



Love Including Forgiving Everyone

Two Roads Diverged ... Where Are You Walking?

1st Sunday – Gen.2:7-3:7 & Mt.4:1-11 with Rm.5:12-19 – February 26, 2023

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

Tempted to take the well-traveled road, Lent is the story of the bridge to the other way. History both personal and communal is the journey of the rise and fall and rise again of so many. We know the story. That's not the issue. The issue is our story.

Let me invite us to go a little further. It's not just our story. It includes the story of those who follow us. It's about tradition, passing on to those who follow us the path that our walking created. It's about how we bridged to the road less traveled.

The Hebrew Scriptures, the Old Testament, tells the story of the beginnings. The clay was fashioned into a human. Breathe entered. Adam, then Eve, then the garden, then the Tree of Life and Good and evil ... we know the story. Tempted to be god.

The Christian Scriptures, the New Testament, tells the rest of the story. Jesus was hungry and was tempted to satisfy His craving. The Spirit, the Breath of God, moved Him to let go of the Word of God. Tempted the Word to follow the fallen way.

Paul tells the fundamental decision we make. Whom do we follow – Adam or Jesus? What comes naturally we all know too well. What comes supernaturally we know as well. This season called "Lent" is our remembering what it takes for choose.

When we hear of violence in all its forms, this is usually what makes the news. But this is not new. It's the sizzle of recorded history. The substance is the way out of death and the way that follows the journey of Jesus who obeys Our Father.

We invite us to listen to the gift of the Second Adam – grace of L.I.F.E. – a way of "Love Including Forgiving Everyone". This is the message of the first Sunday of Lent. Each Sunday following will share the map of L.I.F.E. that we know leads to Palm Sunday the day we celebrate of being chosen to be a gift of L.I.F.E. for others.

Temptation is the lie that we can be god. Grace is the truth that God is human. Come and be ready to deepen our understanding of L.I.F.E. and how we are chosen to not just know the truth but to teach to others the Way to be Resurrection People!



Support the States Tea

Our Third Annual Virtual States Tea began in December and runs through February. **As of today, we have received \$2,350.** 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.

<h3>WHAT IS FASTING?</h3>  <p>One meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed one full meal</p>	<h3>WHAT IS ABSTINENCE?</h3>  <p>Abstinence is refraining from eating meat. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl.</p>
<h3>DAYS OF FAST?</h3> <p>Ash Wednesday Good Friday</p>	<h3>DAYS OF ABSTINENCE?</h3> <p>Ash Wednesday All Fridays of Lent Good Friday</p>
<h3>WHO ARE REQUIRED?</h3> <p>Catholics from age < 18 to 59 ></p>  <p>The sick are excused from fasting</p>	<h3>WHO ARE REQUIRED?</h3> <p>Mandatory for everyone older than 14 years old</p> 

Source: Code of Canon Law



BLACK CATHOLIC Heroes
Feb. 10 - 20 • Solanus Casey Center

**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

MEETINGS / EVENTS Feb 26th to March 5th

- 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
 1:00 pm Viewing of Sr. Thea Bowman Story Parish House on Grove St.
 2:00 pm Knights of Peter Claver TBD
 4:00 pm Intern Team via Zoom
- Tuesday** 10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon 14400 Puritan St. Detroit 48227
 7:00 pm Formation Team Meeting via Zoom
- Wednesday** 11:00 am Lectio Divina via Zoom
- Saturday** 9:00 am Mentor Coaches Meeting PH on Grove St.
 1:00 pm Reclaiming Our Faith Formation PH on Grove St.
- Sunday** March 5th 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: Gwen Cook
- Legend:** PH=Parish House; MC=Marygrove College Church refers to the Sacred Heart Chapel at Marygrove

There is a handicap ramp available on the east side of Liberal Arts bldg. Also the handicap lift is in disrepair and waiting on new parts. The Marygrove Conservancy apologizes for this inconvenience.

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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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