



Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?' – Martin Luther King, Jr.



It's Time To Do What He Tells Us!

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

January 16, 2022 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62:1-5 & John 2:1-11 with 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

The Extraordinary time was completed with Jesus being baptized. Now it's our turn to do what we were confirmed to do – to renew the face of the earth entrusted to us. What a perfect way to begin but to hear Mary saying to us. "Do what He tells you."

The message from Isaiah and John centers on Marriage. The Jewish people are like the wife, forsaken and desolate. God finds her His delight, His Spouse. The loss of wine, a symbol of joy. Jesus responds by transforming water into the best wine!

The culture in which we live has lost a lot of its joy and enthusiasm for life. People are wanting things to be better, whatever that would mean. But for sure we are chosen to do what Jesus wants to do – to bring back to life a joy no one can take away.

Paul is so clear on how we will bring joy back to life. We are to use our gifts for the benefit of others. The Holy Spirit gives. Jesus calls us to serve. And the Father wants us to work. Together we are to be in harmony as the Father, Son and Spirit!

This is the Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend. It is our national holiday to hold up the gift of justice among all peoples that will heal the divisions of racism and classism. Some may believe this is impossible. Isn't the impossible the surname of a Christian?

The schools are not free of the threat of the virus. The churches have the need to be cautious. The gatherings of people to celebrate are restrictive. How can we keep our joy alive and encouraging for all?

Do you realize we have the way? Do you know we have the power to transform what is so challenging to those who are caught up in the world? It is right here hidden in plain sight. We have the Eucharist and each other.

What a difference our attitude can have on others. We are people of many colors and we can pray together. We are people with many gifts and talents and we can work together. We have little by way of money but we have lots by way of talents.

It's time we do what he tells us – listen to our talents and let's decide what to do!

2021 Catholic Services Appeal

We have received pledges of \$6,020 , or 79% 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, 3. Pledge online at spcccdetroit.org.**

14th Annual Urban Parish Spirit Awards

On Thursday, February 24, the Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance and the Archdiocesan Cultural Ministry Office will host the 14th Annual Urban Parish Spirit Awards. Due to COVID, attendance is limited, but the event will be livestreamed. Instructions for nominating individuals from our parish will be provided next week.

Support the States Tea

Our Second Annual Virtual States Tea began in December and runs through February. **To date, \$1,547 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. You can even make your payment on the parish website.

5th Annual Harvest Talent Fest

Leaders In Motion and Leaders On Mission are pleased to announce the prize winners from the 5th Annual Harvest Talent Festival:

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| First Place (\$100) | Olivia Walker |
| Second Place (\$50) | Danielle Radford |
| Third Place (\$25) | Isolyn Radford |
| Fourth Place – Tie (\$10) | Kendall Sinatra |
| Fourth Place – Tie (\$10) | Madison Walker |

Congratulations! We thank all those who shared their talents. If you weren't able to tune in, you can still do so at spcccdetroit.org.

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, tomorrow, 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>.



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 (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 to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

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**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, 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, 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 23, 2022

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

Minister of Service: Bill Tidwell

Lector: Patricia Woods

MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Sunday 10:00 am** Mass in Church and via Zoom
- Monday** *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*
- Wednesday 9:30 am** Pastoral Team via Zoom
- 11:00 am** Lectio Divina via Zoom
- Thursday 9:00 am** Staff Meeting at PH
- 7:00 pm** Community Peace Circle via Zoom
- Friday 12:00 pm** Ministry Commission via Zoom
- Saturday 9:00 am** Mentor Coaches Meeting at PH or via Zoom
- 10:45 am** Catechumens Meeting at PH
- 11:00 am** Knights of Peter Claver
- Sunday 10:00 am** Mass in Church and via Zoom
- 2:00 pm** Knights of Peter Claver

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



Watch the livestream at

www.facebook.com/ArchofDet/ or www.aod.org/livemasses

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.

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website: www.spcccdetroit.org

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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