



## Baptism as Revealed by Jesus – A Whole New Transformational Experience!

Reflection from Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.

January 9, 2022 – The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-7 & Luke 3:15-22 with Acts 10:34-38

“God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power... went about doing good and healing!” Peter taught the Gentiles what came first to the Jewish Community and now to them. Peter taught Jesus took Baptism to a whole new level.

Isaiah and Luke have a joint message – The light heals those bruised and about to lose their energy. The light opens eyes and brings people out of oppression caused by the devil. This is true for all those baptized, transformed to be counter cultural.

This celebration marks the end of the Christmas Season. Tomorrow begins the Ordinary Time. We heard how Jesus started the energy of redemptive love. Now it is our turn, not to admire or imitate but to spread the mission to “Change The Narrative.”

We have a counter-cultural narrative. Where the culture calls for competition, we call for complementarity. Where the culture has the love of power, we have the power to love. Where the culture believes in either/or, we want both/and. We’re different.

We were baptized to dare to be different for their sake. As we grow into this truth, I invite us to slowly let the transforming grace of baptism open us. I invite us to discover why being chosen to be free is so much more than being free to choose.

We have been chosen to “renew the face of the earth” (Ps.104:30). Some see baptism as opening us to go to heaven, which is true. Baptism is much more about heaven coming through us to do good - as we live now not us but Christ living in us.

Each one of us is given grace through Mary to respond to the pandemic with encouragement. We have each other in community with the Eucharist as our source of hope. Remembering what Jesus did is to turn death into life.

We have our Pastoral Team to encourage creativity. The Administrative Team works to organize our talents. The Formation Team develops our faith. The Evangelization Team is a work-in-progress to expand our reach. Pray as we do our part to “Change The Narrative” as walking will create the path with the zeal of our Baptism!

### 2021 Catholic Services Appeal

**We have received pledges of \$5,855, or 77% of our CSA Target of \$7,637!** If you have made your pledge, thank you! If not, we ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge. Remember – amounts pledged over target will be shared 50/50 with our St. Vincent de Paul ministry, directly benefitting those in need in our parish neighborhoods.

Solicitation packets are available here in church, or by contacting the Parish Office. **Choose how to make your pledge: 1. Return your pledge card directly to the Archdiocese in the envelope provided, 2. Drop your pledge card in our weekly collection bowl or mail it to the Parish Office, or 3. Pledge online through the parish website.**

### ROCC Returns!

Our Bible Study program, *ROCC: Reconfirming Our Faith*, presented by our Formation Team, will continue this Saturday, January 15, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. You can participate in person at the Parish House or via Zoom.

You can view the first 2 sessions of *Reconfirming Our Faith* by going to our parish website.

### Support the States Tea

Our Second Annual Virtual States Tea began in December and runs through February. **To date, \$1,422 has been received!** We thank all those who have contributed. If you did not receive a mailing, or cannot find your mailing, contact Ed Shea, or just go to the parish website at [spcccdetroit.org](http://spcccdetroit.org). You can even make your payment on the parish website.

### “Virtual” Community Meal

The monthly Community Meal will be this Thursday, January 13, at 6:30 p.m. Due to the surge in COVID, the “meal” this month will be virtual via Zoom. We will continue the ongoing discussion on “Healing the Racial Divide,” reflecting on Chapter 5 of Pope Francis’ encyclical *Fratelli Tutti: On Fraternity and Social Friendship*.

All are invited, and please feel free to invite your family, friends, or neighbors. To join, go to our parish website ([spcccdetroit.org](http://spcccdetroit.org)), click on **Virtual Portal**, and then click on **Community Meal**. For more information, including a discussion outline, please contact Chris Kendall or Patricia Woods.

**The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry will close during the month of January so that Carol and Roy Harris will have a well-earned rest.**

**The Pantry will re-open on Tuesday, February 1, 2022.**

### 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.

### Mass for Justice and Peace

Join Fr. Phil Cooke, S.J., pastor of Gesu Parish, on Monday, January 17 at 11:00 a.m. for Mass at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament or via livestream to pray for Peace and Justice in our country and our world. As a champion of civil rights, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dreams were much aligned with many of our Catholic teachings: care for the poor and vulnerable; solidarity in our one human family, regardless of race, ethnicity, religious, or economic differences; the life and dignity of all people; fair wages and treatment in civic matters; peace, equality, and social justice among all; and discipleship of Christ.

For more information, or to join in the livestream, go to <https://www.aod.org/events/mass-for-justice-and-peace>.



Watch the livestream at [www.facebook.com/ArchofDet/](https://www.facebook.com/ArchofDet/) or [www.aod.org/livemasses](https://www.aod.org/livemasses)

### 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Talent Fest

Leaders In Motion and Leaders On Mission presented the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Talent Festival via YouTube. We thank all those who watched, and especially all those who shared their talents. If you weren't able to tune in, you can still do so at [spcccdetroit.org](https://spcccdetroit.org).

### Save Those Pennies

**Bring in your loose coins. Tanda Flounory will collect them for donation to the parish. Last month, we received \$37 in donations. Thank you to those who donated, and to Tanda.**

### Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Intercessory Prayer Team

Beverly Alessio, Inez (Retinella) Alls, Florine Anderson, Alberta Asmar, Sylvia Baker, Warren Bridges, Donald & Barbara Carter, Michael Clarence Carter, Johnnie Davis, Peggy Endlein, David Gallesero, Ara Grier, Sandra Griffin, Karen Hickman, Myrtis Hildebrandt, Jacqueline Johnson, Bobbie Lewis, Addison Martin, Augusta Martin, Dorothy (Vicki) Martin, Dorrell Moore, Charles Nelson, Joan S. Noland, Nancy Oberhausen, Celestine Parker, Fred & Villa Ray, Romaine Redd, Flossie Ryles, Jeanne Schuldt, Irene Scott, Gussie Seay, Augusta Starks, Mary Tyler, 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:

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, and relatives of our parishioners

### Ministers Schedule

January 16, 2022

**Celebrant: Rev. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.**

**Minister of Service: Sandra Horn**

**Lector: Larry Rhodes**

### Meetings/Events This Week

Sunday	10:00 am	Mass in Church and via Zoom
Monday	6:00 pm	Administration Team via Zoom
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Formation Team via Zoom
Wednesday	11:00 am	Lectio Divina via Zoom
Thursday	6:00 pm	Community Meal via Zoom
Saturday	1:00 pm	ROCC 1.0 at PH and via Zoom
Sunday	10:00 am	Mass in Church and via Zoom

Legend: PH=Parish House; MC=Marygrove College Church refers to the Sacred Heart Chapel at Marygrove College For the "live" Parish Calendar, go to [spcccdetroit.org](https://spcccdetroit.org)



American Red Cross

Community of Giving

### Blood Drive

### St. Scholastica Catholic Church

8201 W. Outer Drive  
Detroit

Monday, January 17, 2022  
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Your blood can help save lives! Come to give at this drive and get a Sickle Cell Fighter t-shirt while supplies last, and a \$20 Gift Card by email thanks to Amazon. To schedule an appointment, please log onto [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) (sponsor code: stscholastica) or call Mary Anne Stella at 248-979-5917. Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](https://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

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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 or By Appointment

Parish Office Hours: Parish Staff is currently working from home.

Please contact Ed Shea if you require assistance.

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