



**To Take The Long View Keeps All In Perspective
Reflection from Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.**

March 28, 2021 - Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-7 and Mark 14:1-15:47 with Philipians 2:6-11

We will hear familiar teaching this week. They deserve repeating to deepen our awareness. There is something about “ole time religion” that so often seems “right on time.” Two come to mind – “nothing will take away our joy” and “Remember Me.”

The first readings this week are from Isaiah, four Suffering Servant prophecies. The Gospel will be proclaimed twice. It is the actual living of the predictions of the saga of redemptive love. I invite us to take the long view and to put our lives in perspective.

“A well trained tongue” and the clear directions given for the Last Supper tells us Jesus is well aware of the world’s way to control life. He wants us to be aware so we are not taken by surprise. Suffering and death is our fallen way. Jesus understands.

“Open my ear” and pray to listen attentively. Jesus shows us how to listen in the Garden, so different from Adam. He feels the fallen nature of his body. He turns His attention to His Father. He sweats drops of blood, ready for the fight with evil to the end.

“Have not rebelled” and the way of the cross is finished. No one will stop Jesus from forgiving. This grace is the redemptive energy of our Tremendous Lover. He has His eyes on the prize of the Resurrection and He wants us to remember – Let’s Do It!!

“Lord is my help” and “Truly You are the Son of God” – the Roman Soldier knew. Mary received her Son in her lap. She felt the sorrow and the loss. It didn’t have to be this way, if only we would have obeyed. But the end is not the end – let’s wait.

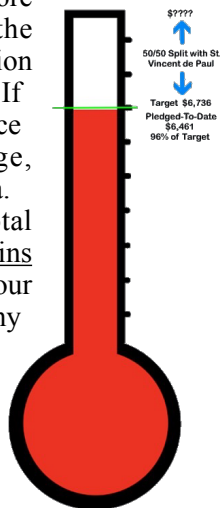
Paul will show what community makes possible in his teaching of Jesus emptying Himself. Paul wants to do the same - to empty ourselves for the sake of those to whom we are sent. Keep perspective – in the end we will rise and give God the Glory.

We are chosen to know Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread and in the opening of the Scriptures. We know tested joy by suffering, hope by despair, love by fear, faith by doubt. I pray this week called Holy deepens us to listen and to speak what we hear; to finish what He sends us to do. For Jesus – You are truly the Son of God – We Remembered!

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

Today is 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.

- 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

Lectio Divina Is Back!!

The Ministers of Service will resume the weekly practice of Lectio Divina, which means “Divine Prayer,” this Wednesday, March 31, at 11:00 a.m. Future weeks will return to 1:00 p.m. All are invited to participate. Go to the “Virtual Portal” on the parish website and click on “Lectio Divina.”

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>.

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.



Holy Saturday...a day of silence, stillness, and contemplation.
A day to reflect on the past and look ahead with hope.

Take time on this special day of the Triduum to enter into the mystery of Christ's death and the time of waiting that preceded his resurrection. This morning of reflection will include guided meditation, reflections, and opportunities for personal prayer and group sharing.

There is no cost to participate, and all are welcome!
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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, Vickee Viado, Constance Washington-Daniel, Larry Washington, and relatives of our parishioners

Holy Week Ministers Schedule

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

April 1, 2021

Minister of Service: Bill Tidwell

Lector: Kathryn Crutcher

April 2, 2021

Minister of Service: Alan Flounory

Lector: Mary Caroline Jonah

April 3, 2021

Minister of Service: Mary Caroline Jonah

Lectors: Alther Redd, Bill Tidwell,

Patricia Woods, Jeff Flounory

April 4, 2021

Minister of Service: Pearl Crutcher

Lector: Kathryn Crutcher

Meetings/Events This Week

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| Sunday | 10:00 am | Mass in Church and via Zoom |
| | 2:00 pm | Knights of Peter Claver via Conference Call |
| Tuesday | 10:00 am | St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon |
| Wednesday | 11:00 am | Lectio Divina via Zoom |
| Thursday | 7:00 pm | Mass in Church and via Zoom |
| Friday | 12:00 pm | Stations of the Cross in Church and via Zoom |
| | 1:00 pm | Good Friday Liturgy in Church and via Zoom |
| Saturday | 8:00 pm | Easter Vigil Mass in Church and via Zoom |
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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

St. Peter Claver Catholic Community

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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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