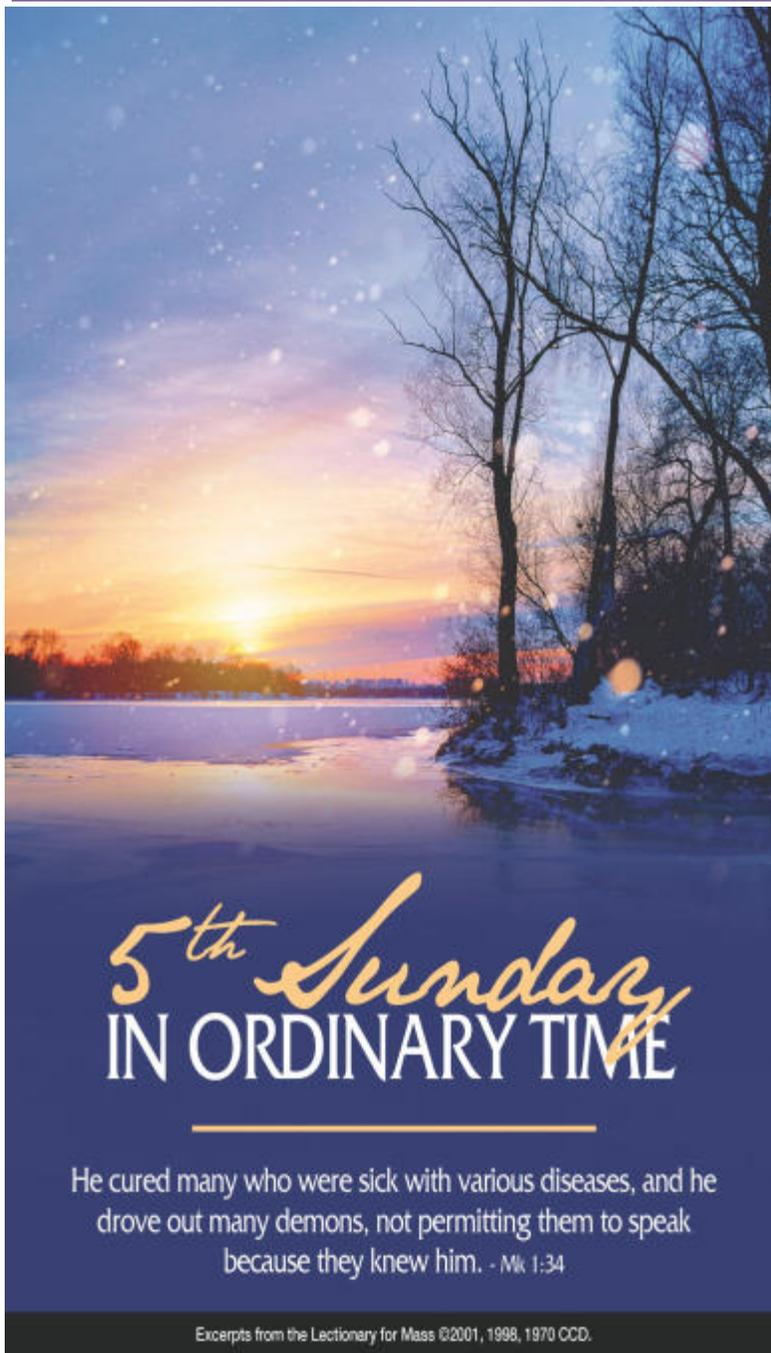




St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 7, 2021



5th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:34

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

If your loved one dies and you need a sign language interpreter for Catholic funeral, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE contact Fr. Joe at 312-685-7899 v/text. If you know of a Deaf person in the hospital or nursing home who would like his blessing, he can call them at the nursing home.

NOTES FROM FR. JOE

FEB. 17th is ASH WEDNESDAY

- This year, all Catholic parishes will sprinkle ashes on your heads because of Covid-19 rules.
- NO eating meat on ASH WEDNESDAY and all FRI-DAYS of LENT, 14 and older. For people 18-59, only one large meal, two small meals allowed on Ash Wednesday/Good Friday.
- Bring your old palms and give to BRIAN SWATEK to burn for ashes.
- ASH WEDNESDAY, 11AM-2:30PM: Fr. Joe is in the hall/chapel to give blessed ashes. Mass: NOON.
- THURS, Feb 11: World Day of the Sick & Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Pray for all who are sick and suffering.
- EITC: Earned Income Tax Credit. This is a way for people to pay less on their income taxes. Ask the person who helps you with your taxes to get help from EITC.
- The CITY of CHICAGO has a new way to sign up for VACCINATIONS. If you live in Chicago, go to: [zdoc.com/vaccine](https://cdoc.com/vaccine). The Catholic Office of the Deaf is working with other organizations to set-up a vaccination site where there will be sign-language interpreters.
- SUN, FEB.14, 6PM: Fr. Joe will celebrate Mass at St. Julie Billiart.
- REAL ID: last year, the government said that everyone had to get a REAL-ID driver's license or other identity card if you wish to fly in our country. Because of Covid-19, the U.S. government has extended the deadline for this till OCT. 1, 2021.
- The FBI has announced that there are MORE COVID-19 SCAMS happening all over the country. If you receive ANY messages on your email, text, social media, etc telling you, "get special Covid vaccinations first", "be first in line for shots; pay us....", "you must give us your Social Security # to get Covid vaccine", DELETE. Do NOT answer any of these. All are rip-offs!
- LOOK OUT! More and more children are returning to in-person classes at schools. Drivers need to be very careful, especially near schools and parks.
- JUNE 2022: Catholic World Meeting of Families will happen in Rome with Pope Francis. This will be a very special event. Interested? Talk to Fr. Joe.

If you feel sick, feel a cold starting, stay home from Church until you feel good again. It is important to: wash your hands/use a hand sanitizer. Wear a mask when you are with other people, outside or into any stores. No handshaking. Keep social distance. If you feel sick: high fever, hard cough, body hurts all over, contact your doctor. If you are VERY weak, trouble breathing, 9-1-1! Do not wait. IF YOU CAME TO CHURCH AND TEST POSITIVE FOR CoVid 19 PLEASE CONTACT FR JOE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WEAR MASKS. WASH YOUR HANDS. KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCING. GET REST.

Every Monday, 1pm & Every Wednesday, 2pm:
VIDEO PHONE CHAT with
Deaf Social/Support Group,
RSVP: 224-520-9763vp,
sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org

WASH YOUR HANDS

SOAP & WARM WATER, 20 Seconds.

STAY HOME: avoid being near other people.

GET REST: getting enough sleep is important.

DRINK WATER

MOVE AROUND: do not sit at your VP or computer screen for hours.

FEEDING HUNGRY CHILDREN: There are hundreds of sites in the Chicago area where children can receive healthy, FREE meals. Text FOODIL to 877877, or call 1-800-359-2164. CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS has free lunch for children at many schools from 8 AM to 1 PM at over 450 sites every weekday. Find a site near you at cps.edu/mealsites. The Greater Chicago Food Depository has a number of "Pop-up Pantries". These are mobile sites where food is available for families. Go to: www.chicagofoodbank.org and search "Pop-up Pantries".

Remember, when the snow comes, keeping sidewalks ice-free is an important way to protect yourself and passersby from injury. It's also the law in Chicago, and many suburban municipalities. Residents & businesses who do not follow this rule could face fines of \$50 to \$500. **Chicago has a Snow Corps for helping seniors and people with disabilities.** To volunteer or request help, go to: www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/mayor/snowportal/snow_corps.html

WARNING: if you travel to ANY STATE OUTSIDE OF ILLINOIS, be careful. Wear your mask and stay 6 feet from other people. You MUST quarantine yourself for 14 days after you return. All states have high rates of COVID-19, but not all have strict mask & distance rules.

ELECTRONIC GIVING is an EASY way to contribute to St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center.

INFO: deafsmitty@gmail.com (JIMMY SMITH).

He can make your giving to church each week simple, with no hassles!

IMMIGRATION LEGAL CLINICS:

Irish Community Services offers FREE 30 minute VIRTUAL meetings with immigration lawyers. Upcoming clinics Feb 17. The meetings are FREE & CONFIDENTIAL. ALL Nationalities are welcome, not only Irish! If you are deaf and wish to attend one of these, contact Catholic Office of the Deaf to arrange an appointment and get an interpreter.

To register for a legal clinic please call 872-227-7099 or email info@irishchicago.org

Children of Peace School is the only Catholic elementary school program for children who are deaf and hard of hearing in the state of Illinois. Their academically challenging curriculum is culturally sensitive and emotionally supportive, serving students from pre-school through 8th grade.

INFO: www.childrenofpeacechicago.org

Family Together

To focus in on living out this week's gospel message, spend some time alone -- in prayer with God. At a pre-arranged meeting time, gather together as a group.

Discuss these topics:

One special way that I know I am of service to others is ... (helping with chores, visiting old people, babysitting, listening well, and so forth).

People tell me I am really good at... (singing, painting, reading, spelling, pitching, punting...whatever.)

How could I use my "talents" to serve others -- in healing and proclaiming the good news of God?

Do I believe that prayer helps me? Why or why not?

Message from Margaret Swatek, Religious Education Reporter

February 7, 2021

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's gospel contains only one sentence attributed to Jesus: "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." But it is filled with stories of people being healed, demons being silenced, and the good news being preached. This, indeed, is what Jesus "came out to do."

The gospel also contains one sentence that tells us how Jesus was able to keep up his frantic pace: "In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed."

You too need to pray personally to God. Public prayer, in which you use the words and thoughts of others, is fine, but private prayer is necessary if you are to find the strength and courage you need to be a Christian.

Private prayer doesn't mean that you block out the other people in your lives and pretend they don't matter in your relationship with God. You don't tune God in prayer.

But suppose you had been saved from death, like Simon's mother-in-law was. Or all the sinful thoughts within you had been silenced, banished from your life. How would you spend the rest of your life then?

All through the gospels, Jesus cures people who are blind, deaf, paralyzed, even death. We don't always hear about what happens *after* these people are healed. Today's gospel tells us about one of them: "Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them."

We are *all* saved to serve. Jesus saved us from death through his own passion, death, and Resurrection. And Jesus told us we must do as he did. And Jesus served. But not even Jesus could do it alone. Jesus "went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed."

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sun, Feb 14: Mass, 10:30am. Mass, 6pm, St. Julie Billiart
Weds, Feb 17: ASH WEDNESDAY Ashes 11 am - 2:30 pm, MASS NOON
Sun, Feb 21: Mass, 10:30am. Mass. 6pm, St. Julie Billiart (interpreted)
Sun, Feb 28: Mass, 10:30am. Mass, 4pm, St. Mary of Vernon

REMINDER: the doors to the hall open at 10am each Sunday for Mass. There is no social time after Mass until further notice. When Mass is finished, you must leave the building.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR NEW INFORMATION. WWW.DEAFCHURCHCHICAGO.ORG
Many of our Chaplains for the Deaf are posting Masses on the internet.
Mon and Weds - Fr. Shawn Carey - www.facebook.com/bostondeafcatholic.org/
Tuesdays - Fr. Mike Depcik at 10:30 am EST, 7:30am PST - www.facebook.com/deafmass
Thursdays - Fr. Paul Zirimenya 12 noon PST, 3pm EST www.facebook.com/stbenedictparish
Fridays - 3pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet - www.facebook.com/groups/icdaus/

State of Illinois has funds to help families pay utility bills, get help for food, pay rent. See if you qualify:
www2.illinois.gov/dceo/communityservices/homeweatherization/communityactionagencies/pages/helpillinoisfamilies.aspx

Readings for the week of February 7, 2021

Sun Feb 7: Jb 7:1-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-23; Mk 1:29-39
Mon Feb 8: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56
Tue Feb 9: Gn 1:20 - 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
Weds Feb 10: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-30; Mk 7:14-23
Thurs Feb 11: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
Fri Feb 12: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37
Sat Feb 13: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10



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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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Marijo Wimbush	Sr. Corita Ambro
Bill Ortiga	Peggy Franco
Genevieve Uhren	Richard Kush
Arlene Redmond	Deacon Casey Fronczek
Hedie Iovito	Dolores Wallace
Patricia Mancuso	Fr. Len Broniak
Frank Mancuso	Danny Rivera
Chris Wehking	William Costello
Caroline Goraj	Baby Victoria Solis
Majka family	James Mulcrone
Drucilla Ronchen	Joan Christian
Carmen Reyes	Esther Stolarski
Kay Mulvey	Mary Brandseth
Bill Cusack	Joseph Valicento
Theresa Stanis	Ellen Boekeloo
Michael Kornacker	Mary Cook

JOSEPH LEPONO, our friend in South Africa, who died from CoVid19

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Mass Every Sunday 10:30am
At St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center
Mass at 4:00pm:
St. Julie Billiart: 2nd & 3rd Sundays every month
St. Mary of Vernon: 4th Sunday of every month

Take a look at FR. MIKE DEPCIK's web-page, every week: www.frmd.org

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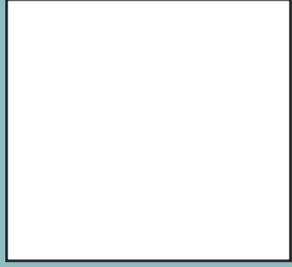
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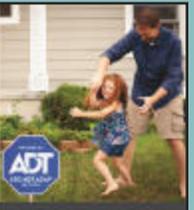
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