



**Leap For Joy – Rejoice – Our Gift For Others**  
**Reflection from Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.**

**February 13, 2022 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Jeremiah 17:5-8 & Luke 6:17-26 with 1 Corinthians 15:12-20**

Black History month brings forth the faith of fathers and families that endured the results of systemic slavery. The Gospel speaks of poverty and hunger, weeping and hatred as the condition of the chosen. Do we believe this is true?

Social media is bringing these facts to light. As Jeremiah wrote – we can't trust human beings. It will all end in emptiness and waste like being in a desert, with no hope. The film "Who We Are – The Chronicle of Racism" – it shows how undeniably evil it is.

My response, and I pray to be our response, is the response of St. Paul. Christ is raised from the dead. He is clear as to where his hope comes. It comes from Jesus being raised from the dead. And this faith is the way God brings forth life out of death.

Listen to the vision of hope that comes through Jeremiah and Jesus. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord. They are rooted near water that sustains them through the most challenging of droughts.

The "woes" of Jesus are directed toward the rich and the satisfied, those who enjoy life and receive recognition. Why is this the result of what they have done with their lives? Because they gained at the expense of those left behind.

To heal the effects of sin calls for grace, the grace of the Resurrection. I remember "Resurrection City" in 1963 on the lawn and pool between the Washington Monument and Lincoln's Statue. This was the location for the "I have a Dream" speech.

We are called to be disciples of Jesus. We are called to see as He sees, to speak as He speaks, to act as He acts. We are chosen to leap for joy. Why? Because we know the resurrection has been, is now and will be for those who trust in Jesus.

Let's read the signs of the times. The more there is discouragement the more there is the call to encourage. The more there is fear the more there is the need for love. We are being sent now more than ever to radiate redemptive love, to heal the wounds of division and to invite others to want to be wounded healers.

**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](http://spcccdetroit.org).**

**Support the States Tea**

Our Second Annual Virtual States Tea began in December and runs through February. **To date, \$2,822 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](http://spcccdetroit.org). You can even make your payment on the parish website.

**14<sup>th</sup> Annual Urban Parish Spirit Awards**

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

Thank you to all who submitted nominations, from which a strong consensus emerged. Father will reveal the identity of our recipient at Mass today.

Note that, due to COVID, attendance at the event will be restricted, but will be available via livestream.

**Team and Commission Meetings**

We have a busy week for Team and Commission meetings:

- Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Mission Commission Zoom
- Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Formation Team Parish House
- Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Administration Team Zoom
- Friday 12:00 p.m. Ministry Commission Zoom

**Upcoming focus: LIFE Virtual Retreat**

The next focus: LIFE Virtual Retreat will be held via Zoom on February 22-26. For more information on these life-altering retreats, talk to Fr. John or go to [focuslifeusa.org/focus-life-virtual-retreat](http://focuslifeusa.org/focus-life-virtual-retreat).

***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](http://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 20, 2022**

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

**Minister of Service: Sandra Horn**

**Lector: Larry Rhodes**

**MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Mass in Church and via Zoom</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Mission Commission via Zoom</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Formation Team at PH</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Lectio Divina via Zoom</b>
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Administration Team via Zoom</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Community Peace Circle via Zoom</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Ministry Commission via Zoom</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>ROCC 1.0 at PH and via Zoom</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Mass in Church and via Zoom</b>

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](http://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 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.**

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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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