



Sizzle Is Not Substance – Do We Want to Know How To Manage Life Through Death?

Palm Sunday - Is.50:4-7 & Lk.22:14-2:56 with Ph.2:6-11 – April 10, 2022

By Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R. – Pastor

Sunday is the Sizzle – parade, fanfare, popular – lots of people are festive and full of fun and laughter. I doubt if they knew what would happen in the coming week. But the One in the center knew. He knew He was to face His Time, His Moment of Truth.

Friday is the Substance – last meal, trial, crucifixion – few people will cry and mourn tearfully. Two or three will be there at the end of the week. The ones chosen to listen would understand. It had to be this way. This is the Way to Life out of death.

Knowing the story and its meaning doesn't make the journey any easier. The four Suffering Servant Psalms are real. A well-trained tongue speaks to the weary as it asks, "My God, my God, why have You abandoned Me?"

Wars and rumors of wars are happening. In the midst of celebrating, we hear of the loss. Those old enough to remember Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke the night before he was killed. "Longevity has its place, but I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's Will..."

How do we manage the highs of celebration and the lows of crucifixion? How did Mary keep herself centered? She knew what St. Paul would write in prison. She knew He was God and did not cling to being God. He emptied Himself. He did so freely.

Life was not about Him. He was about Life. He had His eyes on the prize as He endured the pain. His joy was not controlled by popularity, prestige or power. His prayer was not His will to be done. He prayed for grace to do what the One sending asked.

He appreciated being thanked and recognized. It was comforting but fleeting. He focused on His community – those who want to be faithful during the good times and the bad, when healthy or sick, till death leads to life. It's a marriage made in heaven.

Why does it have to be this way? Each day of this week we call "Holy" explains for those who have ears to hear. Listen to the Master's last week's lesson as He leaves. Take time. Pray for grace to have Jesus' attitude to know why it is this way. May it give us the vision to see how to manage through death to life together with His Mother, Mary.

PARISH TOWN HALL - APRIL 3, 2022

- Fr. John, along with parish leadership hosted the Town Hall to update parishioners on the status of the parish and to prepare for entry into our family of parishes on July 1, 2022. The hand-outs from the Town Hall are available via the parish web site. If you have any questions, or are interested in joining one of our commissions, you can talk with Father, a staff member, or a member of parish leadership, or you can send a note using the **CONTACT US** button provided on the web site.

Catholic Relief Service

We have collected over \$400. Thanks to all who contributed.

Catholic Service Appeal (CSA)

Please contact the parish office if you have not contributed yet. Each gift is of equal importance. Give what you can afford.

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 for Holy Week. Details on specific services will be provided when available.

- 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.

Please pray for Tayleir Lewis who will be baptized and receive First Holy Communion at our Easter Vigil. We also pray for and thank her sponsor, Gwen Cook, who has faithfully walked with Tayleir.

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.

FAMILIES OF PARISHES

A Family of Parishes is a grouping of three or more parishes that collaborate in deeper and more intentional ways than parishes have ever done before. Each parish in a Family will retain its own unique identity, similar to how each sibling has his or her own unique role in the family.

TRINITY VICARIATE FAMILY 2

Wave 2 - July 1, 2022

Christ the King Parish, Detroit
St. Charles Lwanga Parish, Detroit
St. Moses the Black Parish, Detroit
St. Peter Claver Parish, Detroit
St. Suzanne/Our Lady Gate of Heaven

Stephanie Flounory is seeking donations for assembling gift baskets. Next week there will be an Easter Egg Hunt hosted by the Leaders in Motion. We are seeking 2 dozen colored eggs and 2 dozen candy filled eggs. Afterwards we're hosting a small Brunch at the Parish House. For any donations please contact Tanda Flounory,

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 Gallesero, Tequilla Garrett, 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 April 17, 2022

Celebrant: Rev. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.
Minister of Service: Bill Tidwell
Lector: Arianna Caderao

MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS HOLY WEEK

Sunday 10:00 am Mass in church and via Zoom
Tuesday 10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
Wednesday 11:00 am. Lectio Divina via Zoom
Thursday 6:30 pm Holy Thursday Liturgy in church and via Zoom
Friday 12:00 pm Stations of the Cross followed by Good Friday Liturgy in church and via Zoom
Saturday 7:00 pm Holy Saturday Easter Vigil in church and via Zoom
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

SPCCC 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

Save Those Pennies

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

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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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