



Jesus Christ Rescues Sinners

He Wants Us To Be Reconciled – Do We?

4th Sunday of Lent – Jos.5:9-12 & Lk 15:1-32 with 2Cor.5:17-21

By Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R. – Pastor

All are made to be reconciled beginning within ourselves. This is Paul's message to the Confirmed Christians of his day. He had received forgiveness from Christ, the Risen Lord, for persecuting the followers of the Way of forgiving without conditions.

The message we are to bring to others is given to us in the story of the Prodigal Son. We are to take the position of the forgiving Father. God had removed the reproach of the Egyptians. The people celebrated the Passover to seal the removal.

Jesus would take the Passover celebration to give deeper meaning to it. He would seal the gift of forgiving, wanting both sides of every disagreement removed. We are chosen to be Christ's Ambassadors. We are sent to promote this value.

When I see Russia and the Ukraine, when I hear of the Racial divide, when I hear the way one side speaks of the other, I know we have a long way to go. We are called to want those who do wrong to be reconciled when they ask forgiveness.

Wanting to say "Father, forgive them. They do not know what they are doing." This is our call. This is our message. We are to promote such an intuition. We are to be the father forgiving the one who did wrong and to want the other brother to do the same.

In Christ we are a new creation. Our fallen human nature is the same, prone to sin and in need of forgiveness. All more reason to want to promote forgiveness, even when the other side refuses to want to do the same.

In a world of violence, we are sent to encourage peace through healing both the wrongdoers and those who are wronged. Let's examine our consciences for any doing of wrong and ask God to forgive us. Then let's reflect on the times we may not have invited others to forgive those who wronged them.

When we hear of people who do wrong, do we speak up to pray others want to forgive and be reconciled with them? This is the call to give peace a chance, beginning with our closest relationship and having the ripple-effect through us to others

Catholic Relief Service

Today SPCCC will take up the Catholic Relief Service Collection. Funds from this collection provide food for the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's Love** to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief. **Envelopes are in the rear of the church.**

Save the Date

On **Sunday, April 3**, we will have a **Town Hall Meeting** after Mass to provide updates on the future of our parish, as we prepare to join our Family of Parishes on July 1. We request that all members of the parish participate in this important meeting!

Lenten/Holy Week Worship Schedule

This holy season provides us a special opportunity to grow closer to Jesus as we reflect on how He suffered and died for us, only to bring eternal hope through His glorious resurrection. Following is a summary of our worship schedule. Details on specific services will be provided when available.

- Every Friday (3/4 - 4/8) Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m.
- Holy Thursday (4/14) Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- Good Friday (4/15) Stations of the Cross at 12:00 noon
Liturgy at 1:00 p.m.
- Holy Saturday (4/16) Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 p.m.
- Easter Sunday (4/17) Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Lent is a time of reconciliation, as we prepare ourselves to receive the graces of Jesus' resurrection. Today, we will have a Reconciliation Service as part of our Mass. We thank Rev. Tien Dinh, OFM Cap for joining us and leading us in our examination of conscience.

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.

Comment from Unleash The Gospel

“BEING ABLE TO TOUCH THE PAIN AND SUFFERING OF ANOTHER HUMAN BEING BRINGS US BACK TO THE MOST BASIC SENSE OF HUMAN DIGNITY AND HUMAN CONNECTION.”

Joe Staniszewski

We are actively seeking singers to join the choir. You may reach out to Music Minister Christopher Kendall at: cmkendall@spcccdetroit.org if interested.

**Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies
Auxiliary**

**83rd Annual Northern States District Conference
April 22-24, 2022**

**Theme: Anchored In Hope Faith Peace Joy Love
Unity**

TRINITY VICARIATE FAMILY 2

Wave 2 - July 1, 2022

- [Christ the King Parish, Detroit](#)
- [St. Charles Lwanga Parish, Detroit](#)
- [St. Moses the Black Parish, Detroit](#)
- [St. Peter Claver Parish, Detroit](#)
- [St. Suzanne/Our Lady Gate of Heaven](#)

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

Beverly Alessio, Inez (Retinella) Alls, Florine Anderson, Alberta Asmar, Sylvia Baker, Warren Bridges, Donald & Barbara Carter, Michael Clarence Carter, Johnnie Davis, Peggy Endlein, David Galletero, 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, 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

Please Pray for Them as They Pray for Us!!

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

MINISTERS SCHEDULE April 3, 2022

Celebrant: Rev. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.

Minister of Service: Alan Flounory

Lector: Patricia Woods

MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Sunday 10:00 am** Mass with Reconciliation in church and via Zoom
- 2:00 pm** Knights of Peter Claver
- Tuesday 10:00 am** St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
- Wednesday 11:00 am** Lectio Divina via Zoom
- 6:30 pm** Ministers of Service Meal Meeting
- Thursday 7:30 pm** Evangelization Workshop
- Friday 6:30pm** Stations of the Cross / Mass in Church
- Sunday 10:00 am** Mass and Town Hall Meeting in church and via Zoom

**Legend: PH=Parish House; MC=Marygrove College
Church refers to the Sacred Heart Chapel at Marygrove College
For the “live” Parish Calendar, go to spcccdetroit.org**

**SPCCC Lenten 2022
Opportunity for Almsgiving:**

Fill a *BABY BOTTLE* \$\$\$ (loose change...) to support COTS at Peggy's Place (16630 Wyoming St, Detroit, MI 48221) Please return filled *BABY BOTTLE(s)* \$\$\$
Palm Sunday

Save Those Pennies

Bring in your loose coins. Tanda Flounory will collect them for donation to the parish. Thank you to those who donate.

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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 or By Appointment

Parish Office Hours: Parish Staff is currently working from home.

Please contact Ed Shea if you require assistance.

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