



Reconciliation

Children of Light Sent as Chosen to See as God Sees.
March 19, 2023 – 1Sm.16:1-13 & Jm.9:1-41 with Eph.5:8-14 – 4th Sunday of Lent
By Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R. – Priest in Solidum

Children of God are like David in the first reading and the man born blind in the gospel. Look to the internal, into the heart, as God sees. While we are in darkness, it is difficult to see. But as the light grows, there is less and less hidden.

Today we come to celebrate the sacrament that goes to the heart of a Catholic. It is a sacrament that has the power to enlighten and to heal. It is a sacrament that is the strength to heal the chosen. It is a sacrament whose purpose is to send ambassadors.

Why did Jesus come? Because He was sent. Do we agree? As we agree that Jesus was sent, what was He sent to do? To renew the face of the earth as Psalm 130 said. All Jesus did and said would have the momentum to enlighten, to heal, to send.

The world in which we live, move, and exist is in the dark which is another way of saying we are surrounded by selfishness and sin. It surfaces in prejudice and infidelity. It affects people we love and ourselves, the chosen sent to do what He wants.

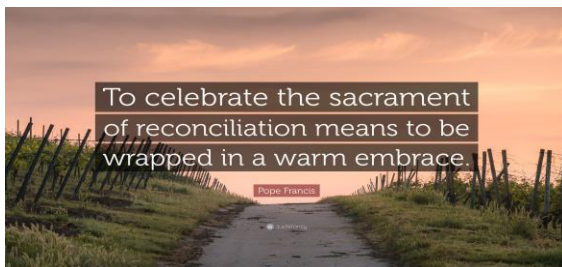
David was chosen to be the King to live a noble life, yet David sinned. The man born blind was chosen to believe in Jesus. Yet Peter who was chosen as well denied he even knew Jesus. The chosen to bring light sometimes go back into darkness.

When we hear the lies, when we see what is wrong, when he feels what is bad, we are sent to speak the truth, light the way to what is right, do what is good. We are the children of God – baptized and confirmed – our conscience is to be our guide.

God forgave David because he asked to be forgiven. Peter wept bitterly over his fall and Jesus came and healed him in his heart. Being chosen is the beginning, not the end. Being chosen means we will be sent to show the way to the truth that brings life.

How wise our Redeemer is! He knows the grace within us is in earthen vessels, which are fragile and weak. He loves as just as we are. He has given us a sacrament to heal us when we hurt others or wound ourselves. He wants to continue to send us. But once we know ourselves as fallen, He can send us to be his Ambassadors of forgiving.

Pope Francis at Confession



Spirit Award Recipient Arianna Caderao

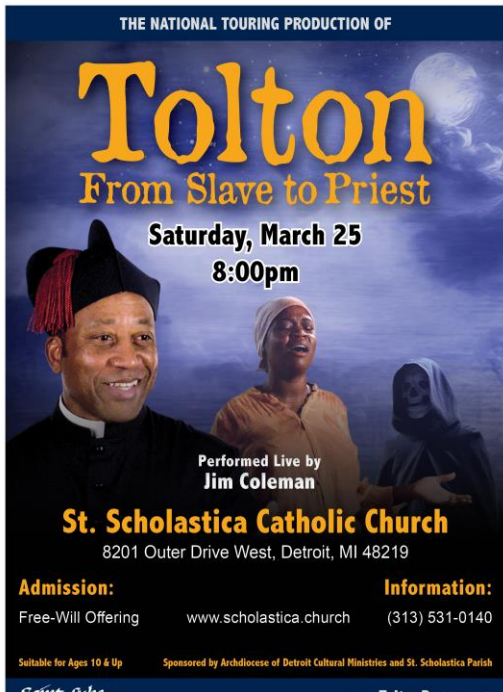


Congratulations Arianna! We're Proud of You!

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.

MEETINGS / EVENTS March 19th to March 26th



- Sunday** March 19th 10:00 am Mass at MC and via Zoom
Celebrant: Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R, Priest in Solidum
Minister of Service: Bill Tidwell
Lector: Arianna Caderao
 4:00 pm Intern Miseducation of the Catholic
- Tuesday** 10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
 14400 Puritan St. Detroit 48227
- Wednesday** 11:00 am Lectio Divina via Zoom
- Friday** 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross MC
- Saturday** 11:00 am Knights of Peter Claver
- Sunday** March 26th 10:00 am Mass at MC and via Zoom
Celebrant: Fr. John McKensie Priest in Solidum
Minister of Service: Pearl Crutcher
Lector: Larry Rhodes
Legend: PH=Parish House; MC=Marygrove College
 Church refers to the Sacred Heart Chapel at Marygrove

Support the States Tea Our
 Third Annual Virtual States Tea began in December and runs through February. **As of today, we have received \$2,980.** If you have not contributed yet, we would appreciate your support. You may contact the parish office or the parish website at spcccdetroit.org.

There is a handicap ramp available on the east side of Liberal Arts bldg. Also the handicap lift is in disrepair and waiting on new parts. The Marygrove Conservancy apologizes for this inconvenience.

***Eucharistic Heart of Jesus
 Intercessory Prayer Team***

Beverly Alessio, Inez (Retinella) Alls, Florine Anderson, Alberta Asmar, Sylvia Baker, Warren Bridges, Donald Carter Michael Clarence Carter, Johnnie Davis, Peggy Endlein, David Galletero, Tequilla Garrett, 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, Alther Redd 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

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

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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 by Appointment
 Parish Office Hours: Monday thru Friday, 10 am-2 pm
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 Ministry Commission, Pearl Crutcher {Interim}
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 Elders Counsel, Larry and Willetta Rhodes