



Are We Willing to Be Chosen to Tell The Story Of The Path of Life?
3rd Sunday of Easter – Ac.2:14-33 & Lk.24:13-35 with 1 Pt.1:17-21 – April 23, 2023

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

We have two narratives of conversations that give us an insight into how the people who experienced the Resurrection came to understand what happened and why it happened. Let us learn from them what could help us and through us help others.

The second reading points to the result of the resurrection in us. "Our faith and hope are in God." We are all on a journey, a sojourn as Peter puts it. We are moving from a wasted life to a life full of meaning discovered by reflecting on what happened.

The Eleven were in the Upper Room. The Holy Spirit had come down on them with Mary in their midst. Peter explained how everything that had happened was part of a set plan and foreknowledge of God. The purpose found by those receiving grace.

On the road to Emmaus the two were discussing "the things that happened." It did not make sense. It didn't seem to have a set plan or purpose. No different than the way people talk about tragedies like 911 or mass killings.


The only difference for the people who know each other is that a stranger, someone they do not recognize, hears their conversation, and shares a way of seeing and hearing that differs from what they saw.

"Was it not necessary that Christ should suffer these things and enter into His glory?" The stranger continued to explain what the events meant, and he interpreted to them... At first the two listening could easily have been confused by good out of evil.

Where are we chosen to be placed on the road to Emmaus? Are we represented by the two who are drawing negative results from the death of Jesus? Do we still have the approach to the events of dead to walk away being depressed?

In another place in the letter of Peter, he calls the chosen race to be strangers in a strange land. We are chosen to take the place of the stranger. When is the stranger recognized? When the two welcome the stranger to eat with them... Are we willing to be recognized in the Breaking of the Bread seeing life coming out of death?

Christian Response to Racial Injustice



- Are you aware of racial injustice?
- How should you address racism?
- Learn how racism can empower some and oppress others!
- Become more aware of racial injustice!

Come hear the following speakers:


- Vickie Figueroa, AOD Assistant Director of Cultural Ministries and Coordinator of Black Catholic Ministry
- John Thome, Executive Director, Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance
- Descon Steven Morello, Enrolled Citizen of Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, currently serving as Missionary for the Archdiocese of Detroit
- Rev. Dr. Patricia Coleman-Burns, Pastor FAME Church of Farmington Hills; Assistant Professor Emerita, University of Michigan School of Nursing

**Sunday May 7
2:00 – 4:00 pm**

Christ, Our Light! Catholic Church
3077 Gloucester
Troy, Michigan

sponsored by the
Justice & Peace Catholic Coalition

In honor of Fr. Norman P. Thomas
May we continue to work to eradicate racism



Day of Reflection - Part II
National Black Catholic Congress XIII


Tuesday, May 2, 2023 - 6pm
Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit

"Write the Vision: A Prophetic Call To Thrive"

**Presenter: Fr. Ted Parker, pastor-in-solidum, St Charles
Lwanga Parish, D4 Mission Family of Parishes**

*Join us as Detroit continues to prepare for the pilgrimage to
Congress XIII. Come pray, share, plan, vision.*

Light Dinner Served. Questions? Call 313-596-7103



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.



- Sunday** April 23rd 10:00 am Mass at MC and via Zoom
 Celebrant: Fr. John Phelps Priest in Solidum
 Minister of Service: Mary Caroline Jonah
 Lector: Jay Jones
 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
 PH and via Zoom
- Wednesday** 11:00 am Lectio Divina via Zoom
- Saturday** 11:00 am KPC Council 299 Meeting
- Sunday** April 30th 10:00 am Mass at MC and via Zoom
 Celebrant: Fr. John Phelps Priest in Solidum
 Minister of Service: Bill Tidwell
 Lector: Arianna Caderao

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



Pope calls for end to culture of waste, indifference. Bishop John Arnold of Salford, England, reads his greetings to Pope Francis during an audience at the Vatican April 20, 2023. The bishop was part of an interfaith delegation from Manchester that included Anglican, Jewish, Sikh and Hindu representatives, pledging their commitment to tackling climate change. (CNS photo/Vatican Media)

***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,

St. Peter Claver Catholic Community

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