



**The Body of Christ – Calls Us To Be Deliberate
Reflection from Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.
June 6, 2021 - Corpus Christi Sunday
Exodus 24:3-8 & Mark 14:12-26 with Hebrews 9:11-15**

In American History our nation remembers the day we landed on the beaches of “Normandy.” The objective was to cleanse Europe of the dictator – Hitler – and to end the war. Many people lost their lives for the cause of saving our country.

In Salvation History our faith community remembers the day Jesus took bread and wine into His hands. He blessed it, broke it and gave it to His disciples – “Take and eat. Take and drink – This is My Body and Blood.” Thus the journey of peace began.

When I reflected upon the Word of Life for our celebration, I heard a message for our time. The people responded to Moses “we will heed and do.” They were emotional and spirit-filled. Jesus spoke very deliberately. The twelve responded by receiving.

What I hear is the contrast - the radical difference between human and divine history. We believe in eliminating enemies to save those we love. Jesus reveals a call to believe by loving our enemies all who respond will be saved by this Tremendous Lover.

Our world gradually moves from keeping our distance from each other. St. Paul’s teaching is calling us to cleanse our conscience of dead works through Christ’s blood shed for both sides of every conflict. We have the Bread of Life to empower us to do so.

I encourage us to take the message we have heard before and say “Amen.” I ask us all to be spirit-filled and deliberate – “We will heed and do.” I’m looking at the climate of division in our communities. Let’s listen with cleansed consciences. Let’s be different.

This Friday and Saturday are the feasts of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I invite us to want to find ways to find common ground with those who seem to be so opposed to us. Let’s listen with compassion.

Pray for the creativity of our vicariate’s lay leadership that will meet Wednesday evening. The parish representatives of Wave Two group will look at a practical way to engage people of good will to respond to a specific division in our society. Pray for our Mission Commission that will plan an activity to engage our youth and young adults.

Temporary Relocation

Welcome to our new “temporary” church. While the Marygrove Conservancy is upgrading the fire suppression system and performing other maintenance activities in the Sacred Heart Chapel, we will celebrate liturgy here in Madame Cadillac Hall. We expect to return to the main church in July. Updates will be provided on the parish website.

Help Needed - Donate Your Time and Talent

As we begin to resume more normal activities, we are likely to experience weeks when no one is available to livestream the Sunday Mass. Accordingly, we are seeking one or more individuals who might be willing to donate their time and talent to this activity. All that’s required are a laptop and a comfort level using it. The webcam and other components will be provided. If you or someone you know is willing to share time and talent to this ministry, please contact Ed Shea. The first Sunday that we may need someone is June 13 - next Sunday. If we cannot livestream a Mass, we will put a notification on the parish website.

COVID-19 Protocols

We continue to follow the Archdiocese’s recommendations regarding COVID-19 protocols, 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.

We recognize each individual’s decision on these matters. Please respect others by wearing a mask if you are not fully vaccinated, and by maintaining social distancing when someone is wearing a mask or indicates a desire for caution, especially as we share the sign of peace or enjoy fellowship after Mass.

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.

Juneteenth Outdoor Celebration

The oldest known African American celebration, Juneteenth, commemorates June 19, 1865, the day African Americans in Texas first learned of their freedom from slavery under the Emancipation Proclamation, signed by President Lincoln in 1863. Join us in celebrating Juneteenth this year with a family reunion-style picnic from 2-6 on Saturday, June 19th at St. Charles Lwanga Parish.



Questions? Contact Chris Leach at leach.chris@aod.org



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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

June 13, 2021

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

Minister of Service: Pearl Crutcher

Lector: Jay Jones

Meetings/Events This Week

Sunday	10:00 am	Mass in Church and via Zoom
Monday	7:30 pm	Staff Meeting via Zoom
Tuesday	10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
	7:00 pm	Formation Team via Zoom
Wednesday	1:00 pm	Lectio Divina via Zoom
Thursday	6:00 pm	Community Meal via Zoom
Friday	2:00 pm	Ministry Commission via Zoom
Saturday	2:00 pm	Ladies of Peter Claver via Conference Call
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.

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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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