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# Assumption Catholic Church

Father David's homilies--[frazeesacredheart.org](http://frazeesacredheart.org)>Homilies.

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Here is a thought from last week's homily: *It is better to be saddened by real brokenness than to wallow in fiction. It is best to be healed by generosity and forgiveness.*

Today (September 21) is the feast of the Apostle Matthew. A commentary about his gospel reports that some scholars believe that Matthew wrote an early version of his gospel in Aramaic, a precursor to the Greek version we now have. What?

If I ever knew this, I forgot it long ago. I have believed and taught that all of the New Testament was written in Greek. This is new, but not faith-shaking. My faith can easily accommodate the thought that an early version of a gospel was written in Hebrew or Aramaic, and later translated to Greek.

There is a whopping difference between a tenant of faith and a historical premise that can be proven or disproven by new discoveries. Jesus rose from the dead. This is a tenant on which the whole of the Christian faith is built. The Gospel of Matthew written in Aramaic is an interesting hypothesis that scholars will need to work out.

There may be analogies in the histories of our families. We can be riled up about a hypothesis, when, in reality, its truth ought not shake our unity and love. One day we may discover a long-kept secret sin buried deep under the roots of the family tree. This could unravel everything we knew to be true about love and trust and integrity and goodness. Alternatively, we could make it an occasion to realize that every saint and hero is human and can fall. Part of their greatness is that they got up again.

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**Mass Times**  
 Thursday 7:00 pm  
 Saturday 7:00 pm  
 Sunday 10:00 am

**CONFESSIONS:**  
 Thursday @ 6:15 pm  
 Sunday after Mass

**ADORATION:**

**Matthew 21:28-32** In this passage one son said "Yes" to his father's order to work in the vineyard, but failed to do as he was ordered; the other son said "No" to the father, yet did as he was ordered. We know which of the two did his father's will. In explanation, Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet, even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

***This tells us that we need to examine our commitment to the YES our Godparents said for us at our Baptism and that we have since echoed with every sacrament we have received and every prayer we have ever spoken. Yet there are those times when we mean YES, but we choose actions that say NO. Does your YES really mean YES, and do your actions agree?***

**Safe Environment 2020/21:** It is time to renew Safe Environment Certifications. If you work/volunteer for the Assumption Parish with either youth or vulnerable adults, this certification is required by the Diocese and must be completed every year. Go to: <http://www.crookston.org/secertification> to complete your certification online. If you do not do it online, get a hard copy of the information and test component from Marlys. **Please, everybody, get this done by September 30.** So far only one person has completed

**Question of the Week: What righteous act can I do this week that I have previously expressed reluctance to do?**

**PRAYER REQUESTS: A PRAYER TO PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE BELOW:**  
 Lord, we pray for your loving support for the people listed below and their families as they deal with their illnesses. Guide the doctors who are seeking answers and making decisions about care/ treatments. We pray that their illness is at a stage favorable for effective treatment. Enable their bodies to respond well to care/treatment and their soul to experience comfort and peace in you. Make this an experience that draws them and their loved ones closer to you as well as to one another. We commit them to your mercy. Amen

Rosella Olson (Ginny Warren's mother), , Mark Stalberger, Sherry Steffl, Ernie Clark, Martha Donley, Connie Olgaard, Deb Clark, Rick Flottemesch, , Brent Pearson, Peter Pearson, Jeanine Kivi, Peg Braaten, Connie Collman Bergren, Darrell Beck, Brian Hazelton, Hali Thomas, Jim Hazelton, Chris Fairbanks, Jim Foltz, Pat Hilber (Coleen Tietz's brother-in-law), Ken & Rita Pearson, Ethan Estabrooks , Easton Lammers (grandson of Roger and Sharon Winter), Judy Dwinell, Marlene Scherping. Jerome Jirava, Jr., Josh Janousek and Cleo Baker.

*"Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves..."*  
 (Philippians 2:3)

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put into our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life: your family, your friends, and those who make you angry.

Sunday, September 20, 2020—\$925

**Mass Intentions**  
**Thurs., Oct 1: +Jerry Flottemesch**  
**Sat., Oct 3: Darin and Leanna Zurn**  
**Sun., Oct 4: +Michael Jhon Steffl**  
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*Ministry Schedule for October 4, 2020*

Saturday	Lector	Sunday
Gina Steffl		Al Foltz
Bill Steffl	Usher	Jerry Spry