



Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

September 5, 2021

Detroit, Michigan



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34

Readings for the Week of September 5, 2021

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/
Mk 7:31-37
Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12
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Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c
[Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27
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Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11
[cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/
Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/
Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

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From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are “supposed” to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, “be opened!” Be healed and allow your stories to change.



Catholic Teaching on Labor

One of the most important principles of Catholic social teaching is the dignity of work and the rights of workers. Four encyclicals address this foundational social teaching: *Rerum Novarum* (1891) by Leo XIII, *Quadragesimo Anno* (1931) by Pius XI, *Laborem Exercens* (1981), and *Centesimus Annus* (1991) by John Paul II. They address both the theology and dignity of work. In Genesis, God takes the initiative in creating the world, calling forth human beings to be faithful stewards of creation. We are thus formed to share in God's continuing creative activity by partnering with God in finishing the world and helping bring it to completion and fulfillment. From this perspective, work can be spiritually understood in terms of sharing in God's ongoing activity to build, create, and transform the world. Human beings are co-creators with God. This vocation demands self-discipline.

Besides an exercise in self-discipline, work is also the means by which we develop and fulfill ourselves. In work, we shape the world and our environment. Through work, we also shape ourselves. Pope John Paul II summarized this point in *Laborem Exercens* #6, “the value of work is not primarily the kind of work being done, but the fact that the one who is doing it is a person.”

Labor Day offers an excellent opportunity to reflect on how we view work in light of our Catholic social teaching.

Reflection: When God's Son became man, he didn't become a king or a great political leader. He became a workingman. The Gospels show us Christ as a healer, teacher, and wonder-worker. But these activities lasted only three years. For the rest of his life on earth, he worked as a village carpenter.

There was nothing spectacular about his work. He didn't make benches and tables by means of miracles but with a hammer and a saw. And, as far as we know, nothing he made ever became a collector's item.

Our daily tasks may at times seem dull and insignificant, but we must not underestimate their importance. In the long run, the only thing that ripens and bears fruit is the every day work of our hearts and our hands.

~ Let us Pray ~

Good and Gracious God,
You created human beings in Your image and likeness
and gave us dominion over creation
to be stewards of the land
and co-creators of Your Kingdom.
Jesus, You became one of us
and labored as a carpenter.
You ask all people --
whatever our state of life --
to follow you faithfully.
Holy Spirit, bless all
workers this Labor Day.
May all our actions be
animated by Your love,
as we do all things for
the glory of God.
Amen.

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

**Monday, September 6, Labor Day -
Rectory Office Closed, No Mass on Labor
Day**

**Tuesday, September 14, 6 pm -
Parish Council Meeting, Church Auditorium**

~ MARK YOUR CALENDARS ~

**Saturday, October 16,
and Sunday, October 17
2021 Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle Kick off!**

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Choir Members Wanted: Positions open to soprano, alto, tenor and bass. No others need apply.

Physical Qualifications: Must be able to carry light musical notes across the sanctuary. Must have sufficient vision to see the director.

Experience: No application will be accepted from persons who have not sung, hummed, or whistled in the bathtub or shower at some or any time.

Beginning Wage: Increased satisfaction and joy in the service to God.

Fringe Benefits: Social Security. We promise you the security of social fellowship with other choir members. Bonus: Year-end Choir Member Picnic!

Hours: Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 11:15. There are occasional opportunities for overtime.

Retirement: Generally determined by printed notes getting too small; the hymnal too heavy; notes too high; sanctuary too hot or too cold; or the organist is unable to play the notes you sing!

Interested?: Contact Rick Cucchi at cucchi@umich.edu or come to the first rehearsal in the choir loft balcony (unless otherwise notified) on September 12th at 9:15 a.m. or call the rectory to sign up.



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A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Because the deaf man in today's Gospel recognized his disability, he could seek help from Jesus. Deafness abounds in families: in our children ("Oh, Dad, not that again"), in parents ("It's just a stage"), and in spouses ("Are you listening?"). Before Jesus can enter your home and heal, you must first recognize your deafness.

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Your pledge or donation to the 2021 CSA helps the Archdiocese support over 170 ministries, services, and programs. Also, your pledge or donation is vital to the sustainability of your St. Matthew's Parish. We have met our CSA archdiocesan goal of \$17,822; however, we established an internal target of \$36,000. The theme of our campaign being "one (dollar) for the Archdiocese, and one (dollar) for St. Matthew's". Any money over and above our AoD target is returned to the parish for its use.

St. Matthew is a vital part of this eastside neighborhood. Not only do we have charitable outreach programs, but more importantly, we serve the spiritual needs of our parishioners, family, and friends. We need the physical presence of our church on the corner of Harper at Whittier. It is truly a Sign of Hope and a Beacon of Light in this community.

Please prayerfully consider a pledge to CSA. You won't regret it. It is an act of charity for the sustainability of St. Matthew Parish. God bless you for whatever you can do.

9/11 never forget.

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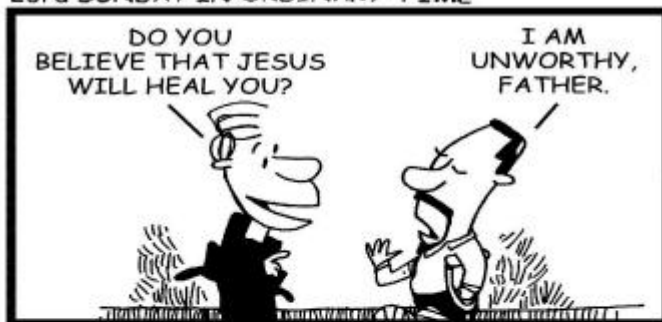
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ON THE 20TH YEAR COMMEMORATION OF
THE 9/11 ATTACKS**

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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.

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Stephanie Smith
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