



Do We Hear What He Said? Are We Close To The Kingdom?

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

October 31, 2021 – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 6:2-6 & Mark 12:28-34 with Hebrews 7:23-28

Halloween is in the midst of a long week-end. October 30 was the transformed “Devil’s into Angel’s Night.” Today the customs surrounding “Trick o’ Treat” are modified with All Saints to remember the unrecognized and All Souls to pray the others make it!

I hear the Word of Life speaking to our situation today. I invite you to hear Jesus speaking to us as He spoke to one of the Scribes as He declared the two-sided law. H.E.A.R. O Christians: “Hope Excels Advancing Reconciliation” – Love God with ...

All our Hearts – this is the center of our convictions. This is the part of the body that gives what it wants to receive. For love to have room to enter our hearts we have to give what we want to receive. Are we convicted to give hope to others?

All our Souls – this is the gift of eternal life. The soul never ages. To keep our spirit powerful and life-giving is to want to give and receive what brings hope through us to others. Are we enthusiastic to love others as we love ourselves?

All our Minds – this is the gift of others to us. To want to develop our minds to grow in wisdom is to study and reflect on what others give to us through all forms of the media. Are we open to learn from others as we share what we believe?

All our Strengths – this is key to justice and peace that leads to joy. Our talents are meant to complement others as theirs are meant to empower us. What an awesome God we have – to make life grow through teamwork. Are we open to diversity?

Do we love our neighbors, both those we like and those who are not our “cup of tea,” as we love ourselves? Do we give before we expect to receive? Do we live in awe of our Creator? Do we receive what others give? Do we complement each other?

It’s such a simple summary of the Word of Life. Jesus puts His whole heart and soul, mind and strength into His Mission. He chose us to do the same. He chose us to know Him in the Breaking of the Bread. We have all we need to do what He commands. I want to thank you who encourage me to have a joy that lasts, as I pray to do for you.

2021 Catholic Services Appeal

Our 2021 CSA campaign is well underway. Our target is **\$7,637**. To date, we have pledges totaling **\$2,540 (33% of total)**. In addition, we have commitments of **\$1,385**, which, once fulfilled, will put us at **51%** of total. We thank all those who have made their pledges and commitments to the AOD and its many ministries, and to St. Peter Claver, and we ask all others to make their commitments as soon as possible. Remember – amounts pledged over target will be shared 50/50 with our St. Vincent de Paul ministry, directly benefitting those in need in our parish neighborhoods.

Solicitation packets are available here in church, or by contacting the Parish Office. **There are 3 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 or mail it to the Parish Office, or 3. Pledge online through the parish website. Choose whichever way works best for you!**

5th Annual Harvest Talent Fest

Our Leaders In Motion and Leaders On Mission will present the 5th Annual Harvest Talent Festival via YouTube on Saturday, November 27, at 6:00 p.m. Youth and Young Adults are encouraged to showcase their talents, with prizes awarded. Sign up at spcccdetroit.org, or send an email to leadersinmotion@spcccdetroit.org. Please pass this information to friends, children, grandchildren, schools, neighbors, etc.

10th Anniversary Concert

The Black Catholic Ministries Gospel Choir will celebrate its 10th anniversary on Sunday, November 7, at 5:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church (1000 Eliot St). Admission is \$10. A face mask is required. For tickets or information, contact Mary Caroline Jonah or Aurelia Smith, or call Marilyn Webb at (313) 596-7140.

All Saints Day and All Souls Day

All Saints Day is tomorrow, November 1. Mass will be at 6:00 p.m. All Souls Day is Tuesday, November 2, with Eucharistic Adoration at 5:00 p.m., followed by the Memorial Mass at 6:00 p.m. Forms are available in the rear of the church to submit names of loved ones who have past away in the past year (10/1/20 – 10/15/21), or you can use the online form on the parish website.

World Mission Sunday

It’s not too late to give to the World Mission Sunday collection. Support priests, religious and lay leaders as they serve the most vulnerable communities. Please be generous. Envelopes are available in the rear of the church, or give online on the parish website; click **ONLINE GIVING** and use the *Mission Sunday* fund.

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.

We Love You, Sister Rosalie!!

Our dear friend, and co-founder (along with Father John and Father Alex Steinmiller) of Life Directions, Sister Rosalie Esquerra, OP, has retired – returning to her Adrian Dominican community. We will miss having her with us. We pray that she will enjoy a happy and healthy retirement, and we know she will be a blessing to the sisters in her community as she continues to reflect the love of Jesus in all she does and say. Following is sister's contact information:

Hna. Rosalie Esquerra, OP
Adrian Dominican Sisters
1257 Siena Heights Dr
Adrian, MI 49221

Parish Pastoral Council Elections

Under the Family of Parishes structure, the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is no longer required; the Family will have a Pastoral Council with representatives from each parish in the Family. However, our PPC has voted to continue to exist in order to set and monitor the direction of the parish in partnership with the pastor. The restructured PPC will meet twice a year and will be comprised of 5 elected members plus 2 members-at-large appointed by the pastor. The 5 elected members will represent the Mission Commission, the Ministry Commission, the Stewardship Commission, the Administration/Formation Teams, and the Evangelization/Pastoral Teams.

Please prayerfully consider people who would best represent these functions in planning and evaluating the future direction of the parish. Beginning next week, slips of paper will be available for 2 weeks for submission of nominees here in church or by mail to the parish office, and online submission will be available through the parish website. The final results will be announced by Father John at the November 21 Mass.

Note: The Administrative Team will meet on Saturday, November 6, at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom.

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 Schultdt, 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

November 7, 2021

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

Minister of Service: Alan Flounory

Lector: Patricia Woods

Meetings/Events This Week

Sunday	10:00 am	Mass in Church and via Zoom
Monday	6:00 pm	All Saints Mass in Church & via Zoom
Tuesday	10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
	5:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration in Church
	6:00 pm	All Souls Mass in Church & via Zoom
Wednesday	11:00 am	Lectio Divina via Zoom
Saturday	12:00 pm	Administrative Team 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**

Our Mission is to Evangelize!!

The Mission of the Church, and therefore our parish, is to Evangelize – and it's happening here at St. Peter Claver.

Our Formation Team continues to train Mentor Coaches – Anita Starks, Jay Jones, Mira Jones, Tanda Flounory, Aurelia Smith – to walk with our newest confirmed – Arianna Caderao, Charles Brown, Paul Lee, Alexcia Starks, Tanya Cook, Ariana Hollis – as they prepare to share their faith with others.

The next Community Meal will be on Thursday, November 11, at 6:00 p.m. here at Marygrove. Encourage your friends and neighbors to join in as we "Envision an Open World," reflecting on chapter 3 of of Pope Francis' encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* (*On Fraternity and Social Friendship*). For more information, contact Chris Kendall or Patricia Woods.

Yesterday, our Ministry-Formation Team presented the first Reconfirming Our Faith session. The next session will be on Saturday, November 20, at 1:00 p.m.

Follow the bulletin or parish website for updates.

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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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