



What Happens When St. Valentine’s Day & Remembering Leprosy Are On Same Day?

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

February 14, 2021 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leviticus 13:1-46 & Mark 1:40-45 with 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Leprosy is very contagious. There was no cure up until recently. Molokai Hawaii was made famous by the dedication of Fr. Damian, a Belgium priest, who dedicated his life to be with lepers showing compassion and encouraging them as they sought a cure.

His statue is at the Capitol as Hawaii’s State Hero. He touched their lives and eventually caught the disease and died of leprosy. Out of Europe to the other side of the globe. Isn’t it amazing how we have been chosen to belong to such a denomination?

Fast forward to today. We are in the midst of a global pandemic taking millions of people’s lives. Yet I feel sad for people I see with “spiritual leprosy.” They don’t feel the pain and fear of the poor and the people on the margins of society.

Physical leprosy is a skin disease where the nerve endings start to die at the extremities of the body. The blood flow pulls back. Any virus can infect the fingers or toes. They fall off. And eventually all of the skin is invested and the person dies.

We read the Last Judgment – When I was hungry, thirsty, naked, in prison ... you came to my need with water, food, clothing, a visit ... you did it to Me – says Jesus. Isn’t it amazing that we know they are doing it for Jesus?

What does Jesus expect from us? Where are we called to do for God’s Glory, as St. Paul did? To be very direct, what can people who know us imitate as they see what we are doing to be part of the solution to the problems others face?

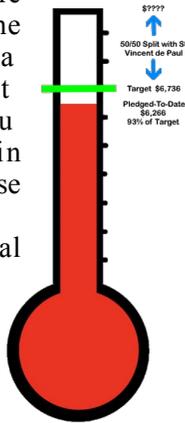
Corporal works of mercy? St. Damian responded. After his lifetime, the work he struggled to make known drew attention and now Leprosy is very contained. Spiritual works of mercy? St. Peter Claver identified with the slaves and brought hope!

Here we are. I call us Apostles of Mary – the Confirmed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Are we amazed that we have been chosen to know this sacrament? As we proceed to sharpen our knowledge of our gifts and talents, let’s look to where we hear people on the margins and lacking what they need. Let’s get ready to respond.

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.



Lent Begins on Wednesday

The solemn season of Lent begins this Wednesday - Ash Wednesday. Due to COVID, those who come to Mass at Marygrove on Wednesday (at 12:00 noon and at 6:30 p.m.) will have ashes sprinkled over their heads, not placed on their foreheads.

The full schedule of Lenten events is included with this bulletin and on the website.

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 with afternoon and evening options.

- Every Wednesday during Lent starting this Wednesday, February 17 - Liturgy at 12:00 p.m. followed by Bible Study on Purpose (*At Marygrove and via Zoom*).
- Every Friday during Lent starting on February 19 - Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. followed by Bible Study on Purpose (*Zoom Only*).

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 **\$3,030** from **50 donors**, with 35 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, Vickee Viado, Constance Washington-Daniel, Larry Washington, and relatives of our parishioners

Ministers Schedule

February 21, 2021

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
Monday	6:30 pm	"Discovering Your Gifts" Workshop via Zoom
Tuesday	10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
Wednesday	12:00 pm	Mass in Church and via Zoom
	12:30 pm	Bible Study On Purpose in Church and via Zoom
	6:30 pm	Mass in Church and via Zoom
Friday	6:00 pm	Stations of the Cross via Zoom
	6:30 pm	Mass 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

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

Parish Office: 13305 Grove St., Detroit, MI 48235
 (313) 342-5292

Church: Marygrove College - Sacred Heart Chapel
 8425 W. McNichols Rd., Detroit, MI 48221

email: parishoffice@spcccdetroit.org

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.

Reverend John Phelps, C.Ss.R., Pastor

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Jennie Sinatra, Formation Director

Stephanie Flounory, Youth & Young Adult Minister

Ronald Galletero, Facilities Manager

Tanda Flounory, Parish Pastoral Council Chair

LaTanya Mahdi, Finance Council Chair

SPCCC Calendar of Events for Lent and Holy Week 2021

Wednesday, February 17, 2021 - Ash Wednesday – at Marygrove & via ZOOM

- Liturgy: 12:00 noon followed by *Bible Study on Purpose _ 1st Sunday of Lent Readings*
- Liturgy: 6:30 pm – Mass Only

Friday, February 19, 2021 – via ZOOM

- Stations of the Cross: 6:00 pm followed by *Bible Study on Purpose_1st Sunday of Lent Readings*

Wednesday, February 24, 2021 – at Marygrove & via Zoom

- Liturgy: 12:00 noon followed by *Bible Study on Purpose _ 2nd Sunday of Lent Readings*

Friday, February 26, 2021 – via ZOOM

- Stations of the Cross: 6:00 pm followed by *Bible Study on Purpose_2nd Sunday of Lent Readings*

Sunday, February 28, 2021 – via ZOOM

- **Black History Program: 2:00 pm - sponsored by Leaders In Motion.**

Wednesday, March 3, 2021 – at Marygrove & via Zoom

- Liturgy: 12:00 noon followed by *Bible Study on Purpose _ 3rd Sunday of Lent Readings*

Friday, March 5, 2021 – via ZOOM

- Stations of the Cross: 6:00 pm followed by *Bible Study on Purpose_3rd Sunday of Lent Readings*

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 – at Marygrove & via Zoom

- Liturgy: 12:00 noon followed by *Bible Study on Purpose _ 4th Sunday of Lent Readings*

Friday, March 12, 2021 – via ZOOM

- Stations of the Cross: 6:00 pm followed by *Bible Study on Purpose _4th Sunday of Lent Readings*

Wednesday, March 17, 2021 – at Marygrove & via Zoom

- Liturgy: 12:00 noon followed by *Bible Study on Purpose _ 5th Sunday of Lent Readings*

Friday, March 19, 2021 – via ZOOM

- Stations of the Cross: 6:00 pm followed by *Bible Study on Purpose_ 5th Sunday of Lent Readings*

Wednesday, March 24, 2021 – at Marygrove & via Zoom

- Liturgy: 12:00 noon followed by *Bible Study on Purpose _ Palm Sunday Readings*

Friday, March 26, 2021 – via ZOOM

- Stations of the Cross: 6:00 pm followed by *Bible Study on Purpose _ Palm Sunday Readings*

Holy Week – at Marygrove & via Zoom

- Sunday, March 28, 2021: 10:00 am - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
- Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021: 7:00 pm
- Good Friday, April 2, 2021: 12:00 noon – Stations of the Cross followed by Good Friday Liturgy
- Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, April 3, 2021: 8:00 pm
- Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021: 10:00 am

Leaders in Motion Presents:

LEGACY OF LEADERS



**A EVENT CELEBRATING THE LEGACIES OF
INSPIRATIONAL PEOPLE IN OUR BLACK
COMMUNITY**

FEBRUARY 28TH 2021

VIA ZOOM (LINK AT [SPCCCDETROIT.ORG](https://spcccdetroit.org))

2:00 PM