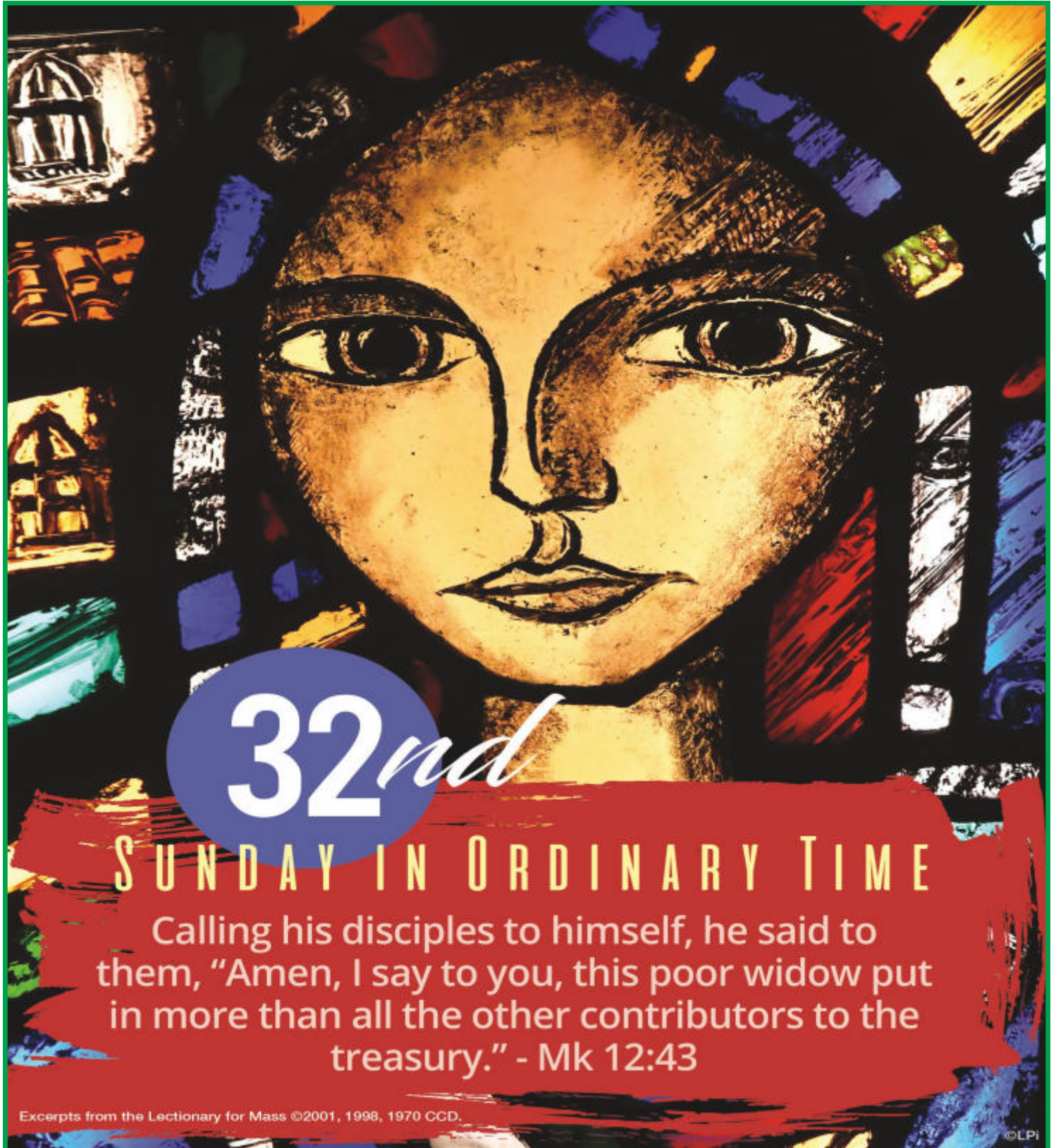




Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

November 11, 2018

Detroit, Michigan



32nd

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury." - Mk 12:43

Readings for the Week of November 11, 2018

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/
Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44
Monday: Ti 1:1-9/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and
29 [39a]/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6 [1]/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [5a]/
Lk 17:20-25
Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18 [1b]/
Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11
-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

All Souls Day Remembrances, November 2nd

William and Cecilia Pilette, Linus Boismier
Courtesy of Mary Ann Pilette

Ken Hasshaw, Bob Kreich, Glen Suter
Courtesy of Steve and Alice Rapas

William and Sylvia Law, Dick Pint
Courtesy of Janet Law

Gloria Pocius, Sheila Pocius, Thomas Pocius
Deceased Members of the Pocius, Waitkus,
and Tucker Families
Courtesy of John Pocius

Casmere Moszczenski, Orlanda Moszczenski,
Antoni Matelonek, Lucia Matelonek,
Theresa Witkowski, Robert Matelonek, Paul Matelonek,
Denise Matelonek, Renee LaPratt Jaczowski,
Lara Zebrowski Galka, Little Maryn Hodges
Courtesy of Felicia and Mark Moszczenski

May their souls and all the faithful
departed rest in peace. Amen.



Pastoral Notes on Christian Burial

*(Excerpts from Correspondence
by Archbishop Allen Vigneron, October 2018)*

An act of mercy and an act of faith: with these two foundational assertions, Pope Francis summarized a Christian's approach to burial. The Holy Father's remark was his reflection on the corporal works of mercy. "It is my burning desire that the Christian people may reflect on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. It will be a way to reawaken our conscience, too often grown dull in the face of poverty."

Among these works of mercy the Holy Father hoped to "reawaken our conscience" is the call to bury the dead. There has been a shift in societal expectations toward funerals, and regrettably this has begun to influence the Catholic faithful. Swayed by materialistic and an overly practical approach to life, many have seen this noble act of mercy as an unnecessary luxury or an inconvenience. Five years ago, I wrote a letter addressing this issue (available on request to the rectory), and since that time two important developments have occurred in the life of the local Church concerning Christian burial that need to be shared.

The first "Unleash the Gospel" initiative, which through homilies and prayers, the news of a risen Christ is our mission to proclaim. We believe in the Resurrection of the dead and the communion of saints. The funeral vigil, the Eucharistic celebration, the committal (burial or interment) evangelizes us, sharing the good news that God is near, even in our sorrow, difficulties, and distress. Through these liturgies, we proclaim to the faithful or those with little faith that our loved ones are not memories but alive in eternity.

The second development is more concrete in that our Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services has begun an initiative called "Gather Them Home" which has developed over the past few decades. It has been fairly common for Catholics to choose, either for themselves or those they love, to have their bodies cremated upon passing from this life. Ordinarily the Church hopes to be able to celebrate the funeral liturgy with the body present; however, cremation is permitted when circumstances justify it. Lately it has become increasingly common for the remains of loved ones to be kept in the home after the funeral liturgy. Many reasons exist for this; i.e., to be close to the deceased loved one, lack of financial resources for proper burial, inability to arrange (continued on Page Three)



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In 1 Samuel, God advises the prophet Samuel not to observe as men see but as God sees. He tells him to "look to the heart." This is the movement of this Sunday's Gospel reading.

"Beware the scribes," Jesus advises. He points out their public greetings and "seats of honor," which stands in sharp contrast to their private greed. For the Jewish people of Jesus' day, honor resides at the top. Power and prestige created a high profile back then as it still does today. After his warning, Jesus turns his disciples' attention elsewhere: a poor widow.

"She, from her poverty, has contributed all she had." While the scribes donated large sums to the temple, they did so "from their surplus wealth." This woman -- in her faith and devotion -- offers "her whole livelihood." Jesus invited his disciples to see with God's eyes, to recognize a holy life in people the world overlooks. Here -- in the poor, the vulnerable, the marginalized -- God waits hidden.

Today's Gospel begs a few questions. What do we see? Whom do we value? Are we impressed by the pomp and circumstance of modern day Pharisees? Do we ignore their self-righteousness because it looks impressive, even seems somewhat helpful? The point isn't to judge the scribes, of course. God can see their hearts as well, and those assessments are firmly his responsibility. The point is to turn our eyes from the typically honored to the rarely respected. Are we disinterested in the poverty of the modern day widows? Do we ignore their faith because we forget to look for it? This Sunday, consider the widows in your own life. Who can you see with God's eyes?



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A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

The widow in today's Gospel gave only a little, but it counted for a lot. In our homes, there are many LITTLE MOMENTS which can have great significance and glue the family together. Seize the moments.

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Thursday, November 15, 7 pm - St. Matthew Parish hosts the Renaissance Vicariate Meeting, Church Auditorium

Saturday, November 17, 4:30 pm Mass - Memorial Mass for the Deceased of the Parish

Saturday, November 17, 4:30 pm, and Sunday, November 18, 10 am Masses, respectively - Catholic Charities of SE Michigan Collection

Tuesday, November 20, 6 pm - Parish Council Meeting, Rectory Conference Room

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Unleash the Gospel - In his pastoral letter, Archbishop Allen Vigneron charges each parish to have a Prayer and Intercession Team to pray for the mission of the parish and the intentions of the leadership team.

Thanks to your CSA gifts, training for this *Unleash the Gospel* action step will take place at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. The archdiocesan Christian Worship Office will offer "Engage the Power of Prayer" on Saturday, November 17.

If you have yet to read *Unleash the Gospel*, the pastoral letter is available online in English and Spanish at unleashthegospel.org, along with reading and reflection guides for adults and teens.

Pastoral Notes on Christian Burial (continued)

for a committal while family is in town. This is not to critique the reasons but to offer an opportunity to reverently place these sacred remains in a sacred place.

This November, All Souls' Month, our archdiocesan Catholic cemeteries (Holy Sepulchre, Our Lady of Hope, St. Joseph, Mt. Carmel, Holy Cross, and Mt. Hope) will offer the opportunity for the remains of loved ones who have passed away to be entrusted to their final resting place. The initiative started on November 2 and will continue on the third Friday of each month at Holy Sepulchre and Our Lady of Hope Cemeteries. More information about this opportunity, including details on how to participate, will be communicated in the coming weeks.

It is the conviction of the church that the earthly remains of our loved ones in Christ deserve to be properly committed to a sacred place. Perhaps you can gently share this opportunity with someone you know. Our cemeteries are extensions of our parishes; places for prayer, reflection, hope, and remembrance. From these sacred places, those buried will rise on the Last Day.

May the Holy Spirit deepen our conviction that Christ is risen and give us the courage to live in joyful witness that we have risen with him. Entrusting you to the intercession of St. Joseph of Arimathea, I remain sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron, Archbishop of Detroit



Blessing of Veterans

There are so many veterans in our county now. It used to be that veterans were a small contingency in our communities. It did not take that much effort to care for and, once a year, thank them. Now, however, with so many wars in violent parts of the world, there are more veterans than we can compassionately care for. There are many men and women who come back from the service who are wounded for life, either physically, mentally, or emotionally. On this Veterans Day, let us remember those who have served our country, but more than remember, let us redouble our efforts to care for those still with us. Let us pray ~

*Good and gracious God,
you do not condone war.*

Help us to understand the cause of war and work toward alleviating it from the face of the earth you created.

*We ask you to bless the veterans of our country,
but also to bless the veterans of our enemies too.*

*War is the ultimate failure on our part
to see the needs of our neighbor.*

Let us remember that our neighbor is our brother.

*We ask this in the name of Jesus,
our brother and Savior. 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.

Chuck Schuster	Peggy Bates
Bienvenido Fajardo	Glenda Johnson
Lolita Dorado	Daniel Adams
Rita Moroni	Robert Stark
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Saturday, November 17, 2018, 4:30 p.m.

Marilyn Lynn
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Michael Holster
Debra Nieddu
Joseph Nieddu

Bill Ridella

Lauren Gross
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, November 10 - Vigil: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - Jane Handloser, Santiago Castro

Sunday, November 11 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Polonis Family, Judy Stark, Alfred and Janet Condino, Dominic D'Anna

Monday, November 12th - St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

Tuesday, November 13th - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
9:00 a.m. -

Wednesday, November 14th -

9:00 a.m. -

Thursday, November 15th - St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Friday, November 16th - St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin

9:00 a.m. -

Saturday, November 17th - Vigil: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - For all our Deceased Relatives and Friends

Sunday, November 18th - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Annette Laige, Judy Stark



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