



Create A Clean Heart In Me – Free From the Virus Of The Spirit!

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

March 21, 2021 - 5th Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34 & John 12:20-33 with Hebrews 5:7-9

Have you ever heard “God gave the earth to the whole human race for the sustenance of all its members, without excluding or favoring anyone?” A truth that flows from this teaching would be that the right to private property is a secondary natural right.

The virus that I was given the vaccine to be prevented from hurting my heart is a symbol of a deeper virus – a virus of the spirit that has been killing the meaning of the common good. The instinct of self-preservation and security is lower nature’s weakness.

Isn’t this what Jesus is declaring when He says, “Whoever loves his life loses it and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life?” Do we get a sense there’s a higher nature’s strength, the new covenant, written upon our hearts?

The common good that world leaders, including our own Dr. Fauci, are teaching is that it is best for all of us to be vaccinated. If we are going to preserve life from the deadly virus, it is best for all of us to obey.

I keep hearing that more people have died from the pandemic than from so many of the 20th century’s wars. The fear of death is surfacing the importance to obey for the sake of the common good.

I invite us to learn another lesson from the parable of the virus – a vaccine does not kill the virus. It protects us from being killed by the coronavirus. The lesson for us is to do what is for the common good, freeing our hearts of focusing only on our own good.

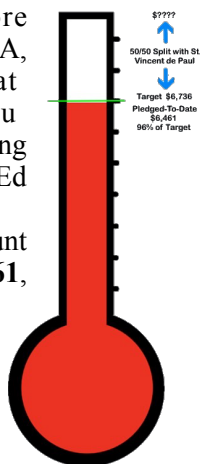
As Jesus said, “The voice is for your sake!” He will be lifted up to draw all people, not just the Jews but the Greeks – the foreigners – to Himself. *Fraternity and Social Friendship* is Pope Francis’ letter where the quote above from Pope St. John Paul II is.

We were confirmed. Our Father created a clean heart in us so we can be sent to draw all to His Son. Like the vaccine will not stop the virus, our breathing forgiveness will not stop prejudice or discrimination. But it will protect our hearts. We will be strong for the sake of the common good from the richest to the poorest to be respected.

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 remains 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.



Holy Week Schedule

Next week is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week, as we remember the passion and death of our Lord, and look forward to His resurrection at Easter. All services will be held at Marygrove and live-streamed via the parish website.

- March 28 10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Mass
- April 1 7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday Mass
- April 2 12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross, followed by the Good Friday Liturgy
- April 3 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass
- April 4 10:00 a.m. Easter Day Mass

Lenten Bible Study On Purpose

This week will be the final sessions of our Lenten *Bible Study On Purpose*. Join Fr. John and Jennie as they unpack the meaning of the readings we will hear on Palm Sunday. The Wednesday session will start with Liturgy at 12:00 p.m., followed by the Bible Study. The Friday session will start with Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Bible Study. Whether you’ve participated in past weeks or not, please join us as we prepare for Holy Week. **Both sessions will be via Zoom only.**

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.

COVID-19 Vaccine Available at Corpus Christi

In conjunction with Henry Ford Health System, Corpus Christi Parish will be a site for COVID vaccinations. The site will be operating for the next two weeks on Tuesdays:

- March 23 – Ages 60+ & 50+ with underlying conditions
- March 30 – Ages 60+ & 50+ with underlying conditions
- Goal is to vaccinate 200 people per day.
- Moderna vaccine being issued.
- 8 consecutive weeks (first and second dose).
- For Detroit residents and registered parishioners.

The phone number to call is: (313) 649-4989. When you call, you will be directed to voicemail to leave your name and number. You will then receive a return call to set up an appointment.

The Virtual States Tea Has Been a Great Success!!

Our first “Virtual” States Tea has raised \$4,433 from 73 donors, including 45 non-parishioners. 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.

Children’s Liturgical Dance

On Easter Sunday, our parish’s Children’s Liturgical Dance Team will make its debut at Mass. This is a wonderful way for our young children to actively participate in worship, while having fun. It’s not too late for you child/grandchild/great-grandchild to join in the Easter celebration. For more information, please contact Stephanie Flounory.

Welcome Back!!

We encourage parishioners to return to the Eucharist, as soon as they feel safe to do so. We continue to livestream Mass for those who are unable to be present. For information regarding Archbishop Vigneron’s guidance on attendance at Mass, go to <https://www.aod.org/emergencyresponse>.

Reminders: The Worship Team will meet Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., and the Ministry Commission will meet Friday, at 2:00 p.m., both 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, Leonard & Ona Wilson

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 28, 2021

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

Minister of Service: Sandra Horn

Lector: Alther Redd

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	Vicariate Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday	12:00 pm	Mass via Zoom
	12:30 pm	Bible Study On Purpose via Zoom
	7:00 pm	Worship Team Meeting via Zoom
Friday	2:00 pm	Ministry Commission via Zoom
	6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross via Zoom
	7:00 pm	Bible Study On Purpose via Zoom
Saturday	11:00 pm	Knights of Peter Claver via Conference Call
Sunday	10:00 am	Mass in Church and via Zoom
	2:00 pm	Knights of Peter Claver via Conference Call

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

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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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