



Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

July 17, 2022

Detroit, Michigan



16th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. - Lk 10:38-39

Readings for the Week of July 17, 2022

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42
Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17/Mt 13:1-9
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Saturday: Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:24-30
Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

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“Our families need to ask for the gift of the Spirit! Through prayer, even in the busiest times, we give time back to God, we find the peace that comes from appreciating the important things, and we encounter the joy of God’s unexpected gifts. Through daily prayer may our homes become, like the house of Martha and Mary, places where Jesus always finds a warm welcome (Pope Francis).” While it is necessary to attend to the details of hospitality, learning how to be present to people, experiences, and God is sometimes more important. Creating homes that are welcoming environments requires not only organization and structure but members who truly enjoy being there and celebrating life with one another.

Details can often get the best of us. While attending to details is important to success, our obsession with them can be problematic. Whether wanting to make a good impression, fear of failure, insecurity, or emotional immaturity, throwing ourselves into the “details” of hospitality can distract us from being present to those we want to serve. Conversely, focusing exclusively on being present without any attention to detail also sets our attempts at hospitality up for disaster! We need a balance of both. But creating a truly welcoming space in our homes and within ourselves requires still more.

We have to be empty of ourselves. Becoming a welcoming, hospitable person is not possible in someone focused on their own needs and desires. If the one we serve is the one who looks back at us in the mirror, then there is no space for anyone else. While Martha and Mary had different ideas of what it means to serve, they both had the inner space and freedom to do so. They were detached from themselves. Detachment becomes the challenge to hospitality and creating a God-centered, open-hearted space in our lives. When we impulsively act out of our personal agendas, violence, abuse, pride, greed, lust, power, control, passion, and self-aggrandizement encroach upon the space needed to be present to another human being. Not only can others not find a home in us, but even God cannot find a home in us!

St. Mary Magdalene

“Apostle of the Apostles” is the title given Mary Magdalene by St Thomas Aquinas. Her name comes from her home town of Magdala, a fishing village on the western shore of Lake Tiberias. St Luke the Evangelist tells us, in Chapter 8 of his Gospel, how Jesus went from town to town announcing the Good News of the Kingdom of God, and how the Twelve Apostles were with Him together with some women who had been healed of evil spirits or infirmities, and were serving them. Among these was a certain “Mary, called the Magdalene, from whom seven demons came out.”



Misconceptions about her identity: she was not a prostitute. As Biblical exegesis teaches, the expression ‘seven demons’ could indicate a serious physical or moral malady that had struck the woman and from which Jesus had freed her. But, until now, tradition has claimed that Mary Magdalene was a prostitute. This is only because in Chapter 7 of Luke’s Gospel, we read of the conversion of an anonymous “known sinner in that city” who, when Jesus was a guest in the house of a notable Pharisee, bathed His feet with perfume and her tears and dried them with her hair.” Without any real textual connection, Mary of Magdala was identified with that unnamed prostitute. According to Cardinal Ravasi, there is a further misunderstanding: anointing with perfumed oil is a gesture that was also performed by Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus, on a different occasion, as reported by St John. And so, Mary Magdalene has come to be identified with this Mary of Bethany, after being confused with the prostitute of Galilee.

At the foot of the cross: Mary Magdalene appears in the Gospels in the most dramatic moment of Jesus’ life, when she accompanies Him to Calvary and, along with other women, observes Him from afar. She is still there when Joseph of Arimathea places the body of Jesus in the sepulcher, which is closed with a stone. And on the morning of the first day of the week, she returns to the tomb, finds the stone rolled away, and runs to warn Peter and John. They in turn hurry to the empty tomb and discover that the body of the Lord is missing.

Meeting with the Risen Lord: The two disciples return home but Mary Magdalene remains at the tomb in tears. Her initial disbelief gradually turns to faith when she sees two angels and asks them if they know where Jesus’ body has been taken. Then she sees Jesus Himself, but fails to recognize Him. She thinks He is the gardener, and when He asks why she is crying and who she is looking for, she replies: “Sir, if you have taken Him away, tell me where you have put Him and I will go and remove Him.” But Jesus says her name, “Mary” – and she recognizes Him at once: “Rabbani!”, she says, which in Hebrew means “Master!”. Jesus then tells her: “Do not cling to me because I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go and find the brothers and to tell them I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.” So Mary Magdalene goes to the disciples and tells them she has seen the Lord and that He said these things to her. (cf. John 20).

Mary Magdalene is the first to announce the joyful message of Easter. But she also proved she was among those who loved Him most when she stood at the foot of the Cross on Mount Calvary together with Mary, His Mother, and the disciple, St. John. She did not deny him or run away in fear as the other disciples did, but remained close to Him every moment, up to and including the tomb.

Pope Francis elevated the July 22nd feast day of Mary Magdalene to stress the importance of this faithful disciple of Christ.



St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

**Saturday, July 23, and Sunday, July 24,
4:30 pm and 10 am Masses, respectively -
Mission Co-op Sunday, Propagation of the Faith,
Collection**



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Cell phones, emails, faxes, texts, and voice mails can reduce our lives to a continual series of interrupted moments. Listen to Jesus in today's Gospel: "You are anxious about many things" robbing us of the precious time needed to BE with others. Quality time is QUANTITY time.

Missionary Prayer

*Oh, Father, you sent your Son to carry out your mission
of redeeming the world.*

*Today, many still have not heard his message
of truth and love.*

*Our world is torn by war, conflict, poverty, and injustice.
Let the light of your Gospel of love shine in the world that
it may be transformed into a worthy home
for all your children of every race and country.*

*Bless all missionaries throughout the world that
their work may bear fruit.*

*Together with them, may we too share in the missionary
work of the whole Church that your Kingdom of justice,
love, and peace may come in all hearts and in all nations.
We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

In accordance with the Missionary Cooperation Plan of the Archdiocese of Detroit, next weekend, St. Matthew Parish will have a second collection for World Mission Sunday. The mission cause for this collection is the Diocese of Guntur, India. The missionary priest will not be personally visiting but has shared information on the need for this effort.



The Diocese of Guntur is very poor; 80% of the people live in poverty and distress. Many live in huts with no fresh water or hygienic facilities. Many of their children reside and study in orphanages having lost one

or two parents.

A large number of Baptisms are performed each year which is leading to a shortage of churches. Some towns and villages have no chapel or church, so Mass is held in private homes.

These are but a few of the many challenges facing the missionaries of the Guntur diocese. Many of these programs to improve the living conditions of the people are sorely in need of funding. The Bishop is concerned that there will not be enough money to help orphaned children, provide fresh drinking water, provide toilet facilities, and build churches and chapels for worship.

Please prayerfully consider the needs of the Diocese of Guntur next weekend as you make your donation. Envelopes are in the pews for your use.

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Stories from the CSA - Mireya and Gerardo Carrillo, Hispanic Ministry, Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica - Mireya and Gerardo Carrillo are parishioners at the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica and involved in Hispanic ministry. Sharing the rich beauty of the Latino culture and language enlivens the whole community, including those who are not Spanish speakers. It is a reminder of the beautiful diversity in the church, and how we can learn from and celebrate the unique things about the members in a spiritual family

The Carrillo's are also dedicated to the prolife movement. They have helped translate English resources into Spanish to offer better access to information for anyone finding themselves in a crisis pregnancy. A big part of the reason the Carrillo's are so committed to prolife work is because a high percentage of Hispanic women consider it.

Your gift to the CSA supports Hispanic ministries reaching out to 200,000 Spanish-speaking individuals and families in southeast Michigan and share with them the Good News of the Gospel.

DIAPER DRIVE

It's Christmas in July at Right to Life of Michigan's Educational Resource Center! During the month of July, they will be collecting diapers and baby wipes to help local crisis pregnancy centers and baby pantries. All size diapers are needed, especially sizes 4-6. **Please drop off your donations at 27417 Harper, St. Clair Shores,** or call 586-774-6050 for more information.

St. Angela of Roseville Reunion

St. Angela's parish closed in 2015, however, on Sunday, September 25, 2022, there will be the first reunion of students and friends of St. Angela Parish.

Fern Hill Golf Club, 17600 Clinton River Road

\$35 / person, includes dinner (cash bar)

Music by A+ Entertainment ~ Gift basket raffle
50/50 drawing (proceeds to Gianna House, Eastpointe)

Seating Preferences (Tables of 10)

Contact Kathy at tarantokv@comcast.net

Have Questions? Email Lou Anne at loujudd@comcast.net

Payments must be received by September 6th.

Have memorabilia to share? Label them, bring them to the reunion, and display them on tables for the appropriate year.

Kayak the Canals!

An invitation from St. Ambrose Parish

Paddle out to the Detroit River, around Grayhaven Island, past the Fisher Mansion, and by the waterfront residences of Jefferson-Chalmers.

Tours for beginners and experienced kayakers alike!

Saturday, August 20th ~ \$70 per kayaker
with a choice of a single or tandem kayak
10 a.m. Launch time

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Kayak and safety equipment provided.

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Brochures are available to you on the table of the back vestibule of the church.

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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
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Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

LECTORS

Saturday, July 23, 2022, 4:30 p.m.
Liz Foley-Dunstone

Sunday, July 24, 2022, 10:00 a.m.
David Smydra

SERVERS

Bruce Campbell

Emmanuel Kole-James
Samuel Kole-James
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, July 16 - Vigil: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. - Tim Fitzgerald

Sunday, July 17 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. - Robert Stark

Monday, July 18 - St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Tuesday, July 19 -
9:00 a.m. - For Military Personnel serving around the World

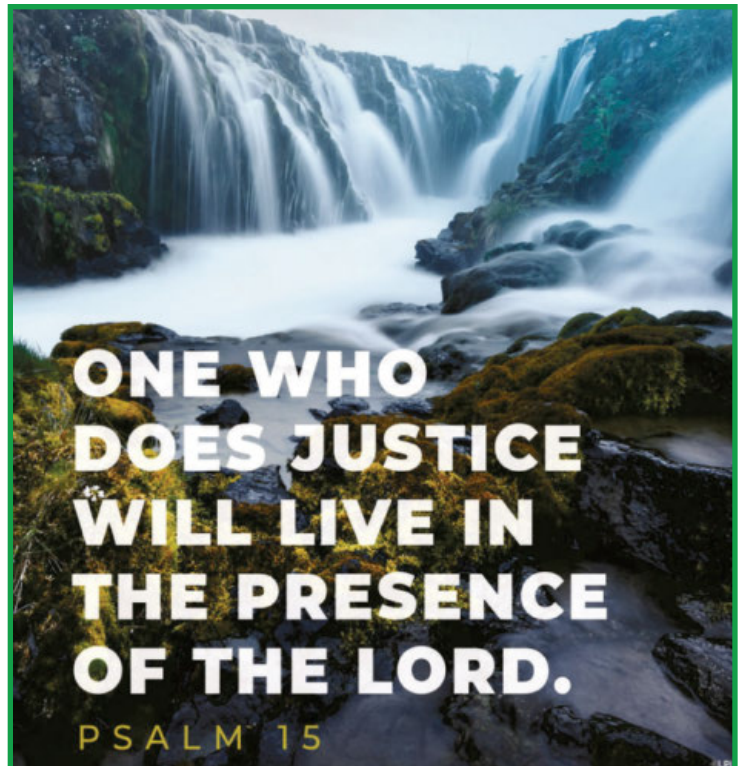
Wednesday, July 20 - St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr
9:00 a.m. - For Refugee and Migrant Families

Thursday, July 21 - St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Friday, July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene
9:00 a.m. - For an End to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Saturday, July 23 - Vigil: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, July 24 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. - Faustina (Nenette) Ferreria, Anna Kolasa, James Kevin Brus (10th Anniv), Margaret Stanley (34th Anniv), Rita Allman



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