



Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

January 23, 2022

Detroit, Michigan



3RD SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor." - Lk 4:18a*

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

Readings for the Week of January 23, 2022

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/
1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4;
4:14-21

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/
Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/
Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-
30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12,
13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a,
6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-
17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17
[cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/
Lk 4:21-30

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.



St. Thomas Aquinas Feast Day, January 28

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 - 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "The Summa Theologiae." Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at

the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The *Summa Theologiae*, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

Thomas proved an exemplary scholar, though, ironically, his modesty sometimes led his classmates to misperceive him as dim-witted. After reading Thomas's thesis and thinking it brilliant, his professor, Saint Albert the Great, proclaimed in Thomas's defense, "We call this young man a dumb ox, but his bellowing in doctrine will one day resound throughout the world!"

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, does remain alive today.

Tantum Ergo by St. Thomas Aquinas

<i>Tantum ergo Sacramentum</i>	Down in adoration falling,
<i>Veneremur cernui:</i>	Lo! the sacred Host we hail,
<i>Et antiquum documentum</i>	Lo! o'er ancient forms departing
<i>Novo cedit ritui:</i>	Newer rites of grace prevail;
<i>Praestet fides supplementum</i>	Faith for all defects supplying,
<i>Sensuum defectui.</i>	Where the feeble senses fail.
<i>Genitori, Genitoque</i>	To the everlasting Father,
<i>Laus et iubilatio,</i>	And the Son Who reigns on high
<i>Salus, honor, virtus quoque</i>	With the Holy Spirit proceeding
<i>Sit et benedictio:</i>	Forth from each eternally,
<i>Procedenti ab utroque</i>	Be salvation, honor blessing,
<i>Compar sit laudatio.</i>	Might and endless majesty.
<i>Amen.</i>	Amen.

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Wednesday, January 26, 7 pm -
RCIA Class, Fr. Duane Novelly, St. Clare
Church

Sunday, January 30, 10 am Mass -
Stark Baby Baptism

Plant Your Works in the Word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

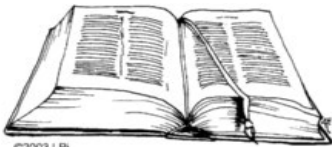
But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.



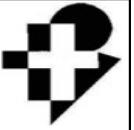
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A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

In today's Gospel, Jesus was "praised by all" except at home in Nazareth where the "eyes of all were intently on him." Acceptance can be hard to find at home due to unreal EXPECTATIONS. Jesus challenges us to "proclaim liberty" to anyone "oppressed" or "captive" by our EXPECTATIONS.

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ

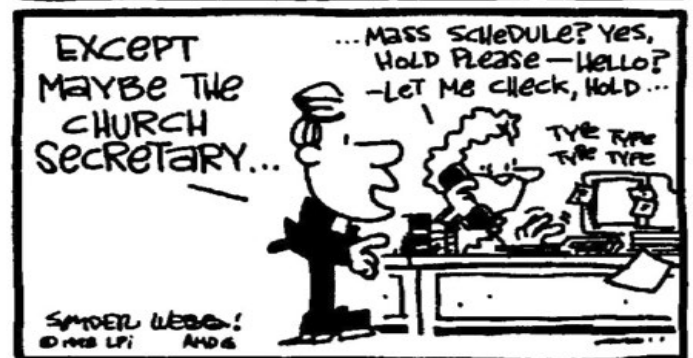


St. Paul wrote to the Colossians "Whatever you do, do from the heart" (Colossians 3:23). As we face so many challenges in 2021, we are reminded of our call as missionary disciples to act out the heart that God has formed in us. The CSA raises funds that make this work possible, including supporting more than 100 ministries, programs, and services. This includes helping the hungry and homeless, support for parishes, priests and seminarians, and promoting the work of the Catholic schools, and so much more.

We thank you for your generous support of CSA through St. Matthew Parish. You have truly supported our efforts to remain a beacon of light and sign of hope to many in our eastside neighborhood.

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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.

Anthony Mastronardi
Stephanie Smith
Janet Law
Laura Alix
Jo Marie Nardi
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Maureen Dritsan
Madeline Jozwiak

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

LECTORS

SERVERS

Saturday, January 29, 2022, 4:30 p.m.

Bruce Campbell

Jermaine Donaldson

Sunday, January 30, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

Bryan Jones

Lauren Gross
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 22 - Vigil: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. - Emma Langan (4th Anniv)

Sunday, January 23 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. - Faustina (Nanette) Ferreria, Connie Schuster (7th Anniv), Walter and Rue DeWaelche

Monday, January 24 -

Tuesday, January 25 - The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle
9:00 a.m. - For Missionaries Serving at Home and Abroad

Wednesday, January 26 - Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
9:00 a.m. - For Migrant and Refugee Families

Thursday, January 27 - St. Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder

Friday, January 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Religious, and Doctor of the Church
9:00 a.m. - For an End to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Saturday, January 29 - Vigil: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. - For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life

Sunday, January 30 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. - Pat and Stella Urso, Antoinette and Salvatore Urso, Lucia and Gaetano Urso, Ginger Cottone, Lucy Zelenak, Salvatore Urso, Judy Stark (5th Anniv)



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