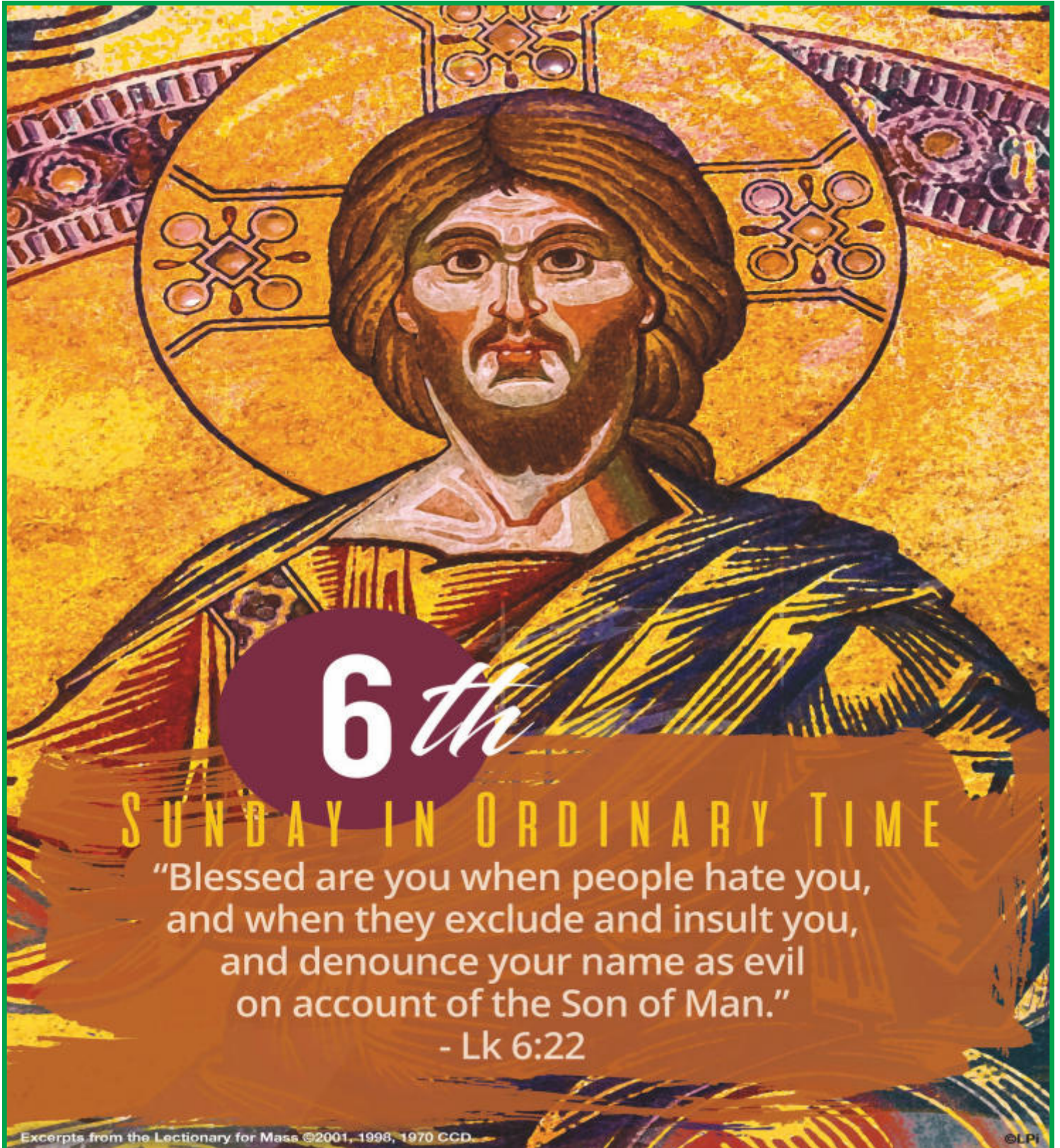




Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

February 17, 2019

Detroit, Michigan



6th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"Blessed are you when people hate you,
and when they exclude and insult you,
and denounce your name as evil
on account of the Son of Man."**

- Lk 6:22

Readings for the week of February 17, 2019

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26
 Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [17a]/Mk 8:22-26
 Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [20b]/Mk 8:27-33
 Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
 Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [cf. 1]/Mk 9:2-13
 Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

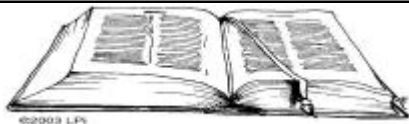
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What an audience Jesus has in today's Gospel! "A great crowd of his disciples and a large number of people from all over Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon." Disciples, pagans, and devout Jews gathered together to hear Jesus speak in the Sermon on the Mount. All of these people had something in common. God was someone to be bargained with, and if God liked you, you were rewarded with good fortune. This Sunday, Jesus tells us a different story. "Woe to you who are rich, who are filled now, who laugh when all speak well of you. Blessed are you who are poor, you who are now hungry, when people hate you and when they exclude you and insult you."

Jesus completely flips the script on what it means to be blessed by God. What he proclaims as "woe" are states of life we often strive for, and "blessed" are the states we work hard to avoid!

Jesus is concerned with the kingdom of God and the world to come, not the typical structures of power and privilege. The word "now" appears often in these statements. Why? If you are well "now," that's beside the point. To be rich in this life has no direct bearing on your immortal soul. If you're struggling "now," that's not an indication that God has forgotten you or that - in light of eternity - you're worse off than someone else. In fact, it could be an indicator that you're enduring something that will bring you to a place of greater, eternal joy in the future.

This Sunday, consider your priorities. Who do we reject as not blessed, and thereby inflict woe upon ourselves? When we encounter difficult situations in our own lives, do we see them as opportunities to remember God and lean on His mercy and grace?



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Don't look very far when you hear today's Gospel speak of poverty, hunger, sorrow, or exclusion. These things happen in families. Children feel "insulted" when they are constantly criticized. Spouses "hunger" for affection. Grandparents feel "excluded" by divorce and custody decisions. Parents "weep" because they feel alienated from their children.



Feast of the Chair of St. Peter February 22nd

The feast of the Chair of Saint Peter at Rome has been celebrated from the early days of the Christian era on January 18, in commemoration of the day when Saint Peter held his first service in Rome. The feast of the Chair of Saint Peter at Antioch, commemorating his foundation of the See of Antioch, has also been long celebrated at Rome, on February 22. At each place, a chair (cathedra) was venerated which the Apostle had used while presiding at Mass.

The Feast of the Chair of St. Peter celebrates the papacy and St. Peter as the first bishop of Rome. St. Peter's original name was Simon. He was married with children and was living and working in Capernaum as a fisherman when Jesus called him to be one of the Twelve Apostles.

Jesus bestowed to Peter a special place among the Apostles. He was one of the three who were with Christ on special occasions, such as the Transfiguration of Christ and the Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. He was the only Apostle to whom Christ appeared on the first day after the Resurrection. Peter, in turn, often spoke on behalf of the Apostles. When Jesus asked the Apostles: "Whom do men say that the Son of Man is?" Simon replied: "Thou art Christ, the Son of the Living God." And Jesus said: "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona: because flesh and blood have not revealed it to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I say to you: That you are Peter (Cephas, "rock"), and upon this rock, I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. And whatsoever you shall bind upon earth, it shall be bound also in heaven: and whatsoever you shall loose on earth, it shall be loosed also in heaven". (Mt 16:13-20)

In saying this, Jesus made St. Peter the head of the entire community of believers and placed the spiritual guidance of the faithful in St. Peter's hands. Peter delivered the first public sermon after the Pentecost and won a large number of converts. He also performed many miracles and defended the freedom of the Apostles to preach the Gospels. He preached in Jerusalem, Judaea, and as far north as Syria. The date of St. Peter's death is not clear. Historians estimate he was executed between the years 64 and 68. His remains now rest beneath the altar of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.



The Uniform Monday Holiday Act brought together the celebration of Presidents Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays, on the third Monday of February, thus honoring both as our most famous statesmen. Many supported this idea and passed the legislation. However, several states opt to honor these men with individual holidays.

Presidents' Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate and honor all U.S. Presidents, past and present.

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Tuesday, February 26, 6 pm - Jazz Nite Committee Meeting, Rectory Conference Room

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SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 6:30 to 11 pm

We are surely looking forward to another successful spring fundraiser, our **Jazz Nite 2019**, to be held at the Assumption Greek Orthodox Banquet Center.

There are special opportunities for individuals to help sponsor our Jazz Nite event ensuring its success. A Program Booklet is being prepared that will highlight sponsors for our **City Rhythms** Jazz Nite. These are the ways that you can help in this effort and gain recognition for your generosity.

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In addition to our business advertisements, these donors' names will be printed in the Program Booklet. Please make your commitment as soon as possible, the deadline for publication is coming up fast.

For business ads, please contact Gerianne LaPratt or Patricia Camazzola by calling the rectory. They have the necessary paperwork for your use.

Event ticket orders and special sponsorship forms will be available next week from one of our committee members at the back vestibule of the church

"The more I reflect on the
graces I have received,

The more they astonish me!"

~ St. Rose Philippine Duchesne ~

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Christian Service - Christian service coordinators from parishes throughout our Archdiocese gathered at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit last week for Parish Engagement with the Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan.

Professionals from CCSEM spoke about the process of being a licensed foster care family through the organization, and the social stigma behind mental health issues and combating the causes so people in need of treatment will seek it.

Sessions like these, presented by the archdiocesan Office of Christian Service and Health Care Ministries, are supported through your CSA gifts.

For information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, go to www.aod.org.

A Prayer for Our Country

Almighty God, bless our nation and keep it true to the ideals of freedom and justice and brotherhood for all that make our nation great.

Guard us from war, from compromise, fear, confusion.

Be close to our president and our statesmen; give them vision and courage, as they ponder decisions affecting peace and the future of the world.

Make me more deeply aware of my heritage; aware not only of my rights but also of my duties and responsibilities as a citizen.

Make this great land and all of its people know clearly Your will, that they may fulfill the destiny assigned to us for the salvation of the nations, and the restoring of all things in Christ. 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
Bienvenido Fajardo
Lolita Dorado
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Jesse Ocampo
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Larry Hamel
Laura Alix

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Saturday, February 23, 2019, 4:30 p.m.

Janet Bielman
Mary Bielman

Bruce Campbell

Ian Campbell

Sunday, February 24, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

Marilyn Lynn
Keith Arcicovich
Beverly Goll
Linda Holster
Greg Redman
Jean Solomon
Kristen Stark

Liz Foley-Dunstone

Lauren Gross
Mary Pocius
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 16 - Vigil: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - Laura Bush Terry, For Missionaries Serving Around the World

Sunday, February 17 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Laura Bush Terry, Judy Stark, William H. Gracey, Sr.

Monday, February 18 - Presidents' Day

Tuesday, February 19 -

9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush Terry

Wednesday, February 20 -

9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush Terry

Thursday, February 21 - St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Friday, February 22 - The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

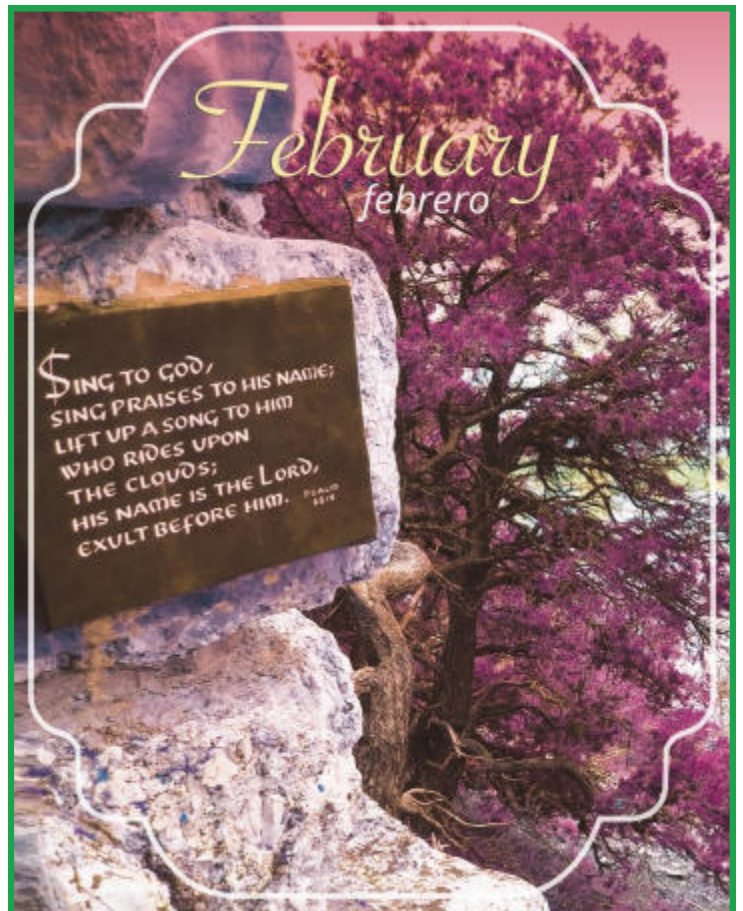
9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry

Saturday, February 23 - Vigil: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - Laura Bush Terry

Sunday, February 24 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Laura Bush Terry, William Pilette, Judy Stark, Frank Amara (19th Anniv), Sarah Beverly Kohut



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