

# THE GOOD NEWS

PRESENTATION OUR LADY OF VICTORY PARISH  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
FEBRUARY 16, 2020

## COMPANION'S ON LIFE'S JOURNEY

People are not property. We cannot exchange them at will or simply use them for our own designs and purposes. What does the word "commitment" mean to you? We can begin to understand its meaning by looking at some synonyms: dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, fidelity, and bond. Commitment is primarily about relationship, and Jesus is all about relationships. How our lives affect others, how we treat our brothers and sisters, how we resolve conflict, and how we view the vows of marriage. Jesus' teachings on obeying the commandments, murder, reconciliation, marriage, divorce, and adultery all stem from the sacredness of commitment. All of this has a God connection.

We can easily see one another as interchangeable and dispensable. We treat so much of our lives this way. What works today may not be what I want tomorrow. We search and search for the right thing only to find our hearts still restless in the end. Is real happiness achievable this side of the grave? Sometimes we expect too much out of others and want our relationships to fill a hole that we must figure out how to fill ourselves. Any seasoned married couple will tell you that their love for one another changes as time passes. Even though the understanding of romance changes as life changes, the dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, and fidelity all remain and even deepen.

Some relationships can be hurtful, and God does not want us to live with abuse or pain. Also, how a relationship develops is sometimes out of our control, and we become the victim of someone else's decision. But we can't be self-focused in our relationships and see them exclusively as self-fulfilling ends. We are companions on life's journey with varying depths of relationships being enjoyed by all who are with us along the way. We have the freedom to choose. God asks us to do so wisely, with right judgment and thinking.

# GOOD



"Do not take a false oath,  
but make good to the  
Lord all that you vow."

MATTHEW 5:33B

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*Presentation Our Lady of Victory Church is an urban parish that strives to proclaim the Good News of Christ and the beliefs of the Roman Catholic faith, focuses on increasing our love for God through worship; serves as stewards in the community and continues the ministry of Jesus Christ through prayer and evangelization.*

# THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

## Tuesday, February 18

Communion Service / 50 & Over Meet 12:00pm

## Thursday, February 20

Bible Study 1:00 pm

## Friday, February 21

Just For Christ Support Group (Convent) 7:00 pm

## Sunday, February 23

Sacramental Prep (Chapel) 10:00 am

Ladies of Peter Claver (Convent) 10:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Chapel) 10:45 am

Prayer Gathering (Chapel) 10:45 am

Celebration of Mass (Chapel) 11:30 am



# Liturgical Ministers

## February 23, 2019

### Lector

Gail Bond

### Altar Servers

Devin Busby

Isaac Propson

Rhea Sanders

### Ministers of Holy Communion

Jennifer Dalley

Gwendolyn Gray

### Ushers

Willy Davis

Verita Morris

### Coffee & Donuts

Usher's Ministry

### Counters - February 25h

Gail Bond

# WEEKLY COLLECTION

The weekend of February 9, 2020

we received a total of **\$2,045.00**

*Thank you for your continued support!!!*

# 2020 MASS INTENTIONS

The 2020 Mass book is now available for you to reserve a Mass. Call soon to get your preferred date while many dates are open.

We also have a few Sundays available for 2019 if you wish to have a Mass said.

If you would like to request a date, please contact the Parish Office to schedule your date at 313.255.9000.

## WE WELCOME YOU

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# FAITH FORMATION



† WELCOME TO 2020 †

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Saturday, February 15th @ 10:30 am

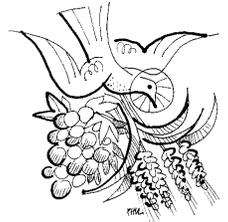
Sunday, February 23rd @ 10:00 am at Chapel

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Saturday, February 15th @ 12:00 pm

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 16th @ 12:30 pm at Parish Office



YOUTH SUNDAY

February 16th

## Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

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| OBEDY  | ANGRY    | PROMISE |
| BETTER | FAITHFUL | KEEP    |
| MURDER | THOUGHTS | SWEAR   |

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## Mission for the Week

Ask your parents to list three ways you can honor them.



## Growing with the GOSPEL



Matthew 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37 ■ 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CYCLE A

## Read the Gospel and Color



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Sunday, February 16  
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sir 15:15-20  
1 Cor 2:6-10  
Mt 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Monday, February 17  
Jas 1:1-11  
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 18  
Jas 1:12-18  
Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday, February 19  
Jas 1:19-27  
Mk 8:22-26

Thursday, February 20  
Jas 2:1-9  
Mk 8:27-33

Friday, February 21  
Jas 2:14-24, 26  
Mk 8:34-9:1

Saturday, February 22  
1 Pt 5:1-4  
Mt 16:13-19

Sunday, February 23  
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Lv 19:1-2, 17-18  
1 Cor 3:16-23  
Mt 5:38-48

**NEXT WEEK'S MASS INTENTION**  
**February 23, 2020**



For the special intentions of

*Patricia Heftler*

† PRAYER LIST †

AT HOME

*Sarah & Thomas Diggs, Ruth Donaldson,  
Wesley Duggan, Emily McGhee, Joyce Patton,  
Doris Robinson, Deacon Sanders,  
Alexander Stubbs Jr., June Sutton, Janice Wilson*

OTHER

*Wayne Bradley, Virginia Murphy,  
Mary Elizabeth Robinson*

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up-to-date by calling the Parish Office  
at 313.255.9000



Prayer to Unleash the Gospel

God our Father, you have called us to be witnesses to Jesus  
and have commissioned us to lead all people to encounter him.

Send your Holy Spirit to enlighten our minds so that your  
will may be clear to us and that we may accept it.

Dwell within our souls and make our hearts your own.

Transform us into a band of joyful missionary disciples  
embracing the fruits of Synod 16 so as to share the good  
news of Jesus Christ in Southeast Michigan through joyful  
evangelization and service.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,  
and kindle in them the fire of your love. Amen.

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**WHY DO WE DO THAT?  
CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**

**Question:**

Are near-death experiences real?

**Answer:**

There is a lot of curiosity and fascination with the idea of an afterlife and communicating with those who have died. In movies, television shows, and numerous books, people make claims about their ability to communicate with the dead, or having had a near-death experience. There is no objective way to verify any of this. While details about people and events can be surprisingly accurate, it is just circumstantial evidence that might be explained in other ways.

On the other hand, when people have unusual experiences, sometimes called near-death or out-of-body, it is real to them. They react with the emotions and thoughts that one would expect. At times, they report details they could not have known any other way, such as bits of conversation, or meeting people they had never known in this life. So certainly, to the person, they experience something. We believe in a life after death, we believe in the communion of saints. These things are not a contradiction to faith, but we should not base our faith on them, nor change our beliefs. They are unexplained and will likely remain so.

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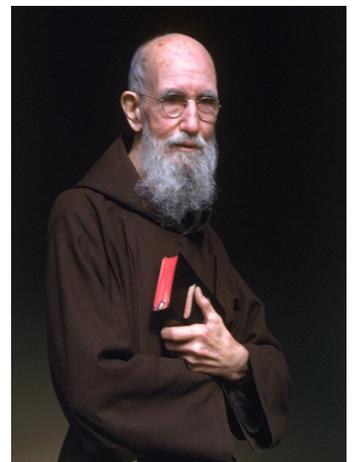
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**CANONIZATION PRAYER**

O God, I adore You. I give myself to You. May I be the person You want me to be, and May Your will be done in my life today. I thank You for the gifts You gave Father Solanus.

If it is Your Will, bless us with the Canonization of Father Solanus so that others may imitate and carry on his love for all the poor and suffering of our world.

As he joyfully accepted Your divine plans, I ask You, according to Your Will, to hear my prayer for... (your intention) through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



### Tolton Prayer

*God, \*we give you thanks for your servant and priest, Father Augustus Tolton, \*who labored among us in times of contradiction, \*times that were both beautiful and paradoxical. \*His ministry helped lay the foundation for a truly Catholic gathering in faith in our time.*

*\*We stand in the shadow of his ministry. \*May his life continue to inspire us \*and imbue us with that confidence and hope \*that will forge a new evangelization for the Church we love.*

*Father in heaven, \*Father Tolton's suffering service sheds light upon our sorrows; \*we see them through the prism of your Son's passion and death. \*If it be your Will, O God, \*glorify your servant, Father Tolton,*

*\*by granting the favor I now request through his intercession \*(mention your request) \*so that all may know the goodness of this priest \*whose memory looms large in the Church he loved.*

*Complete what you have begun in us \*that we might work for the fulfillment of your kingdom. \*Not to us the glory, \*but glory to you O God, through Jesus Christ, your Son \*and our Lord; \*Father, Son and Holy Spirit, \*you are our God, living and reigning forever and ever. Amen*



### Let's Save the Earth One K-Cup at a time!

I believe it's true when I say, that most of us love a good cup of coffee at some point during the day. And with the help of a Keurig coffeemaker, making that cup is pretty easy. But have we really thought.....**AT WHAT COST?**

*"It is said that all of the K-cups sold in 2013 (8.3 billion) would wrap around earth 10.5 times". In 2014, it shot up to 9.8 billion. Whoa.....that made me stop and think..... "no more throwing them in the garbage".*

I hope you'll join me on a quest to make our earth a beautiful place for all generations. **How can you help?** Start by saving all of your used K-cups. Put them in a bag (preferably paper) and dispose of them in the container located at the entrance every Sunday. I will personally prepare them to be recycled. If you wish to be a part of this endeavor, please call me at 313.255.9000. Thank you in advance for caring about this awesome gift given us.

### MAKING A REPORT OF SEXUAL ABUSE

The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others – no matter when the abuse occurred. Individuals may contact local law enforcement authorities and/or they may report to the Archdiocese of Detroit by calling the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (866) 343-8055 or by emailing [vac@aod.org](mailto:vac@aod.org). In addition, the Michigan Attorney General's Office can be contacted at its toll-free reporting hotline at (844) 324-3374 (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or by email [ataginvestigations@michigan.gov](mailto:ataginvestigations@michigan.gov). More information about the Archdiocese's efforts to address abuse may be found at [protect.aod.org](http://protect.aod.org).

Join Msgr. Daniel Trapp & Fr. Stephen Burr  
on Pilgrimage

## IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST THROUGH THE HOLY LAND June 22 - July 1, 2020

### ITINERARY

Monday, June 22 •

Departure from USA

Tuesday, June 23 •

Arrival in Israel | Galilee | Tiberias

Wednesday, June 24 •

Mount of Transfiguration | Cana | Tiberias

Thursday, June 25 •

Mount of Beatitudes | Tabgha | Tiberias

Friday, June 26 •

Sea of Galilee | Capernaum | Jerusalem

Saturday, June 27 •

Bethlehem | Jerusalem

Sunday, June 28 •

Via Dolorosa | Calvary | Mt. Zion | Jerusalem

Monday, June 29 •

Gethsemane | Western Wall | Jerusalem

Tuesday, June 30 • Free Day

Optional Dead Sea Excursion | Jerusalem

**See Fr. Burr for more information or to get a flyer with detailed information.**

# ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT

*Helping every soul within our reach to attain eternal life in Jesus Christ.*

Powered by prayer and the Holy Spirit, with roots dating back to 1701, the Archdiocese of Detroit forms disciples and builds Catholic community in southeast Michigan. We administer Roman Catholic parishes and schools within the city of Detroit as well as Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, St. Clair, Monroe and Lapeer counties. We serve with a spirit of gratitude and joy, going forth with apostolic boldness to *Unleash the Gospel*.

The archdiocese is under the care of the Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron, Archbishop of Detroit.

## Rise Detroit / Youth Ministry

Teens in the Archdiocese of Detroit are invited to attend Rise Detroit 2020 on April 25. With a theme based on Isaiah 43:1—"Do not fear; for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name you are mine!"—this event will include a keynote presentation by Dr. Bob Rice, breakout sessions led by The Culture Project, and a special appearance by Archbishop Vigneron.

Visit [risedetroityouth.org](http://risedetroityouth.org) for more information and to register.

Your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal make possible events such as this, ensuring that young people in the Archdiocese of Detroit remain engaged and active in their faith. Visit [aod.org](http://aod.org) for information about CSA-supported ministries, programs and services.

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

### *6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

In today's Scripture readings from Sirach, Psalm 119, and St. Matthew's Gospel, we learn that wholeheartedly following God's commands and directives helps pave the way to eternal salvation. Be mindful that darkness influences secular society, which barrages us every day with temptations that attempt to block our relationship with Christ. Yet, if we are to deepen our personal relationship with Jesus, we must fight temptation that moves us to sin. We are truly free when we find and follow God's will, not our own pleasures and desires. Jesus proclaims in St. Mark's Gospel: *For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the Gospel will save it.* In St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthian community, he reminds us of the Spirit of Wisdom that leads us. Prompted by the Spirit and approached with a contrite heart, the Sacrament of Reconciliation provides an outpouring of mercy, forgiveness, and grace to overcome one's sins and weaknesses.

Make time for this important sacrament this week.



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## PRESENTATION OUR LADY OF VICTORY PARISH

Reverend Stephen Burr, Pastor

Reverend Mr. Hubert Sanders, Pastoral Administrator

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### COORDINATOR CONTACTS

**Sacristan:** Ms. Mary Maurant

**Music Minister:** Mr. Brown W. Leonard

**Religious Education:** Mrs. Wanda Sanders

**Adult Formation:** Reverend Mr. Hubert Sanders

**Minister of Service:** Mrs. Gail Bond, Mr. Michael Heard, Mr. Bob Thomas

**Ushers Ministry:** Mr. Anthony Timbers

**Worship:** Ms. Pamela Heard

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** Ms. Monika Uriel

**50 & Over Group:** Mrs. Gail Bond/Mrs. Wesley Duggan

**Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary, Court #189:** Ms. Monika Uriel

### PARISH COUNCIL

Gail Bond, Chairperson ~ Robert Thomas, Secretary

Stacey Dick, Jesse Goodwin, Belinda Danzy, Thomas Digggs, Monika Uriel

### FINANCE COUNCIL

Jonathan Sanders, Chairperson, Thomas Digggs, Anthony Timbers, Michael Vincent

### ORGANIZATIONS

Ushers, Adult Choir, 50 & Over Club, F.I.T.T. Ministry,

Youth Ministry, St. Vincent DePaul, Junior Daughters, Knights & Ladies of Peter Claver

### SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation:** One half hour before Sunday Mass or by appointment

**Baptism:** Please contact the Parish Office **Marriage:** Weddings must be arranged at least six months in advance

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Monday-Friday 4pm-6pm

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Monday-Friday 3pm

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