



## He Looks For What We Produce

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Is.5:1-7 & Mt.21:33-44 with Ph.4:6-9 – October 8, 2023

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

The vineyard is the focus of the message in the Word today. We hear the owner does all the work up to the planting of the seeds for grapes. Keep in mind that grapes are the symbol for joy. The spiritual result of the blooming will produce joy.

Did you hear what happened? The violence that came. In Isaiah nothing came from the work. There wasn't the caring needed to bring grapes. In Matthew the grapes came. But the tenants didn't want the order to have them.

As Matthew walked through the process of denying the landowner access to the fruit, the tenants mistreated, beat, and stoned his servants. When the owner sent his son, he thought they would respect him. Him they killed, rejecting His Son.

What's the message to us in northwest Detroit? When we look at what we are doing with our talents and where we are spending our time, are we ensuring we are producing fruit – bringing to God what are the results of what God has given us?

St. Paul calls us out of our anxiety by asking us to pray to God for what we need. We then are to share the truth, be honorable and just in our relationships; pure and loving in our behavior, being gracious no matter what. Keep on doing it

With such an attitude as Confirmed, let's keep working to do our best in the face of discouragement and opposition. The One Who chose us, will give us what we need to produce the results that are possible. As we do God's will, we face into challenges.

In our daily lives attract people by your way of sharing with them, as St. Paul shares what he means. Invite to join us. Then as belonging to our community, let's look at what we are doing to move us farther along in our mission, ministry, and stewardship.

We are called to do what we can and see the fruit of our work as our gift to God. What comes from what we do is meant to be for the honor and glory of God. As we go forward with our lives personally and as a parish, let's keep looking to the One Who chose us. And let's come to work together to give the praise to Jesus through Mary.



### CSA

Support the 2023 CSA  
Catholic Service Appeal  
CSA Goal is \$6,881.00

The total amount pledged as of today  
date is \$2,163.00

If you have made your pledge, thank  
you!

If not, we ask that you prayerfully  
consider making a pledge.

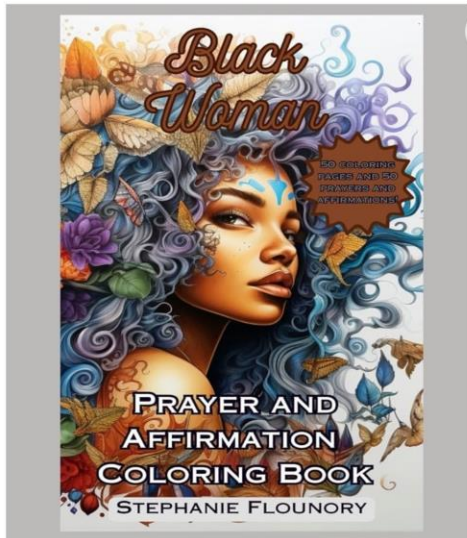
#### Our Mission Statement

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 reconnect 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 Oct 8th to Oct 15th

Stephanie Flounory

Black woman Prayer and Affirmation Coloring Book



Paperback  
\$15.00

- Sunday** Oct 8th 11:00 am Mass at Grove and Schafer  
**Celebrant:** Fr. Greg Jones  
**Minister of Service:** Alan Flounory  
**Lector:** Kathryn Crutcher
- Monday** Indigenous People's Day / Columbus Day
- Tuesday** 10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon  
 14400 Puritan St. Detroit 48227
- Wednesday** 11:00 am Lectio Divina (Zoom)
- Thursday** 7:00 pm Community Peace Circle
- Saturday** 2:00 pm Ladies of Peter Claver
- Sunday** Oct 15th 10:00 am Mass at MC and via Zoom  
**Celebrant:** Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R 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

**Reminders:**

**FOP - October 14th 1-3pm St. Charles Lwanga (Wear our St. Peter Claver Tee Shirt. Available for \$20 regular sizes, X's \$25.00. For Sale after church or during the week at Church Office.**

**COMMUNITY Meal - Thursday, October 12th 7 pm - Dance shoes required**

***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 Galletero, 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, 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

**St. Peter Claver Catholic Community**

*Parish Office: 13305 Grove St., Detroit, MI 48235  
(313) 342-5292*

*Church Location: Marygrove College-Sacred Heart Chapel  
8424 W. McNichols Rd. Detroit, MI 48221*

*Email [parishoffice@spcccdetroit.org](mailto:parishoffice@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 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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*Evangelization: Ed Shea*

*Formation, Mary Radford*

*Administration, Jeff Flounory*

*Commission Chairs:*

*Mission Commission, Tanda Flounory*

*Ministry Commission, Pearl Crutcher {Interim}*

*Stewardship, Clarence Watts*

*Elders Counsel, Larry and Willetta Rhodes*