



Ascension

Are We Empty for the Holy Spirit to Fill Us?

Ascension – Ac.1:1-11 and Mt.28:16-20 with Eph.1:17-23 – May 21, 2023

Christ is His Name with the resurrection. Our name is Theophilus – “friend of God.” The insight we are given by Luke who names us in Acts is the second of three words that mean love – Eros (feeling) to Philus (meaning) to Agape (Kairos)

The Ascension of Jesus the Christ – living in the flesh and life in the spirit – is the celebration of the beginning of the birthing of the Church – through Mary. The process is to ready fallen human nature to be emptied as we gradually are filled by the Holy Spirit.

To appreciate this Kairos experience can be helped by knowing the meaning of Kairos. It means time with a profound meaning. Kronos is clock-time. Kairos is eternity-time. Kronos time is past-present-future. Kairos time is romance-disillusionment-joy.

Enjoy – lose any sense of Kronos that will at some time end in death. Rejoice and let the moment fill us with love beyond words. Some name is Ecstasy. The book written about the artist Michelangelo is called The Agony and the Ecstasy.

As ecstasy matures, it brings wisdom that shows how all that happened in the flesh fits together “resulting in knowledge of Christ” as Paul reveals to us in his letter to the Ephesians. This is when our heart has eyes enlightened to know what hope is!

I am away on a very special retreat. There are 18 to 20 of us on what we call our Advanced Leadership Retreat. Those of us who can stop Kronos time to be ready for a Kairos moment are dedicating this weekend to our name – “Friends of God” Theophili.

We will be reflecting on 50 years of focus LIFE Retreats (over 250) and Parish Missions and More (over 300) and 7 Women Bridging Change and 2 Men Bridging Change along with our work as Life Directions in 58 public high schools in 6 cities.

I will be remembering you, looking forward to Pentecost on May 28, Memorial Weekend in our country. We will be invited to discern – find the meaning of our journey that opened us to find the cause of violence and to be given the cure of peace-making.

As you read these reflections, we will be on our last day when we pray to be sent to be wounded healers – sharing why suffering must be the path to joy without end.

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION



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: Share the Gospel with Zeal Like St. Francis Xavier

“The Ascension of the Lord, which we will celebrate, invites us to look at the moment in which Jesus, before ascending to heaven, entrusts to the Apostles the mandate to bring his message of salvation to the ends of the earth,” the Pope said.

“Dear young people ... accept Christ's missionary mandate and commit yourselves to put your enthusiasm at the service of the Gospel. You, dear sick and elderly, live united with the Lord in the certainty that you are making a valuable contribution to the growth of the Kingdom of God in the world. And you, dear newlyweds, make sure that your families are places where you learn to love God and be his witnesses in joy.”

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 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, Alther Redd Romaine Redd, Flossie Ryles, 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 May 21st to May 28th

- Sunday** May 21st 10:00 am Mass at MC and via Zoom
Celebrant: Fr. Anthony
Minister of Service: Pearl Crutcher
Lector: Kathryn Crutcher
- Monday** 11:30 am Staff Meeting
- Tuesday** 10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
14400 Puritan St. Detroit 48227
- Wednesday** 11:00 am Lectio Divina via Zoom
- Saturday** 11:00 am Knights of Peter Claver TBD
- Sunday** May 28th 10:00 am Mass at MC and via Zoom
Celebrant: Fr. John Phelps Priest in Solidum
Minister of Service: Bill Tidwell
Lector: Jay Jones

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

Retreat for Urban Parishes (June 2-4, 2023)

Friday, Jun 2, 2023

Time: 5:00pm – 12:30pm

**To register for this retreat,
Click the “Register” button at the
end of the page
or Call the Office at 248-644-4933
Ext. 0**

St. Peter Claver Catholic Community

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*Church Location: Marygrove College-Sacred Heart Chalel
8424 W. McNichols Rd. Detroit, MI 48221*

Email parishoffice@spcccdetroit.org

*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