



**The Unfolding Of The Truth – God Knows What He’s Doing
Reflection from Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.**

May 23, 2021 - Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11 & John 15:26-27; 16:12-15 with 1 Corinthians 12:3-13

Happy Anniversary of the birthday of the Chosen. The first disciples were chosen from their fellow men and women. Jesus gave them a three-year formation process. He entrusted His Way to the Truth to us.

We are followers of the Apostles who were sent to share the life entrusted to them in the Breaking of the Bread and in the Blessing Cup. We are chosen, each of us, to respond, with our sponsors, having received the seven-fold gift of Confirmation.

The message we are sent to bring into our everyday life is what Jesus did, when He redeemed us. Jesus gave us a way to understand our human condition that is absolutely revolutionary - the most positive meaning of the word – Revolution.

The power of Pentecost is found in tongues of fire that speak in all the languages and cultures of the people. Christians are among all 5,000 languages, all cultures and ethnic communities. And all have One Message – One Body – One Proclamation.

To speak of the revolution needs to see how it is done peacefully. We need to do what we say before we speak. Jesus lived 30 years before He spoke. God loved the world and gave His Son to love us. He healed then spoke and forgave as He spoke.

Some of what He said is written down. We know His Words as we listen and share the Gospels. He fulfilled the revealed truth given to the Jews to write – the Old Testament preparing us to understand what Jesus did and said.

Paul’s letter today, like all the Apostles’ letters and works, are written for the chosen as they are entrusted to bring the Word to Life among each relationship. We are chosen to bring alive the message. We are given the seven-fold gift of Confirmation, nourished by the Bread of Life and the Cup of Blessing, to do the message!

But we want to do what we say. We want to have the grace of the Resurrection to be faithful to the Revolution of Hope that our Faith makes possible. What we do can be believed by others. They see we mean it – to heal, to forgive, to love! Let’s Rejoice!

Temporary Relocation

Beginning on May 31 and running through June 30, the Marygrove Conservancy, which manages the Marygrove campus, will be upgrading the fire suppression system and performing other maintenance activities here in the church. Accordingly, for all liturgical functions during June, we will utilize a temporary space in the Madame Cadillac Building, which is the building to your left as you exit this building.

More information, including handicap access and parking availability, will be provided next week. We appreciate the Conservancy’s efforts to ensure our worship is not interrupted, and we request your patience.

COVID-19 Protocols

This week, based on revised COVID protocol recommendations from both the Centers for Disease Control and the Michigan Governor’s Office, the Archbishop of Detroit issued a letter to the faithful which approved the relaxation of certain liturgical protocols by parishes, including

- Fully vaccinated individuals no longer are required to wear face masks in church or to maintain social distancing.
- Anyone who is not fully vaccinated must continue to wear a face mask and maintain social distancing in church.
- The sign of peace can resume in a manner that respects each person’s decision as to how widely to share the sign of peace.

The AOD continues to recognize that each parish and each individual has unique issues and concerns, and every attempt should be made to respect these. However, we do want to stress that concern is for both the individual and for the common good. The parish is not responsible to verify that someone has been vaccinated. Accordingly, if you have not been fully vaccinated, please follow the protocols regardless of how you feel about them - and please make every effort to get vaccinated.

Copies of the Archbishop’s letter are available in the rear of the church, and the letter is posted on the parish website. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please see or call Ed or Jennie.

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.

Pentecost Voice

The Holy Spirit, who came on Pentecost, gave voice to the apostles to proclaim the truth of the Gospel. The Spirit, the Soul of the Church, continues to enable the Church to speak, and enables us to speak in our individual capacity. As Cardinal Elio Sgreccia, former President of the Vatican's Pontifical Academy for Life has said, "The Church must speak out in today's context on fundamental rights, the right to justice, the right to peace, but above all and in the first place, the right to life. If the Church did not speak, did not proclaim the truth, it would be abandoning its duty; it would be unfaithful to society, to the good of society. Therefore, its precise duty is the very liberty to intervene with word, and also with example -- the example of promoting human life, of intervening for the salvation of mankind."

St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center
One Day Retreat for Men & Women
Saturday, June 5
10 am to 6 pm
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say...

Take a few hours to lay your burdens down and experience the renewal only Christ can give.

- Enjoy the beauty of the retreat center at this in-person event
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- Time for quiet personal reflection as well as group sharing and prayer
- Ideal for couples or individuals
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Questions? Contact Cathy at cadamk@stpaulretreat.org or (313)286-2800.

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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, Ara Grier, Sandra Griffin, Karen Hickman, Myrtis Hildebrandt, Jacqueline Johnson, Bobbie Lewis, Addison Martin, Augusta Martin, Dorothy (Vicki) Martin, Charles Nelson, Joan S. Noland, Nancy Oberhausen, Grady & Celestine Parker, Fred & Villa Ray, Romaine Redd, Flossie Ryles, Jeanne Schuldt, Irene Scott, Gussie Seay, Augusta Starks, Mary Tyler, Christine Versele, Helen Wajda, Anna Washington, Lillie Washington, Carmel Weems, Leonard & Ona Wilson

Also, Please Remember in Prayer:

Wayne Bradley, Olivia Boulden, Christopher Durant, Rochelle Evans, 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, and relatives of our parishioners

Ministers Schedule

May 30, 2021

Celebrant: Rev. Alex Steinmiller, C.P.
Minister of Service: Mary Caroline Jonah
Lector: Bill Tidwell

Meetings/Events This Week

Sunday	10:00 am	Mass in Church and via Zoom
	2:00 pm	Knights of Peter Claver
Tuesday	10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
	7:00 pm	Vicariate Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday	11:00 am	Lectio Divina via Zoom
Saturday	12:00 am	Mentor Coaching Meeting 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

Sacramental Preparation

Are you, or someone you know, interested in joining the Catholic Church or receiving one of the sacraments? Please contact Jennie Sinatra at the Parish Office.

Collection Results

We continue to rely on your support. Please send your weekly donation to the Parish Office. Or you may want to consider online giving. It's convenient, secure, and totally in your control!

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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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