


23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 7/8, 2024



He has done all things well.
He makes the deaf hear and
the mute speak.

Mark 7:37

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REFLECTIONS

God is in the details.” That’s a thought attributed to the minimalist German architect Miles van der Rohe. He was referring to the attributes of his many creations. While it might at first seem to be too great a stretch to connect architecture with Holy Scripture, there is much about God’s words and actions in the Bible that feature details we should notice. They can be profitable for our prayer and reflection. Heretofore hidden meanings emerge. The divine presence lies just below the surface. Not immediately obvious.

Case in point: this weekend’s beautiful passage about the encounter of Jesus with a deaf mute. Note first how the crowd already knew where to go and whom to see if they wanted a person to be helped. Jesus. His reputation preceded Him. This “herd,” if you will, was attracted to the possibility of a miracle in their midst. On the surface, they seemed not to care much for the sick man’s feelings.

It gives me pause to think that sometimes that we have just wanted to “use” Jesus’ power and might for our own needs to be met. We forget that He is a Person, not a machine. A divine person no less, who took on our human nature to save us from hell. Not a dispenser of wish fulfillment.

We note the detail that Jesus leads the deaf man away from the crowd. Away from the raucous voices with mixed up ideas about God. Or the cheering cries of people that just want to make noise and enjoy mayhem. The Lord wants the man to have some well-deserved privacy. To look the Lord in the face and express with hand gestures his longing to be normal, even if he cannot yet voice it.

Lastly, there’s that detail wherein Jesus tells the crowd to keep quiet about what He did. St. Mark wants his readers to wait until the Passion and Resurrection story to learn Jesus’ full identity. Sometimes we must wait for God to answer our prayers. We must admit that we can either be deaf to His responses or mute in our thanks. not yet voice it. [Source: Rev. Leonard N. Peterson](#)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon 1 Cor 5:1-8 Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 Lk 6:6-11
- Tue 1 Cor 6:1-11 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Lk 6:12-19
- Wed 1 Cor 7:25-31 Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 Lk 6:20-26
- Thu 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13 Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24 Lk 6:27-38
- Fri 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27 Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12 Lk 6:39-42
- Sat Nm 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17
- Sun Is 50:4c-9a Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 Jas 2:14-18 Mk 8:27-35

The 2025 Mass Book has arrived. Please call the rectory during office hours to schedule a mass or sanctuary candle.



GET YOUR MARKERS/DABBERS READY, BINGO COMING SOON MORE INFORMATION IN UPCOMING BULLETINS!!!





The **MISSION** of the parish community of Saint Joseph is to “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel.”

Our **VISION**: As a Catholic faith community, we invite all to experience the saving grace of

Jesus Christ. We strive to grow and sustain by offering ministries that meet and nurture the Sacramental, spiritual, material, and emotional needs of our greater community.

MASS INTENTIONS

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sep 7/8 Sat 4:00pm In Memory of Kimberly Karpeles (3rd Ann) by Mike and Nancy

Sep 10 Tue 7:45am For the Relief & Release of the Holy Souls in Purgatory & In Memory of Ed(Eddy) Lavallee and Family & Pro Populo (Mass for living and deceased members of St. Joseph Parish)

Sep 11 Wed 7:45am For the Relief & Release of the Holy Souls in Purgatory

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sep 14 Sat 4:00pm In Memory of Yvonne Cosetta (22nd Ann) by Paul, Linda & Bethany

SANCTUARY LAMP



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for **victims of violent crimes and their families**, that they may be able to heal with the loving help from Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior.



Do you, or someone you know, need a prayer? **Call Pauline Prew 568-5644** and have our “Prayer Warriors” pray for your intentions.

FINANCIAL UPDATE WILL BE IN NEXT WEEKS BULLETIN DUE TO EARLY TRANSMISSION.

ON-LINE GIVING

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UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Aug 31	Monthly Collection
Sep 7	Fuel Collection
Sep 14	Priests’ Retirement Fund



MASS INTENTIONS/ OFFERTORY GIFTS

When more than one family has an intention for a single Mass, we suggest that a member of each family present the gifts (hosts and wine) to the Celebrant. Please notify an Usher before Mass if you are in attendance and wish to bring the gifts to the altar **and whether you would like the gifts to be placed in front of the first pew (if you are unable to walk the entire length of the center aisle)**

WORLD PEACE PRAYER

Lord, we pray for the power to be gentle, the strength to be forgiving, the patience to be understanding, and the endurance to accept the consequences of holding to what we believe to be right.

May we put our trust in the power of good to overcome evil and the power of love to overcome hatred. We pray for the vision to see and the faith to believe in a world emancipated from violence.

Help us to devote our whole life, thought and energy to the task of making peace, praying always for the inspiration and the power to fulfill the destiny for which we were created.



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