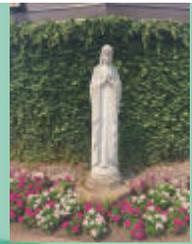


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SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

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## To Register

Call the Parish Office, 763-545-1443 or  
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Call the pastor at least six months before the  
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## 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. 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 7:32-34

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## Weekend Liturgy Schedule

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 9:15 am , 11 am

Daily masses M, T, W, F 8 am

Reconciliations Saturday 3:30 pm

## Mass Intentions

Mon, Sept 6 + Don Rogers

Tue, Sept 7 +

Wed, Sept 8 +

Fri, Sept 10 + Don Schnack

Sat, Sept 11 + Mary Ortler

Sun, Sept 12 (9:15) The Parishioners

Sun, Sept 12 (11) + Dennis Weimann

## Readings for Sunday, September 5, 2021

Isaiah 35:4-7a

James 2:1-5

Mark 7:31-37

Call the parish office to have a Mass  
offered for the intention of a living or  
deceased loved one.

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,  
the ears of the deaf be cleared;  
then will the lame leap like a stag,  
then the tongue of the mute will sing. (Is 35:5-6)

### Psalm:

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146)

Or Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world  
to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom  
that he promised to those who love him? (Jas 2:5)

### Gospel:

"He has done all things well.

He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." (Mk 7:37)

## Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. We face brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. For no apparent reason, life can quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar is gone and something we relied upon is taken away. We are left sitting with our incompleteness and swimming in the pools of our sadness. Be strong! Fear not! These admonitions flow from the mouths of prophets and are echoed by Jesus. It is difficult to trust that restoration, healing, and rejuvenation will one day come, and remain steadfast in our faith. But we are here because of a God who loves us, not as the result of a random occurrence. When we reach for that truth about who we are and who God is, life changes for us. We are healed from our old distorted way of seeing things. Our eyes, heart, and soul are opened to the beauty and magnificence of life. The pulse of our loving Creator is felt in all things and we can't wait for God to come and touch us again. God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. He has done all things well.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for . . .

The following have asked for your prayers: Vera Kulus, Rick Reed, son of Mugs Reed, George Laurance, Juleen Lenz, Perry Westphal, Lorraine Meyer, L Marilyn Bowers, Diane Kowalzyk, Terrie Bares, sister-in-law of Mary Fletcher-Olson, Melvin Botzet, JoAnne O'Brien, Dan Kirk, Mary Reckers, Chris & Janet Meyers, Kevin Smith, Alex Marquette, Thomas Claude Smith, Jr., Aurelia Drier, Ruth Heibel, George Wolf, Nick Hitler, John Hatlestad, Tom Belson, Teresa Hickey, Martha Schliesman, Mike Diedrich, Daryl Sather, Lois Peterzen, Dennis Stoll, Anna Bergquist, Marian Botzet, Judy Dungan, Michelle Pajari, Eileen Cavanagh, Russell Fallstad, JoAnn Aronson and those in hospitals, nursing homes, the homebound, the families of the sick, caregivers, and the members of the military and their families.

## Gospel Meditation

From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are "supposed" to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.



Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, "be opened!" Be healed and allow your stories to change. ©LPi



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- Santiago Vega-Ramos
- Kathryn Diaz
- Phyllis Mokuia & Austin
- Jason & Mari Dahlke, and Hadley
- Emily Linginfelter
- Joseph & Hannah Kalka
- Alec & Samantha Catsuros, Alina & Arthur
- Matt & Meghan Karschnik, Jonathan & Ella
- Matthew & Jessica Nanne
- Evan Joyce & Allison Kerker
- Dominic & Clarice Scarnecchia
- Thomas & Jenna Bohn, Scarlett, Henrik & Bode

*We congratulate the following families of the newly baptized (June thru August):*

- Gia Marie Nigro (daughter of Joseph & Ali)*
- Jackson James Mobley (son of Jeff & Nicole)*
- Josephine Jeanette Schlegel (daughter of Craig & Jill)*
- Evan Thomas Deming (son of Timothy & Kathryn)*

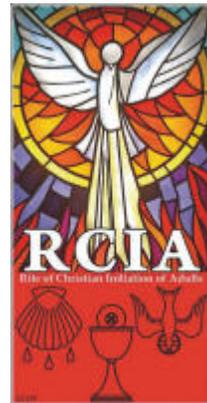


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