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Mass Intentions

Sept 4th: Parishioners of St Andrew
and St Regina

Sept 5th: In Memory of Louis & Julie
Gretemen on their 73rd Anniversary
by Aaron & Ann Ledet

Sept 6th: Harold Segerson +

Sept 8th: Soul of Vincente Ngo Dinh
Dinh by Thuy Hoang

Sept 9th: Soul of Fr Gerard Van der
Heydt by Thuy Hoang

Sept 10th: Healing for Dominic Hoang
Quoc Bao by Thuy Hoan

Sept 11th: Irene Leroux Johnson +
Aunt of Kay Bartel

by Mark & Kay Bartel

Sept 12th: Parishioners of St Andrew

WEEKLY OFFERING

August 29th
Budget \$1750
Actual
Not available

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 5, 2021

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich
in faith and heirs to the kingdom?

— James 2:5

THE MESSIAH FORETOLD

Today's story of the cure of a deaf man with a speech impediment is a good example of how much is contained in a simple miracle story. The Greek word *mogilalos* appears only here in all of the New Testament. It is a technical term referring to someone with a stammer. It is also used only once in the entire Jewish scriptures, in the passage that we read today as our first reading from Isaiah. Clearly, by his choice of this precise word Mark wants us to recognize that what Jesus is doing is the fulfillment of what Isaiah had predicted centuries earlier. In fact, Mark wants us to recognize that Jesus is the Messiah foretold by Isaiah and the other Jewish prophets of old.

The word *epiphatha*, "be opened," used to describe the restoration of the man's speech, is another example of a subtle allusion to an earlier prophecy. This time the prophecy in question is from Ezekiel, when he foretells that in the messianic age, "your mouth shall be opened to speak" (24:26). The sophistication of Mark's narrative is further revealed when we realize that there are multiple levels within a single reference. Mark not only draws our attention back to Israel's prophetic past, he also points to the initiatory practice of his contemporaries by his mention of such things as spittle, touching of ears, and the use of the word *epiphatha*, all of which

FEAST OF FAITH Remembering

When Jesus broke the bread on the night before he died, he told his disciples, "do this in memory of me" (Luke 22:19). Christians have been faithful to that solemn command. Our eucharistic remembering is not nostalgia, nor is it merely historical, recalling events and facts of long ago. In the liturgy, remembering is action. "Do this," Jesus said. In the Eucharist, we remember by doing. And as we remember, the sacrifice of Jesus is renewed, truly made present, no longer then, but now.

After the consecration, each of the Eucharistic Prayers includes a section called the *anamnesis*, a Greek word that means "remembering." In this part of the prayer, "the Church, fulfilling the command that she received from Christ the Lord through the Apostles, keeps the memorial of Christ, recalling especially his blessed Passion, glorious Resurrection, and Ascension into heaven" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 79e). We pause and call to mind the whole paschal mystery, Christ's dying and rising. "We celebrate the memory of his death and resurrection" (*Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation II*). Obeying Christ's command, we remember.

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TODAY'S READINGS FOR YEAR B

First Reading — Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God (Isaiah 35:4-7a).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).
Second Reading — Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).

Gospel — Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Parishioners

Grant Adams, Lucien Cravens, MaryAnn Maness,
Peggy Moss, Joey Wall,

Relatives

Kelli Blankenship, Thomas Blankenship, Austin
Ernst, Emily Ernst, Jackie Donnett, Andrew Grower,
Christine Hart and the twin boys Benjamin and
Theodore, Nicholas Kirkpatrick, Jenny Moore,
Andrew Morlan, Yu Youn Suk

Friends

Emma Cupples, Sunny Maness, Fr Robert Ponticello,
For all who have Covid 19

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11, or,
for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass
"For the Blessing of Human Labor," nos.
907-911
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11;
Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18;
Mk 8:27-35

Mass Schedule

Monday: 9:00 am

Wednesday: 11:30 am

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 11:30 am

Vigil on Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am



Coming Events

September 4th through September 7th, Mary Alyce will be out of town and the office will be closed.

Monday, September 6th, is Labor Day and Mass will be at 9:00.

Friday, September 10th, the Sunday Scripture Study Group will meet at 10:30.

Liturgical Ministers

Sept 12th:

Lector: Kathleen Kirkpatrick

Server: Nicki Raudry

Sacristans— Kathleen Kirkpatrick, Kevin Ernst

Altar Linens — Sheri Parkinson, Susan Booth

Ushers—Men of the Parish

LABOR

Without labor nothing prospers.
—Sophocles

20th Anniversary of 9-11-01

Please keep our country
and the families of the
victims in your prayers. A
rough time in our history,
but together we stand.

