



What's The Key To Remembering Mom?

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

May 10, 2020 - 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7 & John 14:1-12 with 1 Peter 2:4-9

A life that loves wants to give the key to finding a joy that no one can take away. To explain what He meant, Jesus spoke of a woman in labor ending with “no longer remembers the anguish, the joy that a child is born ... no one will take away her joy.”

As we move toward Pentecost, I would invite us to find the joy that no one can take from Our Mother, Mary. She is about to give birth to the Church. She sees the gift of her Son. He went through the anguish and she accompanied Him. Then the birth!

Jesus gave us a “way out of no way”, a truth that reveals the lie, a life born out of death. This gift is reborn by the stone rejected by those following a different drumbeat. He is the cornerstone, precious to the builders of our spiritual home.

We hear today “Mercy be on us, as we place our trust in You”. The roots of the Word of Life are spoken by Peter. The ministry of the Word is the fruit of prayer. This is the key to find the “why” within what has little or no meaning to the world and the flesh.

And to ensure we keep true to the message, the needs that are to be met must not take the messengers away from bringing to life the way to find the way to bring joy out of sorrow. Deacons were ordained to ensure Priests would pray and preach.

That discovery was made as people were complaining over the inequality of care for those being left behind, one of the first signs of injustice within the building of the first community of the Way. Out of prayer came a way to build on the cornerstone – Jesus.

Let's listen to the wisdom of the founding of our community. All the members have assets and talents. It takes everyone to do our part. The inequality, the injustice that is in the “wiring” of our nation is the challenge Christians face. Will we be different?

We have within our parish people who are being treated unjustly. As we reflect in prayer, what is our response? Those who are being called back to work and see the choice they're given – risk your life and your family's life or lose your job. The key to remembering our Mother Church – pro-life from womb to tomb – let's pray to find a way.

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.

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 [spsccdetroit.org](https://www.spsccdetroit.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 [spsccdetroit.org](https://www.spsccdetroit.org).

Father John celebrates Eucharist each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. from the chapel of St. Paul's Retreat Center via Zoom Video Conference. To join in the celebration, go to the parish website.

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

Zoom MiniSeries: Sharing the Cure to a Wounded World

This 7-part mini-series continues via Zoom conferencing on Thursdays. Two time slots are available, 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The links to join will be on our parish website.

Take part in the mini-series to learn how the Fruit of the Holy Spirit, along with our Gifts of the Holy Spirit can be strengthened to bring Eucharistic healing into the communities to change the world.

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.



**The Wisdom of a Mother
as Taught to Carol Harris by her Mom, Marguerite Bradley**

- My mother taught me **TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE** - "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."
- My mother taught me **RELIGION** - "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
- My mother taught me about **TIME TRAVEL** - "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week."
- My mother taught me **LOGIC** - "Because I said so, that's why."
- My mother taught me **MORE LOGIC** - "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
- My mother taught me **FORESIGHT** - "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
- My mother taught me **IRONY** - "Keep crying and I'll give you something to cry about."
- My mother taught me about the science of **OSMOSIS** - "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
- My mother taught me about being a **CONTORTIONIST** - "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck."
- My mother taught me about **STAMINA** - "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

A Letter from Archbishop Vigneron

May 4, 2020

Dear brothers and sisters,

As the Body of Christ, the Church in all her sons and daughters has been enduring a time of severe trial. As we continue to practice social distancing to limit the spread of coronavirus, I write today with deep gratitude for all of you, the faithful of southeast Michigan, who have been walking the path of love for one another, particularly the most vulnerable among us, by sacrificing your ability to gather together for Mass during these last several weeks. Thank you for your witness and your faith.

Many of you have shared your sadness and devoted desire to return to Mass. Please know that I listen to your longing for the Eucharist and have taken them to prayer as I have discerned each step of the Archdiocese of Detroit's response to this global pandemic. I share your desire to return to normal liturgical life and reestablish the rich spiritual and communal life of our parishes and schools.

We are grateful to God that public Masses are once again becoming a possibility in a few other dioceses less affected by the pandemic. While we do not yet have a firm date when it will be safe to resume public gatherings here, please know that we continue to monitor the incidence of coronavirus in southeast Michigan and are following the lead of local health officials and civil authorities. We will resume public Masses, and other parish events, when we are confident that doing so will not pose undue risk to the health and well-being of the members of our community.

Meanwhile, let us look with joyful hope toward some more gradual returns to normalcy. Last week, we published updated liturgical guidelines allowing for the celebration of weddings, funerals, and baptisms, as long as these gatherings adhere to current social distancing practices. Families wishing to postpone these events until it is safe to gather in larger numbers are welcome to do so, except when there is danger of death and baptism is urgently necessary.

It is important to note that the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation has not been prohibited during the pandemic in the Archdiocese of Detroit and pastors have been encouraged throughout to use their discretion to determine how to safely administer this sacrament to the faithful. Likewise, Anointing of the Sick and the pastoral care of the sick and the dying have continued as clergy are able and with respect for individual hospital or home policies. For more information about all these guidelines and other resources, please visit www.aod.org/emergencyresponse.

It is my fervent prayer that we will gather again soon for Mass, in one form or another. We know that this return will **look and feel different** from what we are used to experiencing. As we move forward, we must remember God's unending love for us and his ability to bring good from our trials. He created each of us to live in this moment, during this pandemic so that we might give witness to our confidence in the good news of the Lord's victory over suffering and death. Please pray that I may rise to this challenge, as I will pray for you.

Let us also continue to pray for our heroic health care workers, for those who are ill or who have died from the virus, and for their families. We entrust them and our entire Archdiocese into the loving care of Our Lady of Lourdes, patron of the sick. To this end, I invite all to join me for a Rosary and renewal of consecration of our Archdiocese to Mary, live-streamed at 7 p.m. Wednesday on Facebook and online. With this prayerful act we unite ourselves once again with the faithful of Canada and Latin America to entrust all our nations to the Blessed Mother. Through her intercession, may God bring about an end to the pandemic and grant healing and protection to the people of southeast Michigan and beyond.

Please know of my prayers for you and our whole State of Michigan during these days. Asking the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron
Archbishop of Detroit

A Verse a Day For You to Pray

Today: 1 Peter 2:9: Beloved: You are “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises” of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Monday: John 14:21: Jesus said to his disciples: “Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”

Tuesday: John 14:27: Jesus said to his disciples: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.”

Wednesday: John 15:4-5: Jesus said to his disciples: “Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.”

Thursday: John 15:9-10: Jesus said to his disciples: “As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love.”

Friday: John 15:16-17: Jesus said to his disciples: “It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.”

Saturday: John 15:20: Jesus said to the disciples, “Remember the word I spoke to you, ‘No slave is greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours.”

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

Ministers Schedule

May 17, 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.

Meetings/Events This Week

Tuesday	10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
	7:00 pm	Leaders In Motion via Zoom Video Conference
Wednesday	1:00 pm	Lectio Divina via Zoom Video Conference
Thursday	1:00 pm	Sharing the Cure to a Wounded World via Zoom Video Conference
	7:00 pm	Sharing the Cure to a Wounded World via Zoom Video Conference
Saturday	3:00 pm	Sacramental Mentorship Meeting via Zoom Video Conference
Sunday	10:30 am	Mass via Zoom Video Conference

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!



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Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Intercessory Prayer Team

Beverly Alessio, Inez (Retinella) Aills, 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

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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,
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