



Covenant – Depend Upon Each Other – Chosen By Jesus For This Moment

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

September 19, 2021 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 2:12-20 & Mark 9:30-37 with James 3:16-4:3

Wisdom and Mark are holding up the journey of the Servant-Master. They focus on the resistance people give to His message. At the same time, they see His response. Gently and patiently He teaches life will come out of death because of the One sending.

We are at the moment of consecrating the Covenant relationship between the Confirmed and the Ordained. We are looking to celebrate this moment of maturity as a people together on purpose. We are ready to announce our commitment.

We make this commitment in the spirit of James. We are in the world caught up in the jealous and the selfish, in disorder and foul practice. That's the way of the flesh. That's the way that leads to death. We are following the way of the Servant-Master.

His way seeks wisdom. We begin to bring peace with the gentleness of a person caring for the wounded. We are merciful and fruitful as the Confirmed Catholics – constant and sincere. We want to depend and be dependable sowing seeds of peace.

As we look at our resources, we do so as good stewards. We see what we have and we know that God wants us to do what we can and let God do what only He can do. Our Covenant as an Active Catholic Community says we will depend on each other.

Four sets of talents are called for to have a thriving interdependent Eucharistic Community. The Pastoral Team inspires the Mission, Ministry and Stewardship of those chosen to serve. The three other teams center on the three-fold life of a vibrant parish.

The Evangelization Team focuses on people of good will searching with a priority on the youth and young adults. The Formation Team trains a Bible-centered approach for the Confirmed and the curious. The Stewardship Team encourages talent-matching.

The Covenant is our commitment with and to each other for the sake of those to whom we Active Catholics are sent. It is lifting up our relationship of love centered on the Eucharist that is St. Peter Claver Catholic Community. Let this moment be a source of encouragement to all who witness the moment of grace as we pray for each other.

Remembering St. Peter Claver

Today we remember our patron saint, St. Peter Claver. We thank our Knights of Peter Claver and the Ladies Auxiliary, some of whom are here today, who continue to carry on St. Peter Claver's legacy of service. We also take this opportunity, inspired by the charism of St. Peter Claver, to commission the members of our four Leadership Teams - Pastoral, Evangelization, Formation and Administrative - as we work to strengthen the mission of our parish, to reach out to the four faces of our community.

St Vincent de Paul Friends Walk

The **Annual Friends Walk** sponsored by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to raise awareness and funds for people who need our help will take place this Saturday, September 26. You may recall that this was the event that Ernie Cook promoted for many years. If you would like to participate, contact Carol Harris.

Whether participating or not, please consider a donation to support this event. Donate online at www.friendswalk.org or by placing it in an envelope designated to *Walk for the Poor*. Mail it to the parish office or place it in the collection basket. Funds raised at our parish stay with our St. Vincent de Paul chapter, directly benefitting those in need in our parish.

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 next Sunday, September 26, as **"Commitment Sunday,"** when parishioners will be asked to finalize their pledge to CSA. 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.

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.

Maintaining COVID Precautions

Recent developments in the fight against COVID have necessitated a reevaluation of precautions during celebration of the Eucharist. Accordingly, the Archdiocese has recommended that parishes encourage masking and social distancing, regardless of vaccination status. We request that all attendees, out of Christian love and respect for one another, follow these guidelines and any other posted instructions. Note that the Archdiocese has not changed its guidance on Mass attendance - only those who are sick, homebound, or at serious risk from COVID are dispensed from the obligation to attend.

MEN BRIDGING CHANGE: A Vicariate "Blessing for our men!"

After the successful launch of *Women Bridging Change* through the Family of Parishes of Detroit, this September throughout the Trinity Vicariate, Life Directions is inaugurating the *Men Bridging Change* program - a 16-week program that addresses issues that burden men, as regards to unhealed hurts. Further, the weekly program trains and enables men to develop their skills to be able to foster healing in other men through their own personal work.

For more information, call either Fr. Alex Steinmiller, C.P. at 205-223-9330 or Paul McKenzie at 248-804-4119.

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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, 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

September 26, 2021

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

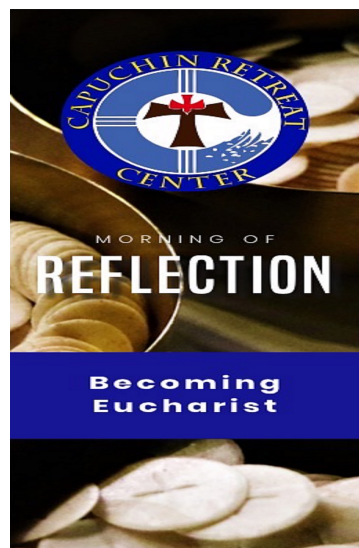
Minister of Service: Bill Tidwell

Lector: Arianna Caderao

Meetings/Events This Week

Sunday	10:00 am	Mass in Church and via Zoom
Monday	6:00 pm	Stewardship Commission via Zoom
Tuesday	10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
Wednesday	11:00 am	Lectio Divina via Zoom
Saturday	11:00 am	Knights of Peter Claver
Sunday	10:00 am	Mass in Church and via Zoom
	2:00 pm	Knights of Peter Claver

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



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 STARTS AT 9:00 am

- Learn from Augustine teachings on how to "become what you receive"
- Reflect on how to gradually "become Christ"

We recall St. Augustine telling us to "become what you receive" as we experience receiving Christ in the Eucharist. On this morning we will reflect on how our lives can mirror what happens to the Eucharistic bread and how we are called to gradually "become Christ" through the journey of our life.

Registration is required.
Our presenter will be Fr. Tom Zelinski.

WHO: Open to all
All are welcome. Those from a different faith tradition and those who don't have one, are invited.

WHAT: Optional Mass, two morning session with coffee, tea and snacks.

WHERE: CAPUCHIN RETREAT CENTER
62460 Mt. Vernon
Washington, MI 48094

WHEN: Tuesday, September 21, 2021
Optional Mass at 8:00 am
Registration at 9:00 am
Program begins at 9:15 am
The program ends before noon

PRICE: Recommended donation of \$35 per person

Call 248.651.4826 to reserve your spot.
info@capretreat.org

St. Peter Claver Catholic Community

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email: parishoffice@spcccdetroit.org

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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Jennie Sinatra, Formation Director

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Christopher Kendall, Music Minister

Tanda Flounory, Parish Pastoral Council Chair

LaTanya Mahdi, Finance Council Chair