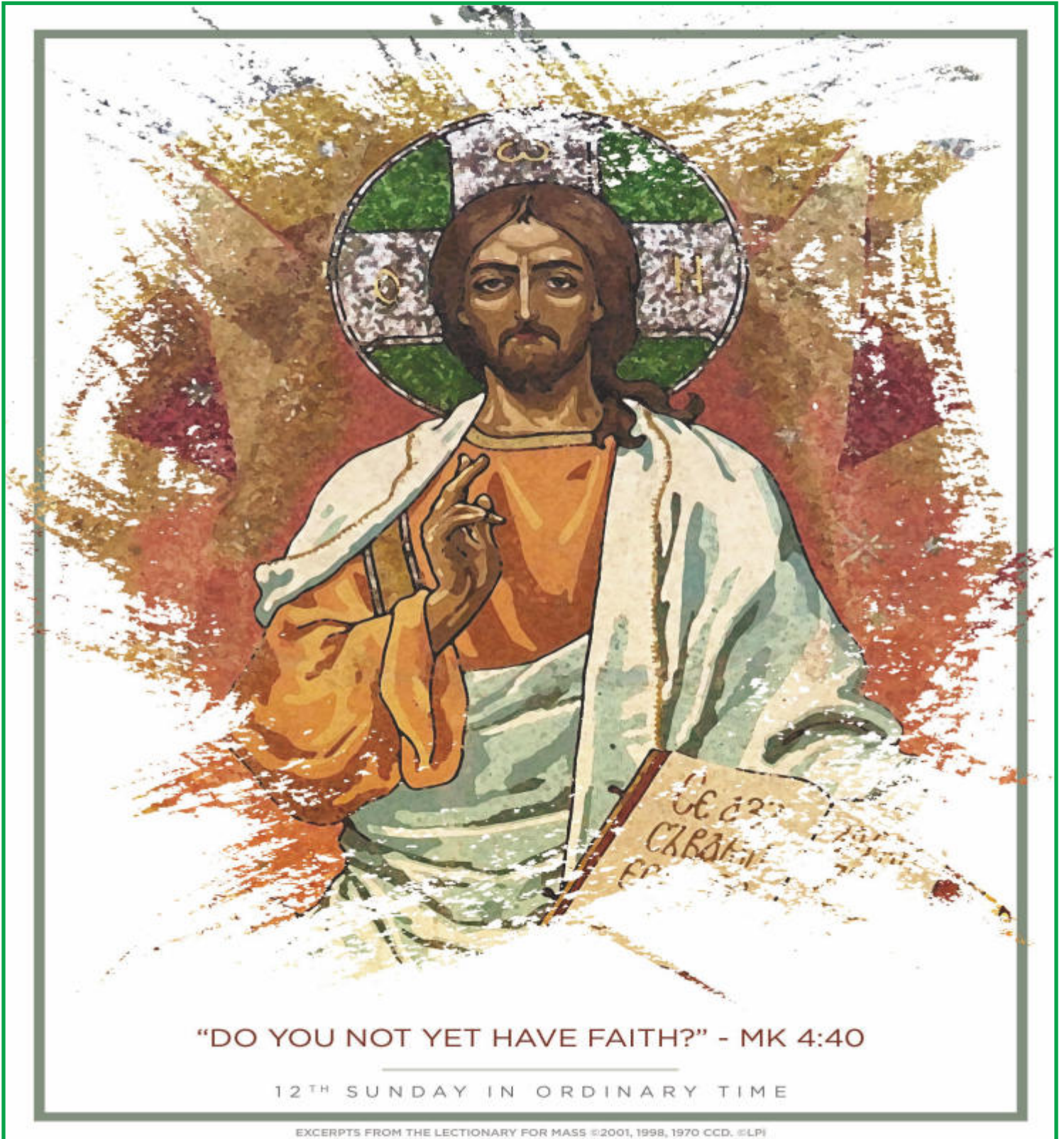




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Detroit, Michigan



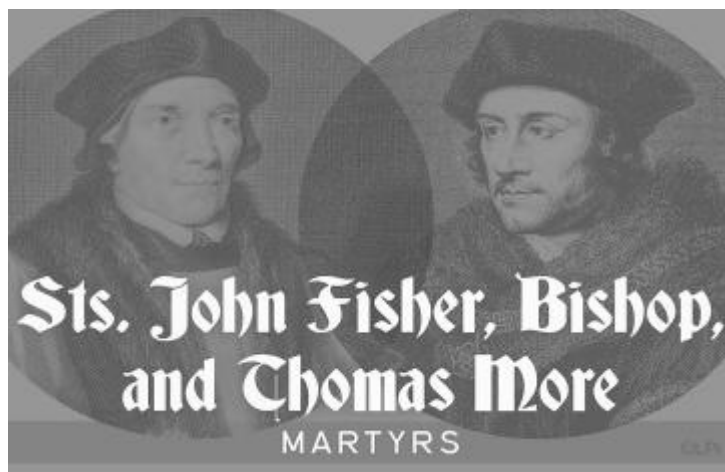
"DO YOU NOT YET HAVE FAITH?" - MK 4:40

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Readings for the Week of June 20, 2021

Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41
 Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22 [12]/Mt 7:1-5
 Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mt 7:6, 12-14
 Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 7:15-20
 Thursday: *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
 Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [4]/Mt 8:1-4
 Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55 [cf. 54b]/Mt 8:5-17
 Next Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43



Feast Day, June 22nd

The US Council of Catholic Bishops has chosen as its patrons, Sts. Thomas More and Bishop John Fisher.

Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher were Renaissance men. Talented and energetic, they contributed to the humanist scholarship of early modern England. More wrote theological and philosophical treatises, while making a career as a lawyer and government official. Bishop John Fisher worked as an administrator at Cambridge, confronted the challenge Martin Luther presented to Christian Europe, and most importantly served as Bishop of Rochester. As a bishop, he is notable for his dedication to preaching at a time when bishops tended to focus on politics. These men were brilliant. They both corresponded with Erasmus, who helped Bishop Fisher learn Greek and Hebrew, and who also famously referred to More as a "man for all seasons."

Above all their accomplishments, these men bore witness to a deep faith in Christ and his Church. More considered joining religious life and was assiduous in his devotional practices. As a married man, he committed himself wholly to his vocation as a father. At the time, disciplinary practices with children tended to be severe, and More's children testify to his warmth, patience, and generosity.

St. John Fisher was a model shepherd and demonstrated remarkable humility. He remained in the small Diocese of Rochester his entire episcopal ministry, devoting himself to his local church rather than seeking promotion to a larger, more powerful diocese.

More and Fisher are well-known for opposing King Henry's divorce. Ultimately, it was their refusal to sign an oath of supremacy that led them to be executed. King Henry VIII claimed to be the supreme head of the Church in England, asserting sovereign power over English Christians. Neither Fisher nor More could abide this claim, and their steadfastness to their consciences put them in conflict with the king. They were convicted of treason.

It is good to love one's country, but ultimate loyalty is due only to Christ and his kingdom. Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher show us what faithful citizenship looks like. They loved and served their country. In the moments just before his execution, More is said to have stated, "I die the King's good servant, but God's first." They never rose up to incite rebellion or foment revolution. They were no traitors. But when the law of the king came into conflict with the law of Christ, they submitted to Christ. These men gave their lives for the freedom of the Church and for freedom of conscience. They bear witness to the truth that no government can make a claim on a person's soul.

May their example continue to illuminate the path for us, as we seek to faithfully serve our Church and country. We ask for the intercession of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, that we too would be good servants to our country, but God's first!



12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

As we look at our lives and world events, do we ever find ourselves wondering if God is sleeping? After all, maybe God's patient, unconditional love has run its course and He is finally fed up with humanity's reluctance to accept the truth about who we are. God really can't be that patient!

All throughout human history, many have prayed to God for intervention or for particular needs. Because their prayers were not answered in the way they wanted or anticipated, they felt that God may have abandoned them. Were they right? It seems that we are continuing, at a rapid rate, down a path of destruction. Do you not care, God, that we may be perishing? When the boats of our lives are rocking and the seas tumultuous, we want to know that we have God's attention. Even more so, we want God's intervention.

Maybe the storms and the waves are necessary. If we listen, they can teach us valuable lessons. Without them, we would never learn that we have the strength to endure, understand the uselessness of fear and worry, or develop the ability to really trust. If God immediately rushed in and simply calmed things down before they got difficult, what good would that really be? We would miss opportunities to learn how to drink more deeply of life, treasure its complexity, irony, and beauty and fully engage ourselves in surrendering to the love of our Creator. It is easy to walk on the surface of life without immersing ourselves in its messiness. Life has to burn its way through us in order to bring us to a place of secure trust. It's unfortunate that some prefer a shallower journey.

That's the balancing act that comes with faith. It is not God's job to prevent us from encountering the torrential rains and winds of life. Many believe that if faith is done the right way, that God will provide for smooth sailing. That's not how it works. God permits us to ride out the difficult stuff knowing that the storm will eventually be calmed. Do we not have faith that God will do this? True faith trusts in the steadfastness of God's love when the seas are calm and when they are choppy. God's unconditional loving presence shines through all of it and endures forever. Knowing this allows us to put our boats out into uncharted waters without hesitation. Knowing that we prefer the comfort and safety of what we know to be still waters, how do we feel when Jesus says, "Let us cross to the other side"?

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Saturday, June 19, 4:30 pm, and Sunday, June 20, 10 am Masses respectively - We Celebrate Father's Day

Saturday, June 26, 4:30 pm, and Sunday, June 27, 10 am Masses respectively - Peter's Pence Collection



***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. JOSEPH NOVENA FOR FAMILIES

If you are an e-subscriber to the AoD publication, "Unleash the Gospel," you have an opportunity to participate in a special novena to St. Joseph. Please check your issues of June 2, 9, and 16, for instructions on how you and your family can participate. To sign up, fill out the form below the AoD's article.

This is a special novena for families that calls on the intercession of St. Joseph. For nine consecutive days starting today, Sunday, June 20, you will receive a prayer prompt that reflects on different titles of St. Joseph. There is also a space to include any specific intentions for your family. The goal of this novena is to help the domestic Church flourish through families praying to grow closer to God and one another.

This year has been designated the Year of St. Joseph by Pope Francis. This novena provides us an opportunity to ask him to pray for our specific intentions, our universal needs as families, and our desire to grow in holiness.



Rest in Peace

**May he rest in the peace of Christ
both now and forever. Amen.**

**William (Bill) Solomon
Husband of Jean**

**Father to Daughters,
Karrie and Kelly**

**May the Lord bring comfort and healing
to his family and friends.**

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



The Catholic Services Appeal is an annual campaign that raises funds for Archdiocese of Detroit ministries, programs and services that benefit all the faithful in southeast Michigan. This archdiocesan-wide campaign communicates that the local Church extends beyond the parish.

Our campaign here at St. Matthew continues until May 2022. Our goal from the diocese is set at \$17,822; however, the Finance and Parish Councils have approved and established an internal goal for St. Matthew Parish of \$36,000. In the past two years, an internal goal has been set, and parishioners have responded with much generosity, even exceeding expectations.

Our motto for our CSA effort will be "one for you and one for me." Remember! This is how we learned to share in our childhood. At St. Matthew's, it will mean "one dollar for the diocese and one dollar for St. Matthew Parish."

We urge you to again be generous, responding prayerfully to the CSA this year making it another success for St. Matthew Parish.



~ CONGRATULATIONS ~

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JOHN AND VICKI TOTH

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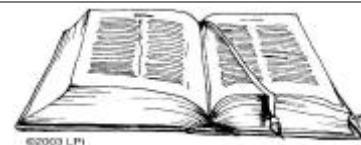
35th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

May God bless you as you continue your life together!

Peter's Pence Collection

Next week, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, a way to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy see, including helping Pope Francis with the funds to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters.

The Greek Island of Lesbos is a critical entry point into Europe for refugees fleeing the wars in Syria and Afghanistan. In May 2019, Cardinal Konrad Krajewski, acting on behalf of Pope Francis, gave 100,000 euros to Caritas Hellas to help with the urgent needs of the migrants. Such efforts are made possible by your contributions. Please be generous in this important work. Envelopes are in the pews for your use.



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

On this Father's Day, it is interesting that we call the first person of the Trinity, Father. Our dads help us understand God as Father in the way they love, protect, teach, discipline, and spend time with us. What an awesome responsibility, to be the window through which children view God.

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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
Janet Law
Laura Alix
Betty Leone
Jo Marie Nardi
Anthony Crimando
Rosemary Schoolcraft
Tiffany Gelle
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Richard Goll
Tim Fitzgerald
Kristen Freiburger

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

LECTORS

SERVERS

Saturday, June 26, 2021, 4:30 p.m.

Bruce Campbell

Ian Campbell

Sunday, June 27, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

William Zuerblis

Lauren Gross
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, June 19 - Vigil: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - John and Vicki Toth (35th Wedding Anniv)

Sunday, June 20 - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Chuck Schuster, August Kaminski, Maximo Fajardo, Jr. (1st Anniv), Bobby Hanshaw, William Walker IV, Jacob Crippen

Monday, June 21 - St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

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

9:00 a.m. - For the Poor and Needy in our Community

Wednesday, June 23 -

9:00 a.m. - For Refugee and Migrant Families

Thursday, June 24 - Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Friday, June 25 -

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

Saturday, June 26 - Vigil: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - John P. Langan (8th Anniv)

Sunday, June 27 - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

O GOD OUR CREATOR,

*from your provident hand, we have received
our right to life, liberty, and the
pursuit of happiness.*

*You have called us as your people and given us
the right and the duty to worship you,
the only true God, and your son, Jesus Christ.*

*We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the
gift of religious liberty.*

*Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily
defend our freedoms when they are threatened;
give us courage in making our voices heard
on behalf of the rights of your Church
and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.*

*Grant, we pray O heavenly Father,
a clear and united voice to all your
sons and daughters gathered in your Church
in this decisive hour in the history of our nation,
so that, with trial withstood and
every danger overcome, for the sake
of our children, our grandchildren,
and all who come after us,
this great land will always be
“one nation, under God, indivisible,
with liberty and justice for all.”*

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*In honor of St. Thomas More,
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