



Do We Long To Belong With The Body Of Christ?

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

June 14, 2020 - Corpus Christi Sunday

Deuteronomy 8:2-16 & John 6:51-58 with 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Moses is giving one of his last messages to his fellow Jews – Remember what we went through to get to the River Jordan! Do not forget all the work God did to set us free? How would it be possible for people to forget the God Who set them free?

Jesus declares His flesh will be real food, His blood will be real drink. He is saying this to those His Father chose to know Him, sent to tell them the truth that is to set them free? Why would they not want to say “Thank you?”

Paul shares the meaning of the Cup of Blessing – we participate in the Blood of Christ! When we break the Bread of Life – we participate in the Body of Christ! This is the gift of finest Wheat for the chosen. Why do we not want to be sent?

As we answer these questions, we will come to understand how we can so easily forget the pandemic. We will be aware of how we won't remember the marches to challenge brutality against people of color.

The one word is “sin.” Cain killed Abel. God asked Cain where his brother is. Cain's response “Am I my brother's keeper?” Movements like Promise Keepers were born to say “yes” we are our brothers and sisters, our children's keeper!

One of the beautiful gifts of this moment is that we as Catholic Christians, chosen to recognize Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread, are “reopening the Eucharist!” This is the moment to refresh what others may have forgotten. Jesus sends us to give Himself!

Someday we'll have the vaccine. Someday you may feel safe enough to be with us at Mass. When that someday comes, I pray you remember all that Jesus did to choose you to become what you receive. I pray you don't forget He wants to send you.

Let's remember. It's one thing to stream our Lover. It's very different to receive Him and become what we eat. It's for us to be ambassadors to a wounded world, a world that will easily forget Jesus. We are chosen to recognize Him in the Bread!

Sunday Mass!!

It's great to be back at Marygrove for Sunday Eucharist. We will continue to stress safety for all who participate. The church, restrooms, and all other surfaces likely to be touched are sanitized before and after each Mass. Hand sanitizer is available in the front and rear of the church, although we continue to encourage you to bring your own. The blue tape is in place to assist in maintaining safe social distancing. You must wear your mask at all times, except when receiving communion; Father will provide instructions for the safe reception of the Eucharist. There is no coffee and donuts after Mass. The lounge is closed. When leaving, please exit directly to your cars. We ask for your patience as we attempt to ensure the safety and health of all who join us at Eucharist.

We understand that, due to health risks, not everyone is able to attend Mass right away. Accordingly, we are providing this Mass live via Zoom. A link is available on our website, spcccdetroit.org. Note that the Zoom experience will also be different, as we will not be able to have the interaction as in past weeks, but we are still glad that you are with us! If you do not have access to the internet, you can benefit by participating in Masses offered on TV. Check your TV listing for Masses offered on **CTND**.

Congratulations, Cookie!

Today, Tanya “Cookie” Cook is receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. We pray that the Holy Spirit fills her with his gifts as she is “chosen to be sent.” We also thank her sponsor, Tanda Flounory, who will mentor Cookie on her faith journey.

Honoring Our Grads!

While most of our graduates were deprived of the traditional celebrations, we will take time next Sunday to recognize the accomplishments of our young people. If you know of someone who should be included, please get in touch with Anita Starks or Stephanie Flounory.

Upcoming Commission Meetings

Our three parish commission meetings are coming up (all via Zoom video conference):

- Ministry - Wednesday, 6/17, 2:00 p.m.
- Stewardship - Monday, 6/22, 6:30 p.m.
- Mission - Thursday, 6/25, 6:30 p.m.

Please consider “tithing” your time and talents by joining one of the commissions.

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: John 6:51: Jesus said to the Jewish crowds: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

Monday: Matthew 5:38-39ab,42: Jesus said to his disciples: "You have heard that it was said, *An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth*. But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow."

Tuesday: Psalms 51:3-4: Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.

Wednesday: Matthew 6:1: Jesus said to his disciples: "Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father."

Thursday: Matthew 6:7-8: Jesus said to his disciples: "In praying, do not babble like the pagans, who think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them. Your Father knows what you need before you ask him."

Friday: 1 John 4:7-8: Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love.

Saturday: Matthew 6:24: Jesus said to his disciples: "No one can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

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

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, 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

June 21, 2020

With the resumption of public Mass in the Sacred Heart Chapel at Marygrove College, new minister processes and schedules are under development.

Meetings/Events This Week

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| 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 |
| | 2:00 pm | Ministry Commission via Zoom Video Conference |
| Thursday | 4:00 pm | Leaders On Mission via Zoom Video Conference |
| Sunday | 10:00 am | Mass in Church |

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

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. If you are unable to join us on Sunday at Marygrove, you can 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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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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