



What You Do Is What You Meant By What You Say

November 5, 2023 – Mal.1:14-2:10 & Mt.23:1-12 with 1 Th.2:7-13 – 31st Sunday

By Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.

Being from Missouri – the Show Me State – the message from the Word of God is clear and direct. It points to the fact that people who talk the talk, but don't walk the walk will be seen for who they are eventually.

Usually, I've heard the word "hypocrite" be given to people who say one thing and do another. Both Malachy and Matthew describe such people. Most of us start to think of others. We would see them worthy of being cursed and condemned.

But what about approaching the meaning of "hypocrite" in reverse? What would happen, if we were to look at ourselves as being more than we show ourselves to others to be? What would happen if we were to be proactive and to be involved?

I listen to people tell me they are not able to do this or that? And I watch people not be involved where they could make a difference. They don't think they know enough or have practiced enough. So, they sit back and do nothing. Do you know such people?

I'll give you a simple example. When many people come to pray, they sit in the back and not in the front. Quoting the gospel of Matthew only Pharisees, hypocrites, go to the front. Really? Could it be we use sitting in the back as being humble. Really?

I suggest more people underestimate their gifts and talents. Most people don't believe in themselves as chosen and sent by Jesus. I call them hypocrites in reverse. I point out that they don't believe Jesus Who said we are the lights of the world.

Jesus gave us the eight beatitudes as His message to change the world. Anyone who follows Jesus needs to listen and take the message to heart the fact that we are to be lights in darkness. We are meant to hear the Word and be doers of the Word!

One gift that we have at St. Peter Claver Catholic Community, if we don't do it, it won't be done by someone else. We decide the life and death of our parish based on what we do. What are you doing in administration, formation, ministry, mission, in evangelization – Don't look to yourself as the reason. Look to Jesus and "just do it"!



This is the group that saw "The Letter" - Laudato Si - on climate showing the interrelationship between

“Evangelization leads to the Eucharist, since the Eucharist is the fullness of communion with Jesus and his whole Church. On the other hand, the Eucharist leads to evangelization, since our ability to announce the Gospel springs from the passion and resurrection of Christ which is made present anew in the Eucharist”. — Unleash the Gospel Marker

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.

**Message From the Mission
Commission:**

**"THANK YOU TO
ALL WHO DONATED
AND PARTICIPATED
IN SUNDAYS
TRUNK OR TREAT".**

**Update: Pope Francis to attend
COP28 climate change
conference in Dubai in
December**

***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 Gallesero, 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

MEETINGS / EVENTS Nov. 5th to Nov.12th

- Sunday** Nov. 5th 10:00 am Mass at Grove and Schafer
Celebrant: Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R Priest in Solidum
Minister of Service: Pearl Crutcher
Lector: Aurelia Smith
- Monday** 6:30 pm Leadership Team Meeting
- Tuesday** 10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
14400 Puritan St. Detroit 48227
- Wednesday** 11:00 am Lectio Divina (Zoom)
- Thursday** 7:00 pm Community Peace Meal
- Saturday** 2:00 pm Ladies of Peter Claver

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

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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
Patricia Woods at (313) 342-5292***

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