



# *Saint Matthew Church* **The PULSE**

**August 21, 2022**

**Detroit, Michigan**



## *21<sup>st</sup> Sunday*

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

[Jesus] answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." - Lk 13:24

## Readings for the Week of August 21, 2022

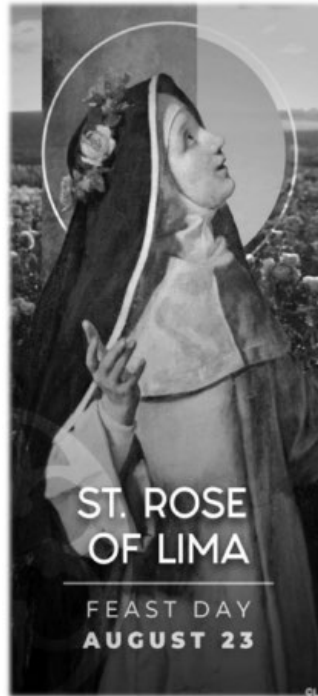
Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/  
Lk 13:22-30  
Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5/  
Mt 23:13-22  
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/  
Mt 23:23-26  
Wednesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/  
Jn 1:45-51  
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 24:42-51  
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13  
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/  
Mt 25:14-30  
Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11/  
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

### 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

The serious disciple knows the necessity and value of discipline. Thinking of discipline as something punitive in nature, we underscore its place in our spiritual lives. Discipline is really about a radical trust in God and his guidance. "When you are conducted by a guide who takes you through an unknown country at night across fields where there are no tracks, by his own skill, asking no advice from anyone, giving no inkling of his plans, what choice do you have but to give yourself completely to his guidance? If you are convinced that he is a good guide, you must have faith in him and abandon yourself to his care (Jean-Pierre de Caussade)."

If someone wants to be physically fit, they readily find a competent trainer who sets them on a rigorous schedule. Determined to reach their goals, they sacrifice personal pleasure and trust in his guidance. Why should it be any different with God? In order to remain true to the way Jesus places before us, we have to listen, learn, and be willing to change. Falling in love with God and maintaining that relationship requires an investment of time, energy, and hard work. Putting personal preferences aside in pursuit of the Gospel and giving proper attention to our spiritual lives is challenging work. At first, "all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it (Hebrews)."

"What God does is essentially good. It does not need to be reformed or controlled...If you would live according to the Gospels, give yourself completely and simply to the action of God (Jean-Pierre de Caussade)." Submission to the holy will of God is not a submission to a set of pre-ordained set of circumstances. Rather, it is an abandonment and trust in God's creative, life-giving, and salvific power. God brings light out of darkness and life out of death. Nurturing this bond of trust and seeking God in all things creates an intimate and particular relationship and bond between our Creator and us. When He comes, there will be no issue with us recognizing Him or Him recognizing us. We will have met before.



### St. Rose of Lima | August 23

Born Isabel Flores de Olivia in April 1586 in Lima, Peru to Spanish colonists, Saint Rose of Lima took the name Rose at her confirmation in 1597. Legend holds that she received this nickname as an infant because a servant saw her face transformed into a rose.

Even as a child Saint Rose was dedicated to Christ. Growing up she made many secret penances. And when she was old enough to be married, she deterred suitors by cutting off her hair and rubbing pepper on face to make it blister. She took a vow of chastity even though her parents wished her to marry. She fasted many times a week and permanently abstained from meat.

Eventually her parents gave in and allowed her to join the Third Order of St. Dominic, although she was not permitted to live in a convent. Saint Rose undertook severe penances, allowing herself only two hours of sleep a night in order to have more time to pray, wearing a heavy silver crown with spikes on the inside imitating Christ's crown of thorns, and even burning her own hands. However, she also cared for the sick and hungry, and sold her beautiful embroidery and fine lace, as well as flowers she grew to help raise funds for the poor.

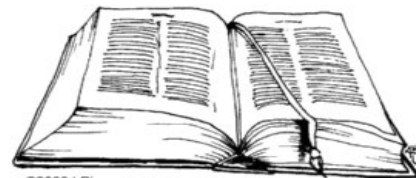
She died at the age of 31 on August 24, 1617. Pope Clement X canonized her in 1671, she was the first saint of the New World, born in the Americas. Saint Rose of Lima is the patron saint of Latin America and the Philippines.

#### A Prayer of St. Rose of Lima, for Giving Praise

Help me to remember what is really important:  
that I am Your child You are my Father.  
You love me for who I am and  
how I live not what I look like or what I own.  
Let me praise You Who sees into my heart,  
Who is always with me and  
Who eases my suffering. Amen.

*"Apart from the Cross, there is no other ladder  
by which we may get to Heaven."*

St. Rose of Lima



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### A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

The phrase in today's Gospel, "I don't know where you come from," is often used by parents about children and children about parents. Change is so rapid, one generation has little in common with another. We depend on love, trust, and mutual respect to bridge this gap.



## St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

**Sunday, August 21, through Sunday, August 28** - St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Matthew Conference, School Supplies Appeal

### St. Vincent De Paul School Supplies Drive

Schools are opening up again this year as scheduled, and our conference of St. Vincent de Paul is asking for your help this year with donations of school supplies for elementary and middle-school age students. Any items you can purchase that would include backpacks, calculators, Trapper keepers, 3-ring binders, 2-pocket folders, spiral notebooks, age appropriate scissors, rulers, crayons, construction paper, glue sticks, pens, highlighters, markers, erasers, and age appropriate books would be greatly appreciated.

Many of our SVdP families have school age children and simply can't afford to buy these items themselves so they turn to us for help. Please place your donations in front of the St. Matthew statue from now to August 28th. During the week of August 28th, volunteers will gather to sort the supplies for distribution to deserving families on Sunday, September 4th.

*Thank you again and again for all you do each and every time we ask ... Please know that many families and many children were assisted by your generous donations in the past.*



## CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Your pledge or donation to the 2022 CSA helps the Archdiocese support over 170 ministries, services, and programs. These are important to the life of the Church in the Archdiocese. Also, your pledge or donation is vital to the sustainability of St. Matthew Parish. The theme of our campaign is "one (dollar) for the Archdiocese, and one (dollar) for St. Matthew's." We are hoping to "double down" and "repeat the success" of our past campaigns. Any money over and above our AoD target (\$18,511) is returned to the parish for its use.

St. Matthew's 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 life of your parish, St. Matthew's.

### Chancing the Narrow Gate

From doctors to counselors, anthropologists to schoolteachers, it seems like everyone has their own parenting style to peddle, guaranteeing it will result in a happy and well-adjusted kid.

You've got "gentle parenting," predicated on respect for the child's feelings and needs. You've got "attachment parenting," based on the belief that kids need time to adjust to being outside of the womb. You've got "free-range parenting," where self-sufficiency reigns supreme.

But of all the parenting approaches there has never been a philosophy that rejects discipline altogether. There are lots of conflicting opinions on how best to administer that discipline, but any parent or parenting "expert" worth their salt say that a mother or father should never ignore misbehavior that threatens the well-being of the child himself.

Discipline is in our human DNA. Consider for a moment what the world would look like if it came to be filled with people who had never been taught to reflect on their life challenges. People who bristled at the suggestion of personal growth.

And yet we become this way with God. Even the most "devout" among us shy away from occasions of divine constructive criticism. We avoid confession and forego daily examinations of conscience. We keep things superficial in our prayer life, avoiding depth of heart and real intimacy with God, afraid of what He will speak to us.

But when we do this, we rob ourselves of an opportunity to rely on God's fatherly strength, to rest in His mercy, to fill ourselves up with His goodness. We're putting up our hands, saying: "No thanks, Father, I'm good. You can keep your discipline. You can keep your grace."

When we do this, we are making a beeline for the "narrow gate," sure of our own strength and ability to pass through it. All we can say is this, proceed at your own peril. Are you so sure of yourself?

### Matter of Perspective

Three priests sat discussing the best positions for prayer while a telephone repairman worked nearby.

"Kneeling is definitely best," claimed one.

"No," another contended. "I get the best results standing with my hands outstretched to Heaven."

"You're both wrong," the third insisted. "The most effective prayer position is lying prostrate, face down on the floor."

The repairman could contain himself no longer. "Hey, fellas," he interrupted, "the best prayin' I ever did was hangin' upside down from a telephone pole."

### MARELLA PIAZZA

*Good-bye once again to Marella! You have graced our liturgies all summer with your beautiful voice. God bless you, Marella, and we wish you good luck as you continue your studies at Hope College.*



### Kroger Community Rewards

The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to local neighborhoods. The period of May 1 to July 31 brought a monetary reward of \$196.33 back to St. Matthew Parish thanks to the participation of 67 households. Please join those who participate!

Go to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) and sign up today. Every little "bite" helps. The account number for St. Matthew Parish is **AW497**.

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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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Joan Nardi

# Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

## LECTORS

Saturday, August 27, 2022, 4:30 p.m.  
Bruce Campbell

Sunday, August 28, 2022, 10:00 a.m.  
David Smydra

## SERVERS

Bruce Campbell

Lauren Gross  
Julia Zuerblis

## Mass Schedule

**Saturday, August 20 - Vigil: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:30 p.m. - Anna Martinelli

**Sunday, August 21 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:00 a.m. - Faustina (Nenette) Ferreria, Richard D. Goll,  
Patricia Gargulinski (80th Birthday)

**Monday, August 22 - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Tuesday, August 23 - St. Rose of Lima, Virgin**  
9:00 a.m. - For the Poor and Needy in our Community

**Wednesday, August 24 - St. Bartholomew, Apostle**  
9:00 a.m. - For the Sick, Suffering, and Dying

**Thursday, August 25 - St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest**

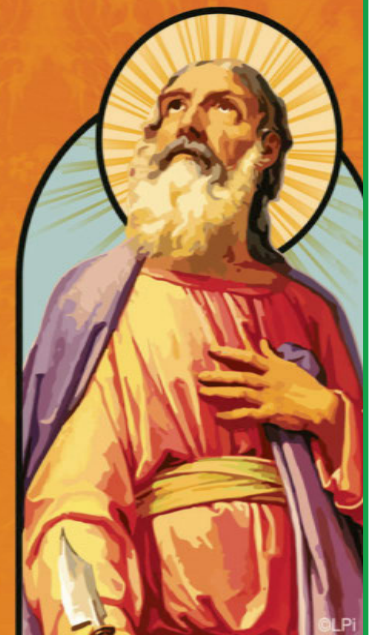
**Friday, August 26 -**  
9:00 a.m. - For an End to the COVID-19 Pandemic

**Saturday, August 27 - Vigil: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:30 p.m. - Marc McEachern

**Sunday, August 28 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:00 a.m. - Richard D. Goll, Alice Rapas, Betty Cummings

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