



**Jesus Walks It All ... Pain ... Death ... LIFE**

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

**April 5, 2020 - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

**Isaiah 50:4-7 & Matthew 26:14-27:66 with Philippians 2:6-11**

As we begin Holy Week 2020 with the Corona virus making us keep social distancing, I invite us to come closer through spiritual connecting. Let us enter the journey of Jesus to heal our wounded world. I invite us to reflect through St. Paul's letter to the Philippians reflecting upon the SEVEN LAST WORDS of our Tremendous Lover.

He didn't grasp at being divine. I became like you so you could become like Me. When you crucified me, I didn't want to lose you. That's why the first word I spoke was *"Father, forgive them. They don't know what they're doing."* I say it every time you sin.

He takes the form of a slave. I'm patiently waiting for you to want to be with Me. When you say you have no time, I hope you don't try to steal heaven and hope to hear *"This day you will be with Me in Paradise."* Do you love me now? Do you want Me now?

He has our human likeness. I looked down on My mother. I received my human life from her. *"Mother, behold your son. Son, behold your mother."* I pray you let her show you how to love me. She is the one loving Me unconditionally the day I passed.

He has our human appearance. I am focused on bringing you to fall in love with Me. *"I thirst"* for you more than I need to quench my natural thirst. My way to express My love for you is to thirst to love those who hate Me, those who wrong Me. Will you?

He humbled himself. My emptiness came from being completely abandoned. I cried to My Father, *"My God, My God, why have you abandoned Me."* May this moment that I had encourage you to let Me be for you, when no one else is there for you.

He was obedient to the point of death. Any moment where you think you are lost and a failure I will respond, if you call to Me as I called to My Father. *"Into Your hands I commend my Spirit."* Do your best. I'll do the rest. Say "yes" to My love for you.

He surrendered to death on the cross. This is My final expression of love for you. Because I love you and all I do is because I love you - nothing, even death, could take away My Joy. *"It is finished."* I am waiting to catch you. Trust Me. I'm here forever.

**Response to Coronavirus**

Due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus, all public Masses in the Archdiocese of Detroit, as well as in-person faith formation programs and other parish events and meetings, are suspended indefinitely. Accordingly, any such scheduled parish events or meetings will either be converted to a tele/video conference or postponed.

If you have a private need, such as to arrange for a baptism, marriage, anointing of the sick, funeral or individual confession, please contact the Parish Office.

The "live" Parish Calendar, along with other information, are available on the parish website at [spcccdetroit.org](https://www.spcccdetroit.org).

Let's continue to pray for one another!

**Virtual Mass**

While you are unable to attend Mass in person, you can benefit by participating in Masses offered on TV or online. Check your TV listing for Masses offered on CTND, or go to <https://www.aod.org/livemasses>, or go to our website at [spcccdetroit.org](https://www.spcccdetroit.org).

Father John will again celebrate Eucharist on Easter Sunday at **9:00 a.m.** from the chapel of St. Paul's Retreat Center via Zoom Video Conference. To join in, go to the parish website at [spcccdetroit.org](https://www.spcccdetroit.org) and click on the blue **"Easter Mass"** button on the Home page. We will also keep the link open for a while after the Mass to allow participants to "visit" with one another as we celebrate the joy of Easter.

If you do not have video access, but would like to hear the Mass, you can dial **(312) 626-6799, meeting code 665723043#**. If you are then asked to enter a participant code, just enter #.

If you have any questions, call Ed Shea at (248) 633-4476.

**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.

### A Verse a Day For You to Pray

**Today: Philippians 2:6-8:** Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

**Monday: Isaiah 42:6:** I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations.

**Tuesday: Psalms 71:1-2:** In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me, and deliver me; incline your ear to me, and save me.

**Wednesday: Isaiah 50:7,9a:** The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. See, the Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong?

**Thursday: John 13:14-15:** Jesus said to his disciples: "If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do."

**Friday: Hebrews 5:8-9:** Brothers and sisters: Son though he was, Christ learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him..

**Saturday: Matthew 28:5-6:** The angel said to Mary Magdalene, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay."

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

### Keep in Touch

During this difficult time, if you know someone who is alone, give them a call, or contact the Parish Office.

### 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

April 12, 2020

**No Mass Scheduled Due to Coronavirus.**  
**Check your television listings for Masses on EWTN or CTND, or go to our website at [spcccdetroit.org](http://spcccdetroit.org).**

### Meetings/Events This Week

Tuesday	10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
Wednesday	1:00 pm	Lectio Divina via Zoom Video Conference
Saturday	9:30 am	Mission Discernment Team via Zoom Video Conference
	3:00 pm	Sacramental Mentorship Meeting via Zoom Video Conference
Sunday	9:00 am	Mass via Zoom Video Conference

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

### Collection Results

**During these difficult times, we rely on your support. Weekly donations can be sent to the Parish Office. Or this is an excellent time to consider online giving. It's convenient, secure, and totally in your control!**



**Give Online at [spcccdetroit.org](http://spcccdetroit.org)**

### 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.

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

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