



Fear Caught in Misery – Love Sends us to be Merciful
April 24, 2022 – Ac.5:12-16 & Jn.20:19-31 with Rev.1:9-19 – Divine Mercy Sunday
Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R. - Pastor

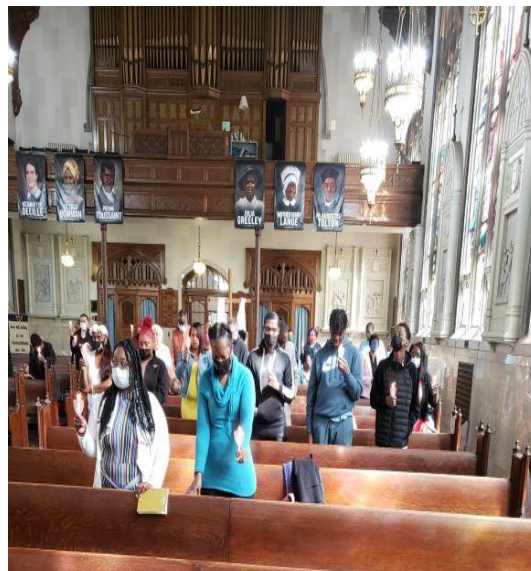
When we only listen to what is said, we can easily miss its full meaning and the message that frees us. Take the title “Doubting Thomas.” What would happen if we all heard that Thomas, the Twin, is the Fearless Apostle?

“Don’t be afraid” is the message given to John the Apostle when he found himself in exile in Patmos. It is the message given over and over again to those caught grieving over the death of Jesus. They could not believe Jesus is now Christ Resurrected! Let us step back for a minute. Jesus appears to the Ten! Two other apostles are not there. Where are they? One took his own life – Judas – which is why Friday the 13th is called “unlucky”. The other is Thomas called the twin. Where is he. Twin to whom?

Thomas is the only apostle, when Jesus said after Lazarus was raised from the dead, “Let’s go to Jerusalem and die with Him.” I suggest Thomas is the Twin of Jesus, His soulmate so to speak. Thomas alone believed without seeing and was fearless. The other ten apostles to whom Jesus appeared stayed locked up in fear for their life. After they saw Jesus? Still afraid? Did they believe what they saw? Thomas, who knew Jesus would keep His nail marks and His open side, said he would touch Jesus?

Their fear created Thomas’ doubt – still afraid after Jesus appeared to them. The message inside the message is fear creates doubt. Jesus turns death into life. Afraid due to physical, mental, or spiritual events? Focus our hearts on His Open Heart! The power to forgive removes all fear, heals our souls, and brings peace to the minds. Such power healed the sick then. It can do so now. Be fearless. Call doubt what it is – a temptation. Know the will of our Resurrected Redeemer is being done. He is full of mercy. He has a heart for the misers and the miserable. He wants to forgive both.

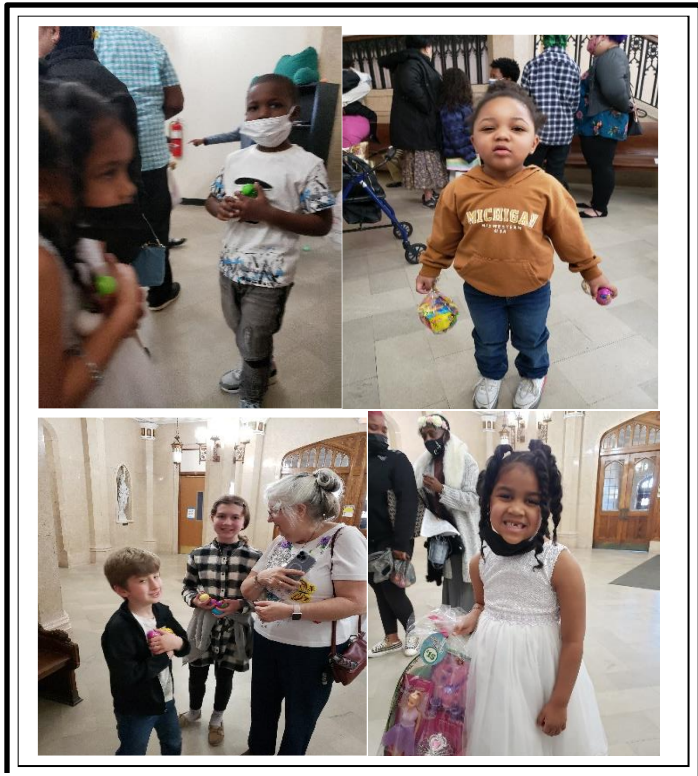
When I look at our world with all its violence, when I listen to others afraid ... doubtful, I thank Christ for setting Thomas free of his doubt. I thank Mary for turning the Upper Room into a Sending Room on Pentecost! Turn doubt into thanksgiving. Be sent!



**The
SPCCC
Family
witnessed
and
welcomed
Tayleir
Lewis in
Baptism
and Holy
Eucharist.**

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.



Happy Easter-Egg Hunters

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.

Save Those Pennies

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

***Eucharistic Heart of Jesus
Intercessory Prayer Team***

Beverly Alessio, Inez (Retinella) Alls, Florine Anderson, Alberta Asmar, Sylvia Baker, Warren Bridges, Donald Carter, Michael Clarence Carter, Johnnie Davis, Peggy Endlein, David Galletero, 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

MEETINGS / EVENTS April 24th to April 30th

Sunday	10:00 am	Mass	at Marygrove and via Zoom
	2:00 pm	Knights of Peter Claver	
Monday	7:00 pm	Financial Council	TBD
Tuesday	10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul	at Mt. Lebanon
	7:00 pm	Formation Team	Parish House
	7:00 pm	Vicariate Meeting	via Zoom
Wednesday	11:00 am.	Lectio Divina	via Zoom
Friday	9:30 am	Staff Meeting	Parish House
	12:00 pm	Ministry Commission	via Zoom
Saturday	1:00 pm	ROCC Hybrid Grove + Zoom	
Sunday	10:00 am	Mass at Marygrove and + 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**

MINISTERS SCHEDULE May 1, 2022

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

Minister of Service: Alan Flounory

Lector: Patricia Woods

DETROIT — The Malta Dental and Medical Clinic has been cleaning teeth and mitigating pain on Woodward Avenue since moving into Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan's Center for the Works of Mercy last year. Now, it's helping people see.

The Malta Eye Clinic is the newest addition to the nonprofit's continuum of care provided at the center, located at 8642 Woodward Ave. in Detroit. The optometry clinic will operate every fourth Tuesday of the month on the first floor of the building, offering free eye care for low-income clients.

visit <https://maltaclinic.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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