virgin Mary 40 days after she gave birth to the Savior, Jesus Christ. It is also an acknowledgment of the day Jesus was presented to God at the Temple in Jerusalem.

In the Gospel of Luke, it is told how Jesus was brought to the Temple by his mother 40 days after he was born. Here, they were met by Anna and Simeon. Simeon lifted Jesus up and called him the Light to the World. Simeon was meant to be the God-receiver, while Anna has become known as a prophetess. The purification of Mary took place this day.

Purification is an old Jewish tradition stemming back to a time when women were considered 'unclean' after the birth of their child. For 40 days after the birth of a boy and 60 days after a girl, a mother was not allowed to enter the Temple and could not worship. Following this period, a purification would take place, and she would be entitled to worship again.

The Christian Church adopted this day, following the purification of the Virgin Mary to bless all of the candles, and so now people tend to light candles on February 2. It was the tradition that Christians would bring their candles to the local parish on this day to be blessed, and these candles would then be used for the rest of the year.

## St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

**Saturday, February 6, and Sunday, February 7, 4:30 pm and 10 am Masses, respectively - Blessing of Throats in Honor of St. Blaise**

**Save the Date - Tuesday, February 9, at 6 pm - Parish Council / Leadership Group Meeting, SWOT Analysis, Church Auditorium**

## 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!



4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### THANK YOU TO OUR ONLINE GIVERS

Many many thanks to those who are giving their weekly contributions online. And, especially to those of you who have signed up for the convenience of giving online during this "year of the COVID-19 pandemic." Your decision has helped St. Matthew Parish in its efforts to maintain sustainability during this difficult economic time.

You are able to access your year-end online giving statement using these instructions or follow those on the OSV website.

1. Log in to your Online Giving donor account on the parish website.
2. Click on "My Online Giving History."
3. On the right side, click the "Print" button.
4. Set your date range from 1/1/2020 to 12/31/2020.
5. Change the report type to "Full Detail Report (Tax Purposes)".
6. Leave the tax filter option checked.
7. Click "Print".
8. Your report will open in a new window.
9. You will need to export the report to a PDF to print the full report.
10. Click the PDF link at the top of the screen to open the report as a PDF to print your report.

## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

### A Reflection Prayer on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

For the price of two turtledoves  
A poor man's offering,  
the king made offer of sacrifice.

Gates were lifted. The King of Glory entered.  
And this child redeemed the world;  
our universe rich now, beyond all telling.

Along with Anna and Simeon,  
let us wait for You in the Spirit - now -  
as You birth into our world, into our hearts  
moment by moment.

Lord, You sought to be like us, flesh and blood.  
And You were tried,  
suffering from this desire.

You, who are God, came to help us,  
making us more like You:  
we who are tested - in every way.

Make it so. Amen.



### A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Today's Gospel reminds us "unclean spirits" still haunt our families. These "spirits" thrive inside our grudges, punishing silences, impatience, and abruptness. Today, Jesus offers you the "authority" to cast out these spirits from your life and your family.

**YOUR 2020 ST. MATTHEW  
CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT IS READY  
CALL THE OFFICE  
FOR YOUR COPY ~ 313-884-4470**

## ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH DIRECTORY

6021 Whittier, Detroit 48224-2637  
Rectory Office: (313) 884-4470  
Rectory Fax: (313) 884-4276  
E-mail : stmatthew27@aol.com  
Website: www.stmatthewdetroit.com  
Office Hours: Monday through Friday  
10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Rev. Duane R. Novelly ~ *Pastor*  
Rick Cucchi ~ *Music Minister / Choir Director*  
Joe Balistreri ~ *Saturday Organist*  
David Troiano ~ *Weekday Organist*

### CLERICAL STAFF

Marilyn Lynn ~ *Secretary*  
Gloria Bermudez ~ *Bookkeeper*

### PARISH COUNCIL

John Dunstone ~ *President*  
Bill Zuerblis ~ *Financial Council Chair*  
Michael Dulapa ~ *Evangelization Chair*  
Patricia Camazzola-Godoshian,  
Bryan Jones, David Smydra ~ *Members at Large*  
Sharon & Jerry Mielke ~ *VPC Representatives*

### PARISH FINANCIAL COUNCIL

BILL ZUERBLIS ~ *CHAIR*  
MARY ANN BOLONE, JOHN DUNSTONE, JEFF SMITH,  
GARY STARK ~ *MEMBERS*

### PARISH ORGANIZATION

Dennis Costello ~ *St. Vincent de Paul / Christian Service*  
Dan McBride ~ *St. Vincent de Paul / Christian Service*

### 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.*

Joe Petrylka	Eduardo Fajardo
Anthony Mastronardi	Aurora Guinto
Stephanie Smith	Mary Spansky
Janet Law	Marie Kane
Laura Alix	Mike Dulapa
Betty Leone	Mike and Linda Holster
Jo Marie Nardi	Irene McCann
Anthony Crimauco	Bing Ocampo
Rosemary Schoolcraft	John and Kathy Bush
Tiffany Gelle	
Robert Stark	
Pauline Williams	
Bill Solomon	
Eloise Parker	
Herb and Jeanne Damman	
Doreen Redman	
Sarah Wagner	
Nenette Ferreria	
Lolita Dorado	
Albert Fajardo	

# Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

## LECTORS

## SERVERS

Saturday, February 6, 2021, 4:30 p.m.  
Bruce Campbell

Ian Campbell

Sunday, February 7, 2021, 10:00 a.m.  
Liz Foley-Dunstone

Germaine Donaldson  
Julia Zuerblis

## Mass Schedule

**Saturday, January 30 - Vigil: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

**Sunday, January 31 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Winnifred Tobin (52nd Anniv), Helen Rice (29th Anniv), Kathleen Kotas (1st Anniv),  
For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life

**Monday, February 1 -**

**Tuesday, February 2 - The Presentation of the Lord**  
9:00 a.m. - For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

**Wednesday, February 3 - St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop**  
9:00 a.m. - For All Those Suffering from Throat Ailments

**Thursday, February 4 -**

**Friday, February 5 - St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**  
9:00 a.m. - For an End to the COVID-19 Pandemic

**Saturday, February 6 - Vigil: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

**Sunday, February 7 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Chuck Schuster, John Ridella (13th Anniv), Patrick Foley



WE MUST USE  
**MERCY**  
FOR THE PRESENT  
AND HAVE  
**HOPE**  
FOR THE FUTURE.  
—ST. JOHN BOSCO

**PROTECTING SENIORS NATIONWIDE  
MEDICAL ALERT SYSTEM**

**\$29.95/MO**

**BILLED QUARTERLY**

**PLUS  
SPECIAL  
OFFER**



**CALL NOW! 1.877.801.7772**

**WWW.24-7MEDALARM.COM**

**Jim's  
Collision Shop**

Complete Body • Mechanical  
Glass • Free Loaner Cars

**DETROIT**

313-882-5400

16651 Harper

[www.jimscollision.net](http://www.jimscollision.net)

SERVING THE  
COMMUNITY FOR  
OVER A CENTURY



**A.H. PETERS  
FUNERAL HOME**

Grosse Pointe Woods  
20705 Mack Avenue • 313-884-5500  
Warren  
32000 Schoenherr • 586-293-8030  
[ahpeters.com](http://ahpeters.com)

**Fert-Scape, Inc.**

Fertilizer and Landscape  
Contracting

13335 15 Mile Road  
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

**(586) 344-9012**

**(586) 565-1077**

**CHAMPS**

ROTISSERIE & SEAFOOD

DINE IN • CARRY-OUT  
CATERING

313-886-7755

20515 Mack Avenue  
Grosse Pointe Woods

Mon-Sat: 11:30a-10p • Sun: Noon-10p

*Celebrate with  
Flowers*



1-800-VIVIANO  
[viviano.com](http://viviano.com)

**VIVIANO**  
*flower shop*



St. Clair Shores, Rochester, Shelby Twp.,  
Grosse Pointe Woods, & Chesterfield Twp.

For all of Life's Celebrations since 1937



LICENSED & INSURED  
MASTER PLUMBER

[WaterWorkPlumbing.com](http://WaterWorkPlumbing.com)

Senior Discounts

24 Hr. Emergency Service

**313-558-8757**

**\$20 OFF ANY SERVICE**

**Elite Driving  
School**

23804 Harper Avenue  
Between 9 & 10 Mile Road  
St. Clair Shores, MI 48080

**586-778-4934**

STATE OF MICHIGAN APPROVED  
AND CERTIFIED ROAD TESTING BY  
ELITE DRIVING SCHOOL

[www.elitedrivingschoolscs.com](http://www.elitedrivingschoolscs.com)

**AVAILABLE  
FOR A LIMITED TIME**

**ADVERTISE YOUR  
BUSINESS HERE**

Contact **Richard Brogna** to place an ad today!  
[rbrogna@4LPi.com](mailto:rbrogna@4LPi.com) or **(848) 225-5120**

**ADT-Monitored  
Home Security**

Get 24-Hour Protection  
From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide



SafeStreets

1-855-225-4251

**SUPPORT YOUR  
LOCAL PARISH.**

Buy a bulletin ad space today!



**SUPPORT THE ADVERTISERS  
THAT SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY**

