



Stone Rejected by the Builders Becomes Cornerstone
5th Sunday – Ac.6:1-7 & Jn.14:1-12 with 1Pet.2:4-9 – May 7, 2023
By Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R. – Priest in Solidum

Looking at our situation in life through the insights of Mary, our Mother, is to see and know in ways that would not come naturally to us. It's the kind of wisdom found by those who want to understand "why" as most are looking to "how" – how to fix it.

The message from the Word of Life today is to listen to those being rejected by those in control is to open the windows past death into Life after the Resurrection. Look at life free from being controlled by death and we will see and know, as Jesus did.

Jesus shared His way of seeing as John wrote for us to receive. After 3 years being together, Jesus said they know the Way as they have seen the Father. Thomas said they didn't know the way. Philip followed, saying they hadn't seen the Father.

Jesus tells it straight. Jesus is the Way out of the slavery to death through sin. This is the Truth that sets us free knowing that Love Includes Forgiving Everyone. This is the Life that will flow from My pierced heart to heal a wounded world.

My coming has been gradually revealed by my Father choosing to open you to understand beginning with Abram, the father of many nations, named Abraham to my foster father, Joseph. My mother conceived me through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Peter and the other 11 Apostles chose men called Deacons to ensure those rejected by some would be treated respectfully by their needs being met. This is such a clear teaching that Peter came to discover as he reflected upon Jesus being rejected.

In fact, rejection is the way to find the cornerstone upon which to build the Church born of Mary our Mother. Jesus the Christ is the cornerstone and we the baptized or living stones developed for the honor and glory of Father, Son, Spirit!

May we celebrate our call to be part of the "chosen race, the royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of His own, called out of darkness into his wonderful light." May we be grateful for our Confirmation when we were chosen and received the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth!



Thanks to Chris Kendall and all who helped make Family and Friends Sunday such a lovely experience.

Fr. John's message was enriching and powerful as usual.

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.



Pope Francis greets Metropolitan Anthony of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Department for External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate of the Russian Orthodox Church during the weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican, May 3, 2023.
 Vatican Media/Handout via
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We are actively seeking singers to join the choir. You may reach out to Music Minister Christopher Kendall at:
cmkendall@spcccdetroit.org if interested.

***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,

MEETINGS / EVENTS May 7th to May 14th

- 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
- Tuesday** 10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
 14400 Puritan St. Detroit 48227
 7:00 pm Formation Team Meeting (Zoom)
- Wednesday** 11:00 am Lectio Divina via Zoom
 6:00 pm Evangelizaion Team Meeting
- Saturday** 2:00 pm Ladies of Peter Claver PH on Grove St.
- Sunday** May 14th 10:00 am Mass at MC and via Zoom
 Celebrant: Fr. John Phelps Priest in Solidum
 Minister of Service: Mary Caroline Jonah
 Lector: Jay Jones

Legend: PH=Parish House; MC=Marygrove College Church refers to the Sacred Heart Chapel at Marygrove



St. Peter Claver Catholic Community

*Parish Office: 13305 Grove St., Detroit, MI 48235
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*Church Location: Marygrove College-Sacred Heart Chalel
 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*

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Mission Commission, Tanda Flounory

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