



Stand Up For Justice

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

November 28, 2021 – 1st Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16 & Luke 21:25-36 with 1 Timothy 3:12-4:2

Justice is the first of the four lights for our Advent Wreath. The symbol for Justice is bread, bread is what Melchisedek used to sacrifice when he blessed Abram to begin what has been named Judaism. Abram's name for his vocation became Abraham.

Justice means all relationships are in harmony. Justice is breaking bread with each other. Justice seeks equity. St. Paul writes to the people at Thessalonica. "Strengthen hearts" to abound in love. Caste out fear one person at a time.

The message from the Word of Life finds Luke building upon Jeremiah. "The days are coming ... I will plant a just shoot." "It will stand erect" empowering anxious hearts not to be caught off guard.

Stand up means redemptive love. Stand up means resurrected love. Stand up means the violence is ending, enemies are becoming friends. Prejudice, discrimination and bigotry are transformed into prudence, discernment and balanced relationships.

We are celebrating our 16th Anniversary of the beginning of St. Peter Claver Catholic Community. We are celebrating our vision of seeing 40,000 as those to whom we are chosen to be sent – the active and passive believers, other faithful and seekers.

Jesus points out the signs that point to the Coming. Many people are perplexed. Others are very frightened over what's next. Jesus encourages His disciples to be ready to stand up and be counted to be with Him promoting partnerships with friend and foe.

Our Harvest Talent Fest is a step in that direction. Women Bridging Change for the seven women of our faith community has strengthened them to show us how to be wounded healers. Our organizing our talents is seeking to move us all to be proactive.

We have been building up our way to organize our talents to do actions – our mission is to evangelize in seven different ways, our ministry is to form joyful missionary apostles of Mary, our stewardship is to administer our time to work as a team. Pray for grace to awaken an urgency in us as Eucharistic people to make our team work for us!

2021 Catholic Services Appeal

CSA campaign pledges remained this week at **\$3,790 (50% of total)**. In addition, we have commitments of **\$1,285**, which will put us at **67%** of total; however, **we remind those who made commitments that they must still submit a pledge card, or complete their pledge online**. We thank all those who have made their pledges and commitments, and **we ask all others to make a pledge 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. **Choose how 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.**

5th Annual Harvest Talent Fest

Last night, Leaders In Motion and Leaders On Mission presented the 5th Annual Harvest Talent Festival via YouTube. We thank all those who watched, and especially all those who shared their talents. If you weren't able to tune in last night, you can still do so at spcccdetroit.org.

Celebrating Our 16th Anniversary

Today, we celebrate the 16th Anniversary of St. Peter Claver Catholic Community. Despite some minor challenges (like the collapse of our church building), we remain a warm and welcoming community, blessed with strong roots, talented and committed members, and a commitment to reach out to the 40,000 people who live in the parish, especially to youth and young adults. *We are chosen to be sent!*

Thank you Father John

Today, we also celebrate Father John's 5th Anniversary as our Pastor. Father John's vision, energy, and commitment has been such a great blessing to our parish community. We thank God that He chose Father John to be sent to us, and that he said "Yes." We pray that God continue to bless Father John.

It's Advent!

As we begin the season of Advent, we thank the members of the Ministry Commission and the Formation Team for the wonderful job they did cleaning and decorating our church yesterday in preparation for our celebration of the birth of Jesus.

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.

Advent Schedule

The holy season of Advent is a time to prepare ourselves for the birth of our Lord at Christmas. Our theme this year will be *Follow the STAR, Become the Light*. Handout materials will be provided each week.

A Reconciliation Service will be included with our Mass next Sunday, December 5.

Wednesday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception – a Holy Day of Obligation. The Eucharist will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m.

Our next Community Meal will be at 6:00 p.m on December 9 at Loyola High School. **All are invited!**

At our Mass on Sunday, December 19, we will celebrate youth and young adults.

The Christmas Vigil Mass will be celebrated on December 24 at 6:30 p.m., preceded by a Christmas Concert at 6:00 p.m.

St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center

Advent 2021 Events

December 5: *Advent Art for the Heart & Soul*
December 8: *Day of Reflection*
December 14: *ONLINE Morning of Reflection*

register online at stpaulretreat.org

Step away from the cares of the day for a few hours and renew and refresh your spirit this Advent Season!

Find more information about these events and register through our website.

Questions? Contact Cathy at cadamk@stpaulretreat.org or (313)286-2802.

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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, David Gallesero, Ara Grier, Sandra Griffin, Karen Hickman, Myrtis Hildebrandt, Jacqueline Johnson, Bobbie Lewis, Addison Martin, Augusta Martin, Dorothy (Vicki) Martin, Dorrell Moore, 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, Diana Wicker, 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, Andre Fox, 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

December 5, 2021

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

Minister of Service: Alan Flounory

Lector: Arianna Caderao

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
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

Save the Date

Our Bible Study program, *ROCC: Reconfirming Our Faith*, presented by our Formation Team, will continue on Saturday, January 15, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. You can participate in person at the Parish House or via Zoom.

You can view the first 2 sessions of *Reconfirming Our Faith* by going to the parish website at spcccdetroit.org.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Celebrate Mass on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 9, at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Prayer of the rosary will begin at 5:15 p.m. followed by chants and performances at 5:45 p.m. and Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m. The Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament is located at 9844 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, 48202.

Watch livestreamed through our AOD social media channels and at aod.org/livemasses.

Save Those Pennies

Bring in your loose coins. Tanda Flounory will collect them for donation to the parish. Every little bit supports the parish mission!

St. Peter Claver Catholic Community

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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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