



Jesus.....The Resurrection and the Life

What will it take for us to Believe so we can be Sent?

5th Sunday of Lent – Ezek.37:12-14 & Jn.11:1-45 with Rm.8:8-11 – March 26, 2023

By Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R. – Priest in Solidum

The theme that flows from the first reading into the Gospel is from death comes life. But do you notice the theme isn't complete till we hear the last phrase – "They began to believe". They didn't believe. Sit with that question.

Seeing is believing is not true for those who saw Lazarus. Why not? Paul points to the reason. It is so clear. Teachings like "the flesh cannot please God" and "not in the flesh but in the spirit" to end with "the spirit dwells in us." Let's open the insights.

When any of us are at the home going of someone we love and someone shares that the person is not dead but change in appearance, does that touch us emotionally? When we heard that Jesus wept with Martha and Mary and all of them, emotionally...

Jesus Who knew what He was going to do, wept. Loss is real and it can touch us to the core. When I celebrated my father's Mass of the Resurrection, I wept almost out of control before I went into the Church. I felt the loss in a very profound way.

At that point I most appreciated the touch of a friend, someone who wanted to be with me and be silent. At that moment of death, silence is the language of comfort. It is what grieving is meant to be. The flesh has died because of fallen human nature.

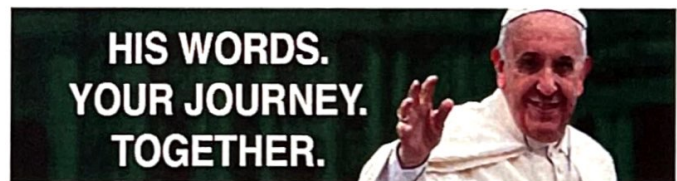
Jesus then wipes away His tears. He stands up and declares, "roll away the stone." The miracle of life out of death is about to be shared. The response to death is to be life, life that never dies. As Paul puts it, "give life ... through the Spirit dwelling..."

This Spirit dwelling in us is the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit dwells in our mortal bodies, we are Christ. We are Christian. We are life giving. We are sent. Yes, we are sent. As God said through Ezekiel "I promise. I will do it."

The Spirit raised Jesus from the dead. Christ is resurrected in our bodies. Why? To be sent to overcome worry and doubt, competition, and fear – to redeem and heal fallen human nature. Baptism is Resurrection. Confirmation is Pentecost. We grow into life by giving to others what we ourselves received. What will it take? It takes being sent.



Welcome Our Celebrant
Fr. John McKensie



"Every human person is sacred and inviolable. To ensure that a society has a future, it is necessary that a sense of respect be matured for the dignity of every person, no matter in what condition they find themselves. Chosen and loved by God, we are called to live "as is fitting among the saints" (Eph 5:3), to clothe ourselves with sentiments of goodness, humility, magnanimity, bearing the fruits of the Spirit."

Thank you for your donations to the Third Annual "Stay-At-Home States Tea." The total amount raised is \$3,120. May God's blessings be with you for your generosity.

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.



NFWF

NFWF Announces \$1.7 Million in Conservation Grants to Improve Community and Habitat Resilience in Southeast Michigan

Public-private partnership funds six projects to improve water quality, enhance habitat and increase accessibility to public green space.

<https://www.nfwf.org/sites/default/files/2023-03/nfwf-se-michigan-20230301-gs.pdf>

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, Vickie Viado, Constance Washington-Daniel, Larry Washington, Wayne Washington, and relatives of our parishioners

MEETINGS / EVENTS March 26th to April 2nd

- 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
2:00 pm Knights of Peter Claver (TBD)
- Tuesday** 10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
14400 Puritan St. Detroit 48227
7:00 pm Formation Team Meeting via Zoom
- Wednesday** 11:00 am Lectio Divina via Zoom
- Friday** 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross MC
- Saturday** 1:00 pm Reclaiming Our Faith Formation (PH)
- Sunday** April 2nd 10:00 am Mass at MC and via Zoom
Celebrant: Fr. John Phelps Priest in Solidum
Minister of Service: Alan Flounory
Lector: Arianna Caderoa
Legend: PH=Parish House; MC=Marygrove College
Church refers to the Sacred Heart Chapel at Marygrove

Breaking News!

Stephanie Flounory and Tanda are collecting candy and donations for Easter for the church.

St. Peter Claver Catholic Community

Parish Office: 13305 Grove St., Detroit, MI 48235
(313) 342-5292

Church Location: Marygrove College-Sacred Heart Chalel
8424 W. McNichols Rd. Detroit, MI 48221

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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
After hours please contact the Administrative Coordinator
Patricia Woods at (313) 342-5292

Reverend John Phelps, Priest in Solidum

Chris Kendall, Engagement Coordinator / Music Director

Patricia Woods, Administrative Coordinator

Team Captains:

Evangelization: Ed Shea

Formation, Mary Radford

Administration, Jeff Flounory

Commission Chairs:

Mission Commission, Tanda Flounory

Ministry Commission, Pearl Crutcher (Interim)

Stewardship, Clarence Watts

Elders Counsel, Larry and Willetta Rhodes