



**Take Time For Peace**  
**Reflection from Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.**  
**December 5, 2021 – 2nd Sunday of Advent**  
**Baruch 5:1-9 & Luke 3:1-6 with Philipians 1:4-11**

“A voice of one crying out in the desert” – do we want to listen with compassion and encouragement? We are chosen for a partnership with the Gospel according to St. Paul. This celebration is designed to deepen our resolve – to give peace a chance!

Standing up for justice is a work-in-progress. As partners with the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, Paul assures for who are faithful to the mission that “the One Who began this good work will continue to complete it.” Today is grace to prepare the Way.

We come to declare our call as the Confirmed in the tradition of John the Baptist, the cousin of Jesus. His way – repent for the forgiveness of sins. His truth – prepare for One Greater than he. His life – level the roads – sounds like an infrastructure move.

Here in northwest Detroit we are sent on mission for “love to increase” through our efforts. We are given grace to know and perceive why we respond to sin, our own and others. We discern the value of Confirmation – filled with fruit to do what is right!

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Jesus, our Wounded Healer, sharing His generous grace of Healing for those struggling to do what Jesus did – forgive those who kill all we value. Jesus listened to fear and discouragement resulting in sinning against.

The sacramental of forgiving is John’s baptism from such sinning. This gift from His cousin, John, was given to John through Mary who visited her cousin, Elizabeth. Mary’s “Soul magnified the Lord” who “did good things” through Mary for all of us.

There are three skills that are the result of this action of Jesus. First, listen with unconditional positive regard for all God’s creation. Second, be compassionate for those wounded and those doing the wounding. Third, encourage all sides to reconcile.

I invite us to be in solidarity with the chosen sent to accompany people who don’t know what they don’t know. Most people look to heaven to save us from the earth. Only a few are chosen to do what Jesus did bringing heaven to earth – through how we treat each other. May we celebrate the Sacrament Jesus founded on the Cross – forgiving!

**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.**

**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.

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 **Christ the King Parish** (16805 Pierson) from Friday, December 17 – Sunday, December 19. **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.

**Youth and Young Adult Retreat**

The Youth and Young Adults Retreat will be held at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center (23333 Schoolcraft) on December 17 – 19. Flyers are available in the rear of the church, or talk with Chris Kendall.

**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](http://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.

**Reminder: The Administrative Team will meet tomorrow (Monday) at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom**

**BECOME THE FIRE**  
**prayer gathering**  
 Friday December 17  
 7-9pm  
 Worship led by Hannah Kargul

**Advent Reconciliation**  
 Priests will be available for confessions

**Adoration led by Dcn. Joshua Grandmaison**  
**Exhortation by Dcn. Juan Pablo Orozco**

**Become the fire**  
 PRAYER GATHERING

Praise & Worship | Fellowship | Prayer Ministry

8201 W. Outer Drive Detroit, MI 48219

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](http://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](mailto:cadamk@stpaulretreat.org) or (313)286-2802.

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**Eucharistic Heart of Jesus  
 Intercersory 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 12, 2021**

**Celebrant: Rev. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.**  
**Minister of Service: Pearl Crutcher**  
**Lector: Kathryn Crutcher**

**Meetings/Events This Week**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Mass in Church and via Zoom</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Administration Team via Zoom</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Lectio Divina via Zoom</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Community Meal at Christ the King</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>Ladies of Peter Claver</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Mass in Church and via Zoom</b>

**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](http://spcccdetroit.org)

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Talent Fest**

Leaders In Motion and Leaders On Mission presented the 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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!**

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 website: [www.spcccdetroit.org](http://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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