



**Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life!**

**Reflection from Jennie Sinatra**

**August 22, 2021 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Joshua 24:1-2a,15-18 & John 6:60-69 with Ephesians 5:21-32**

Decide today whom you will serve...

Our readings today reflect that moment in all our lives when we are asked like the Apostles, "Do you also want to leave?" Surveys continue to report how many have left the church. They continue to acknowledge that many stay, but don't believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. What is our answer?

Joshua said, "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." I wonder, what does that really mean? What does it mean to "serve the Lord?" St. Paul in his letter to the Ephesians opens this mystery just a little when he writes "Brothers and sisters: be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ."

This Wednesday, my husband and I will be celebrating the 42nd anniversary of our wedding day. When we first said "I do," those two little words, three little letters held so much meaning and promise. As others have said, and I agree, couples that truly live this passage from Ephesians grow together into what it means. And yes, in the good times and even not so good! Just like when we say, "Yes, I will follow Jesus."

St. Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians, helps us understand just a bit better what it means to serve the Lord. Words without love are noisy gongs.

Even after 42 years of marriage, for me to serve our Lord (and Tony) means every day I choose to love. I say, "Yes." Some days, I admit, I do this better than others. I am reminded what St. Paul writes to the Corinthians: "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, [love] is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, [love] is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, [love] does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. [Love] bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails."

I invite you to read St. Paul's words again. The second time use the name of Jesus in place of Love. Then use your name the third time you read. Love and serve the Lord, I say "Yes." Will you?

### **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 this Saturday 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.

### **Lectio Divina**

Our Lectio Divina prayer group will take a pause this week, resuming on Wednesday, September 1. The group meets every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. All are invited to join; the link is in the Virtual Portal on the parish website.

### **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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## Ministers Schedule

August 29, 2021

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

**Minister of Service: Bill Tidwell**

**Lector: Arianna Corderao**

## Meetings/Events This Week

Sunday	10:00 am	Mass in Church and via Zoom
	2:00 pm	Knights of Peter Claver
Tuesday	10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
	7:00 pm	Vicariate Meeting via Zoom
Saturday	10:00 am	Church Clean-Up in Church
	11:00 am	Knights of Peter Claver
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.

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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

## St. Peter Claver Catholic Community

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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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