



**Be Hospitable Be Surprised Be Blessed**

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

**June 28, 2020 - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**2 Kings 4:8-16 & Matthew 10:37-42 with Romans 6:3-11**

Often I reflect on what Jesus teaches, reflecting as He did on the Hebrew Bible, and wonder how His mother raised Him. To give you an insight into my way of seeing the signs of the times in light of the Word of God, I need to share my relationship to her.

I was ordained at her feast day – Mother of Perpetual Help – June 27. I took as my prayer “Woman, behold your son. Son, behold your mother.” The devotional prayer that we Redemptorists designed captures the benchmarks to know death and see life.

The world we live in is “fallen.” If sin could be understood as gravity, we might have greater respect for the Power of Evil, Satan, who leads us like he did Eve and Cain. Proud and jealous, envious and greedy – he is alive and out to destroy.

Mary was to raise her Son to heal the hurts and to nurture the gifts that would turn evil to be spelled backwards - **LIVE**. Her Son was born to die. His death would give re-birth to life. His life would become Baptism – the second reading today.

Our Mother of Perpetual Help – when we face difficulties, let’s ask Mary to do for us what she did for Jesus. As a child Jesus ran to His mother for comfort, reassurance. As Mary received Jesus in her arms, she taught Him to know the way of the Cross.

Mary knew the “finish line” and she developed Jesus to see evil as the lack of good, darkness as the lack of light and fear as the lack of love. She “pondered what happened in her heart” and she encouraged Jesus to live a reflective life.

Mary is the model in suffering and courage. Mary is the Mentor of those who want to respond to being chosen, as she was. Mary is the seat of wisdom – she sees all that is dying knowing those who persevere will know the Resurrection.

Mary’s gift of devotion to her Son and His Mission is the seventh gift of the Holy Spirit. The world turns to money as its grace. It manipulates and deceives to grow the Gross National Product. Mary is the Mediatrix of all grace. Her “yes” is faithful love at its best. May we learn from Mary how to be faithful in an unfaithful world – and enjoy!

**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](http://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**.

**Happy Anniversary, Father John!**

Today we congratulate Fr. John on the 52nd anniversary of his priestly ordination. Like Mother Mary, he said “yes” - to the call to the priesthood and to the call to be our pastor,. His devotion to youth, his energy and his insights are gifts that provide hope for our parish - and most importantly, for our youth. We thank him for saying yes, and we thank God for him. May he continue to be blessed with health and energy as we move forward in mission - chosen to be sent!

**Prayer Intercessors Needed**

St. Peter Claver Catholic Community's *Women Bridging Change (WBC): Healing Care Group* is asking for your support with prayer. The Group held its first of 16 sessions on Wednesday, June 24 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. via Zoom. The eight women and their two facilitators are committed to learning how to become wounded healers. As an intercessor you will help all in the group to be open to and led by the Holy Spirit to grow in this new ministry for our parish. If you able to offer your daily prayers, contact Jennie Sinatra.

**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.

**St. Joseph, A Man of Our Times:  
A Virtual Men's Conference Sponsored by the  
Archdiocese of Detroit**

The conference will be held on Saturday, July 25, at 9:00 a.m. The theme will be St. Joseph as the efficacious model and intercessor for the renewal of men in their identity and mission as fathers.

Bishop Gerard Battersby will give the opening keynote talk. A second keynote presentation and testimony talks will instruct, encourage and challenge men as fathers to unite with St. Joseph as our spiritual guardian for our families and church.

Men of all ages and vocations are welcome and will greatly benefit from this high conference.

Please register in advance for this webinar by going to [www.aod.org/events/443](http://www.aod.org/events/443). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

**Juneteenth Film Festival!**

Due to continuing state COVID-19 restrictions, the Juneteenth Film Festival, scheduled to begin on June 19 at the Emagine Royal Oak Theatre, had to be postponed. The theatre plans to proceed with the festival once restrictions are lifted.

**Strong Faith - Vital Connections: Tough Talk on Race**

What does racism look like and what does the Church say? What does scripture teach?

Join Vickie Figueroa from the Office of Cultural Ministries and Black Catholic Ministries, Fr. John McKenzie from the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, and Christina Hall from the Department of Missionary Strategic Planning in a conversation to help inspire, nurture, heal and grow the African American Catholic Community of Detroit and beyond.

Fr. Vic Clore is the special guest in the first episode. You can watch it by going to <https://youtu.be/fbic855ixx8>.

**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

**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  
July 5, 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**

Sunday	2:00 pm	Knights of Peter Claver (Location TBD)
Tuesday	10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Women Bridging Change via Zoom Video Conference
Thursday	7:00 pm	Leaders In Motion via Zoom Video Conference
Saturday		<i>Independence Day</i>
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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