



We Don't Want You To Be Unaware ... Says St. Paul!

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

November 8, 2020 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 6:12-16 & Matthew 25:1-13 with 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The teacher for the Confirmed Eucharistic people of his day wanted those who were listening to him to be aware. He wanted them to know at the end of the day, we are all going to be together – those who passed and those who are present.

Church, that's true for you and me. Those of us who have lived a long life know what I'm saying. We remember lots of folk who have passed. Some day we will all be back together again. And we pray we will be on the same side on the other side, Amen!

We have a message to bring to others. It's one of those common sense kind of messages. "Be prudent and be ready!" You never know when the day to show up and show out will come. So it may be wise to live today as if it were the last day of our life.

Jesus uses the symbol of a lamp that needs oil to keep the flame alive. And He makes a point to say that each person is responsible for his or her lamp to be the flame burning. Today we might call it ... making sure you have enough gas to make it home.

Prudent means we know where we're going. We know what we need to make it. And we don't expect someone else to be responsible for what I need to get there. It's my personal responsibility. I'm with others, true. But it's my responsibility to be ready.

Then we look to those who want to be as ready as we want to be. We look for those who want to reach the same purpose we were given our light. As Eucharistic people, we are chosen to share our talents together to bring Jesus, our light, to others. Daily prayer is the fuel for the light. Community prayer is the support we need to put our prayer into action. Sunday Eucharist is the strength we need. Then we look to our gifts and talents, see what is needed and then bring hope alive for others.

Today we congratulate those of our faith community who grew into their being ready to be "wounded healers". They responded to the need of hurting people caused by many forms of violence. They felt the urgency to reach others. They prepared to bring the light of forgiving and peace to others. I commission you as a circle to do so.

2020 Catholic Services Appeal

The 2020 CSA Campaign is underway. ***This year's CSA target for our parish is \$6,736.*** 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 \$3,225, or 48% 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.



4th Annual Harvest Talent Festival

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

For more information, including how to "virtually audition," go to our website, or contact Stephanie Flounory at s.flo629@gmail.com.

Advent 2020: Bible Study on Purpose via Zoom

During the 4 weeks of Advent, Fr. John and Jennie Sinatra will present a new Bible study, ***Seek the Gift of Jesus! Healing the Racial Divide.*** See our website for details, or contact Jennie Sinatra.

Women Bridging Change

Today, we recognize and congratulate the 7 women (6 from our parish) who committed to and completed the 16 weeks of Women Bridging Change. We thank them for their commitment to the parish and we pray for them as they are sent to be wounded healers to others.

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.

**Thank you to all who planned and worked on the
ALL SOULS' DAY
Eucharistic Adoration & Memorial Liturgy**

Held in the



Arms of LOVE

A special thank you to Mary Thedford for creating the banner for the front of the Altar; to Mary Caroline for coordinating; and for Alther Redd, Pearl Crutcher, Aurelia Smith, and Elaine Ryles for creating the candles. Thank you to our sacristans, lector, Minister of Service, and Ed Shea for streaming the liturgies each week.

Our book of Remembrance will be displayed at Mass during the month of November. Send the names of those that have passed from this life that you would like to have remembered in the Book. Names can be sent to parishoffice@spcccdetroit.org



Black Catholic History Month Event

The Archdiocese of Detroit's Office of Black Catholic Ministry invites all to the following virtual events for Black Catholic History Month:

Ashe — Be With Us

A four-part transcendent and impactful celebration of Purpose, Pride and Power. Learn more and register at www.aod.org/events/560.

Ashe – Our Great Gifts Retreat

This one-hour retreat will be a diocesan-wide celebration of Black Catholic History Month. The retreat will consist of music, prayer, Scripture reading, preaching and calling for the intercession of our ancestors. November 24 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Learn more and register at www.aod.org/events/559.

***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 Gallese, 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

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, Vickie Viado, Constance Washington-Daniel, Larry Washington, and relatives of our parishioners

**Ministers Schedule
November 15, 2020**

**Celebrant: Rev. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.
Minister of Service: Sandra Horn
Lector: Bill Tidwell
Cantor: Aurelia Smith**

Meetings/Events This Week

Sunday	10:00 am	Mass in Church and via Zoom
Monday	10:00 am	Sacramental Formation via Zoom
Tuesday	10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
Wednesday	1:00 pm	Lectio Divina Prayer via Zoom
Thursday	2:00 pm	Ministry Commission via Zoom
Friday	6:30 pm	Confirmation Mentorship Meeting 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

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

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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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