



The Wisdom of Solomon – For Those Called For His Purpose
Reflection from Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.
July 26, 2020 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kings 3:5-12 and Matthew 13:44-52 with Romans 8:28-30

Decide! We have summer school. We put a 15-year old in jail for not doing her online school work. We are looking to move forward or backward with coming out of the restrictions as we watch the pandemic numbers. Do we approve trillions of dollars?

Who is the “we” making the decisions? Remember how Adam responded? “It wasn’t me. It was the woman You gave me.” The woman said, “The devil made me do it.” To know good and evil, right and wrong – that was the forbidden fruit. We wanted it.

Let’s accept what we cannot change and take responsibility for our actions and their consequences. Let’s encourage each other to change as God predestined us to be conformed to the image of His Son. Pray for Solomon’s wisdom to dare to be different.

Where our treasure is there will be our heart. Pursue the truth. It shows us the way to our purpose in life. St. Paul lays out the process that starts with his call to us. We have the ability to respond. When Paul struggled, Jesus said, “My grace is enough.”

What is our pearl of great price? What cannot we not live without that money can’t buy? “Without Me you can do nothing.” “Lord, where can we go? You have the Words of Everlasting Life!” “Ask the Father anything in my name, and you will have it.”

Wisdom is understanding all that happens centered on the Resurrection from the dead. Deepen this way to understand and we can bring out of our storehouse, our Church’s story, both the new and the old.

To whom are we chosen to be sent? When the first chosen followers of Jesus asked to justify themselves, Jesus put a child in the center of the circle. “Whoever humbles himself like this child will be the greatest in the Kingdom of God.”

The decisions we make will be just to the extent they are made for the sake of those who depend on us, our children. It’s a grandparent’s intuition, like Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. May we decide to give the Glory to God through Mary.

Sunday Mass!!

We celebrate Eucharist every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. at Marygrove College. The church, restrooms, and all other surfaces are sanitized before and after each Mass. Hand sanitizer is available, but we encourage you to bring your own. Blue tape is in place to assist in maintaining safe social distancing. You must wear your mask at all times, except when receiving communion. There is no coffee and donuts after Mass. The lounge is closed.

We also continue to provide the Mass online via Zoom for those who are not able to attend Mass. A link is available on our website, spcccdetroit.org. 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 by your provider.

Note: The Finance Council will meet tomorrow, July 27, at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom Video Conference.

Remembering Baker Engram

Today we welcome the family and friends of Baxter (Baker) Engram, Gwen Cook’s brother, as we remember Baker, who died from COVID-19 on Easter Sunday, April 12. We pray for the repose of his soul, and for comfort and strength for Gwen and her family. We also pray in thanksgiving for Gwen’s son, George, who has recovered from COVID. Finally, we pray for all those who have suffered from this pandemic - physically and emotionally.

Youth & Young Adult Retreat

Leaders In Motion (our ecumenical youth program) and Leaders On Mission (our ecumenical young adult program) have teamed to host a Youth & Young Adult Retreat this coming weekend, July 31 - August 2, right here at Marygrove. If you have an interest, or know of someone who may have an interest, in the retreat, please contact Stephanie Flounory, Danielle Radford, or Patricia Woods. For everyone else, please pray for the attendees of the retreat. In addition, if you would like to support our youth and young adults by contributing toward the cost of the retreat, place your donation in the basket, or mail it to the Parish Office, with the notation “Y&YA.”

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.

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Tuesday, July 28, 2020
 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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Prayer Intercessors Needed

St. Peter Claver Catholic Community's *Women Bridging Change (WBC): Healing Care Group* is asking for your support with prayer. As an intercessor you will help the 8 women and 2 intercessors to be open to and led by the Holy Spirit as they learn to be wounded healers to others in our parish. If you are able to offer your daily prayers, contact Jennie Sinatra.

All the Information That's Fit to Print!

Our parish website, spcccdetroit.org, is your one-stop source for all things relating to St. Peter Claver. We are trying our best to keep it up to date as a means, along with the robocalls, of providing current information to those interested in our parish. Besides a "live" calendar and links to "virtual" events (such as Mass), the website provides special announcements, access to "online giving," event photos and videos, news of upcoming events, and, for those who cannot attend Mass, even access to this bulletin. Make it a point to check in regularly. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please contact Ed Shea.

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, 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 August 2, 2020

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

During this period of transition to "normal" Sunday Mass, no set schedule for the Minister of Service, Lector, and Sacristan is available. Any questions should be addressed to Jennie Sinatra.

Meetings/Events This Week

Sunday	10:00 am	Mass in Church and via Zoom
	2:00 pm	Knights of Peter Claver at TBD
Monday	5:00 pm	Finance Council via Zoom
Tuesday	9:30 am	Staff Meeting via Zoom
	10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
Wednesday	1:00 pm	Lectio Divina Prayer via Zoom
	6:00 pm	Women Bridging Change via Zoom
Friday	7:00 pm	Youth/Young Adult Retreat at MC (ends Sunday afternoon)
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. 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: Parish Staff is currently working from home. Please contact Ed Shea if you require assistance.

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