



Fatalistic Future or Fascinating Formation – What Do You Hear?

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

February 7, 2021 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 7:1-7 & Mark 1:29-39 with 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Job sees his life as an assignment to misery, like the wind never to see happiness. Have you met anyone like Job? Have you felt that way before? Does your night drag on and come to an end without hope? Listen to what Mark has to say!

Jesus touched their mother’s hand and her fever left her. The sick and those possessed with demons were cured and set free. He kept moving to fulfill the purpose for which he came ... to heal, to free and to leave His disciples to do what He did!

Who taught me Jesus’ response to Job’s way of seeing? St. Paul in his letter to the people of Corinth. As the organizers of the Word of Life designed this weekend, they chose Paul’s teaching to be an ideal awareness to heal and free fallen human nature.

“To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak. I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the Gospel, so that I too may have a share in it.” The confirmed are sent to follow the model of Paul.

We are given grace, the grace of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. We are given the cure to the seven capital sins. That’s why we are here at this time, in this place, with our talents to preach the Gospel free of charge always – use words if you need to do so.

Every time I hear someone ask me, “How can they do that? Don’t they know better?” I want to say back, “Your question is the answer. No, they don’t know better.” Then I want to continue with, “Do you want to know why they don’t know?” No one shared in words they can understand - people like them, people like you and me.

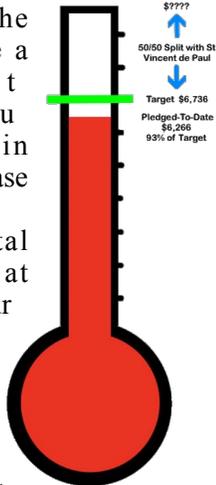
Truth will set us free, so taught Jesus. We have been given the truth of the gospel of joy. We live to love married or unmarried. We know the joy of fidelity. If we lose being faithful, at least we know the guilt and know how to return. Tell the truth!

What’s it like not to know the truth? What’s it like to think this world is all there is? What’s it like to believe money cures and success is salvation? What’s it like never to have met Jesus in the flesh – our flesh? It’s seeing life like Job, inheriting the wind.

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 is at **\$6,266**, or **93%** 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.



Lenten Bible Study On Purpose

Join Fr. John and Jennie Sinatra during Lent for **Bible Study On Purpose**. Discover the significance of each week’s Sunday Mass readings. All sessions will be offered at Marygrove and 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 (**Note: On Ash Wednesday, Eucharist will also be celebrated 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.

Community Virtual Meal via Zoom

The monthly Community Meal will be this Thursday, February 11, at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. The “meal” is sponsored by the Mission Commission and provides an opportunity to connect and share with our neighbors. All are welcome to join in; just go to the parish website at 6:00 p.m.

Consecration to St. Joseph

In this Year of St. Joseph, dedicate your Lent to him, and join the 33-day consecration to meditate on each of St. Joseph’s titles and the graces he can bring to your life. Start your journey on February 15th to consecrate on March 19th, the Feast of St. Joseph. For more information, and to sign up to participate, go to <https://www.unleashthegospel.org/33-day-consecration-to-st-joseph/>.

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 continues. To date, we have raised **\$2,955** from **48 donors**, with 34 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.

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, Vickee Viado, Constance Washington-Daniel, Larry Washington, and relatives of our parishioners

Ministers Schedule

February 14, 2021

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

Minister of Service: Bill Tidwell

Lector: Sandra Horn

Meetings/Events This Week

Sunday	10:00 am	Mass in Church and via Zoom
Monday	6:30 pm	"Discovering Your Gifts" Workshop via Zoom
Tuesday	10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
Wednesday	11:00 am	Lectio Divina via Zoom
	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting via Zoom
Thursday	6:00 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

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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***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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