



# CHRIST IS RISEN

**Believing Is More Than Seeing**  
**Easter Sunday – Acts.10:34-43 & Jn. 20:1-9 with 1Cor.5:6-8 – April 9, 2023**  
**By Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R. – Priest in Solidum**

Peter and John both saw what was left behind. Neither saw Jesus. The first saw what was left behind – Peter. The other saw and believed – John. Neither saw Jesus. Why would John believe?

The message of the resurrection is the message of forgiveness. The messengers of the resurrection are forgiving witnesses. Mary saw and thought they stole the body. Peter saw and went to the Upper Room locked up in fear. John believed but fearful.

If we are going to believe, if we are going to be sincere and truthful, we will want to receive forgiveness as Peter will teach after Pentecost and John will explain to those who see His wounds and hear they are forgiven and are sent to forgive.

This is the heart of the resurrection – forgiveness of sins in all its forms. This is the significance of the word – Christian. This is the gift of our Redeemer given to us by His nail marks and His pierced heart that is still bleeding.

What does our community, our city, country, continent need? Would you agree that mercy, divine mercy, is needed? Would you agree with the theme of the novena to Divine Mercy that begins on Good Friday and ends on the Sunday after Easter?

What is the significance of the Sunday after Easter? It is the day where we remember “Thomas the twin”. This is the day when we remember the Eleven seeing Jesus with His nail marks and Jesus calling them all to believe.

F.E.A.R. keeps us from believing what we see. No different from Eve who didn’t believe the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil would lead to death. From the very beginning we have a hard time believing the truth, even when we see it.

Now Jesus is Christ who gives us the truth – forgiving is life. Forgiving is living the F.E.A.R. of the Lord – Freedom Excelling After Reconciliation. Want to reconcile and we are free even if the other will not forgive. Be ambassadors of reconciliation. Show you believe what you cannot see. Roll away the stone and be free!

## THE BEGINNING OF THE HOLY TRIDUUM IN THE CHAPEL AT MARYGROVE



### *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.



Christ the King Catholic School, located in Detroit, Michigan, is seeking a faith-filled, dynamic, and visionary leader for the position of Principal beginning July 1, 2023.

Qualified candidates are encouraged to submit a cover letter that outlines your vision for the position of principal and outlook on Catholic education, resume and references.

Materials should be sent electronically to: Fr. John McKenzie [jmckenzie@christthekingschooldetroit.org](mailto:jmckenzie@christthekingschooldetroit.org) and Kimberly Vigneron at [vigneron.kimberly@aod.org](mailto:vigneron.kimberly@aod.org).

An initial review of applicants and first interviews will take place in early April.



## MEETINGS / EVENTS April 9th to April 16th

- Sunday** April 9th 10:00 am Mass at MC and via Zoom  
**Celebrant:** Fr. John Phelps Priest in Solidum  
**Minister of Service:** Bill Tidwell  
**Lector:** Kathryn Crutcher
- Monday** 6:00 pm MOS Training at PH on Grove St.  
**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  
**Saturday** 9:00 am Leadership Meeting (via Zoom)  
**Sunday** April 16th 10:00 am Mass at MC and via Zoom  
**Celebrant:** Fr. John Phelps Priest in Solidum  
**Minister of Service:** Pearl Crutcher  
**Lector:** Gwen Cook  
 11:30 am Mentor Coaching Meeting (Zoom)  
**Legend:** PH=Parish House; MC=Marygrove College  
 Church refers to the Sacred Heart Chapel at Marygrove

### History in the Archdiocese of Detroit

In the early 1900s, a man named Norman Dukette visited St. Mary's Parish in Greektown, Detroit. There, he volunteered to help organize a black Catholic mission inside the church. Dukette also joined the seminary and in 1926 became the first African-American to be ordained a priest in Detroit. Similar chapels and missions for black Catholics were set up throughout Detroit beginning in the 1870s.

### *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 Gallesero, 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

### *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*

*Email [parishoffice@spcccdetroit.org](mailto:parishoffice@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 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*