



**Chosen to Serve Calls for Persevering
Reflection from Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.**

**October 17, 2021 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 53:10-11 & Mark 10:35-45 with Hebrews 4:14-1**

To follow Jesus' way to bring life to others, to respond to violence in all its forms, calls for real trust – the kind of trust that needs three ways of listening to what happens. And all of these ways are possible with grace coming to us through Mary.

The message from Isaiah and Mark this weekend centers on the future good that will come from the current struggle. James and John are asking Jesus to share the glory that will be His. Jesus doesn't promise them but lets them know they need to trust him.

The first way to listen is to trust that Jesus knows what He is doing. We want to know a joy that no one can take away. Jesus promised us joy at the Last Supper. Then came the Empty Tomb. Trust as Mary of Magdala – she touched Him.

The second way to listen is to trust that Jesus gives what we need. Paul was writing to the Jews. He was telling his experience. He asked Jesus to take away his weakness. Jesus asked him to trust. Trust as Paul did – he gloried in his weakness.

The third way to listen is to trust that He wants us to do our best. The twelve were as different as any group could be. He challenged all of them to serve as He did. Just trust He will work with what they do. Trust as the Twelve – He does the rest.

We are facing the challenges of today. People around us may find it hard to trust that God knows what He's doing. Some may go so far as to think Jesus doesn't answer their prayers. Others may think what they have to offer doesn't matter.

When you hear such reactions to the situations in which we find ourselves, be grateful that you know why you are chosen. You and I are chosen to share our trust in Jesus. Like Mary Magdala, we have been baptized. Like Paul, we have been confirmed. Like the Twelve, we have received Holy Communion.

We are chosen to respond as Mary did. What happens is beyond our control. But what is under our control is our response. I pray we take time to deepen our prayer to Mary to give us the grace to trust as she did and to send us companions for the journey.

2021 Catholic Services Appeal

Our 2021 CSA campaign is well underway. Our target is \$7,637. To date, we have pledges totaling \$2,340 (31% of total). In addition, we have commitments of \$1,435, which, once fulfilled, will put us at 50% of total. We thank all those who have made their pledges and commitments to the AOD, to its many ministries, and to St. Peter Claver, and we ask all others to consider making their commitments as soon as possible. Remember – amounts pledged over target, which the AOD refunds to the parish, 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. **There are three ways 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, 3. Pledge online through the parish website. Choose whichever way works best for you!**

5th Annual Harvest Talent Fest

Our Leaders In Motion and Leaders On Mission will present the 5th Annual Harvest Talent Festival via YouTube on Saturday, November 27, at 6:00 p.m. Youth and Young Adults are encouraged to showcase their talents, with prizes awarded. Sign up at spcccdetroit.org, or send an email to leadersinmotion@spcccdetroit.org. Please pass this information to friends, children, grandchildren, schools, neighbors, etc.

World Mission Sunday

Next week is World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Envelopes are available in the rear of the church, or give online on the parish website, with the notation *Mission Sunday*.

10th Anniversary Concert

The Black Catholic Ministries Gospel Choir will celebrate its 10th anniversary on Sunday, November 7, at 5:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church (1000 Eliot St). Admission is \$10. A face mask is required. For information, contact Marilyn Webb: (313) 596-7140.

All Souls' Day

The All Souls' Day Mass will be on Tuesday, November 2, at 6:00 p.m. Forms are available in the rear of the church to submit names of loved ones who have past away in the past year.

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.

Calling All Confirmed Catholics

When someone questions your Catholic Faith,
do you struggle giving an explanation?

When you were "confirmed" did you think that simply meant
you have chosen "To Be Catholic?"

Was your Catholic Faith formed pre-Vatican II?
post-Vatican II? Ever wondered about Vatican II?
If you answered yes to any question above, come.

If you have other questions and are looking for
understanding, **join us for:**
"Reconfirming Our Faith."

Saturday, October 30, 2021, at 1:00 pm
In Person at the Parish Office: 13305 Grove Street
or Virtual via Zoom: spcccdetroit.org



Maintaining COVID Precautions

Recent developments in the fight against COVID have necessitated a reevaluation of precautions during celebration of the Eucharist. Accordingly, the AOD has recommended that parishes encourage masking and social distancing, regardless of vaccination status. We request that all attendees, out of Christian love and respect for one another, follow these guidelines and any other posted instructions. Note that the Archdiocese has not changed its guidance on Mass attendance - only those who are sick, homebound, or at serious risk from COVID are dispensed from the obligation to attend.

Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Intercessory Prayer Team

Beverly Alessio, Inez (Retinella) Aalls, Florine Anderson, Alberta Asmar, Sylvia Baker, Warren Bridges, Donald & Barbara Carter, Michael Clarence Carter, Johnnie Davis, Peggy Endlein, Ara Grier, Sandra Griffin, Karen Hickman, Myrtis Hildebrandt, Jacqueline Johnson, Bobbie Lewis, Addison Martin, Augusta Martin, Dorothy (Vicki) Martin, 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, 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, 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

October 24, 2021

Celebrant: Rev. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.
Minister of Service: Sandra Horn
Lector: Jay Jones

Meetings/Events This Week

Sunday	10:00 am	Mass in Church and via Zoom
Tuesday	10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
Wednesday	11:00 am	Lectio Divina via Zoom
Saturday	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



Save the Date. Cherish the Memory.

This year, our annual Legacy Night will be a true homecoming. We'll be gathering back on campus for mass, a strolling dinner and a special evening program celebrating the Loyola mission and the love and support of friends like you who have helped us thrive for 29 years. Catch up with your old friends. Make new ones. Don't miss it. Mark your calendars today!

Legacy Night 2021

Wednesday November 10th at 6:00 p.m.

More details coming soon.

St. Peter Claver Catholic Community
Parish Office: 13305 Grove St., Detroit, MI 48235
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Church: Marygrove College - Sacred Heart Chapel
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email: parishoffice@spcccdetroit.org
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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