



St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 29, 2021



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He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1996, 1970 CCC.

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NOTES FROM FR. JOE

- * I will be out of town this week. If there is an emergency, please contact Catholic Office of the Deaf at 312-534-7899 as soon as possible.
- * Today, Aug 29, is 16th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina hitting New Orleans. Pray for our brothers & sisters who may still feel trauma from this event.
- * FR. BILL KEY. Fr. Key will celebrate the 10:30am Mass next Sunday. Fr. Bill worked with the deaf community for many years in Wisconsin. He is a very good signer, and loves to come to Chicago. He is a wonderful person, even though he is a Green Bay fan!
- * DRIVERS...PLEASE!!! Children are back in school. Young people are going to parks for football, soccer, cheer-leading practices. More kids are around malls. SLOW DOWN!!!!
- * PARENTS: we will begin our Religious Education program on September 19th. Please register NOW. MRS. SWATEK, our Religious education coordinator, is at Mass every Sunday.
- * WE TAKE CARE OF ONE ANOTHER. Recently, Susan Elizabeth Rangel-Ochoa pointed out that our community at St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center was very good about wearing masks, using hand sanitizers, etc. I agree with her. We have kept ourselves, AND ONE ANOTHER, safe and healthy. Jesus said, "Love ONE ANOTHER, as I (Jesus) have loved you." Wearing a mask is sometime uncomfortable. Hand sanitizers sometime feel sticky. Not hugging feels unfriendly. However, everything we are doing is keeping ALL OF US from getting sick. Thanks to everyone for their cooperation.
- * COVID is NOT disappearing. If you or someone in your family becomes very sick – high fever, coughing, lose taste, weak, very dizzy – call 9-1-1. If you don't have the vaccine, please get it! Look here for updates on safety: www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/covid-19/home/emergency-travel-order.html
- * LABOR DAY POLICE WARNING: the Illinois State Police have sent out a warning about driving over the Labor Day weekend. All police departments will watch for speeding...DUI...anyone driving and texting/talking on the phone...not wearing seat belts. They will not give "warnings". They will give out tickets with expensive fines.
- * THANKS FOR PRAYERS: last Sunday, Hurricane Henri landed where my brother Jim and his family live in East Lyme, CT. He got a lot of rain and wind, but their electricity stayed on. The small stream in back of his house was like a huge river, He thanks you for your prayers.

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.

In person Deaf Social & Support is back at Schaumburg Township! 3rd Tuesday each month, 10:30 am to 3 pm. Next mtg Sept 21. Must RSVP: 224-520-9763vp, sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org

WASH YOUR HANDS SOAP & WARM WATER, 20 Seconds.
GET REST: getting enough sleep is important.
DRINK WATER
MOVE AROUND: do not sit at your VP or computer screen for hours.
PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER. PRAY.

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. 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”.

EAT HEALTHY! Shop ALL summer at Farmers’ markets, some open this weekend.
Find a Farmer’s Market near you: www.agr.state.il.us/agrihappenings/display2.php or www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/

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MOVIES IN THE PARK, different days around the city, plays films with captions.
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Family Together

The implication to both the Pharisees and the crowd is that our concern should be focused more on our interior relationship with God than on exterior human rules.

This can sound great until we remember that our Catholic faith has many rules! There are rules about attending Mass and fasting. There are requirements to receive sacraments. We have a rich history of devotional prayers, each having its own, sometimes complicated, method. Are we sometimes like the Pharisees whom Jesus called hypocrites?

It helps to remember that the Church’s rituals, rules, and disciplines do have a purpose: to foster our relationship with God. The goal is to impact our hearts, so we love God and our faith more deeply and live that love more fully in our lives.

We can remind our children, who may resist rules, that all areas of life have rules.

Parents and sports have rules; older youth know jobs have rules. What is the purpose of those rules? How are the Church’s rules similar in purpose? What is the goal of the Church’s rules for their lives?

PRAYER: Dear Father, help us to embrace the good You have for us in the requirements of our faith. May our practice of that requirements change our hearts and lead us closer to you. Amen

Message from Margaret Swatek, Religious Education Reporter

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Given their strict attention to hand washing, these Pharisees and scribes would probably feel right at home in our pandemic-conscious world! Of course, they were concerned about religious purity, not personal hygiene, but we can all relate to how meticulous they were.

Still, Jesus rightly called their purity practices what they were: “human tradition”. Nowhere in Scripture does God command His people to be so rigorous in cleansing themselves or their household items. Instead, what began as a precaution among priests gradually morphed into a litmus test for every Israelite. If you didn’t wash your hands just so, you were impure. It meant your faith was defective—or worse, *you* were defective.

Litmus tests can make things clear and simple, but the Pharisees were using them in the wrong way. To determine what was pure and impure, they needed to focus on what was lurking in their own hearts, not what was contaminating them from the outside. As Jesus warned them, it is “the things that come out from within—our own sinful inclinations—that defile us. (Mark7:15)

Our rules for hand washing today are aimed toward preventing disease, but we can easily fall into the same habit as these Pharisees did. We can focus more on what’s on the “outside”—the culture or the actions of other people—rather than facing the sinful desires in our hearts. After all, it’s painful to see just how capable we are of falling into sin. It’s easier just to apply a litmus test to the sins of the people around us.

Jesus came to save us from sin, and we can count on Him to give us the grace to deal with whatever is “within” us. Today, ask the Lord to search your heart. Ask Him to help you see ways in which you are susceptible to sin—and ask Him to keep cleansing you.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sun, Sept 5: Mass, 10:30am (Fr. Bill Key)
Thurs-Sun, Sept 9-12: St. Francis Borgia Fall Fest. FREE admission. Great food; live bands. Rides for children (must buy tickets).
Sun, Sept 12: Mass, 10:30am (large church, Fr. Joe). 6pm Mass, St. Julie Billiart.
Sun, Sept 19: Mass, 10:30am.
Sun, Sept 26: Mass, 10:30am. 4pm Mass, St. Mary of Vernon.

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/

Readings for the week of Aug 29, 2021

Sun Aug 29: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Mon Aug 30: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30
Tues Aug 31: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
Weds Sept 1: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44
Thurs Sept 2: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11
Fri Sept 3 : Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39
Sat Sept 4: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5



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Yvette Cotey	Sr. Corita Ambro
Bill Ortiga	Peggy Franco
Genevieve Uhren	Richard Kush
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Hedie Iovito	Dolores Wallace
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Frank Mancuso	Danny Rivera
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Caroline Goraj	Susan Postl
Majka family	James Mulcrone
Joan Christian	Charlotte Seegert
Carmen Reyes	Esther Stolarski
Kay Mulvey	Mary Brandseth
Bill Cusack	Theresa Stanis
Mary Cook	Richard Csabi
Jim Meade	Kathy Caron
Iris Martinez	

Bill Lawrence (64) who recently died.

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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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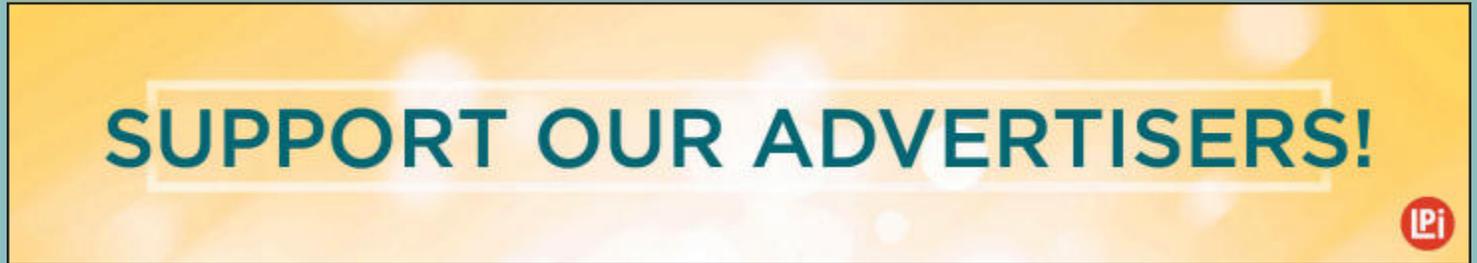
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