



**Accompany Others With Joy  
Reflection from Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.  
December 12, 2021 – 3rd Sunday of Advent  
Zephaniah 3:14-18 & Luke 3:10-18 with Philippians 4:4-7**

Our Lady of Guadalupe – Mother of the Americas – is the feast through North, Central and South America! Today we connect this celebration with “Rejoice” Sunday – in Latin called “Gaudete” Sunday. All joy is defined as Accompaniment. Why?

Listen to Paul – Kindness is known. The Lord is near. No anxiety. Pray and ask for others thankfully. Paul is so clear. We’re all in this together. We are companions on the journey – active and passive Catholics, people of all faiths and of good will!

Where are we sent to share our joy – to shout our joy – to sing our joy? In the Hebrew scriptures we hear today – where there is fear and discouragement. In the Christian scriptures – be practical – give, be equitable, no false accusations.

To the extent we live this way we will be guarding our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. We look to Jesus Who chose us to be His companions. We look to Jesus Who sends us to prepare the way for others to see our Tremendous Lover.

The Tilma – the picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe – quickly became the Flag of Justice of the Indigenous and of Peace for the slaves. What a powerful message in the middle of the Americas seen too often as taking, unequal and blaming others!

We are less than two weeks from Christmas. Last Sunday Life Directions celebrated its work in Public Schools and in Catholic Parishes with three traditions – Kwanza – Posada – Santa Claus. Values in the context of the story ended with giving!

Next weekend our youth and young adults want to retreat to deepen their way of praying as Catholic Christian. We will position prayer in the midst of the “mess” of our lives and open us to discover the “message” within the mess to awaken “messengers.”

I invite us all to remember our journey into the solitude of this season – the first time found Joseph and Mary ending up alone in a barn. There was no room for them where travelers lodged. Accompany us in spirit for we hope to see you next Sunday hoping you want to “mentor” the next generations who will “manage” what we hand on.

**2021 Catholic Services Appeal**

This week, you should have received a letter from Father John regarding our CSA campaign. If you have made your pledge, thank you! If not, we ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge. 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.**

**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 our 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 is *Follow the STAR, Become the Light*.

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 Adult Retreat will be held at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center (23333 Schoolcraft) beginning this Friday, December 17, through Sunday, December 19. Flyers are available in the rear of the church, or talk with Chris Kendall.

**Retirement Fund for Religious**

This week and next, we will collect donations for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Each year, this collection is in recognition of the sacrifices made by members of the various religious orders who work in hospitals, schools, retreat centers and parishes.

Our parish has been particularly blessed by members of religious orders. Fr John is a member of the Redemptorists. Fr. Alex Steinmiller is a Passionist; Fr. David Preuss is a Franciscan Capuchin; Sr. Rosalie is a Dominican.

Flyers are provided with this bulletin. Please be generous.

**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 Stewardship Commission 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

**Become the fire**  
 PRAYER GATHERING

Adoration led by  
 Dcn. Joshua Grandmaison

Exhortation by  
 Dcn. Juan Pablo Orozco

Praise & Worship | Fellowship | Prayer Ministry

8201 W. Outer Drive Detroit, MI 48219

### 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, you can still do so at [spcccdetroit.org](http://spcccdetroit.org).

### 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!**

### 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 19, 2021**

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

**Minister of Service: Bill Tidwell**

**Lector: Alther Redd**

### Meetings/Events This Week

Sunday	10:00 am	Mass in Church and via Zoom
Monday	6:00 pm	Stewardship Commission via Zoom
Tuesday	10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
Wednesday	11:00 am	Lectio Divina via Zoom
Friday	6:30 pm	Youth & Young Adult Retreat at St. Paul of the Cross (through Sunday)
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](http://spcccdetroit.org)**

**A LIFE LINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES**  
 Recognized and endorsed by the past 2 Holy Fathers

**RETRouvaille**

### The Best Christmas Gift Ever!!

Presents under the Christmas tree are nice, but they can't heal a hurting marriage. Retrouvaille is for couples with marriages that are struggling, not communicating well, or those considering separation or divorce. It is also for those who are already separated or divorced that want marriage help. Some couples attend during the initial signs of a marriage problem. Other couples are in a state of despair and hopelessness when they attend the program. Some couples have been married for many years, while others have been married only a short time and encountered trouble. **This is the BEST Christmas gift you could ever give yourself, your spouse, your children, your family and your friends!!**

**Marriage Saving Weekend**

**Jan. 14-16, 2022  
 Metro Detroit Area**

**Do you know someone whose marriage is in trouble?**

**WE CAN HELP**

**HelpOurMarriage.org**

**For confidential info or to register call 800-470-2230**

*St. Peter Claver Catholic Community*

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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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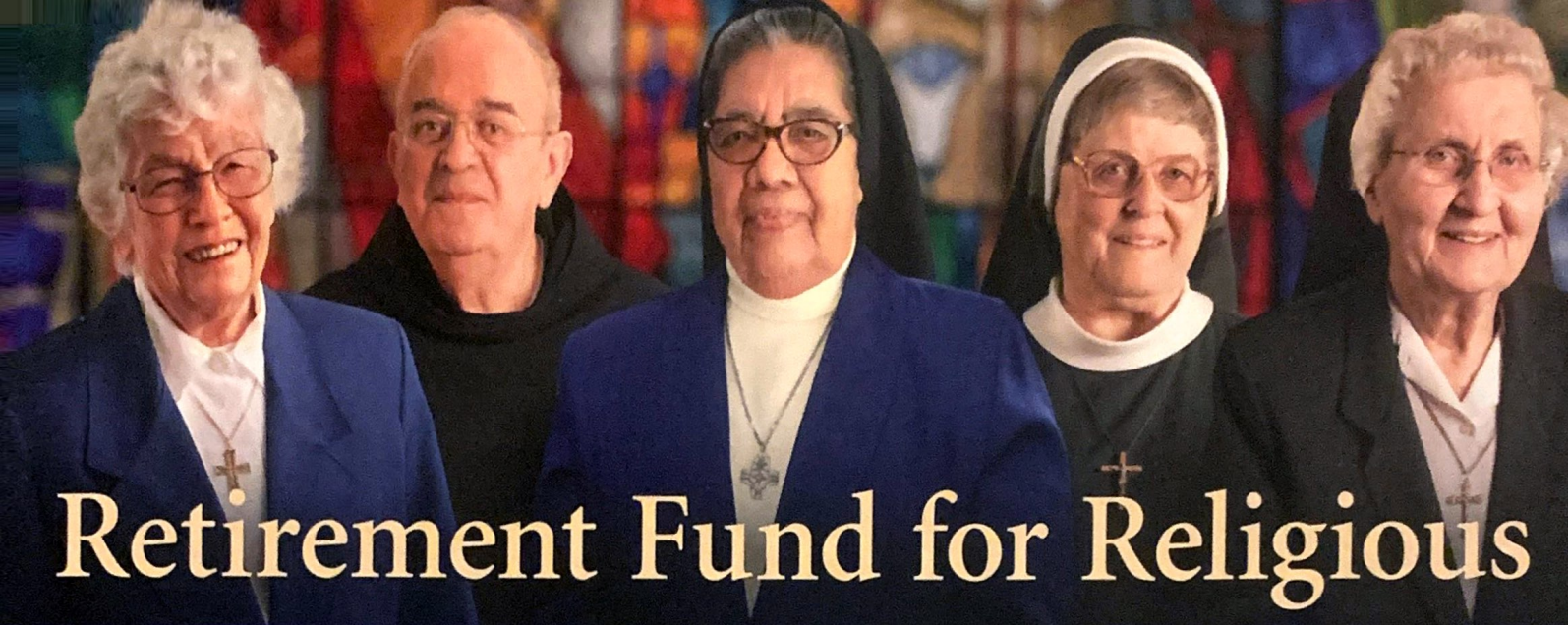
*Jennie Sinatra, Formation Director*

*Christopher Kendall, Engagement Coordinator/Music Minister*

*Tanda Flounory, Parish Pastoral Council Chair*

*LaTanya Mahdi, Finance Council Chair*





# Retirement Fund for Religious

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**retiredreligious.org**

Top row, from left: Sr. Ursula Marie George, OSU, 95; Fr. Edmund Smith, OSB, 83; Sr. Emilia Irene Lara, MGSs, 89; Sr. Theresa Hathaway, SSMO, 88; Sr. Elizabeth Sohler, SSMO, 89.  
Bottom row, from left: Br. James Bartos, OSB, 79; Sr. Mary Hope Doudard, SSCJ, 87; Abbot Gregory Duerr, OSB, 84; Sr. Catarina Santa Cruz, SSCJ, 88; Sr. Mary Guadalupe Jumarang, OSF, 75.

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