



**At the End of the Day It's All About Attitude**

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

**September 27, 2020 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Ezekiel 18:25-28 & Matthew 21:28-32 with Philippians 2:1-5**

The message rooted in the Hebrew Scriptures and brought to full flower in the Gospel is that "The talk is cheap. The walk is real." It's all about attitude. That's the bottom line. If only more of us would hold up this message where we walk!

To do so takes a lot of practice as I reflect upon my life. What about yourself? Let's listen to St. Paul's teaching to the Confirmed Christians of his day. He introduces a famous hymn of Jesus' passion with what he holds up as the litmus test of community.

Encourage in Christ – faith in the resurrection of the victim; Comfort in love – His Father raised Him from the persecutors; Participate in spirit – hope balances the bond.

To have the same mind as Christ is to think through what Jesus did not just what He said. To have the same love as His Father is to feel the energy of people who pick us up. To have the same heart as the Spirit is to know what it means "hope against hope."

What I find myself reflecting upon is my attitude toward both sides of so many arguments. Am I compassionate toward the people who disagree with each other? Do I breathe mercy to heal their wounds? Do I see complete joy in their forgiving the other?

St. Paul is amazing as he explains how this is possible to do. First, be aware that the outcome is not under my control. Second, the other people are more important than I am. Lastly, it's begins with starting with the other person's interests rather than mine.

Back to the message. As I write this reflection, as you read what I wrote about Ezekiel and Matthew, we haven't lived the message. It's what we do when we are sent from our gathering in prayer that matters most.

What will we say as we hear people sounding hopeless? Will we radiate a hope that comes from what the Father did after His Son was killed? He raised Him up! When people share their fears, will we encourage them as we seek to respond with love? And when people think all is impossible, will we share our faith as Mary did with Paul? At the end of the day, let's sing the song that says what happens when He emptied Himself!

**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](http://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.***

**SAVE THE DATE - New Church Update!**

On Wednesday, October 21 at 1:00 p.m. and repeated on Thursday, October 22 at 6:30 p.m., our Building Committee, led by Jeff Flounory and Clarence Watts, will be joined by David Smith, President of Loyola High School, to present an update on the project to build our new church. The presentation will be via Zoom video conference. Details will be provided.

**2020 Catholic Services Appeal**

***This year's 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](http://www.givecsa.org) for information or to make a donation. ***We will begin providing status updates next week.***

***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.

### From the St. Paul of the Cross Retreat House Kitchen

When you haven't been to St. Paul's in awhile, there are lots of things you miss. The beautiful grounds, tranquil chapel, inspiring talks, comfortable bedrooms, and.....

#### THE POT ROAST!

Wouldn't a plate of St. Paul's famous, mouth-watering pot roast and mashed potatoes hit the spot on a fall evening? We thought so, too!

Don't miss your chance to experience the most popular meal from Chef Dave and the St. Paul kitchen from the comfort of your own home. Preordered dinners can be picked up on Thursday, October 22 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Dinners will be safely packaged and ready for your pick up at 23333 Schoolcraft Road in Detroit - simply drive up and we will have your meals ready for you!

Meals cost \$20 each and must be preordered at <https://www.stpaulretreat.org/event/pot-roast-take-out-event/> or call (313) 535-9563. Each meal includes pot roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, hot vegetable and dinner salad. A selection of desserts prepared by St. Paul staff members will be available for your selection as well!

### 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](mailto: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, Vickee Viado, Constance Washington-Daniel, Larry Washington, and relatives of our parishioners

### Ministers Schedule October 4, 2020

**Celebrant:** Rev. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.  
**Minister of Service:** Alan Flounory  
**Lector:** Mary Caroline Jonah  
**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
Wednesday	1:00 pm	Lectio Divina Prayer via Zoom
	6:30 pm	Women Bridging Change via Zoom
Saturday	12:30 pm	Sacramental Formation via Zoom
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](http://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](http://spcccdetroit.org)**

### *St. Peter Claver Catholic Community*

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*website: [www.spcccdetroit.org](http://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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### *Reverend John Phelps, C.Ss.R., Pastor*

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*Stephanie Flounory, Youth & Young Adult Minister*

*Ronald Galletero, Facilities Manager*

*Tanda Flounory, Parish Pastoral Council Chair*

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