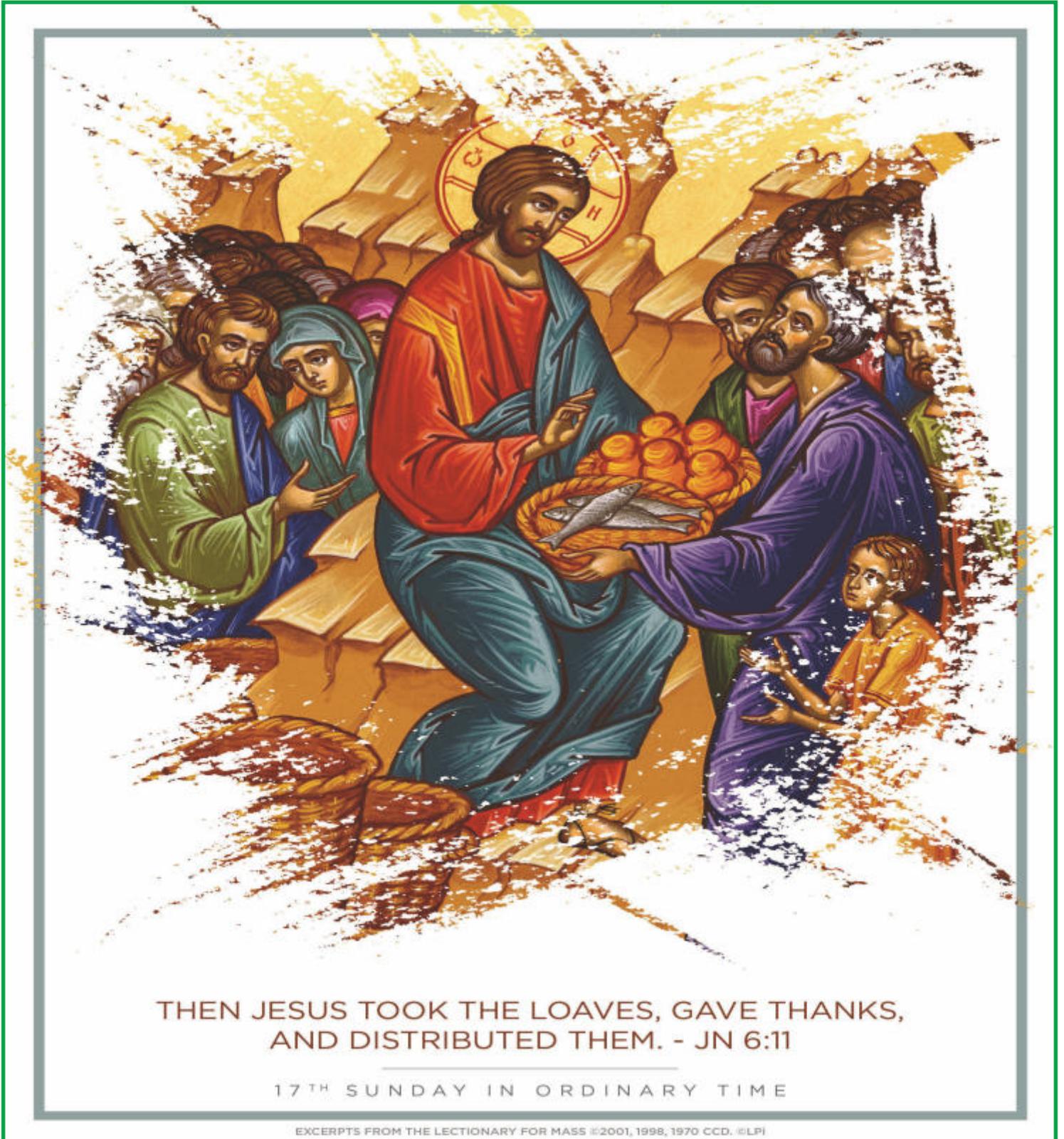




Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

July 25, 2021

Detroit, Michigan



THEN JESUS TOOK THE LOAVES, GAVE THANKS,
AND DISTRIBUTED THEM. - JN 6:11

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Readings for the Week of July 25, 2021

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18
[cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15
Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23
[1a]/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-
11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/
Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a,
11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4,
5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54
[24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35



Saints Joachim (sometimes spelled "Joaquin," pronounced "wal-keem") and Anne, are the parents of the Virgin Mary. There is no mention of them in the Bible or Gospels.

What we know comes from Catholic legend and the Gospel of James, which is an unsanctioned, apocryphal writing from the 2nd Century AD. We do know from scholarship that the Gospel of James was not written by James, the Brother of Jesus, despite its claim. Even the early Church fathers expressed skepticism about the Gospel of James in their writings. There are about 150 copies of the ancient manuscript which often have different titles but tell the same story, that Mary was promised to Joachim and Anne by an angel, was consecrated to God, and she remained a virgin all her life.

Naturally, there is plenty of room for scholarly debate about these saints. We have no true primary sources that prove they even existed, but certainly we can agree that Mary had parents. Likewise, we can agree that Mary had good, faithful parents who raised her with a love and devotion to God like none other except Jesus Christ Himself.

For those who wonder what we can learn from people we know nothing about, and how we can honor them; we must focus on why they are honored by the church. Whatever their names or the facts of their lives, the truth is that it was the parents of Mary who nurtured Mary, taught her, brought her up to be a worthy Mother of God. It was their teaching that led her to respond to God's request with faith, "Let it be done to me as you will." It was their example of parenting that Mary must have followed as she brought up her own son, Jesus. It was their faith that laid the foundation of courage and strength that allowed her to stand by the cross as her son was crucified and still believe.

Joachim and Anne serve as role models for parents and both deserve to be honored and emulated for their devotion to God and Our Lady Mary, the Mother of God.

St. Anne is a patron saint of Brittany and Canada and of women in labor. As the grandparents of Jesus, Anne and Joachim are considered the patron saints of grandparents.

A Prayer of Petition to Sts. Anne and Joachim

*Great Saints, nothing can be impossible to your power and influence over the little Jesus,
"who grew strong in grace and wisdom"
under the maternal care and direction of your glorious daughter,
the Queen of Heaven and Earth.
In mercy and compassion, answer the request of your servant
in this necessity!*

*St. Anne, St. Joachim, dear parents of her who is our life,
our sweetness and our hope, pray to her for us
and answer our prayer! Amen.*



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Oscar Romero said, "We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is the beginning, a step along the

way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest."

There were a group of ladies many years ago who made quilts. They were beautiful creations reflecting inspirational designs artfully composed from the simple scraps of fabric each woman would bring to their individual pieces. There was no plan for the finished project as each finished work became the combined creation of what each woman contributed. They abounded in vibrant colors and dazzled the beholder with intricate patterns and their myriad textures. They were so beautiful that they became coveted family treasures passed from generation to generation. Those women never realized the power of their work. Countless babies rested in the comfort of those quilts warmly nestled in the legacy of tradition they were fortunate to inherit. They adorned countless homes with their beauty and brought joy and solace to many faces.

We cannot do everything. We are not meant to. Our work in life is to contribute our individual piece, a piece that reflects the unique thumbprint I claim as my own. We only have to do small things well. Then, as St. Oscar Romero reminds us, the Lord's grace will enter and do the rest. We have to trust that this is true just as those women trusted in the eventual beauty of their final work.

Eucharistic blessings are blessings that start small and multiply. We all come to life with only a few loaves of bread and a few fish. Not any single one of us has all that it takes to transform our world. Who knows what God will do with the little we have and how many will benefit from our kindness, compassion, wisdom, courage, conviction, love, warmth, zeal, faith, and hope? That young lad never dreamed that his few leftovers would do all that they did. God shows up in unexpected ways! Where would life's adventure and fun be if it were any other way? Being able to be part of bringing God's creative, transforming, healing to the world opens us up to wonder, awe, and excitement! We can all bring our little piece to the bigger work of God that can result in being a coveted jewel passed generation to generation. This is good news indeed!

Bread and wine transform into Christ's Body and Blood and we become what we eat. Trust that.

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Enjoy the week.
See you next Sunday!



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

In today's Gospel, Phillip worried about "enough food" for the crowd. What is ENOUGH? When does our ENOUGH deprive another family of their fair share? Jesus performed today's miracle because one child was willing to share and risk living with less. Can your family live more simply so that other families can simply live?



On Tuesday, July 20, several good parishioners rolled up their sleeves, flexed their muscles, and brought the boxes and files damaged in the recent flood from the rectory basement to the rectory garage. There, they will wait

for "the shredder." This was quite a task. But with coordination and many hands, the task was accomplished in short order. This is only the very beginning of restoring the rectory basement from flood damages suffered several weeks ago. To the following goes our appreciation.

Dan Veryser and his friend, John
Brian Scott
Jerry Mielke
Mike Holster
Ed Comiskey
Dennis Hermann
Jim West
Mary Adams
and Father Duane



To Have and to Hold: Married Couples Date Night

Celebrate Marriage, Your Marriage
on Friday, July 30, at 6:30 p.m.
Guardian Angels Church, Clawson
Presenting Fr. John Kopson on how you and your
spouse can grow together in faith and love.

Enjoy dinner, drinks, dancing, and door prizes.
Register at to-have-and-to-hold.eventbrite.com.

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Loving and Generous Father,
we praise you and give you thanks for the gifts
of our faith and your abundant grace.

We thank you for the gift of your Son Jesus
in the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith
and the nourishment for our life's journey.

This Precious Gift energizes us in the Holy Spirit
as we embrace our mission to Unleash the Gospel.

We humbly ask you to open our hearts and minds
to recognize your presence in all those we encounter,
so they may see your love through our compassionate care
of their needs, both spiritual and temporal.

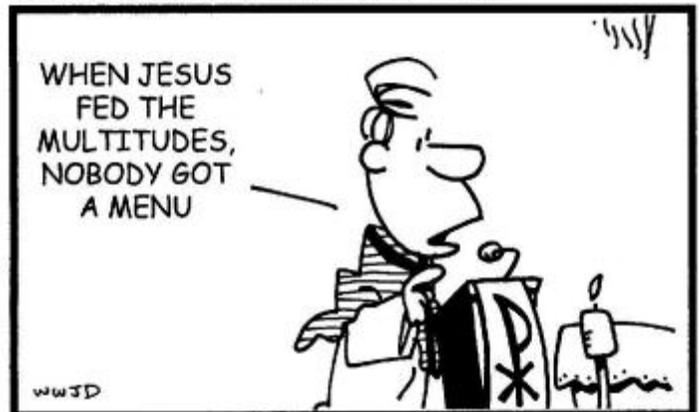
Bless in a special way our own commitment
to the faithful stewardship of your gifts
through our prayers, service, and generosity
in support of the many good works in our parishes
and throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit
funded by the Catholic Services Appeal.

Help us understand, in the words of St. Paul
that in you "we live and move and have our being"
as we strive to be the joyful band of missionary disciples
your Son has commissioned to build
your Kingdom on earth.

This we pray through your Son, Jesus,
who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever. Amen.



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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	Jesse Ocampo
Stephanie Smith	Mary Spansky
Janet Law	Marie Kane
Laura Alix	Mike Dulapa
Betty Leone	Kathy Bush
Jo Marie Nardi	Sue Allasio
Anthony Crimauo	Richard Goll
Rosemary Schoolcraft	Tim Fitzgerald
Tiffany Gelle	Kristen Freiburger
Robert Stark	Rita McBride
Pauline Williams	
Eloise Parker	
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Doreen Redman	
Sarah Wagner	
Nenette Ferreria	
Lolita Dorado	
Albert Fajardo	
Eduardo Fajardo	
Aurora Guinto	

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

LECTORS

SERVERS

Saturday, July 31, 2021, 4:30 p.m.

Julie Smith

Lauren Smith

Sunday, August 1, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

David Smydra

Lauren Gross
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, July 24 - Vigil: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, July 25 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Chuck Schuster, Ofelia and Pantaleon Vivo, Senen Marquez, Robert Hanshaw, William Walker IV, Mary Flood (3rd Anniv), William Solomon (40th Day)

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

Tuesday, July 27 -

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

Wednesday, July 28 -

9:00 a.m. - For Military Families, Here and Abroad

Thursday, July 29 - St. Martha

Friday, July 30 - St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

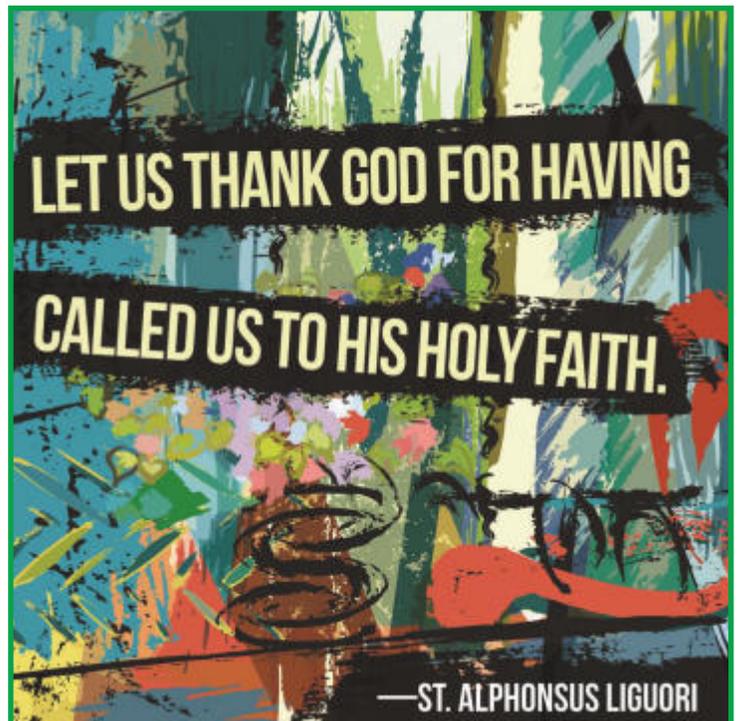
9:00 a.m. - For an End to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Saturday, July 31 - Vigil: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - John P. Langan (7th Anniv)

Sunday, August 1 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life



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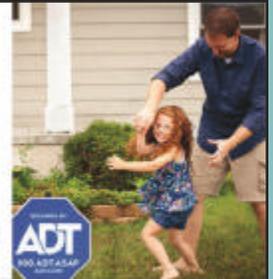
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