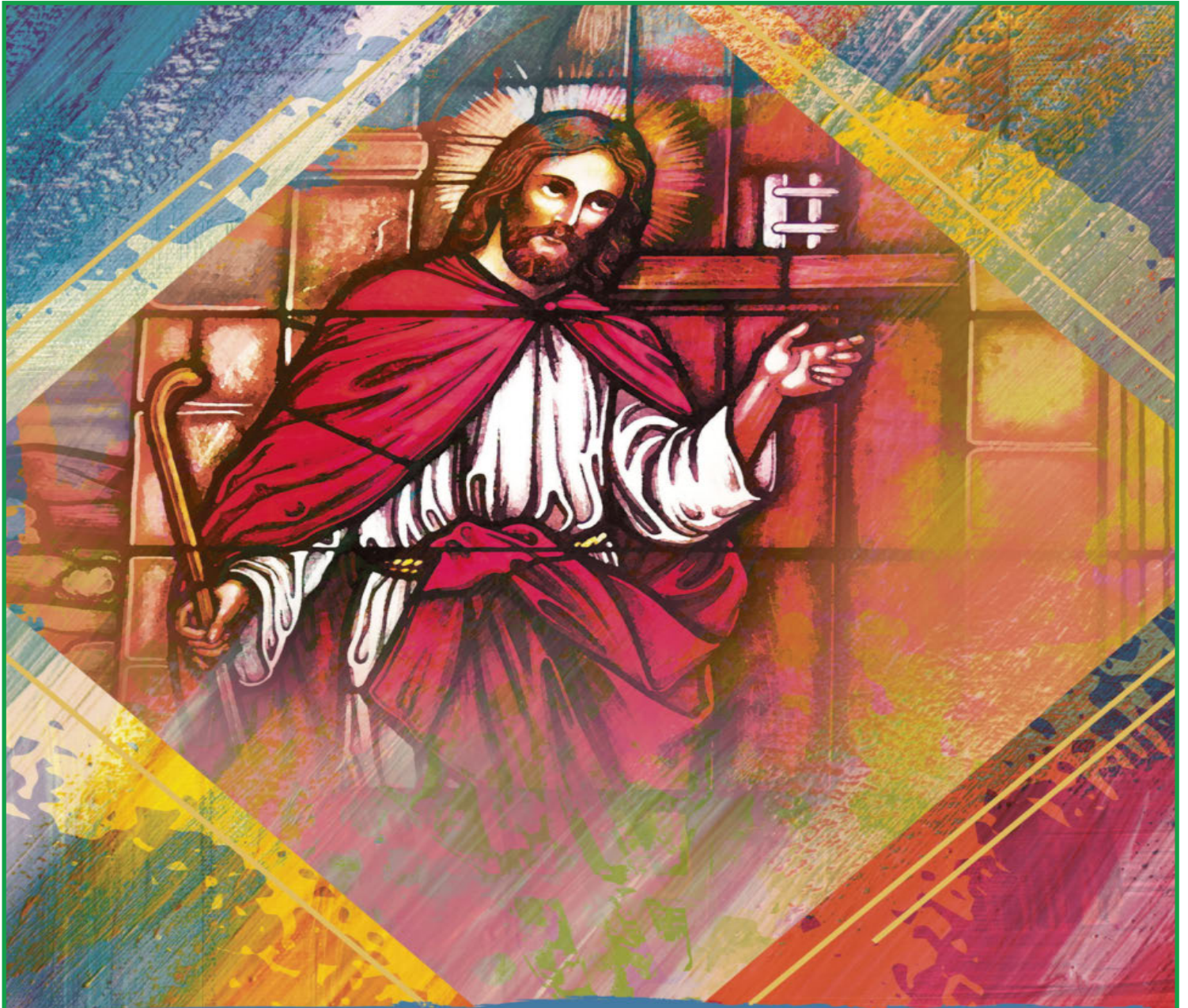




Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

July 24, 2022

Detroit, Michigan



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“He will get up to give him whatever he needs
because of his persistence.” - Lk 11:8

Readings for the Week of July 24, 2022

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/
Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13
Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/
Mt 20:20-28
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17-18/
Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Jn 11:19-27 or
Lk 10:38-42
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/
Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14,
17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Meister Eckhart asks, "Who is the man whose prayers God always hears?" He answers, "God hears the man who appeals to God as God. When, however, man appeals to God, hoping for some worldly good, he is not appealing to God at all, but to what he is asking of God. He is trying to make God his servant. On this point, St. Augustine says: 'You pray to what you love, for true whole prayer is nothing but love!' Thus, we pray to what we love, and no one rightly prays to God but he who prays for God and has nothing on his mind but God." We struggle with what we want God to do and how we want our prayer validated. Meister Eckhart is correct. We often want God to be our servant. We further struggle with trusting that God knows what we need and that His will is best.

God's will is not some predetermined outcome of events that we must simply suggest. "Thy will be done" is not an invocation beckoning us to accept a particular state of affairs passively. Rather, it is the humble and confident placement of ourselves in the presence of the God we seek, whom we call "Father." We must remember that God is the God of life and light. It is from nothing that God brings something and from the darkness that God brings life. Prayer allows us to seek the One we love with the assurance that all will be well regardless of what course the events of our lives take. God is not about passive submission but the humble trust of love.

That's what makes the Lord's Prayer the perfect prayer. It provides us with proper disposition and focus, putting in line all of the essential relationships of our lives. It celebrates and fosters the ever-deepening relationship of trust we have with our Creator. It also calls us to keep open the doors of love between our brothers and sisters with the power that comes with forgiveness. If in one's darkest hour they can find the resolve to fervently pray this perfect prayer of Jesus' conviction, then there is no doubt that God will hear their plea, reach out in love, and bring them ever closer to His heart. What more does one need to weather the storms of life besides faith, hope, and love? These are God's most perfect gifts and all we really need.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Thank you for giving us this opportunity to come to your parish and speak to you about our diocese. We are truly blessed to be with you this weekend and to talk to you about our missions. We go to different parishes in different dioceses in the U.S. talking about our missions. Thank you for being such wonderful people and thank you for being generous and supportive to our missions.



Let me now talk to you briefly about my diocese and the missions we do. My diocese of Guntur is in Southern India, on the East coast of the Bay of Bengal. It is a missionary diocese. It was established in 1940 and was entrusted to the local clergy. There are more than 220,000 Catholics in the Diocese with a population of over 5 million. There are 101 parishes with nearly 500 mission stations with 200 catechists helping in the diocese. Most of our Catholics belong to a community who live in poverty. They completely depend upon their daily wages for their living, less than \$5 per day, mainly from agricultural labor. It is only seasonal, and consequently, people are left without work for nearly four months out of the year.

Though there is a lot of poverty in our area, the faith of our people is strong. They are very committed to the Church and the Sacraments. We are getting lot of vocations to the priesthood from these poor families. The latest statistics show that nearly 800 Indian priests are working in the United States of America. Years back, missionaries from other countries built the faith of our people. Now we are working as missionaries in USA and other countries.

The main goal or purpose of our missions is to seek help for the operation and maintenance of our orphanages. We have more than 50 orphanages in our diocese, and there are over 2,000 children residing in our orphanages. These orphan children are from the poor families; and some of them have no parents, and some with only a parent. It has now become a great financial burden on the diocese to provide boarding and education to all these poor orphan children. The majority of the funds we raise from these missions go in support of these children. We all know how important education is to our children. We need your love and generous support to provide education for these poor orphan children in our diocese.

Besides providing education to the orphan children, our diocese is also in dire need of building chapels and churches in some of the mission stations. Some of the mission stations do not have churches, priests need to gather the people in different houses to celebrate the Eucharist. This is not an easy thing. We are also providing to the poorest of the poor families of our diocese with a drinking water facility through bore-wells and water purifying machines. We also need to provide toilets to many of these poor families.

You can well understand that all these programs are costing us enormous amounts of money. As I said, we are now going through a very difficult period due to want of funds, and we are really struggling to maintain our diocese. We need your generous love and support to continue the projects I have mentioned. Please know that your support gives life to the poor of our diocese and especially the orphan children in our orphanages. Please prayerfully consider and be financially generous in giving your support for our missionary cause. There will be a second collection today after the communion for our missions.

Please be generous in your support. May God bless us all!

The Homily of Father Joseph Madanu, Mission Director
Diocese of Guntur, India



St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Enjoy the Week!



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Today's Gospel guarantees if we "ask," we will "receive," perhaps not what we wanted, but what our Heavenly Father knows is best for us, His children. All the love we have for our children, God has for us and more. As our children trust us, we must trust "Our Father."

St. James the Apostle | July 25

St. James the Apostle is also called James, son of Zebedee, or James the Greater to distinguish him from the other James in Jesus' group of twelve. Most of what we know about St. James is recorded in the New Testament. He and his brother John were collected by Jesus along the sea of Galilee. Matthew 4:18-22 tells the story of Jesus calling first Simon Peter and his brother Andrew and then the sons of Zebedee. In Mark 3:17, the brothers receive a nickname from Jesus who calls them "sons of thunder" because of their many extreme

reactions, like that in Luke 9:54 when they offer to call down fire on a Samaritan village.

St. James was part of Jesus' intimate circle, a witness to the Transfiguration, the resurrection of Jarius' daughter, and the agony in the garden of Gethsemane. In A.D. 44, Herod Agrippa had "James, the brother of John, killed by the sword." (Acts 12:2) He is the only apostle whose martyrdom is written of in the New Testament.

According to Spanish tradition, his body was taken to Santiago de Compostela, Spain where his relics were rediscovered in 9th century. This tradition has sometimes been attributed to a passage in the Song of Roland which tells of St. James appearing to Charlemagne in a dream, prophesying that Charlemagne would conquer the Moors in Spain. This was followed by a vision of stars which if followed would lead to the saint's lost tomb. In the Middle Ages, Compostela was a hugely popular pilgrimage site. The saint's relics continue to rest in the cathedral there, and one can still undertake the pilgrimage.

O Glorious Apostle, Saint James, who by reason of your fervent and generous heart was chosen by Jesus to be a witness of His glory on Mount Tabor and of His agony in Gethsemane; you, whose very name is a symbol of warfare and victory: obtain for us strength and consolation in the unending warfare of this life, that, having constantly and generously followed Jesus, we may be victors in the strife and deserve to receive the victor's crown in heaven. Amen.

St. James the Apostle, pray for us!

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Stories from the CSA - Sr. Kateri Burbee, SOLT, Principal, Holy Redeemer Elementary School - Sr. Kateri is a religious sister of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT) and the principal of Holy Redeemer school in southwest Detroit. Sr. Kateri always had a desire to be a teacher. For her, Catholic education is a way to have a lasting positive impact on children and their families. Her favorite part of ministry is when students come talk with her and ask for prayer or advice. It touches her heart when students know they are cared for and loved.

Catholic education helps children discover the beauty of the faith, teaches them the truth, and forms them as disciples of Jesus who can make a difference in their communities. Our society needs to have Catholic schools that are truly Catholic in their identity and practice so that young people may come to know and love Jesus and are equipped to witness Christ to the world.

Your gift to the CSA supports 80 Catholic schools and more than 27,000 students and their families in southeast Michigan.

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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
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Jo Marie Nardi
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Robert Rabe
Lynn Simoncini
Joan Nardi

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

LECTORS

SERVERS

Saturday, July 30, 2022, 4:30 p.m.

Bryan Jones

Bruce Campbell

Sunday, July 31, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

William Zuerblis

Lauren Gross
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

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), William S. Walker, IV, Bobby Hanshaw, Rita Allman

Monday, July 25 - St. James, Apostle

Tuesday, July 26 - Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 a.m. - For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Wednesday, July 27 -

9:00 a.m. - For the Sick, Suffering, and Dying

Thursday, July 28 -

Friday, July 29 - St. Martha

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

Saturday, July 30 - Vigil: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - Alice Rapas

Sunday, July 31 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Mary Flood (4th Anniv), Bobby Hanshaw



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