



# St. Peter Claver Catholic Community



## By His Wounds we have been Healed – Why Us? April 30, 2023 – Ac.2:14-41 & Jn.10:1-10 with 1 Pt.2:20-25 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter By Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R. – Priest in Solidum

Why are we chosen? Jesus takes all kinds of positions. He is at once the Shepherd and the Gate. We who have heard Psalm 23 know that the “Lord is my shepherd. There is nothing I shall want.” No fear, dark valley or evil, we dwell with Lord.

Our God is an awesome God. He wants us to live just and peaceful lives. For this purpose, God sends grace in all shapes and sizes. God knows there are thieves and robbers. God knows corruption. But it doesn't stop God from loving us and choosing us.

When we hear we have been part of the problem, are we able to change? If we say yes, then we are asking for grace to be healed of the hurts we caused, and the hurts done against us. We are chosen to hear His voice and follow Him.

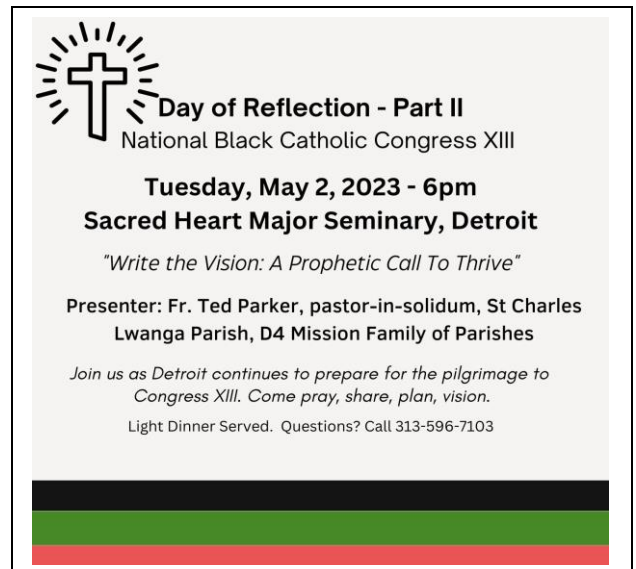
Why were we chosen to follow Christ's example? Why were we chosen to be insulted and not to be insulting? Why were we chosen to suffer but not to offer threats? Do we know why? Because Jesus wants us to follow Him. Is this not amazing grace?

We as a Catholic Community believe like Pope Francis we are to “bear fruit not in discrimination, hatred and violence but in respect for the sacredness of life, respect for the dignity and freedom of others, for living commitment to the welfare of all.”

We are to heal others as we ourselves have heard Jesus' voice and have been healed ourselves. It's not like we are naïve about the world of division and separation that surrounds us. We do not think we will overcome all these forms of exclusion.

We just want to shine forth as a community that listens to the voice of the One Who set us free. We want to go where we are sent to shine with friendship and fellowship in our hearts. We may not change others, but others will not change us.

We know that our God loves diversity and variety. We know each of us is to be our best as we offer others the gift of the Holy Spirit that we have received. We breathe forgiving as we ask forgiveness. Everyone who hears this word and wants to respond in your own way, we want you to know we support you and ask you to support us.



### 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.

**MEETINGS / EVENTS April 30th to May 7th**



**VATICAN CITY (CNS)** — The life and ministry of the Catholic Church is enriched by listening to everyone, especially those who are often excluded by society, and by including their experiences and perspectives, Pope Francis said.

- Sunday** April 30th 10:00 am Mass at MC and via Zoom  
**Family and Friends Sunday**  
 Celebrant: Fr. John Phelps Priest in Solidum  
 Minister of Service: Bill Tidwell  
 Lector: Arianna Caderao
- Monday** 6:00 pm Diaconate Ministry  
 6:00 pm Ministers of Service PH
- Tuesday** 10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon  
 14400 Puritan St. Detroit 48227  
 7:30 pm Mission Commission Meeting  
 PH and via Zoom
- Wednesday** 11:00 am Lectio Divina via Zoom
- Thursday** 7:00 pm Formation Team Rehearsal
- Saturday** 1:00 pm Reclaiming our Faith Meeting (PH)
- Sunday** May 7th 10:00 am Mass at MC and via Zoom  
 Celebrant: Fr. John Phelps Priest in Solidum  
 Minister of Service: Alan Flounory  
 Lector: Aurelia Smith

Legend: PH=Parish House; MC=Marygrove College

We are actively seeking singers to join the choir. You may reach out to Music Minister Christopher Kendall at: [cmkendall@spcccdetroit.org](mailto:cmkendall@spcccdetroit.org) if interested.

**CSA Final Report**

**Pledged \$7190.00**

**Received \$7557.00**

**Refund \$ 367.00**

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

Beverly Alessio, Inez (Retinella) Alls, Florine Anderson, Alberta Asmar, Sylvia Baker, Mr./Mrs. Ulysses Banks, Warren Bridges, Donald 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, Alther Redd 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,

**St. Peter Claver Catholic Community**

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 8424 W. McNichols Rd. Detroit, MI 48221

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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 by Appointment

Parish Office Hours: Monday thru Friday, 10 am-2 pm  
 After hours please contact the Administrative Coordinator  
 Patricia Woods at (313) 342-5292

**Reverend John Phelps, Priest in Solidum**

**Chris Kendall, Engagement Coordinator / Music Director**  
**Patricia Woods, Administrative Coordinator**

**Team Captains:**

Evangelization: Ed Shea

Formation, Mary Radford

Administration, Jeff Flounory

Commission Chairs:

Mission Commission, Tanda Flounory

Ministry Commission, Pearl Crutcher {Interim}

Stewardship, Clarence Watts

Elders Counsel, Larry and Willetta Rhodes