



The Lord is kind and merciful

. If We Need to Receive, then We Will Want To Give

7th Sunday – Lv.19:1-18 & Mt.5:38-48 with 1Cor.2:6010 February 19, 2023

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

There's a commonsense principle within Paul's teaching on wisdom. As we move toward Lent 2023, I am finding myself in need of what I am sharing with you. I am aware that I need to receive what I want to give to you and through you to others.

We are temples of God. We have been purified by Baptism. We have been given words of wisdom to speak in Pentecost. We have become what we receive in the Eucharist. All belongs to us. We belong to Christ. Christ belongs to God. Why?

The wisdom Paul speaks is the why. To the extent we are aware of why we are chosen to receive this truth, we will be holy as Jesus Who chose us. We will reprove others, confront others, because we ourselves needed to be reprovved and confronted.

Turn the other cheek. When Jesus taught this on the mountain top, they might have thought He meant to be hit again on the other cheek. Do you remember when Jesus turned the other cheek? The day He was crucified. He reprovved. He confronted.

He was before those who were condemning Him to death. His hands were tied behind his back. A soldier struck Him on the cheek. He turned and gave him the other cheek and said, "Why did you hit me?" He did it for the soldier's sake. Pause. Think.

To be perfect is to be aware that we are too weak to be strong without the One Who chose us. We can reprove and confront to the extent we have been reprovved and confronted ourselves. Jesus is sharing with His Chosen what He learned.


Jesus was twelve. As a Jew, He would have gone through His Bar Mitzvah. He stayed in the temple. His parents were traveling home. His mother noticed He was not with them. They returned searching for Him. Mary reprovved Him. And He was obedient.

Jesus says "Love your enemy. Pray for those who persecute you." Look at when He did it. "Father, forgive them, they don't know what they are doing." The immediate result? "Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom." What a fool Christ is in the eyes of so many. If we feel foolish before others, could it be because we belong?

Marriage Mass

Hearts & Flowers continue with a Special blessing on your Marriage, Sunday February 19th at our 10 am Mass.

Marriage blessings will be performed and included today during our Mass.

Bring your Valentines  to Mass today for a blessed encounter

Support the States Tea

Our Third Annual Virtual States Tea began in December and runs through February. **As of today, we have received \$1,850.** If you did not receive information in the mail, contact the parish office or the parish website at spcccdetroit.org.

Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance Coming Soon

2023 Urban Parish Spirit Awards

Set for March 15

Join us as we celebrate the 2023 inductees on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at Sacred Heart Church 1000 Eliot St. Detroit

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.

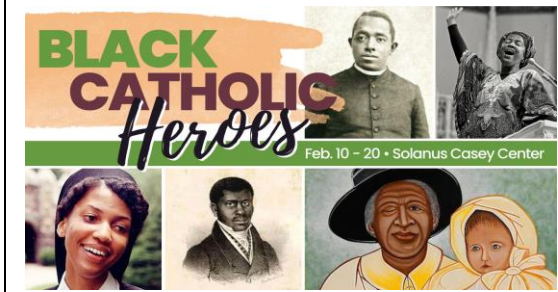
MEETINGS / EVENTS Feb 19th to Feb 26th

- Sunday** Feb. 19th 10:00 am Mass at MC and via Zoom
 Celebrant: Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R Priest in Solidum
 Minister of Service: Bill Tidwell
 Lector: Arianna Caderao
- Monday** 1:00 pm Staff Meeting at the PH
- Tuesday** 10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
 14400 Puritan St. Detroit 48227
- Wednesday** 11:00 am Lectio Divina via Zoom
6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Mass at Marygrove
- Saturday** 11:00 am Knights of Peter Claver
- Sunday** Feb. 26th 10:00 am Mass at MC and via Zoom
 Celebrant: Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R Priest in Solidum
 Minister of Service: Sandra Horn
 Lector: Larry Rhodes
 2:00 pm Knights of Peter Claver TBD
 4:00 pm Intern Team via Zoom
- Legend:** PH=Parish House; MC=Marygrove College Church refers to the Sacred Heart Chapel at Marygrove



A leading Black Catholic theologian will receive high honors Wednesday in Pennsylvania, where Villanova University will bestow its Civitas Dei Medal in an afternoon ceremony.

Dr. M. Shawn Copeland, retired from Boston College, is the first Black awardee. <https://www.blackcatholicmessenger.com/m-shawn-copeland.../>



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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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Mission Commission, Tanda Flounory

Ministry Commission, Sandra Horn

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***Eucharistic Heart of Jesus
 Intercessory Prayer Team***

Beverly Alessio, Inez (Retinella) Alls, Florine Anderson, Alberta Asmar, Sylvia Baker, Warren Bridges, Donald Carter Michael Clarence Carter, Johnnie Davis, Peggy Endlein, David Gallesero, Tequilla Garrett, Ara Grier, Sandra Griffin, Karen Hickman, Myrtis Hildebrandt, Jacqueline Johnson, Bobbie Lewis, Addison Martin, Dorothy (Vicki) Martin, Dorrell Moore, Charles Nelson, Joan S. Noland, Nancy Oberhausen, Celestine Parker, Fred & Villa Ray, Alther Redd Romaine Redd, Flossie Ryles, Jeanne Schuldt, Irene Scott, Gussie Seay, Augusta Starks, Christine Versele, Helen Wajda, Anna Washington, Lillie Washington, Carmel Weems, Diana Wicker, Leonard & Ona Wilson

Also, Please Remember in Prayer:

Wayne Bradley, 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