



Out Of Character – That’s How He Chooses His Cast Of Characters – Us!

Reflection from Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.

July 11, 2021 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 7:12-15 & Mark 6:7-13 with Ephesians 1:3-10

God chooses a shepherd to be speak in the name of Yahweh. Jesus chooses fishermen and a tax collector to preach and have authority over demons in His name. Are we surprised that God continues to choose people who are out of character?

It seems to me it is happening here! We are being chosen for a special mission at this time in our history. Most of us would never have imagined what we are being asked to do starting with me. But I hear us being given a prophetic message of hope.

Let’s listen closely to St. Paul’s teaching of the three reasons why God the Father chooses us. First, “In love” He destines us to be His Adopted Sons and Daughters. Second, “In Christ” we are redeemed by His blood and lavished with grace. Third, “In wisdom and insight” we are part of the mystery to sum up all things in Christ. What?

In love we are to do what humanly we would be afraid to do. Our community is now very aware of divisions – racial, economic, educational, housing – to name a few. And we, His Adopted children, are chosen to heal and to bring opponents to be friends.

In Christ we who have been part of the divisions are entrusted with His mission to bring forward ways to purify and enlighten as many as will listen. We are to mentor and model for others what Jesus rose from the dead to bring to light His way to unite all.

In Wisdom and insight, the very mystery in which we are living is our call to center all we do in Christ. All independent groups are to grow into interdependence through the blood of the Lamb that has been handed on to us.

We claim the Word of God revealed to us from the start – the Word made Flesh. Like Amos we can say we didn’t ask to do this! Like the 12 we go with abandon as a people who know God has our back ... our front from above ... and from below.

The Pastoral Team will accompany me to encourage the other three teams. The Evangelization Team will guide youth, young adults and the needy to mature. The Formation Team and the Administration Team will organize what we have for mission.

The “Real” Community Meal Returns!

During the past several months, we have had to celebrate our monthly Community Meal “virtually.” While fun, it’s not the same as being together at table. So this Thursday, July 15, at 6:00 p.m., we will return to the Parish House. All are invited, so please invite your neighbors and friends for a pot luck meal and lively discussion.

Praise Dancers

Our young Apprentices-In-Motion Praise Dancers will help us celebrate the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother on Sunday, August 15, at our 10:00 a.m. Mass. If you have a child or grandchild who might enjoy joining in this fun activity that enhances our worship experience, contact Stephanie Flounory.

2021 Catholic Services Appeal!

Our 2021 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) campaign has begun. Contributions to the CSA enables the Archdiocese of Detroit to continue its work to Unleash the Gospel through supporting programs that Fuel the Mission. Your commitment supports more than 100 ministries, services, and programs that share Christ throughout Southeast Michigan.

Our target this year is \$7,637. As is our parish tradition, the amount over target, which the AOD refunds to the parish, will be shared 50/50 with our St. Vincent de Paul ministry.

Many of you received a direct CSA solicitation from the Archdiocese. If you have already responded, thank you! If not, please respond as soon as possible. If you did not receive a solicitation, or if you have misplaced it, they are available in the rear of the church, or by contacting the Parish Office. You can return it directly to the Archdiocese in the envelope provided, or drop it in our weekly collection bowl. Even easier, you can donate online through the parish website.

We have designated Sunday, September 26, as “**Commitment Sunday**,” when parishioners will be asked to finalize their pledge to CSA. However, we suggest you make your commitment earlier, if possible. Please prayerfully consider your commitment to CSA.

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.



American Red Cross

Communities Coming Together

Blood Drive

St. Scholastica Catholic Church
8201 W. Outer Drive
Detroit

Sunday, August 1, 2021
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, please log onto RedCrossBlood.org (sponsor code: stscholastica) or call Mary Anne Strella at 248-979-5917.

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***Eucharistic Heart of Jesus
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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,

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

July 18, 2021

Celebrant: TBD

Minister of Service: Sandra Horn

Lector: Alther Redd

Meetings/Events This Week

Sunday 10:00 am Mass in Church and via Zoom
 Tuesday 10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
 Wednesday 11:00 am Lectio Divina via Zoom
 7:00 pm Community Peace Circle via Zoom
 Thursday 6:00 pm Community Meal at PH
 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.

Thank You for Your Financial Support!

You can drop your weekly donation in the collection basket, or send it to the Parish Office, or sign up for 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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