



Do We Want To Fall In Love With Our Tremendous Lover?

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

July 25, 2021 - Feast of the Most Holy Redeemer

Isaiah 55:2-6 & John 3:13-21 with Romans 5:12-21

"Listen so you may live!" said Isaiah. "God so loved the world He gave His only Son!" shared Jesus. As a Redemptorist, our intuition encourages us to be on the journey to move from fallen human nature to redemptive human nature gently and humbly.

There is a fundamental truth concerning creation that makes the discovery of the way to heal the wound caused by Adam. In the first chapter of Genesis the author keeps saying "God saw that it was good." This truth is the source of wisdom and Love.

Separate. Break away from others as evil. Kill or be killed. Competition means some win and some lose. In fact, most people would say that history is remembered around the dates of the "violence" done by the strong against the weak till vice versa.

The link to the "Tree of Life" was broken when Adam decided to disobey and pass on life that Eve and he would ensure would last forever. For Christ to repair the broken link would take to the end of time.

The Word that creates began the journey of redemptive love in the womb of Mary Immaculate. He grew up in obscurity in the town named Nazareth which in Aramaic means "the rejected ones." He ends His journey on a cross with His heart wounded.

Jesus was like us. He worked with human hands. He thought with a human mind. He acted with a human will. He loved with a human heart. And when he died as we all do, He transformed His flesh and blood into His Body and Blood.

He called many to believe in Him in Bread and Wine. A few were chosen to put their lives in His Life, to love as He loves, to heal as He heals, to want to do for others what they wanted Him to do for them. He called us to be His Companions on the journey.

The reason St. Alphonsus Liguori began this gift for others in 1732 is expressed today to heal a wounded world in communion with partners in mission who want to remember Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread. This is why we are together. The wisdom of the Redeemer is to love the unlovable till death completes the journey through Mary.

Youth and Young Adult Retreat

Due to scheduling conflicts, the youth and young adult retreat, originally scheduled for August 6-8, will be postponed to a later date. Details will be provided as soon as they become available.

Grandparents Day

Today, we celebrate grandparents and other significant elders, both living and deceased, who have lovingly passed on their wisdom and faith to future generations. Our grandparents/elders are gifts from God, and we pray His blessings on them.

St. James

While our Mass today celebrates the Feast of the Most Holy Redeemer, the Church also celebrates St. James, one of the original apostles and the first apostle to be martyred. St. James was the brother of St. John, and is also known in the Hispanic community as Santiago. He is the patron saint of Spain and a few Hispanic countries.

2021 Catholic Services Appeal!

Our 2021 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) campaign has begun. **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.

Solicitation packets are available in the rear of the church, or by contacting the Parish Office. Return your pledge directly to the Archdiocese, or drop it in our weekly collection bowl - or 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.

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.

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.



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WEDNESDAY, JULY 28
7 P.M.

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[SHMS.EDU/INFOWEBINARS](https://shms.edu/infowebinars)




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: [atscholastica](https://RedCrossBlood.org)) or call Mary Anne Stella at 248-979-5917.

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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, Vickie Viado, Constance Washington-Daniel, Larry Washington, and relatives of our parishioners

Ministers Schedule

August 1, 2021

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

Minister of Service: Alan Flounory

Lector: Patricia Woods

Meetings/Events This Week

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| Sunday | 10:00 am | Mass in Church and via Zoom |
| | 2:00 pm | Knights of Peter Claver |
| Monday | 6:30 pm | Finance Council via Zoom |
| 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 |
| Thursday | 7:00 pm | Formation Team via Zoom |
| Saturday | 12:00 am | Administrative Team via Zoom |
| | 4:30 pm | Praise Team Rehearsal in Church |
| 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!

Give Online at spcccdetroit.org

St. Peter Claver Catholic Community

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website: www.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 or By Appointment

Parish Office Hours: Parish Staff is currently working from home. Please contact Ed Shea if you require assistance.

Reverend John Phelps, C.Ss.R., Pastor

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