



Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

February 6, 2022

Detroit, Michigan



5th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." - Lk 5:5

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In honor of the Feast of St. Blaise which was on Thursday, February 3, the blessing of throats will take place this weekend at the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday and the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday.

Readings for the Week of February 6, 2022

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/
1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/
Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/
Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/
Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13,
14-15/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20,
21-22/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/
1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

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“Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man,” these words, uttered by Simon Peter, can be found on any one of our lips. What real significance do I have in the big picture of God’s Divine plan? Even though we try our best to hide it, we all suffer from a lack of faith.



We get tired, confused, and often lack any sincere desire to put anything into our relationship with God. It’s easier to simply reap whatever benefits the world has to offer and call it a day. Floating along on the

superficial currents of life doesn’t require much effort and seems to get us through the day. Confronting our own infidelity, apathy, weakness of spirit, and doubt in God’s providence, how can we even remotely be considered a worthy vessel of God’s presence or credible voice for His message?

This is the irony of faith. God doesn’t seek the perfect vessels. He likes the broken ones. There is something to be said about living honestly and sincerely, and wrestling with sin, imperfection, and weakness rather than skipping through the peripheries of life with pretention, arrogance, and mendacity. If we believe ourselves to be our own “god” and serve only ourselves, we close the door to ever being used by the real and only True God. But, if we at least acknowledge that there is One greater than ourselves, then even in our deepest poverty and lowliness, God can enter.

Lessons are best learned from those who suffer. Only someone who has been lonely and lost can attest to the beauty of both Divine and human friendship. Only those who have really lost their way know what happens when they are found. Only those who are afraid know what it is to be calmed by God. The Gospel is messy because life is messy. There are no black and white solutions to problems and challenges that are hazy and gray. When our hesitancy to encounter God gets replaced by friendship with God, we become more aware of our dignity and the fact that we are loved just as we are. We cannot be afraid to share our struggles, reservations, fears, and sinfulness with others. Our genuineness and sincerity will speak of the God who blesses us in our weakness.

FEBRUARY ~ BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. Also known as African American History Month, the event grew out of “Negro History Week,” the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating Black history.

Origins of Black History Month ~ The story of Black History Month begins in 1915, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States.

That September, the Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson and the prominent minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), an organization dedicated to researching and promoting achievements by Black Americans and other peoples of African descent.

Black History Month 2022 Theme ~ Since 1976, every American president has designated February as Black History Month and endorsed a specific theme.

The Black History Month 2022 theme, “Black Health and Wellness,” explores “the legacy of not only Black scholars and medical practitioners in Western medicine, but also other ways of knowing (e.g., birthworkers, doulas, midwives, naturopaths, herbalists, etc.) throughout the African Diaspora. The 2022 theme considers activities, rituals and initiatives that Black communities have done to be well.”

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE AFRICAN AMERICAN AND AFRICAN FAMILY *February 6, 2022*

God of Mercy and Love, we place our African American and African Families before You today.

May we be proud of our history and never forget those who paid a great price for our liberation.

Bless us one by one and keep our hearts and minds fixed on higher ground.

Help us to live for You and not for ourselves, and may we cherish and proclaim the gift of life.

Bless our parents, guardians and grandparents, relatives and friends.

Give us the amazing grace to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Help us, as Your children, to live in such a way that the beauty and greatness of authentic love is reflected in all that we say and do.

Give a healing anointing to those less fortunate, especially the motherless, the fatherless, the broken, the sick and the lonely.

Bless our departed family members and friends.

May they be led into the light of Your dwelling place where we will never grow old, where we will share the fullness of redemption and shout the victory for all eternity.

This we ask in the Precious Name of Jesus, our Savior and Blessed Assurance. Amen.

(Fr. Jim Goode, OFM,
Founder of the National Day of Prayer
for the African American and
African Family in 1989.)

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Saturday, February 5, and Sunday, February 6, 4:30 pm and 10 am Masses, respectively - Blessing of Throats

Tuesday, February 8, 6 pm - Parish Council Meeting, Church Auditorium (Tentative)

Thursday, February 17, 6:30 pm - Fundraising Committee Meeting, Church Auditorium (note date change!)

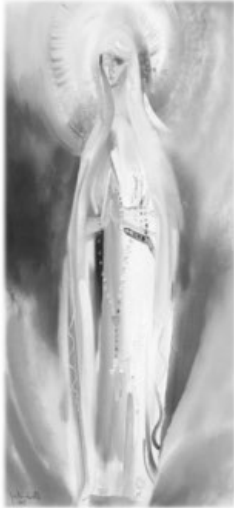


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A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

In today's Gospel, Jesus asked Simon to start by "going a short distance." Later, he asked Simon to "go into deeper water." The first step toward reconciliation is usually a "short distance" which gives us the courage to go further "into deeper water." Reconciliation starts with the first short step!



Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes

Oh ever immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, Health of the Sick, Refuge of Sinners, Comforter of the Afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings. Look upon me with mercy. When you appeared in the grotto of Lourdes, you made it a privileged sanctuary where you dispense your favors, and where many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession. My loving Mother, obtain my request. I will try to imitate your virtues so that I may one day share your company and bless you in eternity. Amen.



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CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



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Our Lord's Prayer

Question: Why don't Catholics add the "For yours is the Kingdom ..." prayer at the end of the Our Father like Protestants do? Where did it come from?

Answer: The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer that you refer to is called a doxology, which is a prayer of glory and praise. This particular doxology we do use in the Mass. After the Our Father, the priest prays the prayer that begins, "Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil..." and the people respond with the doxology. The doxology is not found in the Bible, but it is very ancient. It was first found in The Didache, also called "The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles," which dates probably from about the year AD 90. It was a letter of instruction to early converts to Christianity. Protestantism dates only to the 16th century, so the doxology is actually a Catholic prayer. Some scholars and the catechism (#2760) indicate that the doxology was connected to the celebration of the Eucharist and was not used apart from it.

Remember, both the Lord's Prayer and the Eucharist were part of the "mysteries of faith," things taught only to believers. Ironically, a remnant of a prayer used during the celebration of the Eucharist has come to be used widely by many Christian churches that do not celebrate the Eucharist! Truth is indeed stranger than fiction!



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WEEKEND/WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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| 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
Anthony Crimauco
Rosemary Schoolcraft
Tiffany Gelle
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Elsa Camazzola
William Walker IV
Nancy Clemons
Cathy D'Agostini
Madeline Jozwiak

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

LECTORS

SERVERS

Saturday, February 12, 2022, 4:30 p.m.
Dan McBride

Bruce Campbell

Sunday, February 13, 2022, 10:00 a.m.
William Zuerblis

Lauren Gross
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 5 - Vigil: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, February 6 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Helen Rice (30th Anniv), Winnifred Tobin (53rd Anniv)

Monday, February 7 -

Tuesday, February 8 - St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

9:00 a.m. - For Refugee and Migrant Families

Wednesday, February 9 -

9:00 a.m. - For Healthcare Workers and First Responders

Thursday, February 10 - St. Scholastica, Virgin

Friday, February 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes

9:00 a.m. - For an End to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Saturday, February 12 - Vigil: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, February 13 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - For the DeLisi Family



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