



Does Jesus Have to Prove Himself to Us?

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

August 1, 2021 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 16:2-15 & John 6:24-35 with Ephesians 4:17-24

3,300 years ago according to the author of Exodus the people were complaining. 2,100 years ago the people were demanding a sign from Jesus after He fed the 5,000 men with their families. It's no different today. And I wonder why we complain?

Paul tells us to knock it off, as I read what he said. If we learned Christ, the resurrected Redeemer, and if we "put away the old self ... former way of life," let's have the spirit to "put on the new self." Where are you? It's the question I'm asking myself.

Today is the 58th Anniversary of my becoming a Redemptorist. In a hot summer day in southern Missouri, I prostrated myself in our Community Chapel with 23 other men and vowed for life – poverty, chastity and obedience. I am one of two alive.

I joined a way of life to live totally dependent upon my community. We share all we have in common. This means we don't pay taxes. We share our lives together in a capitalistic system where most people are motivated by money. It has its challenges.

When it comes to chastity, our unconditional love relationship centers on Jesus, our Redeemer. This is not a way of life for people who don't relate to women. It means I am to channel my love in such a way that no one person excludes others.

Obedience is the most difficult of the three as it calls me to let go of doing what I want and let the community's way of listening to Jesus direct all of us according to what constitutes our way of life. My being your Pastor is the decision of my leadership.

In 1966, after living these three vows, there were 12 of us taking a fourth vow – the vow and oath of Perseverance. Put simply, we were to pray to be open to being sent to hopeless situations where the Church has no idea what to do, nor do we. Just go!

This last of the four vows has been my vision – into public schools, working with young adults from the ages of 13 to 35 who don't go, in fact, won't go to Jesus as their Number One. The training we received centered on our self-esteem. What I heard was, at the end of the day, if you are not esteemed by anyone, deal with it and be faithful.

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. **There are three ways to make your pledge: 1. Return your pledge card directly to the Archdiocese in the envelope provided, 2. Drop your pledge card in our weekly collection bowl, 3. Pledge online through the parish website. Choose whichever way works best for you!**

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.

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.

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.

Congratulations, Father John!

As Father noted in his reflection, today is the 58th Anniversary of his becoming a Redemptorist. We congratulate him on his steadfast commitment to the Redemptorists and to their charism. He has boldly witnessed to the faith through his years of work in public schools and parishes. We pray that God continues to bless him with health and success in his multiple ministries. We are blessed and so grateful that he was chosen to be sent to us - and he said, and continues to say, **YES!**

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.



BECOME THE FIRE
Prayer Gathering
Friday August 6
7:00-9:00pm

with special guest
Tim Johnson

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Praise & Worship | Fellowship | Prayer Ministry

St. Scholastica Catholic Church

St. Scholastica
8201 W. Outer Drive
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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 8, 2021

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

Minister of Service: Pearl Crutcher

Lector: Kathryn Crutcher

Meetings/Events This Week

Sunday	10:00 am	Mass in Church and via Zoom
Monday	9:30 am	Staff Meeting via Zoom
Tuesday	10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
Wednesday	11:00 am	Lectio Divine 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.

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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