



Authority – Make Life Grow – Whom Do We Want To Please?

Reflection from Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.

January 31, 2021 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 & Mark 1:21-28 with 1 Corinthians 7:22-25

What is the relationship between the married and the single ways of life? To hear this question in 2021 is in an environment different from that of St. Paul. True. But is it all that different so that this teaching from the Word of God has nothing to say to us?

The public conversation around marriage and what it means is in the world of compromise for some. And when the debate happens, people speak with the kind of authority that can be impressive at times. But at the end of the day, is there growth?

Jesus spoke with authority in the spirit of Moses. He was prophetic. He spoke not only in the name of God. He spoke as having the authority of God. His motive was pure. He was sent to call us all to mature in our love for each other for His Father's glory.

What did he say about marriage? He values the relationship so much that He inspired Paul to compare His relationship to the Church to the bond between a husband and a wife. He was a single man who sees the Church born of Mary as His bride.

Why? I invite you to listen to the word "please" as Paul explains. To please God is the focus of the unmarried man or woman. To please the spouse is the focus of the husband and the wife. And it divides the married. True. But is it good to love this way?

In fact, it's not only good. It's excellent. Without married love, family life would be difficult to sustain. Society would weaken its authority to raise children. And the fall of a civilization would gradually unfold.

Put simply, there is need for balance. Both the married and the single ways of life and love complement each other. This is what makes a community of faith radiate hope. This is the key to building up of the Body of Christ.

Let's pray for both ways of loving. The married to encourage the single to show them how to please God. And the single to encourage the married to show them how to please each other. Sounds like the only commandment – love God with our whole heart and mind and heart and love our neighbor as ourselves – two are one and one for all.

2020 Catholic Services Appeal

The 2020 CSA Campaign continues. All are invited to visit www.AOD.org for more information about the CSA, or you can make a donation at www.givecsa.org. If you require assistance in making a pledge, please contact Ed Shea.

To date, our total amount pledged remains at \$6,175, or 92% of our target. Remember, any amounts received over the target are returned to the parish, and will be shared 50/50 with our St. Vincent de Paul ministry.



"Discovering Your Gifts" Workshop

This past Monday, we began the 5-week "Discovering Your Gifts" Workshop via Zoom. The 29 participants are seeking to discover the gifts and talents that our parish can give to others as we advance the mission of St. Peter Claver. It's not too late to join. Each week's session will run for 90 minutes, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The cost, including the workbook, is only \$20. If you would like to attend, please see Ed Shea after Mass, or call him at (248) 633-4476.

As we celebrate 15 years as a parish and especially as we prepare to join our new "Family of Parishes," let's prepare for the future by identifying our true treasury - the time and talent of those chosen to be sent to others.

Lenten Bible Study On Purpose

Join Fr. John and Jennie Sinatra, our Director of Formation, during Lent for **Bible Study On Purpose**. Discover the significance of each week's Sunday Mass readings. All sessions will be offered via Zoom, with afternoon and evening options.

- Every Wednesday during Lent starting on Ash Wednesday, February 17 - Liturgy at 12:00 p.m. followed by Bible Study on Purpose (except Ash Wednesday when Liturgy will be at 6:30 p.m.).
- Every Friday during Lent starting on February 19 - Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m followed by Bible Study on Purpose.


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.

Virtual States Tea

Our first "Virtual" States Tea is off to a great start. To date, we have raised \$2,340 from 37 donors, with 25 of the donors non-parishioners. The States Tea runs through February, so there's still plenty of time to join in. For information, see the flyer below, or go to our parish website. You can donate on the website, by mail, or by dropping an envelope in the collection basket.

St. Peter Claver Catholic Community
"Stay-At-Home States Tea" Fund Raiser
 February 2021



Have a cup of tea and become a sponsor.
There is no need to get dressed or leave the comfort of your home.

State Sponsor: \$100 City Sponsor: \$50 County Sponsor: \$25 Patron: \$ _____

All funds raised will support the mission of the youth and young adults in the St. Peter Claver Catholic Community.

Please return your donation by February 28, 2021 to:
St. Peter Claver Catholic Community
"Stay-At-Home States Tea" Fund Raiser
 13305 Grove Street—Detroit, MI 48235

Online donations also accepted: <http://www.spcccdetroit.org>
 All donations to St. Peter Claver Catholic Community are tax deductible.

Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Intercessory Prayer Team

Beverly Alessio, Inez (Retinella) Alls, Florine Anderson, Alberta Asmar, Sylvia Baker, Warren & Marcella Bridges, Donald & Barbara Carter, Michael Clarence Carter, Johnnie Davis, Peggy Endlein, Ron Galletero, Ara Grier, Sandra Griffin, Karen Hickman, Myrtis Hildebrandt, Jacqueline Johnson, Bobbie Lewis, Addison Martin, Augusta Martin, Dorothy (Vicki) Martin, Charles Nelson, Joan S. Noland, Nancy Oberhausen, Grady & Celestine Parker, Fred & Villa Ray, Romaine Redd, Flossie Ryles, Jeanne Schuldt, Irene Scott, Gussie Seay, Augusta Starks, Mary Tyler, Christine Versele, Helen Wajda, Anna Washington, Lillie Washington, Carmel Weems, 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, Kiara Harris, Marley Jonah, Mary Caroline Jonah, Johnetta Mutes, Elke Rittenhouse, Elaine Ryles, Terrence Tidwell, Charles Tilghman, Jon Viado, Vickie Viado, Constance Washington-Daniel, Larry Washington, and relatives of our parishioners

Ministers Schedule

February 7, 2021

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

Minister of Service: Alan Flounory

Lector: Mary Caroline Jonah

Meetings/Events This Week

Sunday	10:00 am	Mass in Church and via Zoom
Monday	9:00 am	Staff Meeting via Zoom
	6:30 pm	"Discovering Your Gifts" Workshop via Zoom
Tuesday	10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
Wednesday	1:00 pm	Lectio Divina via Zoom
Sunday	10:00 am	Mass 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

Sacramental Preparation

Are you, or someone you know, interested in joining the Catholic Church or receiving one of the sacraments? Please contact Jennie Sinatra at the Parish Office.

Collection Results

We continue to rely on your support. Please send your weekly donation to the Parish Office. Or you may want to consider online giving. It's convenient, secure, and totally in your control!

Give Online at spcccdetroit.org

St. Peter Claver Catholic Community

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website: www.spcccdetroit.org

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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