



A Clear Conscience Through The Resurrection – What This Means?

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

February 21, 2021 - 1st Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9:8-15 & Mark 1:12-15 with 1 Peter 3:18-22

“Put to death in the flesh ... bring to life in the spirit” – the seed of this truth is planted by the greatest lover – Jesus. He overcame all temptations to stop God’s plan. He stayed true to Life even in when facing Death. When evil wins, it loses in the end.

The message that unfolds for those who search to find it centers on a bond that cannot be broken. This bond is actually stronger for the test than it would be, had it not had to face such resistance, such threat.

A rainbow is the symbol of life after death. The multicolored arc that appeared as the sun broke through the clouds after the flood was a powerful sign of life after death to Noah. The Word of Life records this moment to make the statement “Never again.”

Forty days was given as Noah’s time in the ark. Forty days was given as Jesus’ time in the desert. Forty days for those writing the Word was to say it includes everything – to them the earth was flat. Four corners times 10 means “that’s all there is.”

Jesus withstood “all there is” just as Noah withstood “all there is” – the power of evil did his best to destroy life. But the truth lives after it’s all over, the love of God comes back to life for those who are faithful to the promise – faithful to baptism.

We are living in disturbing times. We are living in the midst of division that is testing the spirit in ways many seem unable to sustain. Not just the pandemic but the way people are together against the other side.

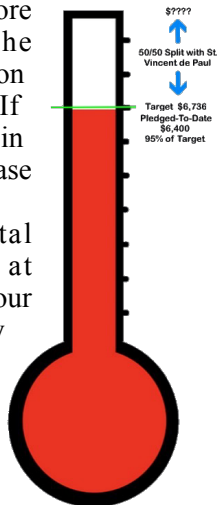
The struggle for healing the hurts and drawing people to love through forgiving is not a new challenge. But it’s new to us who feel the effects of the separation based on whatever wedge has been put into families, friends, strangers, citizens, human beings.

What a perfect moment to understand why we are sent! We have the power of our Tremendous Lover within us the baptized. We have the grace to be signs of hope – rainbows that don’t fade away. Let’s seize the moment to let our joy break open the gift of the Resurrection with a clear conscience saying “I forgive because I want to, Amen!”

2020 Catholic Services Appeal

The 2020 CSA Campaign is nearing its end. Go to www.AOD.org for more information about the CSA, or 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 **\$6,400**, or **95%** 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 with afternoon and evening options.

- Every Wednesday during Lent, with Liturgy at 12:00 p.m. followed by Bible Study on Purpose (*at Marygrove and via Zoom*).
- Every Friday during Lent, with 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. For more information, and to sign up to participate, go to <https://www.unleashthegospel.org/33-day-consecration-to-st-joseph/>.

Black History Month Celebration - Legacy of Leaders


Next Sunday, February 28, at 2:00 p.m., our young Leaders In Motion, will celebrate the contributions of some of the great African-American leaders in our nation’s history. For more information, and to join in, just go to our parish website, spcccdetroit.org, and follow the links to the **Legacy of Leaders**.

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 Virtual States Tea Ends Next Sunday!!

Our first "Virtual" States Tea is in its final week. To date, we have raised **\$3,680** from **57 donors**, with 37 of the donors non-parishioners. If you haven't donated yet, please do so this week. 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.

Ministers Schedule

February 28, 2021

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

Minister of Service: Sandra Horn

Lector: Pearl 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
	7:00 pm	Vicariate Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday	12:00 pm	Mass in Church and via Zoom
	12:30 pm	Bible Study On Purpose in Church and via Zoom
Thursday	7:00 pm	Parish Pastoral Council via Zoom
Friday	6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross via Zoom
	7:00 pm	Bible Study On Purpose via Zoom
Saturday	11:00 am	Knights of Peter Claver via Teleconference
Sunday	10:00 am	Mass in Church and via Zoom
	2:00 pm	Legacy of Leaders via Zoom on the Parish Website
	2:00 pm	Knights of Peter Claver via Teleconference

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

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

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

St. Peter Claver Catholic Community

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(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.

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