



Seekers Need To Look Up to Find the Vision!

4th Sunday – Zeph.2:3-3:12-13 & Matt 5:1-12 with 1Cor.1:26-31 – January 29, 2023

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

This is the first of five mountain top moments in Matthew’s Gospel. This could be called Jesus’ inaugural address. Some may call it Jesus’ sharing His vision, so different from the vision of fallen human nature.

In fact, the very way to be excellent according to the world is exactly the opposite to the way the Father sent Jesus to reveal. As St. Paul explains, God chooses the fools to confound the wise, the weak to shame the strong. God’s wisdom is so different.

Jesus moves not just away from the crowd. This time He moves up the mountain. He is taking His disciples with Him. Once He arrives at the top, He sits down to teach. He asks those who followed Him to look down and see the crowd in the valley.

Then Jesus shares what He sees. We can almost hear Jesus saying, “Look. Do you see the poor in Spirit down in the valley? I see you as the ones who will bring the kingdom of God to them.”

Follow each of the eight ways to happiness. We can “feel” the momentum of the vision of Jesus being unfolded. The disciples are sent to give to those who are in the valley what they are seeking to find.

The final teaching is not what would be the conclusion of the world. The blessing that Jesus promises to His disciples, “Blessed are you when they insult you, persecute you and speak all kinds of evil against you in my name ... your reward will be great!”

Just what Zephaniah predicted will happen. The followers of the Way will be the humiliated and lowly remnant. Just the opposite of the world in which we live. We are chosen in just the same way. Why? Because grace and grace alone makes it all work.

When I listen to us, the followers of Jesus centered here in Eucharist, I hear beneath what we say, that we don’t see ourselves as wise and strong. I believe we are right as the world would judge. But what Jesus can do through us! We can evangelize, form, and administer. We can do our mission to renew the earth. How? His grace!

Coming Soon!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH SHOWCASE

The Mission Commission is asking we showcase Afrocentric fashions during the month of February. Each Sunday of this month you are invited to wear your favorite Afrocentric apparels. Let’s enjoy the wonderful patterns and colors of the Kente cloth and our connection to the continent of Africa.

FUEL THE MISSION



Goal \$7190

**We Collected \$ 7190
+ \$ 181**

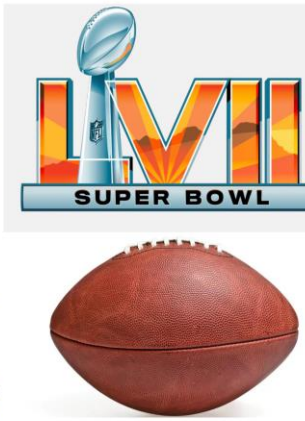
**We will be able to
give \$ 90.50 to St.
Vincent de Paul**

Support the States Tea

Our Third Annual Virtual States Tea began in December and runs through February. **As of today, we have received \$1,375.** We thank all those who have contributed. If you did not receive information in the mail, contact the parish office or the parish website at spccdetroit.org. You can make your contribution under the special events on the parish website online giving. We need your support!

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 re-connect 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.



**Super Bowl Sunday
Hosted by SPCCC
Sunday, Feb 12th 6-11pm**



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***Eucharistic Heart of Jesus
Intercessory Prayer Team***

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Please Pray for Them as They Pray for Us!!

Also, Please Remember in Prayer:

Wayne Bradley, 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 Jan. 29th to Feb 5th

- Sunday** Jan. 29th 10:00 am Mass at MC and via Zoom
Celebrant: Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R Priest in Solidum
Minister of Service: Pearl Crutcher
Lector: Larry Rhodes
- Monday** 6:00 pm Minister of Service Meal PH Grove St.
- Tuesday** 10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
14400 Puritan St. Detroit 48227
10:00 am Finance Committee Meeting
PH on Grove St. and via Zoom
- Wednesday** 11:00 am Lectio Divina via Zoom
- Saturday** 10:00 am Evangelization Team Training
PH on Grove St.
- Sunday** Feb. 5th 10:00 am Mass at MC and via Zoom
Celebrant: Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R Priest in Solidum
Minister of Service: Alan Flounory
Lector: Gwen Cook
Legend: PH=Parish House; MC=Marygrove College
Church refers to the Sacred Heart Chapel at Marygrove

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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

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