



By Our Fruit We Will Know Ourselves
Reflection by Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R. – Pastor
February 27, 2022 – 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sirach 27:4-7 & Luke 6:39-45 with 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Do we believe Jesus conquered death, as St. Paul says? Let's listen to our self-talk. Let's listen to our thoughts and our feelings. Let's go deep inside ourselves. Let's look at how we look at what is happening around us.

To say "Yes, I believe Jesus has conquered death" is to know the foundation of our hope. It is not in anything or anyone that can die including ourselves. It is totally based on the resurrection.

When I went for my open heart surgery, it was the first time that I could remember where the question of believing in the resurrection was in my conscious mind. Am I aware that my life could be coming to an end?

I became conscious of my approach to physical health. I took it for granted. Now I would not be free to continue that way. I would need to be careful about a lot of things that I hadn't been before, if I wanted to live. I needed to be humble.

About that time my spiritual director shared with me the meaning of the parable of the "splinter in your eye." He shared how Joseph taught his Son the relationship between youth and elders. The phrase "get off your high horse" captures the lesson.

Youth have energy – physical power. Elders have experience – mental wisdom. To cut the wood with a long saw, the younger goes up and stands on the plank to push and pull the saw. The older person guides the saw to be precise and accurate.

If a splinter gets in the eye of the elder, the younger person must get off his high horse to take the splinter out of the elder's eye. Jesus asks us to learn from His being gentle and humble. Listen to our thoughts, words, actions. Are we humble?

We talk. We reveal the lessons we learned from so many sources. Isn't it sad when we hear someone or even more sad when we ourselves speak without being gentle and humble, especially if we are older? But what joy we offer the young when we share encouragement to the next generation. Gentleness invites humility. Let's do it.

2021 Catholic Services Appeal

We have received pledges of \$6,155, or 81% of our CSA Target of \$7,637! 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, 3. Pledge online at spcccdetroit.org.**

Support the States Tea

Our Second Annual Virtual States Tea started in December and runs through the end of this month. **To date, \$3,497 has been received!** We thank all those who have contributed. If you did not receive a mailing, or cannot find your mailing, contact Ed Shea, or just go to the parish website at spcccdetroit.org. You can even make your payment on the parish website.

Lenten/Holy Week Worship Schedule

Lent begins this Wednesday, March 2, Ash Wednesday. Our Lenten theme is **Passion, Death, Resurrection: Are We Willing to be Transformed into the Resurrected Christ?**

This holy season provides us a special opportunity to grow closer to Jesus as we reflect on how He suffered and died for us, only to bring eternal hope through His glorious resurrection. Following is a summary of our worship schedule. Details on specific services will be provided when available.

- Ash Wednesday (3/2) Mass & Distribution of Ashes at 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m.
- Every Friday (3/4 - 4/8) Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m.
- Holy Thursday (4/14) Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- Good Friday (4/15) Stations of the Cross at 12:00 noon Liturgy at 1:00 p.m.
- Holy Saturday (4/16) Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 p.m.
- Easter Sunday (4/17) Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Lent is a time of reconciliation, as we prepare ourselves to receive the graces of Jesus' resurrection. We will have a Reconciliation Service as part of our Mass on March 27. However, keep in mind that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every Sunday for about one-half hour before Mass.

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.

Once again, we congratulate and thank Pearl Crutcher, our 2022 Urban Parish Spirit Award winner, pictured below with our pastor, Rev. John Phelps, C.Ss.R., at the Awards Ceremony. You can watch the ceremony using the link on our parish website (spcccdetroit.org).



Save the Date

On **Sunday, April 3**, we will have a **Town Hall Meeting** after Mass to provide updates on the future of our parish, as we prepare to join our Family of Parishes on July 1. We request that all members of the parish participate in this important meeting.

***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, 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, 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, Wayne Washington, and relatives of our parishioners

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

March 6, 2022

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

Minister of Service: Alan Flounory

Lector: Kathryn Crutcher

MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday	10:00 am	Mass in Church and via Zoom
	2:00 pm	Knights of Peter Claver
Tuesday	10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
Wednesday	12:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Mass & Distribution of Ashes in Church
	6:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Mass & Distribution of Ashes in Church
Friday	6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross in Church
Saturday	10:00 am	Mentor Coaching 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**



On the Road to Sainthood: Leaders of African Descent

Thank you to all our presenters of the six African Americans on the road to sainthood. We pray that their stories inspire each of us in our own faith journey. May they pray for us, as we continue to pray for them.

For more information on each of the six, go to the parish website and scroll down to **Saints To Be Known**.

Save Those Pennies

Bring in your loose coins. Tanda Flounory will collect them for donation to the parish. Thank you to those who donate.

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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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