



Is There A Message A Woman With Five Husbands Has For Us?

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

March 15, 2020 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7 & John 4:5-42 with Romans 5:1-2,5-8

Water in short supply to survive... the people grumbled. Sounds sort of like they are entitled to live? Jesus has water in great supply to save... she doesn't get it, until He lets her know He knows how mixed up she is ... He can quench her spiritual thirst.

The Samaritan woman doesn't have a right to receive from a Jewish man. His disciples don't understand what's going on. He's not hungry for the food they brought. His "food" is to find the lost, wake them up before it's too late and set them free of sin.

But would the story have been told, if the woman saw her way of living as good? What would have happened, if her conscience didn't hear having five husbands isn't working? Would she live happily ever after?

In many ways this is the culture in which we live. Here in the Eucharist we have the Bread of Life made possible by a Lover Who knows we are lost. But we don't know we are. Here is the Word of Life showing us the Way. But we don't feel the need.

We who are seeking to respond to being chosen to be sent to do what Jesus did at the well, we know we are justified by faith in our Redeemer. We boast of our hope in the power of the Holy Spirit. Why? Because when we didn't know we were lost, He did.

This truth that we accept is what gives us the living water that never is polluted. We were not entitled to be chosen. He decided to call us. And He doesn't force us. He gives us signals that without Him we were thirsting for meaning and never found it.

We were searching for meaning, using our talents to have what we want, busy doing it our way, like the woman looking for water for life, doing it her way. One day something happened. Something or someone dies and we feel the pain. Now what?

As we reflect upon our talents, the gifts we have for the sake of others, this is the moment to ask the question she did, "where do I find living water?" Jesus' response – "I am He speaking." Using our talents for the sake of others, living enthusiastically as we know Jesus sets us free, pray to be ready when it's someone else's time to seek.

Mass/Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent, we celebrate the Eucharist and pray the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the church. All are welcome.

Also, since we are now in the solemn season of Lent, it's good to remind everyone that Father offers the Sacrament of Reconciliation every Sunday beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the sacristy to the left of the altar.

Response to Coronavirus

The Archdiocese of Detroit, along with parish leadership, continue to monitor actions taken, or to be taken, in response to the Coronavirus outbreak. For the latest information on the AOD's actions and recommendations, please visit www.aod.org/emergencyresponse.

If you feel ill, or "at risk," please stay home. It's OK! You can stay in touch through the Parish Office.

**ROCC 2.0: Reconciling Our Catholic Commitment:
The Journey Towards 2nd Conversion...**

6th Awareness –

FEAR OF THE LORD heals SLOTH through FAITH

Mary chose the better part.

Sent to share her spark.

Monday, March 16: 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm; Mass: 12:00 noon
Repeated on Friday, March 20: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm; Mass: 6:00 pm

All Sessions take place at Marygrove
College in the LA Building
8425 W. McNichols
Detroit, MI 48221

Brown bag your refreshments!
BRING YOUR OWN BIBLE!



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.



SAINT JOSEPH SOCIETY
(A CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP)
CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. MOSES THE BLACK
1125 OAKMAN BLVD
DETROIT, MI 48238
(313) 868-4308

The St. Joseph Society of the Catholic Church of St. Moses Invites You to Our

St. Joseph's Day Mass

A Liturgy of Commitment and Celebration

Thursday, March 19, 2020 6:00 P.M.

Catholic Church of St. Moses the Black

1125 Oakman Blvd. (near Rosa Parks Blvd.)

Detroit, Michigan 48238

(313) 868-4308

Spaghetti Supper and Fellowship

In the Church Hall Following Mass

All are invited to join together to recognize and celebrate

Saint Joseph as a model and as an intercessor for men today

Secure Parking Available

prepare to celebrate
THE TRIDUUM
in your parish

We invite you to enhance your participation in your parish's Triduum liturgy by spending some time in reflection at St. Paul's. Join us as we celebrate this one unique and unrepeatable event: the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Discover the significance of this event on your life today and grow in understanding of its eternal impact.

Holy Saturday
April 11

Holy Thursday
April 9

Good Friday
April 10

St. Paul of the Cross
Passionist Retreat Center
23333 Schoolcraft, Detroit

Freewill Offering • Join us on one day or all three • All are Welcome

Daily Format
9:00 am: Gathering
9:30 to noon:
Presentation by a member of our ministry team
Personal prayer and reflection
Small group sharing
Opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Call us at
(313)286-2800
or visit
stpaulretreat.org
for more
information.

Open House - St. Mary's Retreat House

On September 7, 2019, the leadership team from the Dominican Sisters of Peace, after much prayer, thought, study and deliberation, came to Oxford to announce that the Oxford Motherhouse and St. Mary's Retreat House will be closed within the next few months.

St. Mary's Retreat House has been a home away from home for many retreatants over these past 60 years, including those who have attended focus: LIFE retreats!

Perhaps you are a retreatant, retreat director, promoter, prayer team member, or one of the many dear hearts who entered the threshold of St. Mary's to be forever changed.

Come share your memories with us at our Open House on Sunday, March 22, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Your reply before March 17th is greatly appreciated. You may reply to this email, guardianangel1953@yahoo.com, or call or text my cell 586-482-6092.

Many thanks,
Zora
(A Retreatant Since 1990)

2020 DATES

BOYS' 2-WEEK CAMPS

Ages 8-16 yrs | \$699

Session 1
Sunday, June 21 - Sunday, July 5

Session 2
Sunday, July 5 - Sunday, July 19

Session 3
Sunday, July 19 - Sunday, August 2

HORSE CAMPS

Girls Ages 10-16 yrs | \$460

Sunday, June 14 - Saturday, June 20

Boys Ages 10-16 yrs | \$460

Sunday, August 2 - Saturday, August 8

BOYS' ROPES ADVENTURE CAMP

Ages 11-16 yrs | \$460

Sunday, August 2 - Saturday, August 8

BOYS' 1-WEEK CAMPS

Ages 8-13 yrs | \$460

Mini Camp A
Sunday, June 21 - Sunday, June 28

Mini Camp B
Sunday, June 28 - Sunday, July 5

Mini Camp C
Sunday, July 5 - Sunday, July 12

Mini Camp D
Sunday, July 12 - Sunday, July 19

Mini Camp E
Sunday, July 19 - Sunday, July 26

Mini Camp F
Sunday, July 26 - Sunday, August 2

Mini Camp G
Sunday, August 2 - Saturday, August 8

GIRLS' CAMPS

Ages 8-16 yrs | \$460

Sunday, June 14 - Saturday, June 20

Sunday, August 9 - Saturday, August 15

PARENT & CHILD WEEKENDS

MOTHER & DAUGHTER

\$205 Parent and 1 Child (\$50 for each additional child)

Friday, June 12 - Sunday, June 14

Friday, August 14 - Sunday, August 16

FATHER & SON

\$205 Parent and 1 Child (\$50 for each additional child)

Friday, June 26 - Sunday, June 28

Friday, July 24 - Sunday, July 26

DISCOUNTS

Multi-session and sibling discounts are available.
Check out www.campsantamaria.org for more info.



Since our founding in 1933, Camp Sancta Maria, located in the wooded landscape of Gaylord in the heart of Northern Lower Michigan, has been offering young people ages 8 to 16 a summer full of fun, personal growth, and spiritual development.

At Camp Sancta Maria, our campers escape their daily routines of electronics and digital media in a technology-free zone to enjoy 96 acres of sacred space filled with excitement and adventure, while they make new friends and learn interpersonal skills in an atmosphere of Christian faith.

Camp Sancta Maria is fully accredited by the American Camp Association.



For more information and to register, visit us at www.campsantamaria.org. For questions, contact us at 248-822-8199 or office@campsantamaria.org.

WWW.CAMPSANTAMARIA.ORG

Date: 03-21-20

Time: 4:00PM-6:00 PM

**Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary
Michigan Central Committee
Fundraising Event**

A BOWLING PARTY \$20.00 per person

Saturday March 21, 2020

ARRIVE 20 MINUTES EARLY

WHERE: MAYFLOWER LANES

26600 PLYMOUTH RD.

REDFORD, MI. 48239

Contact: **Bill Tidwell 313-706-6459**

Robin L. Johnson 810-814-7399

Make check payable to:

KPC Michigan Ctr. Committee
Mail to: Bill Tidwell

13232 Broadstreet Ave.

Detroit, MI 48238

2 hours Of fun
At the bowling party
Enjoy eating pizzas
And drinking soda.

★ Deadline for this wonderful fun Upcoming event is:
3-14-20.

Stewardship Thoughts

The theme of water flows through today's Scripture passages from the Book of Exodus and St. John's Gospel. In Exodus, the ancient Israelites grumble about Moses making them leave Egypt only to die of thirst in the desert. In turn, Moses cries out to the Lord, who responds by miraculously bringing life-giving water from a rock. (Some Scripture scholars believe this miracle prefigures the Sacrament of Baptism.) In the Gospel, Jesus professes to the Samaritan woman: ... whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life. Opening their hearts to Jesus lets Christian stewards strive for this "water for eternal life." As we embrace evangelization in our parishes and the Archdiocese by implementing Archbishop Allen Vigneron's pastoral letter, *Unleash the Gospel* (www.unleashthegospel.org), remember Christ invites us all to deepen our discipleship in His love and Truth through a personal encounter with Him.

DCPA Meeting

On Wednesday, March 18, The Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance will host its March membership meeting at St. Elizabeth Center 3127 E. Canfield St. Detroit, MI 48207. There will be food and fellowship at 6 p.m., followed by the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Three major things will take place: presentation on the 2020 Census, presentation from FORC (Friends of Returning Citizens) and of course our popular 50/50 raffle! **We hope you will join us!**



NATIONAL SHRINE
OF THE LITTLE FLOWER BASILICA

WEDNESDAY EVENING
LENTEN SERIES

"Are You Here, God?"

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
IN THE CHURCH

There are times when it seems the waves of life are crashing all around us and we may wonder if God is near. Join us as we discover how to find God in the midst of life's ups and downs.

March 4
Will I Ever Feel Normal Again? Healing & Mercy
Fr. Joseph Horn, Rector,
National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica

March 11
You Want Me To Do What?? Forgiveness & Reconciliation
Fr. Anthony Camilleri, Associate Pastor, Our Lady of Good Counsel

March 18
**How Do I Know What To Do?
Making Good Choices With God's Help**
Sr. Mary Martha Bechel, OP

March 25
Where Do I Begin? Forming Holy Habits
Fr. John Kopson, Associate Pastor
National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica

April 1
How Do I Know What To Believe? Faith & Reason
Msgr. Ronald Browne, Judicial Vicar, Archdiocese of Detroit
Judy Maten, Via Maria Consulting, LLC

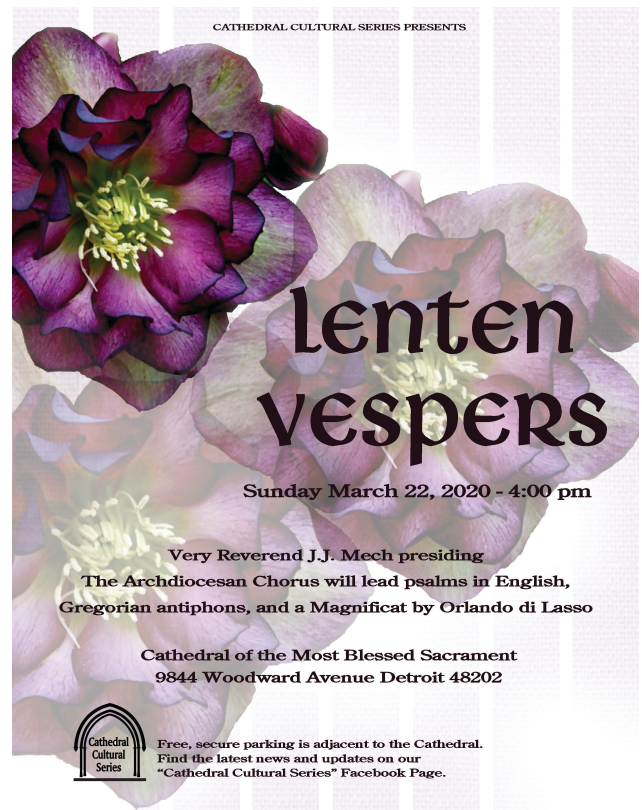
Refreshments to Follow in Heritage Hall

Cultivating the Call

Nurturing and supporting vocations to the priesthood requires the prayerful support of the whole community. Everyone—families, parents, teachers, priests, DREs, youth ministers, catechists—is invited to join the Office of Priestly Vocations for **Cultivating the Call** at Church of the Holy Family (24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi, MI 48375) on March 25 from 6–8 p.m. The evening will include a light meal, vocation testimonies, Eucharistic adoration, praise and worship music and more. For additional information and to RSVP, visit detroitpriest.com.

Visit aod.org for information about CSA-supported ministries, programs and services.

CATHEDRAL CULTURAL SERIES PRESENTS




Lenten Vespers

Sunday March 22, 2020 - 4:00 pm

Very Reverend J.J. Mech presiding
The Archdiocesan Chorus will lead psalms in English,
Gregorian antiphons, and a Magnificat by Orlando di Lasso

Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament
9844 Woodward Avenue Detroit 48202

 Free, secure parking is adjacent to the Cathedral.
Find the latest news and updates on our
"Cathedral Cultural Series" Facebook Page.

Lenten Soup and Scripture Series

St. Moses the Black Catholic Church (1125 Oakman Blvd.) is hosting its 2020 Lenten Soup & Scripture Series - *Jesus is our Hope*. The dates and speakers are as follows:

- March 21 - Fr. Don Archambault
- March 28 - Fr. Chester Smith

All sessions are from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All are invited.

Collection Results

March 8 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

Envelopes:	\$1,457.00
Loose:	25.00
Online:	390.00
Total Collection:	<u>\$1,872.00</u>



Give Online at spccdetroit.org

A Verse a Day For You to Pray

Today: John 4:13-14: Jesus said to the Samaritan woman, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

Monday: Psalms 43:3: Send forth your light and your fidelity; they shall lead me on And bring me to your holy mountain, to your dwelling-place.

Tuesday: Daniel 3:41c-43: "O Lord: Do not let us be put to shame, but deal with us in your kindness and great mercy. Deliver us by your wonders, and bring glory to your name, O Lord."

Wednesday: Deuteronomy 4:1: Moses spoke to the people and said: "Now, Israel, hear the statutes and decrees which I am teaching you to observe, that you may live, and may enter in and take possession of the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you."

Thursday: Romans 4:13: Brothers and sisters: It was not through the law that the promise was made to Abraham and his descendants that he would inherit the world, but through the righteousness that comes from faith.

Friday: Psalms 81:14,17: "If only my people would hear me, and Israel walk in my ways, I would feed them with the best of wheat, and with honey from the rock I would fill them."

Saturday: Hosea 6:3: "Let us know, let us strive to know the LORD; as certain as the dawn is his coming, and his judgment shines forth like the light of day! He will come to us like the rain, like spring rain that waters the earth."

Note: All verses are taken from the Mass readings for the day.

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, 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, Wayne Weamer, Carmel Weems, Leonard & Ona Wilson

Please Pray for Them as They Pray for Us!!

Also, Please Remember in Prayer:

Olivia Boulden, Christopher Durant, Rochelle Evans, Jesse Feagin, Kiara Harris, Marley Jonah, Mary Caroline Jonah, Johnetta Mutes, Elke Rittenhouse, Elaine Ryles, Charles Tilghman, Jon Viado, Vickee Viado, Constance Washington-Daniel, Larry Washington, and relatives of our parishioners

Ministers Schedule March 22, 2020

Celebrant	Fr. Preuss
Minister of Service	Sandra Horn
Altar Server	Danielle Radford
Sacristan	Willetta Rhodes
Prayers of the Faithful	Alther Redd
Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Larry Rhodes	Elaine Ryles
Sandra Horn	Aurelia Smith

Meetings/Events This Week

Monday	12:00 pm	Mass in Church
	12:30 pm	ROCC 2.0 at Marygrove
Tuesday	10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
Wednesday	1:00 pm	Lectio Divina at PH
Thursday	12:00 pm	Mass at PH
	5:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal in Church
Friday	6:00 pm	Mass/Stations of the Cross in Church
	6:30 pm	ROCC 2.0 at Marygrove
Saturday	9:30 am	Confirmation Mentorship at PH
Sunday	10:00 am	Mass in Church
	2:00 pm	Knights of Peter Claver at St. Charles Lwanga

*Legend: PH=Parish House; MC=Marygrove College
Church refers to the Sacred Heart Chapel at Marygrove College*

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.

St. Peter Claver Catholic Community

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(313) 342-5292

Church: Marygrove College - Sacred Heart Chapel
8425 W. McNichols Rd., Detroit, MI 48221

email: parishoffice@spcccdetroit.org

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: Monday - Thursday,
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

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Mary Chavez-Thedford, Administrative Assistant

Ronald Galletero, Facilities Manager

Tanda Flounory, Parish Pastoral Council Chair

LaTanya Mahdi, Finance Council Chair