



**“Because Of The Hardness Of Their Hearts Moses Permitted”**

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

**October 3, 2021 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Genesis 2:18-24 & Mark 10:2-16 with Hebrews 2:9-11**

“The Theology Of The Body” is a series of twenty-nine major lectures written by St. John Paul II. He focused on one verse “That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh.”

Jesus came back to this teaching of the heart of the creation. The Pharisees wanted to test Jesus. Jesus took the occasion to explain what He will use to show the power of redemptive love – the covenant between a husband and a wife.

The wounded world in which we live surfaces the hardness of our hearts. From the womb to the tomb – from abortion to nuclear arms – the human person based on self-preservation will kill or threaten to kill. It’s our human condition.

Paul wants to give us an example of Christ and His Church. He uses the idea of marriage between a husband and a wife. This covenant relationship is the source of the healing of human hearts. We are confirmed into the covenant to be wounded healers.

Paul’s letter, that will focus on the priesthood of Melchisedek, is where he shares the way our leader to our salvation was made perfect ... through suffering. The Word was made flesh that He might taste death for everyone.

Listen as a doctor to the diagnosis of the divisive energy of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We are in the struggle of marriage, family, community, country, continent, planet to redeem fallen human nature that has been killing since the first two children of the first marriage.

If we know why we are to heal and forgive, we will receive the grace to do the impossible. “Accept the kingdom of God like a child ... He embraced them and blessed them.” The Little Flower’s feast was Friday. She’s the patroness of the Foreign Mission.

Let’s remember we are chosen to be sent to bring healing to the sick and their children. St. John Paul II introduced the “Mysteries of Light” to pray for the Gospel of Light. Jesus went public baptized by John. Mary asked her Son to bless the wedding. Jesus proclaimed the Joy of the Gospel, was transfigured and entered the Eucharist.

**2021 Catholic Services Appeal**

Last Sunday was our 2021 CSA Commitment Sunday. We received \$2,260 in pledges, plus another \$1,435 in commitments. **The total of \$3,695 represents 48% of our target for this year of \$7,637.** In addition, 10 individuals committed to give, with the amounts not yet determined. We thank everyone for their continued support to the AOD and to St. Peter Claver. Remember – amounts pledged over target, which the AOD refunds to the parish, will be shared 50/50 with our St. Vincent de Paul ministry, which then goes to assist those in need in our parish neighborhoods.

Solicitation packets are available here in 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!**

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Talent Fest**

Our Leaders In Motion and Leaders On Mission will present the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Talent Festival via YouTube on Saturday, November 27, at 2:00 p.m. Youth and Young Adults are encouraged to showcase their talents, with prizes awarded. Details will be provided in the next few weeks. In the meantime, to sign up, go to our website at [spcccdetroit.org](http://spcccdetroit.org), or send an email to [leadersinmotion@spcccdetroit.org](mailto:leadersinmotion@spcccdetroit.org). Please pass this information to your friends, children, grandchildren, schools, neighbors, etc.

**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.

**Community Meal**

Our next Community Meal will be on Thursday, October 14, at 6:00 p.m. at Loyola High School. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to share a meal and conversation. For information, contact Stephanie Flounory or Patricia Woods.

**Give Online at [www.spcccdetroit.org](http://www.spcccdetroit.org)**

***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.

## Marriage and the Gift of Life

“A certain sharing by man in God's lordship is also evident in the specific responsibility which he is given for human life as such. It is a responsibility which reaches its highest point in the giving of life through procreation by man and woman in marriage. As the Second Vatican Council teaches: "God himself who said, 'It is not good for man to be alone' (Gen 2:18) and 'who made man from the beginning male and female' (Mt 19:4), wished to share with man a certain special participation in his own creative work. Thus he blessed male and female saying: 'Increase and multiply' (Gen 1:28)” (Pope John Paul II, The Gospel of Life, n. 43)

## Retrouvaille

Do you have marriage troubles or know someone who does? IT'S NEVER TOO LATE! Over 6,000 hurting couples have experienced hope and growth in their marriages through the Metro Detroit Retrouvaille program. Retrouvaille has even saved some marriages... how do they know? Couples have told them so. If you are willing to try..... Retrouvaille CAN HELP!

Two upcoming programs begin on October 15; one in English one in Spanish. Visit HELP OUR MARRIAGE dot COM. That's HELP OUR MARRIAGE dot COM.

And please.... Pray for marriages... today if you can.

## Maintaining COVID Precautions

Recent developments in the fight against COVID have necessitated a reevaluation of precautions during celebration of the Eucharist. Accordingly, the AOD 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.

## 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

*Please Pray for Them as They Pray for Us!!*

## 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

## Ministers Schedule

October 10, 2021

**Celebrant: Rev. Vic Clore**

**Minister of Service: Pearl Crutcher**

**Lector: Kathryn Crutcher**

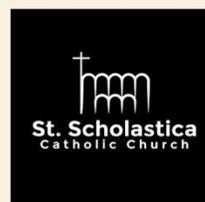
## Meetings/Events This Week

**Sunday 10:00 am Mass in Church and via Zoom**  
**Tuesday 10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon**  
**Wednesday 11:00 am Lectio Divina via Zoom**  
**Saturday 2:00 pm Ladies of Peter Claver via Conference Call**  
**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)**

OCTOBER 16TH  
11AM-3PM

CLOTHING  
DRIVE



ST. VINCENT DEPAUL TRUCKS WILL BE IN THE PARKING LOT OF  
ST. SCHOLASTICA CHURCH

ITEMS ACCEPTABLE TO DONATE:  
CLOTHING, SHOES, MISCELLANEOUS SMALL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS.

PLEASE NOTE: DO NOT BRING: FURNITURE, MATTRESSES, PILLOWS, CUSHIONS, EXERCISE EQUIPMENT, CRIBS, CAR SEATS, STROLLERS,  
NOT ACCEPTING CLOTHES HANGERS

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO MAN A TABLE FOR AN HOUR OR TWO,  
PLEASE CONTACT CHERYL SANDERS, ST. SCHOLASTICA'S EVANGELICAL CHARITY COORDINATOR (313) 212-8929,  
8201 W. OUTER DRIVE, DETROIT 48219

## St. Peter Claver Catholic Community

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(313) 342-5292**

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**email: [parishoffice@spcccdetroit.org](mailto:parishoffice@spcccdetroit.org)**

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

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**Jennie Sinatra, Formation Director**

**Stephanie Flounory, Youth & Young Adult Minister**

**Christopher Kendall, Music Minister**

**Tanda Flounory, Parish Pastoral Council Chair**

**LaTanya Mahdi, Finance Council Chair**