

Only a Few Make It – Are you? Am I?

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

July 12, 2020 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:10-11 & Matthew 13:1-23 with Romans 8:18-23

Paul wrote to the atheistic leaders of his day – Caesar and the Romans – the key to being fruitful. He explained the way in which the seeds of life bear fruit. Go deeper than success through suffering failure and being willing to wait.

Seed planting happens in the Winter and early Spring. The nurturing will be given to many. Only a few will have the roots growing beneath the soil to sustain the life above the ground.

Most seeds don't make it. Many never even start. The ground is too hard. Others start to sprout before they are rooted. They wither. Still others don't stay close to their nourishment and they dry up. Only a few bear fruit.

Church, it only takes a few seeds to produce 30, 60 and 100 fold. Only a few connect suffering to labor pains. Those that do so have a vision to see the Glory being directed to God and not themselves. God is Our Father. His glory grows with freedom.

Freedom to grow because the creator is adopting the children and the first fruits of the Spirit are growing. Their children are about to be adopted by the Redeemer of our fallen bodies.

The Coronavirus continues to have good and bad effects. One dimension is "common sense" – no vaccine to defend against the virus means to be safe and protect especially the vulnerable – those elderly and those too young. Sounds like obedience?

But we Catholic Christians are given the awareness through the Word of Life to deepen our commitment to go beneath the surface and be rooted in the truth that sets us free. To follow the lie that we're free to follow our feelings is to be foolish.

As I look to wisdom to know the way to life, I find the few who will make it. Staying close to the Word and the Bread of Life is to be rooted and nurtured, waiting to be sent on mission to share the fruits of our lives as the truth will set us free.

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**.

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 has held the first 3 of 16 sessions 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 are able to offer your daily prayers, contact Jennie Sinatra.

Pray for Gwen Cook's Family

Gwen Cook's family has been especially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Her brother, Baxter (Baker) Engram died from COVID on Easter Sunday, April 12. Due to COVID restrictions, there was no funeral mass. Accordingly, we will celebrate a Memorial Mass for Baker on Sunday, July 26, at the usual 10:00 a.m time. In the meantime, this past week, Gwen's son, George, tested positive for COVID. He is in quarantine at home. Please pray in remembrance of Baker, for George's recovery, and for strength and consolation for Gwen. And let's continue to pray for all those who have suffered or died from COVID.

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. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Experience Catholic Tradition through the Sacred Scriptures

Catholic Biblical School of Michigan is starting new classes this September in Beverly Hills, Royal Oak, Macomb Twp, and a fully-online option. Join over 1300 other Catholics who have participated in this in-depth study led by seminary-level professors. Through donations, CBSM is accessible to all with a 100% of requests for financial aid granted. Find out more at cbsmich.org or by attending a Virtual Info Night on Friday, July 24, at 8:00 p.m.

Pray the Rosary

During one of his recent robocalls, Fr. John suggested praying the Rosary as a way to implore the intercession of the Blessed Mother during these challenging times. The power of the Rosary has been documented over the centuries as Catholic Christians lift up their petitions by meditating, through Mary, on Jesus' life, death and resurrection. For those not familiar with praying the Rosary, a guide is provided on the next page.

**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 19, 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 10:00 am Mass in Church and via Zoom Video Conference
- Tuesday 10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
- Wednesday 1:00 pm Lectio Divina Prayer via Zoom Video Conference
- 6:00 pm Women Bridging Change via Zoom Video Conference
- Sunday 10:00 am Mass in Church and via Zoom Video Conference

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. 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!



Give Online at spcccdetroit.org

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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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Prayers of the Rosary

Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us inners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Fatima Prayer

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.

Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope, to thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears; turn, then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

Closing Prayers

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

O God, whose only-begotten Son by His life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech Thee, that by meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

How to Pray the Rosary

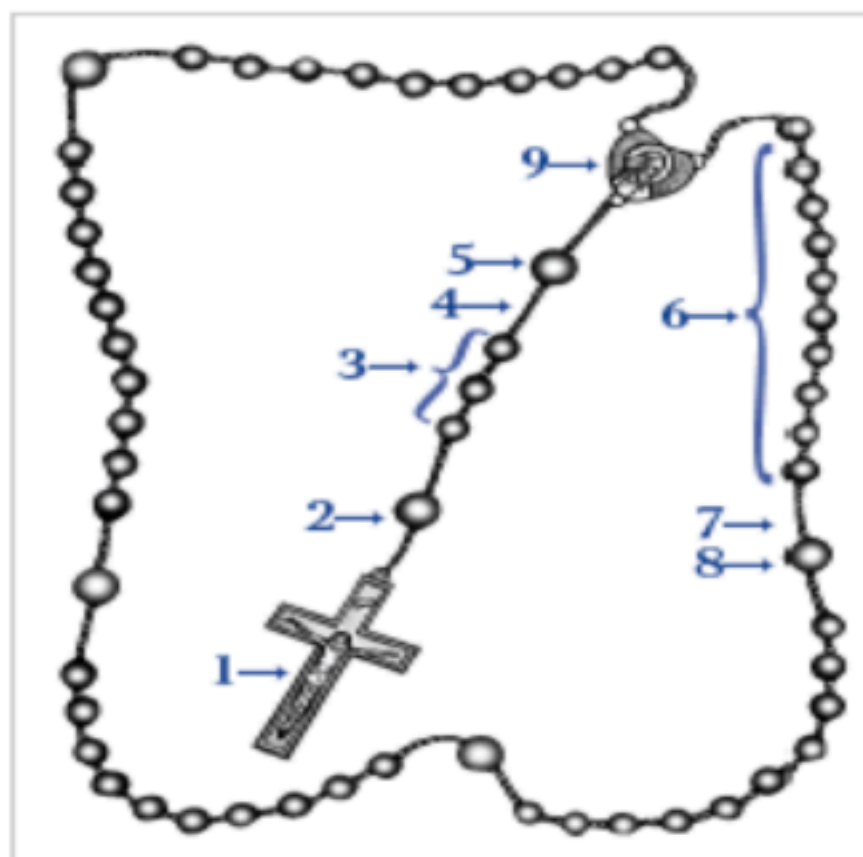
1. *Make the Sign of the Cross and say the Apostles Creed*
2. *Say the Our Father.*
3. *Say three Hail Marys.*
4. *Say the Glory be to the Father.*
5. *Announce the First Mystery; then say the Our Father.*
6. *Say ten Hail Marys, while meditating on the Mystery.*
7. *Say the Glory be to the Father.*

Say the Fatima Prayer after each decade.

Announce the Second Mystery: then say the *Our Father*. Repeat 6-8 and continue with the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Mysteries in the same manner.

Say the Hail, Holy Queen and Closing Prayers on the medal after the five decades are completed.

As a general rule, Joyful Mysteries are said on Monday & Saturday; Sorrowful Mysteries on Tuesday & Friday; Glorious Mysteries on Wednesday & Sunday; and Luminous Mysteries on Thursday.



Joyful Mysteries Mondays & Saturdays



First Mystery - The Annunciation

The angel Gabriel appears to Mary and announces she is to bear a son, who will be named Jesus. Mary is perplexed as she is a virgin. Gabriel explains that the Holy Spirit and the Most High will overshadow her. The child will be the Son of God.



Second Mystery - The Visitation

Mary who is pregnant with Jesus travels to visit her cousin, Elizabeth, who will soon give birth to John the Baptist. Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and said "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."



Third Mystery - The Birth of Jesus

Joseph traveled with Mary to Bethlehem to register according to the decree of Emperor Augustus. While there, she gave birth to Jesus, wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there is no room in the inn.



Fourth Mystery - The Presentation

When the days were completed for their purification according the law of Moses, they took Him to the temple in Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

