



Understanding God

If You Would Have One Wish, What Would It Be?

July 30, 2023 – 1Kgs.3:5-12 & Mt.13:44-52 with Rm.8:28-30 – 17th Sunday

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

Most people, when asked to share a wish for one thing, may pause wondering if it is a trick question. If they know the person well, that may or may not help them to trust the one asking if he or she is sincere.

The Word of Life today centers on God's request of Solomon. Jesus will respond to the question in a series of three parables. He will build upon the response His Father gave to Solomon's request.

As God said, most people would ask for a long life. The temptation from the devil to Eve was to give birth to a child who would never die. Others would ask for riches. Most wars are a desire to have power and wealth from the other.

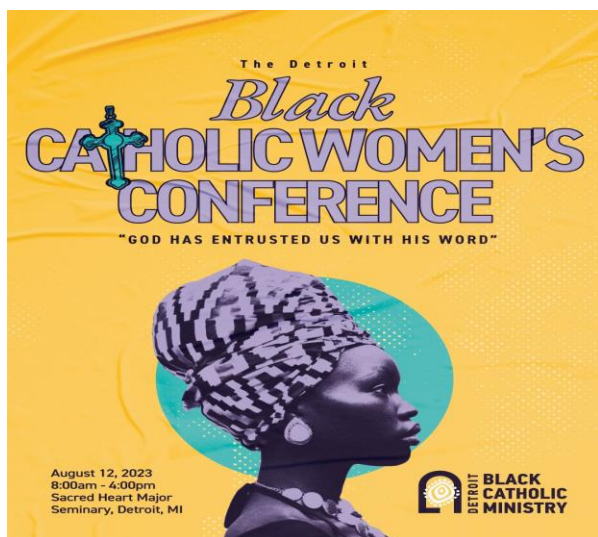
An understanding heart was the response to God's question. And it drew an immediate positive response. Understanding is to listen to where the other person or group is. Heart is the center of being convicted to unconditional love.

Understanding is the gift from the Holy Spirit to distinguish between right and wrong, between good and evil. Then to govern – to make life grow from its beginning to its fulfillment. It is the gift to accept what is and to have the courage to respond.

When Jesus shares about the buried treasure, the fine pearl, the catch of fish, He is focused on the wisdom of seeing what is often hidden in plain sight. He ends saying, understanding is free to share the new as well as the old. If good, both are valuable.

The person who had the understanding heart and raised Jesus was Mary, His mother. Paul encourages us to love God because we are called to do His Plan. Chosen to be conformed to Jesus, we are justified – redeemed – and will be glorified with Him.

As we share our talents with each other and give of our time, I pray we do so because we understand we are responding to the meaning of Church today. I pray we put our hearts and souls into what we are thinking, saying, and doing. I pray we recall that we do our best and God does the rest. For those who have ears to hear, enjoy.



CSA

Catholic Services Appeal

**2023 Goal is \$6881.00
Give From Your Heart**

**The first 20 to donate to the CSA
will receive a GIFT.**

The Mission Commission

**will be selling the famous "Doublegood
Popcorn" July 31st through August 4th**

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.

Josephine Bakhita

Did you know that the first African woman to be canonized as a saint by the Church in 21st century lived her entire childhood as a slave?

When just a little girl, Saint Josephine Bakhita (Bah-KEE-tah), was kidnapped from her loving family in the Sudan, and sold into brutal slavery. Her different "owners" frequently beat and tortured her. Finally when she was sold to an Italian diplomat, at age 14, St. Josephine Bakhita received Christian instruction for the first time from the Sisters of Charity in Venice, Italy. Later, when the diplomat's family returned to Africa, Saint Josephine Bakhita refused to go with them. She remained within the protection of the Sisters' convent in Italy, where slavery was illegal. For the next 50 years, she joyfully and faithfully served as the convent's cook, seamstress, sacristan, and doorkeeper until her death in 1947.

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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:

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 July 30th to August 6th

Sunday July 30th 10:00 am Mass at MC and via Zoom
Celebrant: Fr. John Phelps Priest in Solidum
Minister of Service: Mary Caroline Jonah
Lector: Gwen Cook

Tuesday 10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
14400 Puritan St. Detroit 48227

Sunday August 6th 10:00 am Mass at MC and via Zoom
Celebrant: Fr. John Phelps Priest in Solidum
Minister of Service: Alan Flounory
Lector: Kathryn Crutcher

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



WHEN

Aug 5 9:30AM

UNTIL

Aug 6 10:00AM

LOCATION

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St. Peter Claver Catholic Community

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**Church Location: Marygrove College-Sacred Heart Chalel
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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
After hours please contact the Administrative Coordinator
Patricia Woods at (313) 342-5292**

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