



To Stay In the Banquet There Is A Challenge For Us His Followers
28th Sunday – Is.25:6-10 & Mt.22:1-14 with Phil.4:12-20 – October 15, 2023
By Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R. – Priest in Solidum

The Lord of the mountain from the Hebrew Scriptures is the King who wants to celebrate His Son’s Wedding. These two readings give us an insight into the growth of the chosen to understand the One Who chose them.

Before Jesus, the narrative of the Word was to respond with violence. With Jesus the narrative changed to “putting on the wedding garment.” Violence would not be the way to respond to violence. Jesus’ wedding was with those who were redeemed.

Today to breathe this message when violence touches those we love is very much a challenge. It is so natural to throw off the wedding garment, our confirmation commitment – the Christian way to respond to sin – and to conform to the world’s way.

We are on hard times. We hear of violence so much so that we may be numb to it. Some may ask “Why has it gone this far”? But to this question I ask, “Are we ready to be a sign of contradiction? Are we ready to respond as Pope Francis calls us to do?”

When people are violent, they know not what they are doing. Forgiving is the only response that gets to the cause of violence. Forgiving is the way out of death to life. When the Amish faced the death of their children, what a witness they gave. To breathe forgiving those who violent others, including those we love, is the “wedding garment.”

When the king sent his only son, he assumed they would respect his son. To respond and not to react is quite a challenge. But that is the message of Jesus that His death was needed to show what He means.

He will turn our loss into our gain. We can hear this in St. Paul. He learnt to live with a little or with a lot. He was willing to go without as well as have what he needed. It calls for a profound faith to walk this way.

In our everyday lives such a radical decision may never happen. We may never face the challenge of the country of Jesus’ birth. But we have our challenges to face that call for such a response ... to breathe forgiving and keep our wedding garment on



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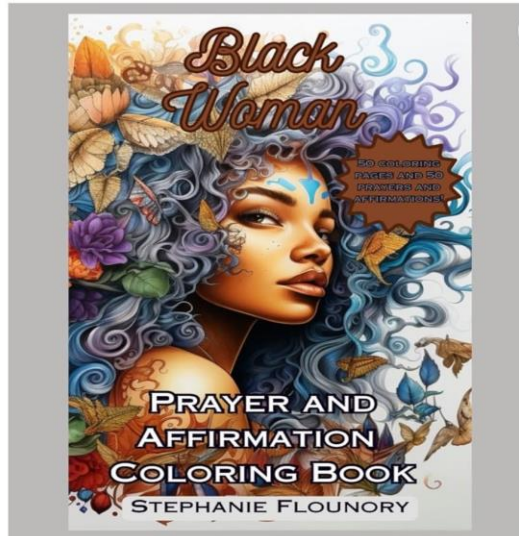
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Having reflected on the "four faces of our parish," **St. Peter Claver Catholic Community**, chosen by the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, and under the guidance of Mary, resolves that: 1) we will provide more opportunities for deepening prayer life and 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.

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MEETINGS / EVENTS Oct 15th to Oct 22nd

- Sunday** Oct 15th 11:00 am Mass at Grove and Schafer
 Celebrant: Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R Priest in Solidum
 Minister of Service: Alan Flounory
 Lector: Kathryn Crutcher
- 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

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

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 Gallesero, 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

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