



## Epiphany

### Why Have We Been Chosen to see the S.T.A.R.?

January 7, 2024 – Is.60:1-6 & Mt.2:1-12 with Eph.3:2-6 – Epiphany

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

S.T.A.R. – Stand Tall Announcing Redemption. The significance of being chosen is obvious when we realize that not only Herod but also the Jewish people of Bethlehem never saw the star. They never heard the angels nor met the Magi. Why are we chosen?

I am more and more aware of being chosen. I want to share with you what I sense how being chosen comes about. Why we are chosen. What moves us forward in this journey to be sent to do what we have been chosen to do. Is your journey similar to mine?

I was inspired to play sports. It gave me a positive experience of being a team player. My father was a natural coach, and my older brother was a good mentor. What happened in my early years has been helpful through my teen years. What about you?

A very significant relationship came into your life in my twenties. My relationships were people who wanted to develop their talents like I did - to do something for others. I went to school to sharpen my knowledge and skills. I met people that were similar to me.

Then I met a failure. I remember it was a major one, as I felt it. I was asked to leave what I was doing. They say that it was a “Come to Jesus” moment. I remember when it happened, where I was and how I was speechless. I remember the hurt.

What followed that moment opened me to a path I would never have found if I weren’t asked to leave. I was asked to do something I could never have dreamed to do. I was sent to do my life work. I look back and see all the good that was done through me.

Many opportunities like St. Peter Claver Catholic Community came to me. And as each choice was presented me, I began to see what had happen before was the training I needed to do what was being asked for me to do.

Take your life journey. Listen to what you have heard and what you have seen. It may be different from most around you. Along the way, you had experiences that changed your life direction. Most pass you by. Some stay with you. Know the Holy Spirit is working, if you see all leads you to who you are, if you’re open to do it! This is your Epiphany!



Youth ministries from across the Archdiocese of Detroit will honor the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by witnessing the power of God's Mercy during the Martin Luther King Service Day on Saturday, January 13th! This event, hosted by parishes and taking place on-site at various community organizations, on parish grounds, or at home, will mobilize hundreds of young people to serve in their communities!

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Join us for a free webinar discussion with Black Catholic young adults from across th

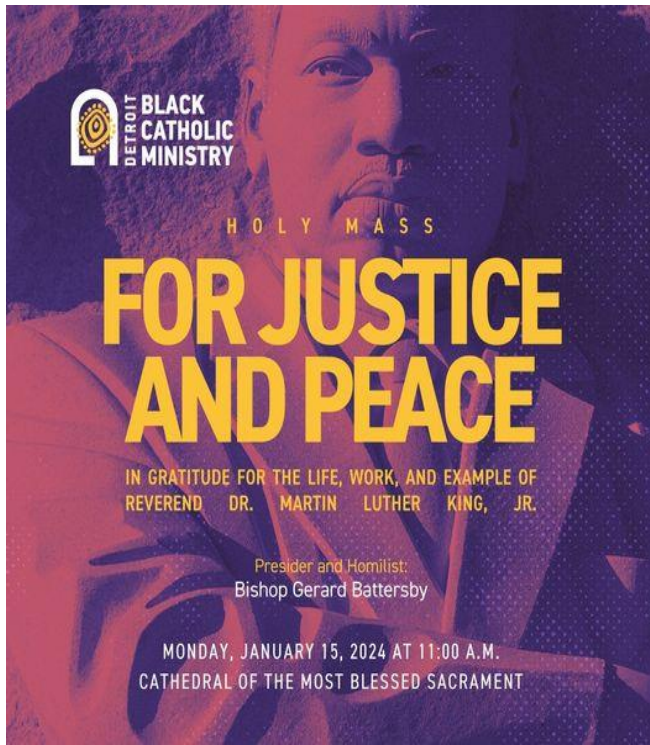
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
6:30 PM CT (4:30 PT / 7:30 ET)

Panelists: James Conway, Rudy Dehaney, Ali Mumbach, & Christi  
Facilitator: Dr. Ansel Augustine

Learn more & register: [www.kofpc.org/BC](http://www.kofpc.org/BC)

### 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.



**MEETINGS / EVENTS Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> to Jan 14<sup>th</sup>**

- Sunday** Jan 7th 10:00 am Mass at MC  
 Celebrant: Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R Priest in Solidum  
 Minister of Service: Bill Tidwell  
 Lector: Arianna Caderao  
 11:30 am Mentor Coaches  
 5:00 pm Miseducation of the Catholic
- Monday** 9:30 am Staff Meeting  
 6:00 pm Minister of Service Meeting
- Tuesday** 10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon  
 14400 Puritan St. Detroit 48227  
 6:30 pm Mission Commission
- Wednesday** 11:00 am Lectio Divina (Zoom)
- Thursday** 5:00 pm Pastoral Team Meeting
- Saturday** MLK Service Day 2024
- Sunday** Dec. Jan. 14th 10:00 am Mass at MC  
 Celebrant: Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R Priest in Solidum  
 Minister of Service: Mary Caroline Jonah  
 Lector: Jay Jones

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

**Pope Francis: Never forget  
 that Jesus is beside you in  
 your worst moments**

**CSA**  
 Support the 2023  
 Catholic Service Appeal  
 CSA Goal is \$6,881.00  
 We are approximately 76% into  
 our Goal, with \$5258.00  
 If you have made your pledge,  
 thank you!  
 If not, we ask that you  
 prayerfully consider making a  
 pledge

***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 Gallejero, 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, Paul Lee, Johnetta Mutes, Elke Rittenhouse, Elaine Ryles, Terrence Tidwell, Charles Tilghman, Jon Viado, Vickie Viado, Constance Washington-Daniel, Larry Washington, Wayne Washington, and relatives of our parishioners

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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  
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