



Conduct Yourselves Worthy Of The Gospel

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

September 20, 2020 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:6-9 & Matthew 20:1-16 with Philippians 1:20-27

Mentoring someone to “conduct themselves worthy of the Gospel” – are we ready? To say yes is to embrace what St. Paul shares today within the culture of the United States. “For me life is Christ and death is gain.”

“Are you envious because I am generous?” So is the meaning of the parable of the God who created all of us. “My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord” is Isaiah’s teaching to the Jews coming out of captivity.

Sometimes something happens that slaps me in the face with the difference in the way I think that it just stops me in my tracks. The person who said what he said and the clear request to be excluded from what he represents brings out the truth as I see it.

Young adults from 18 to 35 years of age is the targeted age group of my life work. It is the most challenging in this country, especially for people who want to entrust values that are rooted in the Word of God. Revealed Religion is set aside for spirituality.

I went to a publicized gathering focused on this age group. I arrived early. I had met the person ahead of time who was coordinating the event. I walked up to him. “Why are you here?” was his greeting. “If older people come, they will leave.”

I’ve been mistreated before. But from within our faith community? From a brother priest? Right before we are to celebrate Mass? I left feeling sad. That this is the way our society sees the millennials is one fact. To see our faith in action this way is another?

To be inclusive means we will call people out of their comfort zone. It means we will be resisted by any group based on any reason to exclude. Discrimination and bias based on nothing immoral shows how far we are from conducting ourselves worthy.

Let’s be grateful for the meaning of “parish.” We are intergenerational and open to all cultures and peoples. When we feel excluded by anyone, we know enough to know it isn’t what we hold to be sacred, providing a whole new meaning to being generous and being equitable. Are we ready to mentor those who discriminate for whatever reason?

Sunday Mass

Recognizing the ongoing health threat from the COVID-19 pandemic, Archbishop Vigneron has announced the extension of the dispensation from the Sunday obligation through the Feast of Christ the King, November 22, 2020.

While we will continue to celebrate Eucharist every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. at Marygrove College, utilizing all proper precautions, including the wearing of face masks, using hand sanitizer, and maintaining social distancing, we also will continue to livestream 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 available Masses.

If, due to health or COVID concerns, you cannot attend Mass on Sunday, but would like to have someone bring you Eucharist, please contact Jennie Sinatra or Ed Shea, and we will work with you to make arrangements.

Catechetical Sunday

Today, throughout the United States, parishes are celebrating those individuals who offer their gifts to prepare others to receive the sacraments. For our parish, we celebrate and commission our Mentor Coaches for Catholic Joyful Discipleship. We also utilize this opportunity to commission and send forth our newly Confirmed members as they continue to grow in their Catholic faith. Finally, we bless all our Confirmed members. We are all “chosen to be sent” as gifts to others in mission to the four faces of our parish.

National Day of Prayer & Fasting

Fr. John Riccardo and the team of the Detroit-based non-profit apostolate ACTS XXIX are calling for a National Day of Prayer and Fasting on September 24, 2020. For more information, visit ActsXXIX.org.

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.

2020 Catholic Services Appeal

In the midst of pandemic and other challenges, the Catholic Church in Detroit hasn't stopped working to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, or equip individuals to know the love of God. Together, we continue to share the Gospel!

Your generosity to the Catholic Services Appeal makes these efforts possible. It brings livestreamed Mass to those who can't attend, powers our Christian Service programs and outreach, helps us learn how to better share Jesus in our diverse and multicultural Detroit community, and helps individuals and families grow closer to God even while physically distanced. Your gifts to the CSA does all this, and so much more.

The CSA target for our parish is \$6,736. For those who gave in 2017, 2018 or 2019, CSA materials have been mailed directly by the Archdiocese. For all others, we will send materials via mail, or you can visit www.givecsa.org for information or to make a donation.

Sacramental Inquiry and Introduction Classes *Come Discover the Catholic Faith*

Are you called to be Catholic? Come and See
Looking to be baptized, confirmed or make
your first communion? *This class is for you.*

Are you a parent
with a child that
needs a sacrament?
*This class is for you
both.*

Are you Catholic and would like to
know more to share your faith with
others? *Then you are invited.*

If interested, Email: Jennie Sinatra,
Director of Formation at jmsinatra@spcccdetroit.org, or call
the parish office at 313-342-5292.



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, Ron Galletero, 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

Please Pray for Them as They Pray for Us!!

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, Vickie
Viado, Constance Washington-Daniel, Larry Washington,
and relatives of our parishioners

Ministers Schedule September 27, 2020

Celebrant: Rev. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.
Minister of Service: Pearl Crutcher
Lector: Alan Flounory
Cantor: Aurelia Smith

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
	6:30 pm	Vicariate Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday	1:00 pm	Lectio Divina Prayer via Zoom
	6:30 pm	Women Bridging Change via Zoom
Thursday	7:00 pm	Parish Pastoral Council via Zoom
Saturday	11:00 am	Knights of Peter Claver
Sunday	10:00 am	Mass in Church and via Zoom
	2:00 pm	Knights of Peter Claver

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

St. Peter Claver Catholic Community

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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.***

Reverend John Phelps, C.Ss.R., Pastor

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