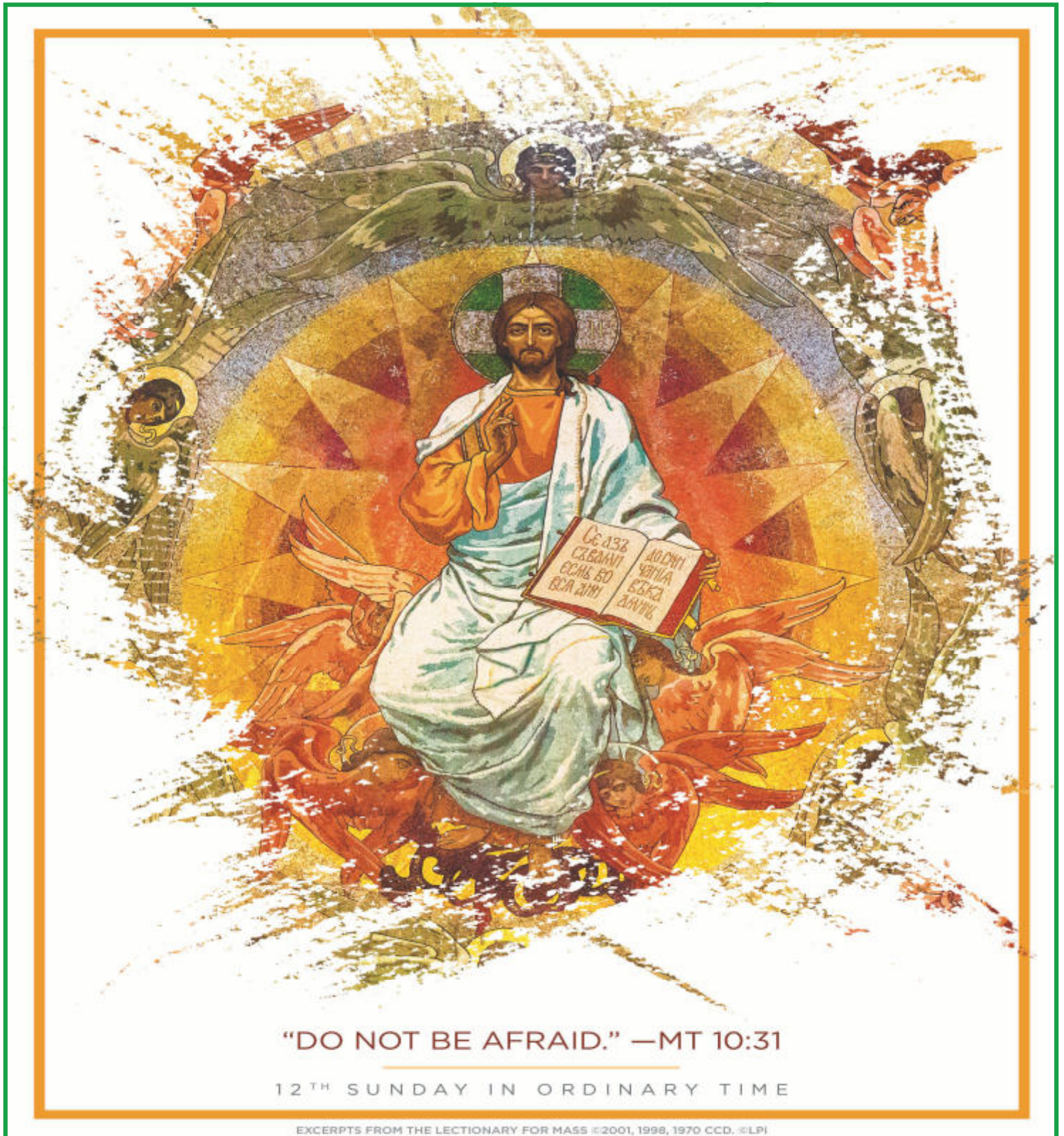




# *Saint Matthew Church* **The PULSE**

**June 21, 2020**

**Detroit, Michigan**



**"DO NOT BE AFRAID." —MT 10:31**

**12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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## Readings for the week of June 21, 2020

Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 [14c]/  
Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13  
[7b]/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-  
3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11 [cf. 9d]/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: *Vigil:*  
Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17 [6b]/  
1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17. *Day:* Is 49:1-6/  
Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/Acts 13:22-  
26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Mt 7:21  
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Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/  
Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7,  
20-21 [19b]/Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-  
19 [2a]/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

## 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

There are many things of which we can be afraid: being rebuked, rejection, anger, being challenged, having to defend ourselves, standing alone, insecurity, failure, and even death. For some, identifying and overcoming their fears is a daunting task.



Regardless of how much they may want to break the cycle of fear, they find that they remain close friends with old and dysfunctional behavioral habits and norms. Maybe what they really fear is change. There are many who gravitate to the familiar and comfortable, and find safety and security in doing so, even if they remain mired in mediocrity. Human beings have to learn that there is life beyond the “what has always been” and that happiness and depth are possible when old structures and systems have to be left behind.

Can you leave the near and dear, the comfortable and familiar, the safe and secure, and discover new opportunities? The sheer thought of doing so can bring on feelings of apprehension, intense anger, resentment, defensiveness, reluctance, resistance, and even apathy. If we have to be responsible for making the change, cowardice can creep in. If someone else is to blame for making the change, any number of possible negative reactions are possible.

In the end, only one thing is required and that is God. If I can rely on and deepen my relationship with God, especially in the Eucharist along with a community of believers, then little else is of great concern. We have to figure out what is really important. It is not always what we think.

The Gospel calls us to stretch ourselves and try new things, not to remain stuck and stagnant in familiar ways. We are asked to live life more deliberately, radically, and intentionally. We are asked to leave the familiar behind and learn to live with changing, and often limiting, human structures. We cannot get too caught up in the physical, ideological, or structural systems we are used to. The Holy Spirit always leads and guides us. If we trust this, we will find ourselves doing things we never thought we could do.

Always seek the path to joy and love. They keep us from falling victim to our fears and from seeking the nostalgic crutches we think we need to achieve a sense of well-being and happiness.



*In the life of a man, Father's Day proves to be one of the most important occasions. On this day, he is made to feel special by his children. They undertake efforts to let him know the important place he holds in their life. At the same time, it is also a significant day for the children, who want to thank their dad for undergoing so many hardships in bringing them up. In case you are looking for a way to convey your heartfelt feelings towards your dad, then what better option than saying a prayer for him at the dinner table?*

**To all our Fathers, Daddies, Papas,  
Grandfathers, Grandpas, and Great-Grandfathers**

*~ A Blessing ~*

*God our Father,  
In your wisdom and love you made all things.  
Bless these men,  
That they may be strengthened as Christian fathers.  
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.  
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,  
May honor them always  
With a spirit of profound respect.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



## St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher Martyrs, Feast Day, June 22nd

These two saints are models of sanctity and courage for modern American Catholics, who face at times hostility from the government and from society at large toward the practice of their Faith.



St. Thomas More, an accomplished attorney and civil servant who was a devoted husband and father, offers lay people an example not only of martyrdom, but of prudence, faithful citizenship, and public service.

St. John Fisher, the only bishop in England who remained faithful to Rome and paid for it with his life, should serve as a model for our current bishops, who face public condemnation and criticism as they stand up for the Faith.



## St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Saturday, 4:30 pm and Sunday, 10 am  
Messes, respectively - Ongoing Rice Bowl Do-  
nation Collection (until further notice)

Saturday, June 20, 4:30 pm Mass, Sun-  
day, June 21, 10 am Mass, respectively -  
Father's Day Blessing for the Fathers of St.  
Matthew Parish

Saturday, June 27, and Sunday, June  
28, respectively - Peter's Pence Collection  
has been moved to October 4 and 5, 2020

### Lenten Almsgiving ~ Rice Bowls

For the next week or two, the Rice Bowls that you have faithfully donated to during this past Lent will be collected. There will be a special collection basket at the altar for you to use for your envelopes. **Please do not return your contribution in the Rice Bowl box.** This is important for the safety of those responsible for reconciling this collection.

Place your donation in an envelope marked Rice Bowl and your name with cash (no coin) or check made out to St. Matthew Parish. You may also drop off your donation at the rectory or mail it in. Thanks for your generosity.



**Bill Solomon**

**on your 90th birthday!**

We are here with belated wishes  
due to the suspension of Mass  
but are still happy to celebrate  
your 90th year of life!

God bless you with good health  
and happiness!

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A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Jesus says, "Do not be afraid" three times in today's Gospel and reminds us "all concealed secrets will be revealed." Do not be afraid to acknowledge problems in your family. If they remain "hidden in darkness," they will "destroy body and soul." Healing, understanding, and hope are found only "in the light" of openness. "Do not be afraid."

## CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Catholic Services Appeal will start planning its 2020 campaign in mid-August. More information on the details regarding pledges and gift-giving will appear in this article in the coming weeks.

Please pray for our continued success and how you can best make a pledge.

Your generosity in the past has been a gift from God and much appreciated.

### Opening Up More

*"To every thing there is a season,  
and a time for every purpose under Heaven...." (Eccl. 3:1)*

As our businesses opened up last week, as so many others did all over the country (with safe guidelines in place), we get now a moment to stand back and try to see how this tragedy all around us can be used in a personally positive way, and what we can learn from all the troubles and struggles.

Seeing is relative to the condition of who is looking, and earthly vision can see little of all of the depth of the levels of our awareness and learning what and how to look at everything, not just the obvious outside view. Instead let us look with an interior spiritual view and be humbled, and try to be thankful for this chance to be more dependent on God and grateful for all the good things He has brought to us. True outward adversity is a great opportunity to get stronger in the Faith, and no one has come to God without adversity.

As we give to others with a good and generous and open heart, so God will give His mercy to us, and this is the greatest blessing of all.

*"Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,  
His mercy endures forever." (Psalm 136:1)*

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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	David Beaupre
Lolita Dorado	Kenneth Beaupre
Albert Fajardo	Anthony Crimardo
Madeline O'Neill	Rosemary Schoolcraft
Kurt Beghuyn	Tiffany Gelle
Sebastiano Stellino	Robert Stark
Teresita Covacha	Pauline Williams
Joe Petrylka	Bill Solomon
Roger Sharpe	Eloise Parker
Nenette Ferreria	Kelly Kranson
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Glenda Johnson	Maximo Fajardo, Jr.
Stephanie Smith	
Janet Law	
Laura Alix	
Betty Leone	
Michelle Harter	
Jo Marie Nardi	

# Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

## LECTORS

## SERVERS

Saturday, June 27, 2020, 4:30 p.m.

Julie Smith

Lauren Smith

Sunday, June 28, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

Liz Foley-Dunstone

Jermaine Donaldson  
Cory Fullilove

## Mass Schedule

**Saturday, June 20 - Vigil: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:30 p.m. - For all the Fathers of St. Matthew Parish

**Sunday, June 21 - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Betty Amara moved from May 9, Daniel Lusch (1st Anniv) moved from April 12, Mark Baumgart moved from May 17, Raymond Novelty, Bill Solomon (90th Birthday) moved from March 22

**Monday, June 22 - Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Bishop, Martyrs; St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop, Martyr**

**Tuesday, June 23 -**  
9:00 a.m. - For Sick, Suffering, and Dying

**Wednesday, June 24 - The Nativity of St. John the Baptist**  
9:00 a.m. - For All Healthcare Workers and their Families

**Thursday, June 25 -**

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

**Saturday, June 27 - Vigil: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:30 p.m. - John P. Langan, Anna Martelli (25th Anniv) moved from May 9

**Sunday, June 28 - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Joseph Wilk (31st Anniv), Edward Ryccek, For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life



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