



Receive The Word In Affliction - With Joy From The Holy Spirit

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

October 25, 2020 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 22:20-26 & Matthew 22:34-40 with 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

The insight that Paul is sharing with the people of Thessalonica was revealed to him. He's passing it on to them fresh from his time he spent deepening his awareness of the powerful revelation that he received after he was baptized.

Affliction and discouragement, fear and despair are all part of life. If someone responds with joy, he or she has received the grace from the Holy Spirit. This is the grace that comes with Confirmation. Why? Because it's a grace meant for others.

You and I who know Jesus in the flesh – here in the form of Bread and Wine – we have the gift that was born out of the martyrdom of our Servant Master. It is the grace to be on mission. It is the grace to be willing to lose our life in the name of Jesus.

Our city needs martyrs of hope, people who believe without seeing and love without being loved. You're right. It's not normal. It doesn't make sense. Humanly! But for those who want to imitate Christ Jesus, with prayer it can become second nature.

This coming long weekend will include Halloween, All Saints and All Souls days. The day after that is the feast of St. Martin de Porres. That also happens to be Election Day in our country. Coincidence? It's God's way of being anonymous!

I invite you to want to develop a pattern of prayer, the exercise that Martyrs of Hope do in order to respond with joy in affliction, with love to enemies and in faith to people who are proud that they are spiritual and not religious.

The message that I hear when I reflect on Moses' and Jesus' teaching is to love God means to love our neighbor who lacks what he or she needs. It's loving the way God loves us. Such a way of life can silence the cynics and pessimists of our day.

I have developed a pattern of prayer by getting up an hour before I need to. I start with a Mary's prayer – "Thanks for giving me" and I add what I'm thankful for. I read three psalms, a message from the saint of the day and from the Word. I pause to let silence digest what I ate – 15 minutes. Then I'm ready. Try it. You may like it!

2020 Catholic Services Appeal

The 2020 CSA Campaign is underway. ***This year's CSA target for our parish is \$6,736.*** For those who gave in 2017, 2018 or 2019, CSA information was mailed to you directly by the Archdiocese. In addition, all are invited to visit www.AOD.org for more information about the CSA, or you can make a donation at www.givecsa.org. If you require assistance in making a pledge, please contact Ed Shea.

To date, our total amount pledged is at \$2,625, or 39% of our target. Remember, any amounts received over the target are returned to the parish, and will be shared 50/50 with our St. Vincent de Paul ministry.



New Church Update!

Thank you to everyone who joined in one of the two presentations this week which provided an update on the progress of the new church project on the Loyola campus. We especially thank David Smith, President of Loyola, for taking the time to share the exciting plans for the church. Loyola is currently embarking on the difficult project of raising funds, and David committed to provide an update during the first quarter of 2021. If you were unable to participate, consider talking with Jeff Flounory or Clarence Watts who have represented the parish in the project.

All Souls' Day

All Souls' Day is on Monday, November 2. We will remember loved ones who have died in the past year (October 1, 2019 - October 15, 2020) at a special celebration of the Eucharist at 6:30 p.m. at Marygrove. A copy of the flyer, which includes a form to submit information about a loved one you would like remembered at the Mass, is included with this bulletin. Forms may be placed in the collection basket, given to Jennie, sent to the the SPCCC Office, 13305 Grove Street, Detroit, MI 48235, or emailed to parishoffice@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.

4th Annual Harvest Talent Festival

Come and join us as the Leaders In Motion and Leaders On Mission present the **4th Annual Harvest Talent Fest!** This year, the event will be held virtually on YouTube. It will be available for viewing on November 28 at 1:00 p.m. More details will be provided.

If you have someone who might be interested in performing or in showcasing art work, have them submit a 1-2 minute video or a sample of their art to leadersinmotion@spcccdetroit.org.

For any questions, comments, or concerns, or if anyone wants to volunteer to help with the event, contact Stephanie Flounory at s.flo629@gmail.com.

Sacramental Inquiry and Introduction Classes

Are you called to be Catholic? *Come and See!!* Looking to be baptized, confirmed or make your first communion? *This class is for you.* Are you a parent with a child that needs a sacrament? *This class is for you both.* Are you Catholic and would like to know more to share your faith with others? *Then you are invited.*

If interested, Email: Jennie Sinatra, Director of Formation at jmsinatra@spcccdetroit.org, or call the parish office at 313-342-5292.

NOTE: The Finance Council will meet tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. and the Stewardship Commission will meet Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Both meetings will be via Zoom..

Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Intercessory Prayer Team

Beverly Alessio, Inez (Retinella) Alls, Florine Anderson, Alberta Asmar, Sylvia Baker, Warren & Marcella Bridges, Donald & Barbara Carter, Michael Clarence Carter, Johnnie Davis, Peggy Endlein, Ron Galletero, 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

November 1, 2020

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

Minister of Service: Alan Flounory

Lector: Alther Redd

Cantor: Aurelia Smith

Meetings/Events This Week

Sunday	10:00 am	Mass in Church and via Zoom
	2:00 pm	Knights of Peter Claver
Monday	10:00 am	Sacramental Formation via Zoom
	5:00 pm	Finance Council via Zoom
Tuesday	10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
	7:00 pm	Vicariate Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday	1:00 pm	Lectio Divina Prayer via Zoom
	6:30 pm	Women Bridging Change via Zoom
	7:00 pm	Stewardship Commission 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

If, due to health or COVID concerns, you cannot attend Mass on Sunday, but would like to have someone bring you Eucharist, please contact Jennie Sinatra or Ed Shea, and we will work with you to make arrangements.

Collection Results

We continue to rely on your support. If you are unable to join us on Sunday at Marygrove, you can send your weekly donation to the Parish Office. Or you may want to consider online giving. It's convenient, secure, and totally in your control!

Give Online at spcccdetroit.org

St. Peter Claver Catholic Community

*Parish Office: 13305 Grove St., Detroit, MI 48235
(313) 342-5292*

*Church: Marygrove College - Sacred Heart Chapel
8425 W. McNichols Rd., Detroit, MI 48221*

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

*Edward Shea, Administrative Manager/Bulletin Editor
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Jennie Sinatra, Formation Director

Stephanie Flounory, Youth & Young Adult Minister

Ronald Galletero, Facilities Manager

Tanda Flounory, Parish Pastoral Council Chair

LaTanya Mahdi, Finance Council Chair

You Are Invited to Attend
St. Peter Claver Catholic Community
2020 All Souls' Day Liturgy

Monday, November 2, 2020

6:30 p.m.

Remembering
Family & Friends
who passed away

Sacred Heart Chapel
Marygrove College
8425 W. McNichols
Detroit, MI 48221-2599



Eucharistic Adoration
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

For more information, call Jennie at (313) 342-5292 or email her at jmsinatra@spcccdetroit.org.

*If you have a relative or friend who has passed during the year,
(October 1, 2019 – October 15, 2020),
and you would like to have them remembered during the liturgy,
please fill out this form and return no later than Monday, October 26, 2020.
Forms may be placed in collection basket, given to Jennie, or sent to the
SPCCC Office, 13305 Grove Street, Detroit, MI 48235.*

Please Print: Name of person who has passed: _____

Your name: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Your address: _____

City, State, ZIP Code: _____

Phone #: _____