



Let's Begin With The End Before Us – Make Sense out of Nonsense!
March 6, 2022 – Dt.26:4-10 & Lk.4:1-13 with Rm.10:8-13 – 1st Sunday of Lent

By Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R. – Pastor

“Word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart!” Paul is writing to the people he had done what he was asking those who believed through him to do themselves. He was calling them to do for those to whom they were sent what he had done for them.

When we reflect on the three temptations of Jesus, I call us to think of those who brought us our faith. It could be our parents, a friend, a preacher or a combination of them all. I see us being called to face our temptations when we share what we received.

Moses is reflecting with his followers what it means to be free, as his prayer life led him to discover. They were oppressed by the slave owners named Egyptians. The Lord, not anyone else, set them free. The Lord is the one to thank and worship.

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit to be tested, tested to let Satan lead them back into slavery. Deception has three faces. First, put our security in what we have. Second, be seduced by people who comfort us. Third, be deceived by people with power.

Our response to temptation is to come from the heart. Be faithful to freedom, the freedom of the Resurrection. We will survive. We will thrive because we have given our heart and soul to the Father Who raised His Son. He is our security, comfort and power.

What we do to have the money we want does not deceive us into thinking we are secure because of what we have. We were shown the way to freedom, the truth of the Resurrection, the life that goes beyond the living. We worship God, not gold.

We enjoy our living, the people and the places where we live and work and have what we like. But we know we are passing through it all with our eyes fixed with Jesus whose heart is open to give us forgiving and who sends us to do the same to others.

We appreciate our leaders. We are involved in doing our best to make sure they are respected. But we know Jesus the Resurrected Christ is our Savior. We keep our balance, doing our best and we thank God Who chose us. He will do the rest.

Let's fast and pray with clean hearts to make sense out of the nonsense we face!

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.**

Support the States Tea

Our Second Annual Virtual States Tea continues. **To date, \$3,497 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.

Lenten/Holy Week Worship Schedule

This holy season provides us a special opportunity to grow closer to Jesus as we reflect on how He suffered and died for us, only to bring eternal hope through His glorious resurrection. Following is a summary of our worship schedule. Details on specific services will be provided when available.

- Every Friday (3/4 - 4/8) Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m.
- Holy Thursday (4/14) Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- Good Friday (4/15) Stations of the Cross at 12:00 noon
Liturgy at 1:00 p.m.
- Holy Saturday (4/16) Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 p.m.
- Easter Sunday (4/17) Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Lent is a time of reconciliation, as we prepare ourselves to receive the graces of Jesus' resurrection. We will have a Reconciliation Service as part of our Mass on March 27. However, keep in mind that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every Sunday for about one-half hour before Mass.

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.

Community Meal

The Community Meal will be held Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 6:30pm. We will be discussing Chapter 7 on Fratelli Tutti and our event in May focusing on ways to Heal the Racial Divide. To join the Zoom call, click on Community Meal in the parish's Virtual Portal!!

Reconfirming Our Faith: *Understanding the Mass.*

Saturday, March 19, 2022, at 1:00 pm
PRESENTERS: SPPCC Formation Team Members
In Person Parish Office: 13305 Grove Street
or Virtual via Zoom:
St. Peter Claver Catholic Community parish website

SPPCC Lenten 2022 Opportunity for Almsgiving:

Fill a *BABY BOTTLE* \$\$\$ (loose change...)
to support COTS at Peggy's Place
(16630 Wyoming St, Detroit, MI 48221)

Please return filled *BABY BOTTLE(s)* \$\$\$
Palm Sunday
April 10, 2022

Save the Date

On **Sunday, April 3**, we will have a **Town Hall Meeting** after Mass to provide updates on the future of our parish, as we prepare to join our Family of Parishes on July 1. We request that all members of the parish participate in this important meeting.

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 Galletero, 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

March 13, 2022

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

Minister of Service: Pearl Crutcher

Lector: Jay Jones

MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday	10:00 am	Mass in Church and via Zoom
Tuesday	10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
	7:00 pm	Formation Team via Zoom
Wednesday	11:00 am	Lectio Divina via Zoom
Thursday	6:30 pm	Community Meal at Loyola
Friday	6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross in Church
Saturday	2:00 pm	Ladies of Peter Claver
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
For the "live" Parish Calendar, go to spcccdetroit.org**

Please contact the parish office if you have input for future bulletins by Tuesday of each week.

If you are interested in learning to publish bulletins and other documents, I welcome you to join our team. You may find enrichment in learning a new skill as you use your talents to advance God's Kingdom.

Save Those Pennies

Bring in your loose coins. Tanda Flounory will collect them for donation to the parish. Thank you to those who donate.

St. Peter Claver Catholic Community

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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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