



Have You Ever Felt Sorrow and Anguish in Your Heart?

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

August 9, 2020 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:9-13 & Matthew 14:22-33 with Romans 9:1-5

How many people do you know who say “We shouldn’t judge people?” It usually relates to a moral issue or discrimination of some type. I heard it recently within a young adult gathering. I found myself quiet, not questioning, because I would be judged.

Now I pause to ask myself, “Was that respectful?” I am aware why people would want other people to think this way, that judging is wrong. They even quote the Bible, “Judge not and you shall not be judged.”

St. Paul today writes to his Roman converts that he feels great sorrow and constant anguish in his heart over his fellow Jews, his friends among the Pharisees and their families. He says he wishes he could be cut off from Christ for his own people.

When I hear White Privilege, I feel this way at times. When I hear people judge the death of George Floyd as we did in 1991 over Rodney King, I then get an insight into why we don’t want people to judge other people.

The truth that Isaiah is seeking is not the “noise.” The point that Jesus is teaching is being set up by the storm. I hear the truth that is coming from the “sounds of outrage” today and the anxiety over the fear of the pandemic as being in silence and solitude.

To judge? I know when it’s good to judge. A doctor found my heart attack about to happen. The lab is judging if the side effects of the vaccine won’t cause more harm than good. To judge as a doctor who knows what he’s doing is the better way to go.

Peter sees Jesus walking on water. “If it’s you, call me to you!” “Come!” “I’m drowning. Save me.” “Why did you doubt.” Both Peter and Jesus judged. Both were focused on the truth. Both wanted to be united to each other.

Judging means we belong to each other. We want each other to be our best. To be married, be family, be citizen, be Christian, you name it. It means we love each other and want us to be our best. Being human we fail. To condemn means we don’t love. It may mean we fear or hate. If that’s true, judge yourself. What do you want to do?

Sunday Mass!!

We celebrate Eucharist very 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.

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.

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

The Catholic bishops of the United States are pleased to offer once again to the Catholic faithful *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, our teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics. This statement represents our guidance for Catholics in the exercise of their rights and duties as participants in our democracy. You can download and print a copy of this guide at www.usccb.org/resources/forming-consciences-for-faithful-citizenship.pdf. It is also available on our parish website.

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.

Equip Yourself to Share the Gospel

Did you know that classes at Sacred Heart Major Seminary aren't just for priests, seminarians, and religious? They also offer academic programs for laity to grow in their knowledge of the faith through courses in Catholic theology, catechesis, and various areas of ministry.

Students have the option to take classes online, in-person, or a combination of both online and in-person.

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Strong Faith - Vital Connections Catholic Schools for the Black Community: past, present, future

Catholic schools have been a strong evangelization tool in the black community since their founding. Many people have gone to college, improved their socio-economic class or entered into RCIA due to attending or having children in Catholic Schools. Knowing the past on the importance of Catholic Schools will help us preserve the present and plan the future.

Date: Thursday, August 13 at 5:00 p.m. Please click the following link to join the webinar: <https://aod.zoom.us/j/96239146754>, or watch at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1550688355226759/>.

Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Intercessory Prayer Team

Beverly Alessio, Inez (Retinella) Ails, 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 16, 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
Tuesday 10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
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!



Give Online at spcccdetroit.org

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website: www.spcccdetroit.org

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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St. Paul of the Cross
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Mondays with *mystics*

What is a "mystic?"
A mystic is someone who
has had an experience with
God, recognizes it,
and allows it to
transform them.

Faith Offman will lead this live online experience of exploration and prayer. Using ZOOM, participants will learn about each mystic and his or her spirituality and join in a shared prayer experience.

*Monthly events will take place on Mondays from 10 - 11:30 am.
Cost is \$35 per event.*

July 27: Hildegard of Bingen
August 24: St. Paul of the Cross
September 21: Teresa of Avila
October 26: John of the Cross
November 23: Catherine of Siena
December 21: Meister Eckhart

January 25, 2021: Clare of Assisi
February 22: Francis of Assisi
March 22: Therese of Lisieux
April 19: Gregory of Polamas
May 24: Mechthild of Magdeburg
June 21: Francis De Sales

register online at stpaulretreat.org

Questions? Contact Lynnette Marshall at lmarshall@stpaulretreat.org or (313)286-2800

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Thursday Mornings

July 30, 2020

through June, 2021

Online

9:00-9:45 am

There is no charge for these events, but you must register by 1pm on Wednesday afternoon each week to receive the link for the ZOOM call.



Moderator Faith Offman is the Associate Director of Ministry at St. Paul of the Cross. She holds a Masters in Divinity and is a licensed social worker and spiritual director.

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