



Extremes Have The Ability To Seek the Center, If We Want To Find Him There!

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

October 11, 2020 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 25:6-10 & Matthew 22:1-14 with Philippians 4:12-20

As people surface their priorities, they often do so by going to extremes. This is often seen in politics. The arguments come across as either/or, right or left with one side seeing itself as right and the other as wrong.

What does God bring forward? Building on the message through Isaiah, God wants life to be celebrated with food and drink. God wants to end death and save life for those who want to be with God on God's mountain.

What does Jesus teach? Those who are chosen are responsible to follow. When they are called, they are to come. If they do not, they will be cut off just as God ended those who destroy the obedient. And others will take their place, if they want to obey.

The message that I hear and the message that I believe applies to us who are confirmed in our Catholic Christian way of life is this. God is building the Kingdom. As we respond to the Father through the Son, it is their Spirit that determines who stays.

Paul teaches the confirmed that it doesn't matter if we have a little or a lot. What we have doesn't matter. If we have a building or not, it doesn't matter. If we are well fed or go hungry, it doesn't matter. What matters is that we trust in the One Who chose us.

The sense of total abandonment to Jesus Who rose from the dead is the bottom line. Those who go to extremes thinking their way is the only way show us the value of the center, if we want to learn from Jesus. His Center is the will of his Father for others.

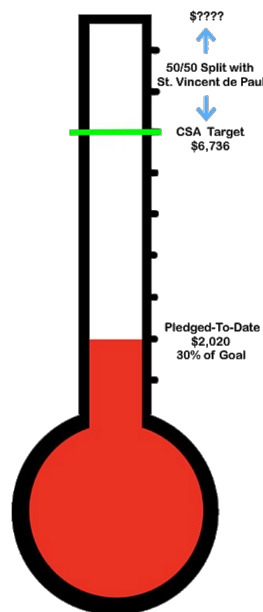
Do we know our center? Do we know the food and drink that we are chosen to receive? Do we know the Bread of Life and the Blessing Cup? Do we want to breathe a forgiving Spirit inviting people who left the Center to be invited to return?

Given the COVID-19 restrictions, we may not be free to come to the Center physically. But nothing is stopping us from wanting to be here spiritually. As we come to the Center and live because we have been chosen, we will radiate hope. This is God's way of supplying whatever we need.

2020 Catholic Services Appeal

The 2020 CSA Campaign is underway. **This year's CSA target for our parish is \$6,736.** For those who gave in 2017, 2018 or 2019, CSA information was mailed to you directly by the Archdiocese. In addition, all are invited to visit www.AOD.org for more information about the CSA, or you can make a donation at www.givecsa.org. If you require assistance in making a pledge, please contact Ed Shea.

To date, we have received \$2,020 in pledges, or 30% of our target. Remember, any amounts received over the target are returned to the parish, and will be shared 50/50 with our St. Vincent de Paul ministry.



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.

Third Annual International Rosary Coast to Coast Event

Gather at 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11th at Old St Mary's Greektown for a Eucharistic procession through the streets of Greektown and to pray the rosary for peace in our world.

For more information, please contact the World Apostolate of Fatima Detroit Archdiocesan Division at bluearmy18637@gmail.com, or call (313) 320-7887, or go to fatimashrinedetroit.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.

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, 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 18, 2020

Celebrant: Rev. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.
Minister of Service: Mary Caroline Jonah
Lector: Alther Redd
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
	7:30 pm	Stewardship Commission 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

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.

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.

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