



Who Isn't Called To Forgive Others? Who Hasn't Sinned?

24th Sunday – Sir.27:30-28:7 & Matt.18:21-35 with Rm.14:7-9 – September 17, 2023

By Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R. – Priest In Solidum

The message from the Word of Life is profound. Remembering being forgiven is the most natural way to want to forgive. Only Mary and her Son, Jesus, would be free from any memory of sin. And both of them were sinned against without sinning back.

St. Paul's teaching focuses our call to whom we are responsible for asking forgiveness and being forgiven. We are responsible to Jesus. We are not our own master. We don't die for ourselves. We are responsible to Jesus, sent by Our Father.

Both Sirach and Matthew make the message so clear. Sirach says a sinner "hugs wrath and anger tightly." Matthew recalls the conversation Peter had with Jesus. "How many times do I forgive?"

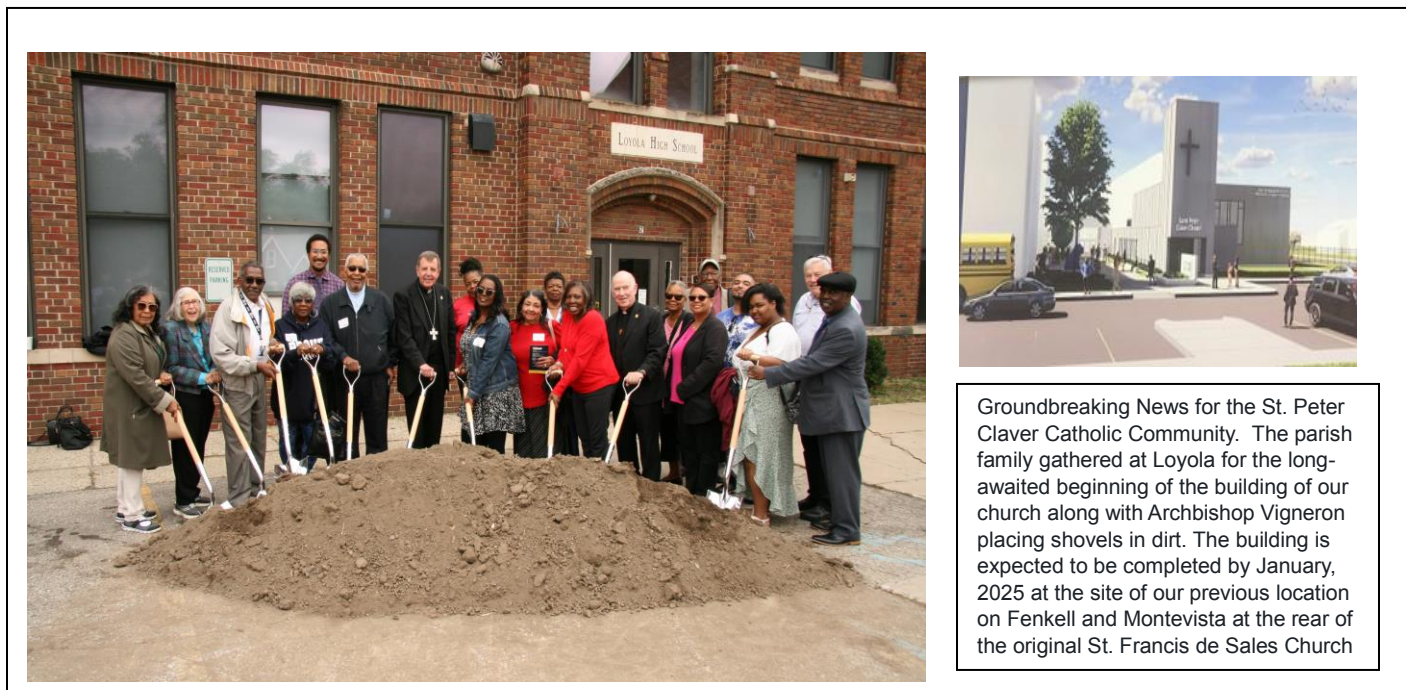
If we were to look at sinners, ourselves included, as God does, wouldn't we ourselves come up with the same conclusion. Sin is as certain as death. For us, the chosen, believe in life out of death are sent to forgive as we have been forgiven.

The message is clear. We who know this message, we need to follow Paul's teaching and model the importance of forgiving as Jesus has forgiven us, who was sent by His Father our compassionate forgiver.

With the vision of forgiving as our Father forgives, we see tragedy and conflicts so differently. We look for common ground fashioned by healing and being healed. We are sent into a world of violence to find the path to peacemaking for all sides.

We keep hearing of wrongful behaviors. But we know we are chosen to be ambassadors of reconciliation. To creatively reconcile, we need to learn from Jesus how to forgive. We want to invite people to ask forgiveness and to want to change.

Listen again to the teaching given by Jesus. Once forgiven He expects us to want to forgive others. He assumes we want to forgive others as we have been forgiven. When we see what is wrong, we instinctively look for common ground. We want others to be forgiven. We want to become ambassadors of reconciliation.



Our Mission Statement

Having reflected on the "four faces of our parish," **St. Peter Claver Catholic Community**, chosen by the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, and under the guidance of Mary, resolves that: 1) we will provide more opportunities for deepening prayer life and faith life for youth, young adults, and adults; 2) we will initiate efforts to reach out and reconnect with those individuals and families who have disconnected from the Church; 3) we will collaborate with other faith communities and organizations within our parish to offer ecumenical events/activities (e.g., neighborhood clean-ups, prayer meetings, health fairs); and, 4) we will utilize resources within our parish community to advocate for education and to promote social justice issues.

THE ROSARY POWER CONFERENCE



**THE POWER OF
"THE WOMAN"**

**THE POWER OF
THE ROSARY**

**Why Mary?
Why the Rosary?
Learn more about the
Mother of God,
the Holy Rosary, and
why you should pray
this power prayer!**

What: **ROSARY POWER CONFERENCE**
When: **SEPTEMBER 23, 2023**
Where: **SOLANUS CASEY CENTER**
1780 Mt. Elliott St., Detroit, MI
Time: **10:00 – 2:00 PM (lunch available)**

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MEETINGS / EVENTS Sept. 17th to Sept 24th

- Sunday** Sept 17th 10:00 am Mass at MC and via Zoom
Celebrant: Fr. John Phelps (Priest in Solidum)
11:30 am Mentor Coaches Ambassadors of Grace (MC)
Minister of Service: Mary Caroline Jonah
Lector: Arianna Caderao
- Tuesday** 10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
14400 Puritan St. Detroit 48227
7:00 pm Formation Team Meeting (Zoom)
- Wednesday** 11:00 am Lectio Divina (Zoom)
- Thursday** 7:00 pm Community Peace Circle (Zoom)
- Sunday** Sept 24th 10:00 am Mass at MC and via Zoom
Celebrant: Fr. John Phelps (Priest in Solidum)
Minister of Service: Bill Tidwell
Lector: Carol Harris

Legend: PH=Parish House; MC=Marygrove College Church refers to the Sacred Heart Chapel at Marygrove

CSA

**Catholic Services Appeal
2023 Goal is \$6881.00
Give From Your Heart**

**The first 20 to donate to the CSA will
receive a GIFT.**

Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Intercessory Prayer Team

Beverly Alessio, Inez (Retinella) Alls, Florine Anderson, Alberta Asmar, Sylvia Baker, Mr./Mrs. Ulysses Banks, Warren Bridges, Donald Carter Michael Clarence Carter, Johnnie Davis, Peggy Endlein, David Galletero, Tequilla Garrett, Ara Grier, Karen Hickman, Myrtis Hildebrandt, Jacqueline Johnson, Bobbie Lewis, Addison Martin, Dorothy (Vicki) Martin, Dorrell Moore, Joan S. Noland, Nancy Oberhausen, Celestine Parker, Fred & Villa Ray, Alther Redd Romaine Redd, Flossie Ryles, Irene Scott, Gussie Seay, Augusta Starks, Christine Versele, Helen Wajda, Anna Washington, Lillie Washington, Carmel Weems, Diana Wicker, Leonard & Ona Wilson

Please Pray for Them as They Pray for Us!!

Also, Please Remember in Prayer:

Olivia Boulden, Christopher Durant, Rochelle Evans, Andre Fox, Kiara Harris, Marley Jonah, Mary Caroline Jonah, Johnetta Mutes, Elke Rittenhouse, Elaine Ryles, Terrence Tidwell, Charles Tilghman, Jon Viado, Vickee Viado, Constance Washington-Daniel, Larry Washington, Wayne Washington, and relatives of our parishioners

St. Peter Claver Catholic Community

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(313) 342-5292*

*Church Location: Marygrove College-Sacred Heart Chapel
8424 W. McNichols Rd. Detroit, MI 48221*

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*Mass: Every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Church
(check the bulletin for holy days and special services)*

Reconciliation: Before Mass by Appointment

*Parish Office Hours: Monday thru Friday, 10 am-2 pm
After hours please contact the Administrative Coordinator
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