



Plants Can Give Us The Insight We Need To Be Our Best
Reflection from Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.
June 13, 2021 - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ezekiel 17:22-24 & Mark 4:26-34 with 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

There are many lessons to learn from the Pandemic. From the time it took to accept what we could not change to the decision to take the vaccine that was invented. To be part of a global crisis was more than anyone had experienced before.

Pope Francis had written a letter to all of us called "Laudato Si." To capture the message in English – "To Care For The Earth." Reading it invites us to change how we respect creation, including people, in the way that honors and stops the waste.

Ezekiel shares that God does the planting. He's gentle with the fragile and firm with the tall, as the prophet reflects. The seeds that God has created, if we cooperate and do our part, God will do the rest. Give God the little we can do and God will work it!

Just like plants and animals have their place in the plan of God, so do we. Each of us is unique and full of the energy that calls us to be our best. The creativity we may have. The career we want. The sports we like. The arts we appreciate. Be reverent.

Develop our talents and soon we may find a friend or a colleague that wants to join us. We might find ourselves starting a project or organizing an event. As we do so, we may be encouraging others to do the same.

The idea of teamwork would become part of what makes for a joyous way to live. People would want to encourage each other to get involved. The spontaneity of the community would be electrifying. Our faith community will blossom as God wills.

St. Paul was calling us to be courageous, to walk by faith and not by sight. He wants us to take on his attitude of wanting to be with God more than to be here. As we are here, let's use the time we have in a way that shows we are accountable to Christ.

This approach to the world in which we live would radiate hope and promote harmony. It would break through the negative forces that are working against us. We would be people with a sense of purpose. Gradually our faith community will want to take on such a way of seeing life. Join me as we walk the walk as people of faith.

Celebrating Our Graduates

During our June 27 Mass, we will recognize all those in our parish celebrating graduations - kindergarten, elementary school, middle school, college, etc. Stephanie Flounory has cards available for you to provide graduation information for yourself, for your child, or for you grandchild. Or you can send information to Stephanie via text (313-740-9689) or email (s.flo629@gmail.com).

Praise Dancers

Our young Apprentices-In-Motion Praise Dancers will help us celebrate the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother on Sunday, August 15, at our 10:00 a.m. Mass. If you have a child or grandchild who might enjoy joining in this fun activity that enhances our worship experience, contact Stephanie Flounory. Costumes are provided, and no prior dance experience is required. A rehearsal schedule will be provided. Let's celebrate Mary's glorious entry into heaven with dance and praise!

Please note - the Parish Pastoral Council will meet this Thursday, June 17, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Temporary Relocation

While the Marygrove Conservancy is upgrading the fire suppression system and performing other maintenance activities in the Sacred Heart Chapel, we will celebrate liturgy here in Madame Cadillac Hall. We expect to return to the main church in July. Updates will be provided on the parish website.

COVID-19 Protocols

We continue to follow the Archdiocese's recommendations regarding COVID-19 protocols, including:

- Fully vaccinated individuals no longer are required to wear face masks in church or to maintain social distancing.
- Anyone who is not fully vaccinated must wear a face mask and maintain social distancing in church.

We recognize each individual's decision on these matters. Please respect others by wearing a mask if you are not fully vaccinated, and by maintaining social distancing when someone is wearing a mask or indicates a desire for caution, especially as we share the sign of peace or enjoy fellowship after Mass.

Our Mission Statement

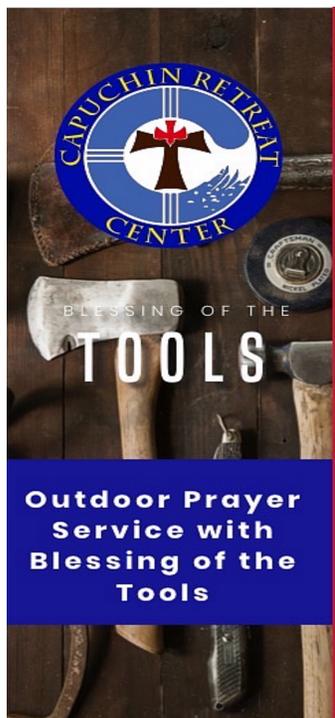
Having reflected on the "four faces of our parish," **St. Peter Claver Catholic Community**, chosen by the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, and under the guidance of Mary, resolves that: 1) we will provide more opportunities for deepening prayer life and faith life for youth, young adults, and adults; 2) 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 Mass of Peace & Justice: Celebrating Freedom

Join at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, June 18th as Fr. Tyrone Robinson offers a Mass of Peace and Justice Celebrating Freedom at Corpus Christi Parish. This Mass will be offered in thanksgiving to the Lord for the freedom of slaves in Texas on June 19th, 1865 (Juneteenth), and will include gospel song, deep prayer, and witness to God's goodness

Juneteenth Outdoor Celebration

The oldest known African American celebration, Juneteenth, commemorates June 19, 1865, the day African Americans in Texas first learned of their freedom from slavery under the Emancipation Proclamation, signed by President Lincoln in 1863. Join us in celebrating Juneteenth this year with a family reunion-style picnic from 2-6 on Saturday, June 19th at St. Charles Lwanga Parish.



**SATURDAY, JUNE 19
STARTS AT 10:00 am**

- Celebrate Fathers!
- Honoring St. Joseph, Protector of the Family

Bring a lawn chair or sit in your car and join us for an outdoor prayer service honoring Jesus' earthly father, St. Joseph. Bring any tools that you want blessed. Those who wish to do so are invited to go on a walk to our Cross in the Woods, made by a talented carpenter. Enjoy some light refreshments and explore our nature trails after the service. Feel free to bring a bucket or box and collect kindling to take home for your bonfires this summer. In choosing a father for Jesus, God demonstrates to us the great gift fathers are to the family!

All are welcome. No registration necessary. Donations appreciated.

WHO: Open to all
All are welcome. Those from a different faith tradition and those who don't have one, are invited.

WHAT: Outdoor Prayer Service with light refreshments.

WHERE: CAPUCHIN RETREAT CENTER
62460 Mt. Vernon
Washington, MI 48094

WHEN: Saturday, June 19, 2021
Outdoor Prayer Service at 10:00 am

info@capretreat.org

Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Intercessory Prayer Team

Beverly Alessio, Inez (Retinella) Aills, Florine Anderson, Alberta Asmar, Sylvia Baker, Warren 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, Carmel Weems,

Also, Please Remember in Prayer:

Wayne Bradley, Olivia Boulden, Christopher Durant, Rochelle Evans, 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, and relatives of our parishioners

Ministers Schedule

June 20, 2021

Celebrant: Rev. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.

Minister of Service: Sandra Horn

Lector: Larry Rhodes

Meetings/Events This Week

Sunday 10:00 am Mass in Church and via Zoom
Tuesday 10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
Wednesday 11:00 am Lectio Divina via Zoom
Thursday 7:00 pm Parish Pastoral Council via Zoom
Sunday 10:00 am Mass in Church and via Zoom

Legend: PH=Parish House; MC=Marygrove College
Church refers to the Sacred Heart Chapel at Marygrove College
For the "live" Parish Calendar, go to 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.

Collection Results

We continue to rely on your support. Please send your weekly donation to the Parish Office. Or you may want to consider online giving. It's convenient, secure, and totally in your control!

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St. Peter Claver Catholic Community

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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: Parish Staff is currently working from home. Please contact Ed Shea if you require assistance.

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