



## **Life Is On-The-Job Training – Are We Willing To Walk In Faith?**

**Reflection from Ed Shea**

**August 15, 2021 - Feast of the Assumption**

**Revelation 11:19a;12:1-6a,10b & Luke 1:39-56 with 1 Corinthians 15:20-27**

Parents know that their newborn baby does not come with an operating manual. Hopefully, there are grandparents or great-grandparents to pass on the wisdom gained from their own experiences, but raising children almost always comes down to on-the-job training.

So what about our Blessed Mother? She was told that the Spirit of God would descend upon her and she would give birth to the Son of God. Would this be a different kind of birth? No – Jesus is “fully human,” and so was His birth. “She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth.”

We don’t know exactly what Mary knew when she said “Yes,” but we do know that she walked in faith – trusting in God. Her cousin Elizabeth knew how important this would be as she proclaimed, “Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.”

Mary’s journey would not be any easier than for most mothers, and, arguably, far more difficult. She would flee to Egypt with Joseph and the baby Jesus to escape Herod, and would ultimately watch as her son was cruelly beaten and killed. Yet she remained to provide on-the-job training to the Apostles as they gave birth to the Church.

Mary’s glorious assumption, body and soul, into Heaven is a recognition of the pivotal role she played in salvation history. She walked in faith – believing in God’s plan, even without a manual. “For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man.”

Are we willing, individually and as a faith community, to walk in faith? Are we able to say “Yes” to God’s plan for us, even before we know what that plan is? Like Mary, we are here to bring God’s kingdom to earth. We learn as we go. May each of us one day join our Blessed Mother in saying, “From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name.”

### **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.

### **Adult and Youth Choirs**

We have been blessed with our new Music Minister, Christopher Kendall, whose background is in voice and choir. He is seeking to expand our Adult Choir, as well as to start a Youth Choir. If you, or someone you know, has a potential interest in joining this opportunity to praise our Lord in song, please contact Chris at (248) 497-9196.

### **Cleaning Day**

Our Worship Team has designated Saturday, August 28, as “Cleaning Day” for our church here at Marygrove, beginning at 10:00 a.m. If you are available to help in giving our church a refreshing fall clean-up, please talk to Tanda Flounory or Patricia Woods.

### **Praise Dancers**

Our young Apprentices-In-Motion Praise Dancers will join in our celebration of St. Peter Claver Catholic Community Day on Sunday, September 19. 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.



**Come be inspired by both Gospel and Jazz music forms that draw upon the heart and spirit of the people.**

Featuring Legendary Detroit Jazz artists: Alina Morr, Nate Winn, Deblon Jackson, and Jonathan Muir-Cotton, and The William S. Harrison Chorale.

**Sunday  
September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
2:00pm**

**Catholic Church of  
St. Moses the Black**  
1125 Oakman Blvd.  
Detroit, MI 48238

### Learning to Love

In Washington, DC in 1994 Mother Teresa said that we fight abortion by teaching the mother what love really means: "to be willing to give until it hurts...So, the mother who is thinking of abortion, should be helped to love, that is, to give until it hurts her plans, or her free time, to respect the life of her child." Gustave Thibon has said that the true God transforms violence into suffering, while the false god transforms suffering into violence. The woman tempted to have an abortion will transform her suffering into violence unless she allows love to transform her, and make her willing to give herself away. The Eucharist gives both the lesson and the power. Mom is to say "This is *my* body, *my* blood, *my* life, given up for you my child."

### ***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 22, 2021**

**Celebrant: TBD**

**Minister of Service: Mary Caroline Jonah**

**Lector: Jay Jones**

### Meetings/Events This Week

Sunday 10:00 am Mass in Church and via Zoom  
Wednesday 11:00 am Lectio Divina via Zoom  
Thursday 7:00 pm Community Peace Circle 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](http://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](http://spcccdetroit.org)**

### ***St. Peter Claver Catholic Community***

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**website:** [www.spcccdetroit.org](http://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.

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