



It Takes One To Know One
Reflection from Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.

February 6, 2022 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 6:1-8 & Luke 5:1-11 with 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

“But for the grace of God there go I” was attributed to St. Vincent de Paul. His reflection was shared when he was called to leave his prayer time and serve a beggar. He was interrupted from what he wanted to do and went to respond, as the story goes.

What is the message from the first reading and the Gospel that Mary taught her Son? I picture Mary sharing with Jesus the power of grace. When the Jewish people were free, they were unclean – using what they had selfishly, needing to be cleansed.

Could you hear Mary teaching Jesus how to listen to discover the “chosen?” The four steps are the following. First, the person is able to work for what he or she needs. Second, something happens where they don’t have what they need. Third, they admit they are lost and witness to their helplessness. Fourth, they ask for grace to save them.

Church, do we want to hear as Mary taught her Son? First, we all center on ourselves, wanting to do what we want. It’s the way we are wired from birth. We have time and talents. We are attracted to someone, to something, and we do it.

Second, every one of us will experience losing. It may take various forms. We may be the only one who knows it. We may keep it secret. We may tell a real close friend. But we know we don’t have what we want to be safe, secure, happy, fulfilled.

Third, something happens and we can’t hide anymore. We hit bottom, however bottom is found by us. This is the moment when we admit we are helpless. This is the moment when we will ask, unable to help ourselves or we will make it on our own.

Fourth, we will be touched by grace to purify us. The “light” will go on. We will be aware all our needs are met by grace, the grace we don’t deserve. Our response of unworthiness, of sincere helplessness, is the spirit that says “You are chosen.”

This is true personally, as a people, as a country, as all of creation. You and I are being trained by Mary, as the Confirmed. Only those who know without grace we can do nothing will be open to being chosen. Humbly needing what we give we will be sent.

2021 Catholic Services Appeal

We have received pledges of \$6,155, or 81% of our CSA Target of \$7,637! If you have made your pledge, thank you! If not, we ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge. Remember – amounts pledged over target will be shared 50/50 with our St. Vincent de Paul ministry, directly benefitting those in need in our parish neighborhoods.

Solicitation packets are available here in church, or by contacting the Parish Office. **Choose how to make your pledge: 1. Return your pledge card directly to the Archdiocese in the envelope provided, 2. Drop your pledge card in our weekly collection bowl or mail it to the Parish Office, 3. Pledge online at spcccdetroit.org.**

Support the States Tea

Our Second Annual Virtual States Tea began in December and runs through February. **To date, \$2,372 has been received!** We thank all those who have contributed. If you did not receive a mailing, or cannot find your mailing, contact Ed Shea, or just go to the parish website at spcccdetroit.org. You can even make your payment on the parish website.

14th Annual Urban Parish Spirit Awards

On Thursday, February 24, the Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance and the AOD Cultural Ministry Office will host the 14th Annual Urban Parish Spirit Awards (*see flyer on next page*). This award recognizes that person who best embodies the spirit of each parish.

Ballots are in the rear of the church. Place your ballot in the collection basket, or give it to one of the staff members. Also, you can submit a nomination through the parish website, or by email to parishoffice@spcccdetroit.org. Note that the nomination form includes the list of all prior recipients. ***Please do not nominate a previous recipient. Nominations must be submitted today, February 6.***

Due to COVID, attendance at this year’s ceremony will be strictly limited, but the event will be livestreamed.

Community Meal

This month’s Community Meal will be held this Thursday, February 10, at 6:30 p.m. Due to the COVID surge, the meal again will be virtual via Zoom. We will continue our discussion on “Healing the Racial Divide,” reflecting on Chapter 6 of Pope Francis’ *Fratelli Tutti: On Fraternity and Social Friendship*. This is an ecumenical . All are welcome.

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.

Reconfirming Our Faith

Awakening 4:

Patience: Believing in a God Out of Sight

Walking creates the path...

How do we stay the course?

Join the discussion:

Saturday, February 19, 2022

1:00 pm

Hybrid – In Person: Grove Street Office Virtually: Zoom



**14th Annual
Urban Parish Spirit Awards**

Thursday, February 24, 2022

6:30 P.M.

Sacred Heart Church

1000 Eliot St. | Detroit, Michigan 48207

(I-75 and Mack Ave.)

*“Celebrating the Spirit
of the Church in the City”*

Presented by:

The Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance’s Urban Parish Coalition
& the Archdiocesan Office for Cultural Ministries

***Due to COVID-19 restrictions the event will be limited to pastors, awardees
and invited guests. All others can view the awards from the Alliance’s
webpage: www.dcpasite.com***

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 Gallesero, 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

February 13, 2022

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

Minister of Service: Pearl Crutcher

Lector: Kathryn Crutcher

MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday	10:00 am	Mass in Church and via Zoom
Tuesday	10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
Wednesday	11:00 am	Lectio Divina via Zoom
Thursday	6:30 pm	Community Meal via Zoom
Saturday	2:00 pm	Ladies of Peter Claver via Conference Call
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



On the Road to Sainthood: Leaders of African Descent

Each Sunday during the month of February, we will celebrate an African-American “saint to be known”:

- February 13 – Servant of God Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange
Presented by: Apryl Voner
- February 20 – Venerable Henriette Delille
Presented by: Mary Radford
- February 27 – Sr. Thea Bowman, FSPA
Presented by: Sandra Horn

For more information on each of these, go to the parish website and scroll down to **Saints To Be Known**.

Save Those Pennies

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

St. Peter Claver Catholic Community

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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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