



**For Christ's Sake – Let's Be Fools  
Reflection from Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.**

**March 7, 2021 - 3rd Sunday of Lent**

**Exodus 20:1-17 & John 2:13-25 with 1 Corinthians 1:22-25**

What is foolishness for Christ sake? What is weakness to fallen human nature? St. Paul is right up front with the political leaders in the Greek world that founded democracy. St. Paul knows what he is promoting is a stumbling block to his culture.

We have before us today the defining message of the power greater than human. Each person at some point in life is called to question: Do I believe in God – in the God Who brings me out of slavery that leads to death or not?

As Catholic Christians we are being called to want to return to face-to-face prayer with each other. We are being encouraged to want to receive the God we love; in Whom we entrust our lives. As the psalmist says, "You have the words of everlasting Life!"

Did you notice how long those who put their faith and trust in anyone or anything lasts? Three to four generations will be the punishment. But to those who entrust their lives to God their way of life is blessed to the thousandth generation?

Jesus challenges His own culture and fellow Jewish leaders of faith. Don't use Our Father's house for any reason but to give praise and glory to God, the One Who set us free from being controlled by any power less than human.

We are coming out of a long year of testing our spirit. The pandemic has been a test for the global world and each of us in it. That's true. But as I reflect upon our time, I see the deeper test is, "Am I now aware of my God more than before?"

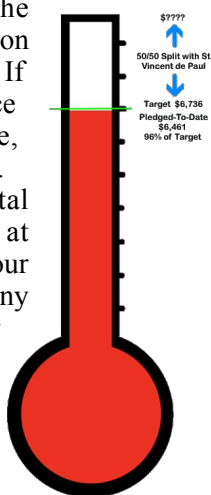
Now I am called to see death leads to life as the Sign that Jesus gives to those He challenged at the beginning of His Public Ministry. And He gives the same sign to us today. Jesus is full of zeal for His Father. He wants his culture and people to be free.

Yes! to the vaccine, to the stimulus package, to "back to school," to jobs, to whatever spells relief. May we say "Amen" to Jesus who gave us the sign of truth – death leads to life and not the other way. Keep our focus on God Whom alone we know, love and serve, as modeled by Marcela and Ron who did their best to be blessings to us.

**2020 Catholic Services Appeal**

The 2020 CSA Campaign is nearing its end. Go to [www.AOD.org](http://www.AOD.org) for more information about the CSA, or make a donation at [www.givecsa.org](http://www.givecsa.org). If you require assistance in making a pledge, please contact Ed Shea.

To date, our total amount pledged is at **\$6,461**, or **96%** 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. **All sessions are via Zoom only!**

- Every Wednesday during Lent, with Liturgy at 12:00 p.m. followed by Bible Study on Purpose.
- Every Friday during Lent, with Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. followed by Bible Study on Purpose.

**Remembering Ron Galletero**

Ron Galletero entered into eternal life last Sunday, February 28. We ask for prayers for Ron, his family, and his many friends. His watchful eye on our parish facilities will be sorely missed. Ron's Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated tomorrow, March 8, at Marygrove and via Zoom, with viewing at 10:00 a.m. and the Mass at 11:00 a.m. In addition, visitation at James Cole Funeral Home on Schaefer Highway will be today from 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., with a Rosary Service at 5:00 p.m.

**Community Meal**

Our monthly Community "Virtual" Meal will be held this Thursday, March 11, at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. Come meet and interact with our neighbors for an enjoyable hour. Join by clicking on the "Virtual Portal" button at the top of our website home page, and then click on the "Community Meal" button.

**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.

### General Dispensation To End

Archbishop Vigneron announced that the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days will expire on Saturday, March 13. In its place, he is granting a number of particular dispensations for the faithful who may find themselves in specific circumstances. For more information, go online at <https://www.aod.org/emergencyresponse>

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

The season of Lent is a time to repent for our sins as we look forward to the resurrection of our Lord at Easter. On Sunday, March 14, Fr. Alex Steinmiller, CP will join Fr. John to hear confessions before and after Mass. Take advantage of this opportunity to allow our merciful God to lighten your burdens through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

### The Virtual States Tea Has Been a Great Success!!

Our first "Virtual" States Tea has raised over **\$4,000**. If you haven't donated yet, just go to our parish website. You can donate on the website, by mail, or by dropping an envelope in the collection basket.

### Camp Sancta Maria

Camp Sancta Maria is honored to have a role in the process of forming young Christian lives. At Camp Sancta Maria, your child will experience 1-2 weeks full of fun, personal growth and spiritual development in a technology free zone. Their time at camp is filled with activities for everyone: horseback riding, swimming, ropes course, sports, arts and crafts and more. But most importantly, their time at CSM balances out the physical activities with a strong spiritual environment, with campers attending daily Mass, praying the angelus and having quiet time to reflect on their relationship with Christ.

To learn more about Camp Sancta Maria or to register, visit [CampSanctaMaria.org](http://CampSanctaMaria.org).

**Reminder: The Ministry Commission will meet Thursday, March 11, at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.**

### 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, 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,

### 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

### Ministers Schedule

**March 14, 2021**

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

**Minister of Service: Bill Tidwell**

**Lector: Kathryn Crutcher**

### Meetings/Events This Week

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| Sunday    | 10:00 am | Mass in Church and via Zoom  |
|           | 3:00 pm  | Ron Galletero Visitation at James Cole Funeral Home<br>(Rosary Service at 5:00 pm) |
| Monday    | 10:00 am | Ron Galletero Funeral in Church<br>(Mass begins at 11:00 am)                       |
| Tuesday   | 10:00 am | St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon   |
| Wednesday | 12:00 pm | Mass via Zoom  |
|           | 12:30 pm | Bible Study On Purpose via Zoom  |
| Thursday  | 2:00 pm  | Ministry Commission via Zoom   |
|           | 6:00 pm  | Community Meal via Zoom  |
| Friday    | 6:30 pm  | Stations of the Cross via Zoom   |
|           | 7:00 pm  | Bible Study On Purpose via Zoom  |
| Saturday  | 2:00 pm  | Ladies of Peter Claver via Conference Call   |
| 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](http://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](http://spcccdetroit.org)**

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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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