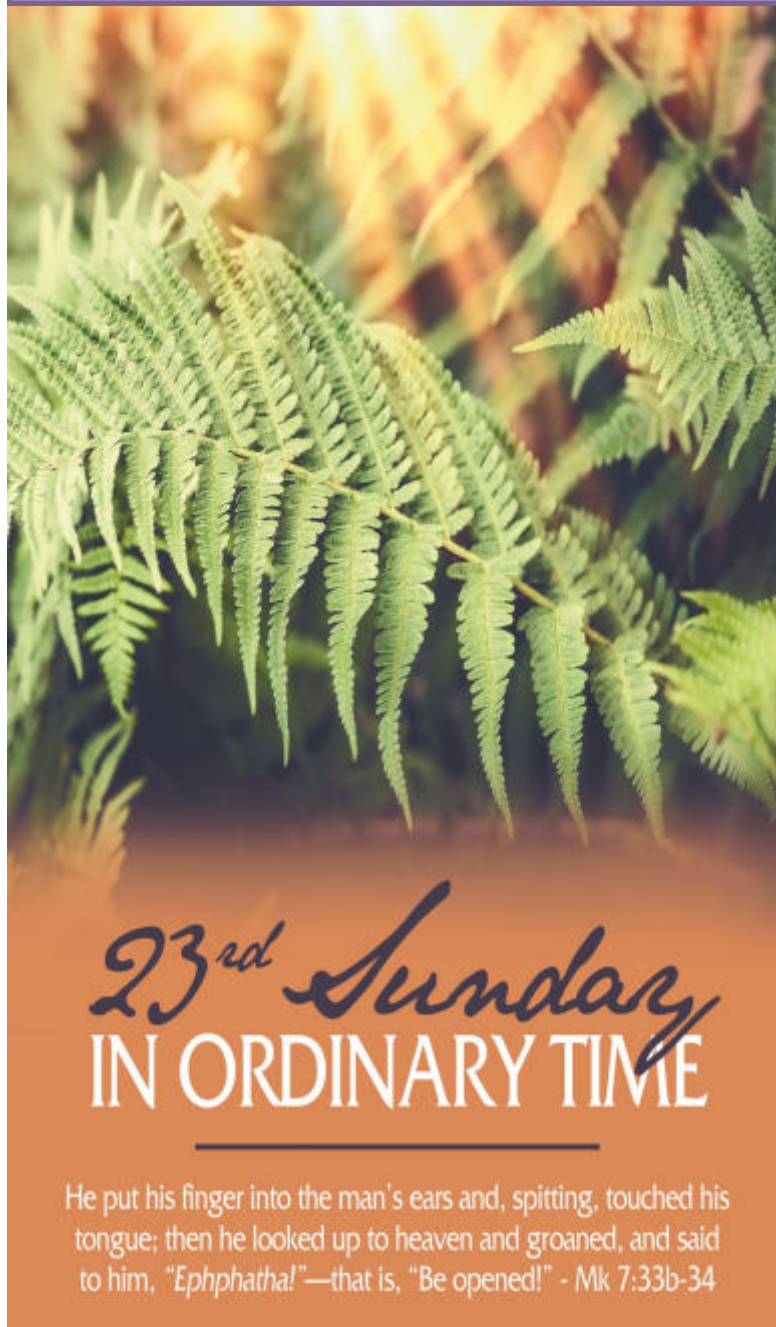




St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 5, 2021



23rd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:33b-34

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1988, 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

WELCOME, FR. BILL KEY!

- ◆ EXCITING NEWS...next Sunday, we will announce the opening date of our chapel for Sunday Masses for the deaf!
- ◆ PARENTS: our Religious Education Program begins Sunday, September 19th. We will have IN-PERSON classes this year. Please see MRS. SWATEK after Mass if you want to help out with the program this year or have a student to register.
- ◆ THIS WEEK: the St. Francis Borgia Fall Fest/Carnival begins Thursday evening till Sunday night. FREE admission. Great food/ entertainment. Wonderful, fun rides for children. You must pay for rides.
- ◆ NEXT SUNDAY, 9/12: our Mass will be in the large church at 10:30am. Fr. Joe will celebrate the Mass. Also, 6pm Mass, St. Julie Billiart.
- ◆ 2021 CASH RAFFLE: you will soon get in the mail, a letter from the Catholic Office of the Deaf/St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center. Our Raffle this year has cash prizes (Guaranteed) of \$18,000. In addition this year, we will have six (6) Chicago sports jerseys! Fill out the enclosed sheet, send check/money order, and send it in the enclosed envelope. The drawing is SUN, NOVEMBER 21, NOON! Only 700 tickets available.
- ◆ 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!!!!
- ◆ 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
- ◆ FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: Wed, 9/8: The Nativity (Birthday) of MARY, Our Blessed Mother. THURS, 9/9: ST. PETER CLAVER (1580-1654). He was a Jesuit missionary who spent his entire adult life caring for the African slaves who were brought to Columbia, South America.
- ◆ 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.

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/

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

HEALING MASS for people with cancer. Each month, there is a special Mass for people with cancer at 11am. Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica, 3121 W. Jackson Blvd, CHGO. (Safe, guarded parking lot.) Please call CATHOLIC OFFICE OF THE DEAF if you need an interpreter. 2nd Saturday of the month SPANISH; 3rd Saturday ENGLISH.

Family Together

FOR ADULTS: The man of chapter 5 was told "no" when he asked to join Jesus in His travels. Has God said "no" to you? Can you look back and see good that came out of the "no"?

While much of our ministry may be with people who are Catholic, we know even Catholics may not be sure if they believe. What Good News can we share with them? Who can we evangelize in our own circle?

FOR STUDENTS: In today's Gospel, Jesus offers hope that leads to happiness. Who do you know who needs some hope or happiness? How can you bring them joy or help them? What is something good about Jesus or your faith that you can share with others?

PRAYER: Thank you, Jesus, for calling us to be on Your mission team. May we always be ready to share the Good News of Your help.

Message from Margaret Swatek, Religious Education Reporter

Sept 5, 2021

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If Jesus' actions in today's Gospel reading seem odd to you, you're probably not alone. It's not every day that you see someone placing his fingers in a man's ears or touching his tongue. But then again, this is the one who told His disciples to eat His body and drink His blood, who touched a man with leprosy, and who put mud on another man's eyes.

If you want to know what's behind all of this, it can probably be summed up in one word: intimacy. Not the romantic or sentimental kind of intimacy, but the compassionate kind. It's the intimacy of a God who loves His people, a God who humbles Himself to enter into our wounded, muddled, messy lives so that He can offer his healing and salvation.

By touching this man's ears and tongue, Jesus singled out the parts of his body that had kept him trapped in isolation. He showed that He knew exactly what the man needed and that He wasn't afraid to deal with it. And through that physical touch, Jesus brought life back to him. The man was no longer trapped in silence. Now he can hear his loved ones' words. Now he could speak to them and share his heart with them.

Jesus is very close to you as well. He knows you better even than you know yourself. He sees the ways in which you have become isolated—whether through sin or fear or anxiety or sickness. Just as He sighed when He touched the deaf man, Jesus knows your pain and wants to set you free. So, He asks you to let down your guard and allow Him to come into your heart and heal whatever is hurting.

Today, Jesus will come to you in a very physical, personal way in the Eucharist. As you receive Him, open your heart. Let Him enter the silence and messiness inside you so that He can set you free.

"Jesus, I welcome you into my heart. Come, Lord, with your healing touch."

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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/

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.

Readings for the week of Sept 5, 2021

Sun Sept 5: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

Mon Sept 6: Col 1:24 - 2:3 ; Ps 62:6-7, 9 ; Lk 6:6-11

Tues Sept 7: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19

Weds Sept 8: Mi 5:1-4a; Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6abc; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Thurs Sept 9: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38

Fri Sept 10: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42

Sat Sept 11: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 6:43-4



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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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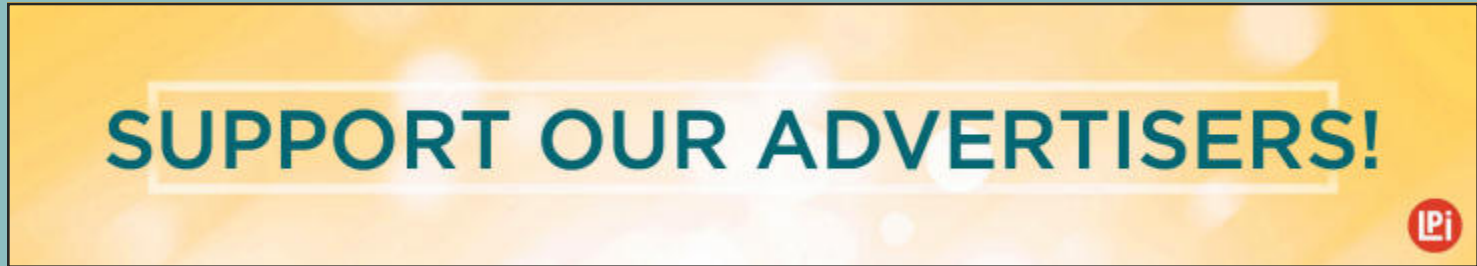
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