



From the Old to the New Way

30th Sunday – Ex:22:20-26 & Mt:22:34-40 with 1 Th:1:5-10 – October 29, 2023

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

We are to reflect upon the clear message from the “Eye for an eye and tooth for a tooth” teaching to “Love of God and neighbor” by Jesus. This is the heart and soul of the shift from the Old Way (Exodos) to the New Way (Odos).

In Exodus, the focus on the way people treated the foreigner was the way God was going to treat them. If they molested and oppressed the widow and the orphan, the ones who are vulnerable, God will do the same.

In Matthew Jesus starts from the perspective of our relationship to God, unconditional love for God and for neighbor. We are to relate to both with the same attitude of love.

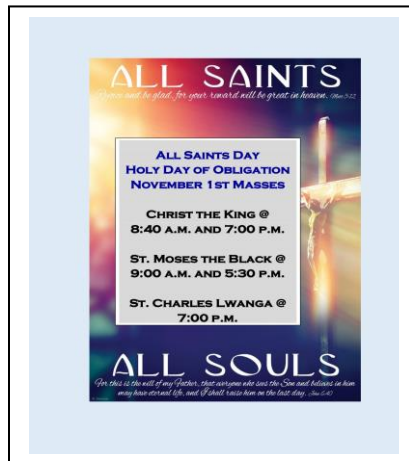
Do we hear the difference? Jesus modelled love that would overcome fear, even the fear of death. Paul, once converted from the Old Law, did the same. He wrote in his first letter to his converts. They tell me how you are following our example. Praise God.

When we look to our way of treating each other, are we following the New Way? We may want to say “yes.” But are we? When we hear of violence of any kind, do we want to love both sides? Do we want to manage conflicts to want to live together?

St. Paul honored his followers because they had moved from worshipping idols to centering on Jesus who was raised from the dead. This is a fundamental decision to do so. This is a total mind shift that calls for grace to go beyond human nature’s way.

We may see the Israeli-Palestinian conflict with Haman as over there. But what about ourselves. Do we hold anyone at a distance? Do we not want to talk to someone? Do we see others – other cultures, other creeds, and so on – as less than ourselves?

To evangelize calls for us to be evangelized by those to whom we are sent. They have ways of acting they hold to be important. Do we want to understand them, though we may disagree? Do we want to show others how we follow the way of loving others? As we do so, we will be modelling the love of God that we were chosen to share!



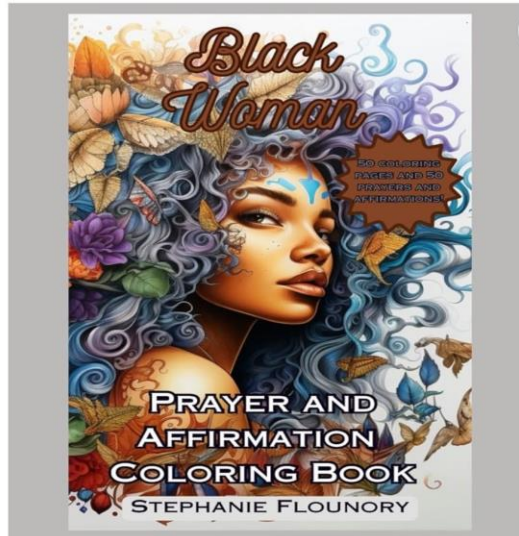
**All Souls Day
Mass
November 2nd
2023 - 12:00 pm
Marygrove's
Liberal Bldg.
Sacred Heart
Chapel**

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.

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MEETINGS / EVENTS Oct 28th to Nov. 5th

- Sunday** Oct 22nd 11:00 am Mass at Grove and Schafer
Celebrant: Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R Priest in Solidum
Minister of Service: Pearl Crutcher
Lector: Aurelia Smith
- Monday** 6:00 pm Pastoral Team Meeting (PH)
- Tuesday** 10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
14400 Puritan St. Detroit 48227
- Wednesday** 11:00 am Lectio Divina (Zoom)
All Saints Day Mass
- Thursday** 12:00 pm All Souls Day Mass Sacred Heart Chapel
at MC

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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*Church Location: Marygrove College-Sacred Heart Chapel
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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

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