



**Why Do You Let Us ... Forget You?
Reflection from Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.
November 29, 2020 - 1st Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 63:16-64:7 & Mark 13:33-37 with 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Have you forgotten the birthday of someone close to you? What about being called the day after your anniversary and you have to admit you didn't remember! Isn't it sad when people are losing their memory? But at least they have an acceptable excuse!

The message of Advent, as I reflect on the Word from the Hebrew Scriptures and the Gospel according to Mark is, "He lets us forget Him because He wants us to fall in love with Him, pure and simple."

Paul shares with us who are chosen to be free with the Resurrected Body and Blood of Jesus that we have grace given to us. We have the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit that are confirmed in Christ Jesus.

He wants to know. Do we want to remember Him? Do we want to be free and be on the watch? Like a lover, we are hoping He is coming soon, very soon. And we want everyone to be ready like we are. Why? Because that's what lovers do!

To know we are the clay and our Lover is the potter is to be let in on an amazing secret. Isn't it sad when we meet someone who wants to be the potter and for God to be the clay? Isn't that what Eve and Adam wanted to do, reverse roles?

This season of Advent has the possibility of forging new relationships among some of our parishes. We will be invited to get to know and value other Catholic Christians as we navigate our mission and ministries among other Eucharistic Communities.

The outcome is looking for us to be docile and flexible, curious and confident that we are meant for each other. We want to build up our confidence and encourage others to do the same. And we hope we speak up with boldness to be willing to be sent to others!

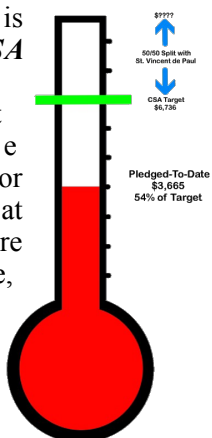
"Families of Parishes" is unfolding. I know we did our best as a vicariate. I am confident the Archbishop is doing his best. But there is one outcome I hope happens. I pray we wake up and not forget it's up to us to make it all work out. I pray we strengthen each other to be awake and alert to what our talents shared with others will do!

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 \$3,665, or 54% 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.



Sunday Mass

In compliance with state COVID-related restrictions, our landlord, the Marygrove Conservancy, has suspended all events on campus, including our public Masses until December 9. Accordingly, Fr. John will be celebrating Mass virtually at regularly scheduled times at spcccdetroit.org.

4th Annual Harvest Talent Festival

The **4th Annual Harvest Talent Festival** was scheduled for viewing yesterday. Unfortunately, due to technical difficulties, the upload to YouTube has been delayed. We expect it to be ready today, and can be accessed at spcccdetroit.org. In the meantime, we thank all those who shared their talents, and our Leaders In Motion and Leaders On Mission for their work in putting the event together amidst the challenges of the pandemic!

Advent 2020: Bible Study on Purpose via Zoom

During the 4 weeks of Advent, Fr. John and Jennie Sinatra will offer a new Bible study, ***Seek the Gift of Jesus! Healing the Racial Divide***. We will start this week - Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. and Friday at 6:30 p.m. See our website for details, or contact Jennie Sinatra.

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.

Happy Anniversary, St. Peter Claver!!

This year marks our 15th anniversary as the parish of St. Peter Claver Catholic Community. Let's celebrate by sharing what has been most encouraging and most challenging thus far for us as a parish. We also want to honor and recognize our Eternal Prayer Team who sustain us with their intercessory prayers in Heaven. We will be celebrating by making a collage highlighting 15 years as a parish. Check out the parish website for more information and to submit your photos and memories. Or you can mail your photos/memories to the Parish Office by next Sunday, December 6.

Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan

Please consider contributing to the annual parish collection supporting the critical work of Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan. Each year Catholic Charities helps more than 20,000 people combat poverty and crisis to move toward a better life.

Since we will not be able to be together for public Mass during the next few weeks, you can send your contribution to the Parish Office or you can donate online at csem.org.

Behold Thy Mother: Getting to Know the Blessed Virgin Mary

A free online Advent retreat experience for the lay faithful guided by Sacred Heart Major Seminary faculty and open to all. Learn at your own pace and from the comfort of your home.

Sacred Heart professor Dr. Robert Fastiggi will offer reflections on the beautiful teachings of our Catholic faith about Mary: her role as Mother of God, her Perpetual Virginity, her Immaculate Conception, and her Assumption into Heaven. But Mary is not just a figure of the past. Sacred Heart faculty will also introduce us to Mary's "apparitions" to people living in very different times and places.

Learn more and register at shms.edu/mary.

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

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 December 6, 2020

Celebrant: Rev. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.
Minister of Service: Alan Flounory
Lector: Larry Rhodes

Meetings/Events This Week

Sunday	10:00 am	Mass via Zoom
Tuesday	10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
Wednesday	11:00 am	Lectio Divina Prayer via Zoom
	1:00 pm	Bible Study on Purpose via Zoom
Thursday	7:00 pm	Parish Pastoral Council via Zoom
Friday	6:30 pm	Bible Study on Purpose via Zoom
Sunday	10:00 am	Mass 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

Sacramental Preparation

Are you, or someone you know, interested in joining the Catholic Church or receiving one of the sacraments? Please contact Jennie Sinatra at the Parish Office.

Collection Results

We continue to rely on your support. Please 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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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.

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Stephanie Flounory, Youth & Young Adult Minister

Ronald Galletero, Facilities Manager

Tanda Flounory, Parish Pastoral Council Chair

LaTanya Mahdi, Finance Council Chair

NOVEMBER 30, DECEMBER 7, 14, & 21

ADVENT ONLINE RETREAT



THE MASSES: WHEN HEAVEN TOUCHES EARTH

7:30 PM ON FACEBOOK

Prepare for Christmas by rediscovering the beauty of the Mass during our four-part series Advent retreat. Fr. Lee Acervo, Fr. Craig Giera, Fr. Patrick Gonyeau, and Msgr. Chuck Kosanke will explore the four parts of the Mass, with discussion led by Fr. Steve Pullis via livestream.

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