



**What Happens When The Earthly Is Redeemed?
Reflection from Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.**

February 20, 2022 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 26:2-23 & Luke 6:27-38 with 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

What happens? We are rewired! Recently I went for my annual check-up. The nurse asked me, "Are you retired?" My immediate response was, "No, I'm rewired!" She looked up with that look on her face that said "I've never heard that before."

Church, I think if we were to live the Word of Life that is given to us today, people would be caught off guard. If we were to explain our attitude toward those who dislike us and actually hate us as wanting to do good to them, people probably call us naïve.

The message crafted by joining the first reading and the Gospel is amazing grace right in front of us. Saul is the King, jealous of David, who is seeking to kill him. David is poised to do so, takes his possessions, goes to the other side and holds up what he did.

Jesus just finished calling the rich, the satisfied, those enjoying this life at the expense of others, to be wrong. And now He teaches the poor, the suffering, those struggling to love them, to do good to them, to be merciful as your Father is merciful.

What? This is not the way we are wired to respond. Look at the struggles we are having globally. Has anything changed in the way countries treat each other? Take our country. Has anything changed in the way the rich and the poor see each other?

St. Paul gives to the Greek converts the understanding of their Baptism and Confirmation where to look for energy to live the message of love. We are human, living on this earth. But we are reborn by the life-giving spirit to be heavenly. Do we believe?

It is impossible many would say. But if it is possible we will always be losers. Did you know a German atheist said that Christianity needs to be stopped? It takes away the drive to be a super powerful person and nation. Remember the Two World Wars?

We are chosen to radiate the message of mercy in the face of meanness. We are called to breathe forgiving to those who don't know what they are doing. Who said that? When did He say it? Both super powers agreed, Jesus needs to be stopped. What happened? He was raised as Christ by the life giving spirit and we are called Christian.

2021 Catholic Services Appeal

We have received pledges of \$6,175, 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 started in December and runs through the end of this month. **To date, \$3,052 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.

Important Meetings This Week

- Monday 7:00 p.m. Administration Team/Stewardship Commission Zoom
- Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Formation Team Zoom
- Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Pastoral Team Zoom

**14th Annual
Urban Parish Spirit Awards**



Congratulations, Pearl Crutcher, the 2022 St. Peter Claver Catholic Community recipient of the Urban Parish Spirit Award. The award ceremony is this Thursday (*see flyer on the next page*). As indicated, attendance is limited (by invitation only). However, we will have a livestream link on the parish website.

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.

The Ministry Commission will collect any used palms Sunday, February 27, 2022. Bring all your palms with you to Mass and place them in the container on the round table in the back of the chapel. This will be the only collection day for used palms.

Songs of Freedom: A Concert of Spirituals and Art Songs

In celebration of Black History Month, the Office of Black Catholic Ministry will present a concert of spirituals and art songs featuring narratives of holy African American women on the path to sainthood, and highlighting African American women composers.

The concert, directed by William Harrison, will be held on Friday, February 25, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Moses the Black Parish (1125 Oakman Blvd.), and live-streamed on the St. Moses the Black Facebook page. There is no charge, although free-will offerings are appreciated.

For more information, call (313) 596-7103.



**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 27, 2022

Celebrant: Rev. David Preuss, O.F.M. Cap.

Minister of Service: Mary Caroline Jonah

Lector: Patricia Woods

MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday	10:00 am	Mass in Church and via Zoom
Monday	7:00 pm	Administration Team/Stewardship Commission via Zoom
Tuesday	10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
	7:00 pm	Vicariate Meeting via Zoom
	7:00 pm	Formation Team via Zoom
Wednesday	9:00 am	Pastoral Team via Zoom
	11:00 am	Lectio Divina via Zoom
Thursday	9:00 am	Staff Meeting at PH
Saturday	11:00 am	Knights of Peter Clever
Sunday	10:00 am	Mass in Church and via Zoom
	2:00 pm	Knights of Peter Clever

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

Next Sunday, we will complete our celebration of the African-American "saints to be known", with Sandra Horn presenting Sr. Thea Bowman, FSPA.

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

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.

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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