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Sunday Mass

Saturday 4:00 P.M.
Sunday 8:30 and 10:00 A.M.

Daily Mass

Monday through Saturday 8:00 A.M.

Holy Day Mass

Evening Before 5:30 P.M.
Holy Day 8:00 and 10:00 A.M.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:00–3:30 P.M.

Sacrament of Baptism

A Baptism Preparation Program is required for all registered first-time parents. Please call the Director of Pastoral Care.

Sacrament of Marriage

The bride or groom must be an active registered parishioner for at least six months prior to scheduling a wedding at St. Helena.

Nursery

Services available during the 10:00 A.M. Sunday Mass.

Parish Registration

To register in the parish, please fill out a registration form and return to the Parish Office. Registration forms are available at the entrances of the Church. Return completed form to the Parish Office.

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Website: www.sainthelena.us

The Church of St. Helena

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 5, 2021

And the 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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FR. DALY BREAD Haiti Emergency Earthquake Fund

As the State Fair comes to a close, we are reminded of the excitement of a new school year and Autumn Daze celebration in two weeks! Moreover, let us remember that our deepest joys come from union with God, and Saint Helena has great opportunities for prayer and penance:

Adoration (Fridays 9:00am-5:00pm)
Confession (Mon-Sat 8:30-9:00am)

However, when we remember our Haitian brothers and sisters suffering from the recent earthquake, there is a sharp sorrow amidst the joy. During college I traveled to Haiti each year to work in the slums with **Fr. Rick Frechette**, a Passionist priest and doctor from Connecticut who has been serving in Haiti for over 35 years. The Passionists have a special charism (gift) from God, to remind believers of the suffering and death that God endured, in the person of Jesus, to offer fullness of life to all people. The hopelessness of the poverty, malnutrition, unemployment, and corruption is counteracted by Fr. Rick's deep prayer life and fearless service to Jesus in the poor, which inspired me to become a priest!

Initially, Fr. Rick helped to establish one of the *Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos* orphanages (NPH, "Our Little Brothers and Sisters") in Haiti, which cares for orphaned and abandoned children in poverty across Latin America and the Caribbean. Driven by the surrounding community's healthcare needs, Fr. Rick soon founded the only pediatric hospital in Haiti: Saint Damien. As their outreach grew, so did the country's gang violence and unemployment...In response, Fr. Rick founded the Saint Luke Foundation (www.stlukehaiti.org), which supports local communities through healthcare, education, job creation and entrepreneurship, and fighting for the dignity of every Haitian family.

The devastating 2010 Haiti earthquake shook our world and sadly, still today, a majority of Port Au Prince is not rebuilt. My parents (an orthopedic surgeon and registered nurse) immediately gathered medical supplies and flew into ground zero to work alongside Fr. Rick's outreach efforts. On August 14, 2021, another magnitude 7.2



earthquake struck Haiti, and Fr. Rick seems to find himself in a similar situation. Earthquake aid is arriving slowly in Haiti's desperate communities.

My heart aches from the suffering in Haiti, and some ask, "Where is God in all of this?" I've found God moving through generous disciples like Fr. Rick and his team! And God is moving throughout all of creation, including you and me, to share His Love and build His Kingdom. "You have a limited number of heartbeats in your life; it is a finite number," says Fr. Rick. "And you have a limited number of steps you're going to take in your life; it's a finite number and it can be calculated. The question is, what is your heart beating for and where are your steps taking you?" Let us walk in solidarity with Haiti and support **Fr. Rick and the Saint Luke Foundation** by our prayers and resources.

Saint Helena will be gathering a second collection to help the Saint Luke Foundation's emergency earthquake fund. I am certain the donations will go directly to Fr. Rick's work and will be used wisely and immediately. **I would humbly ask you to prayerfully consider making a donation today.**

May God reward your generosity,
Fr. Michael

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND—There will be a second collection at all Masses this weekend to help the Saint Luke Foundation's emergency Haiti earthquake fund.

WOMEN OF ST. HELENA—Every Friday morning a group of women meet at Church after the 8:00 Mass for quiet time, and prayer. We pray in silence for a half hour, then voice our prayer requests for family, friends and special intentions, followed with the rosary. If you would like to join us, please call Barb Kaluza at 612-721-2504 or Shirley Balster at 612-722-8847, as we sometimes cancel due to weather. All are welcome and encouraged to come and share the blessings of praying with women of varied ages.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—The Rosary is recited Monday through Saturday before Mass at 7:25 AM. All are welcome to join.

FOOD SHELF—Thank you all for all the donations. The amount collected each week is amazing and heartwarming. It's hard to believe it is back to school time. Here are just a few suggestions for a quick breakfast or school lunches. Oatmeal, peanut butter and jelly, granola bars, fruit snacks, pudding and jello cups, healthy snacks, crackers and juice boxes. Of course all items that are donated are greatly appreciated, these are just suggestions.

"AUTUMN DAZE"—SEPTEMBER 17, 18, & 19

COME TO DOUGHNUTS AND COFFEE AFTER THE 8:30 AND 10:00 A.M. MASSES—EVERY SUNDAY— Everyone is invited to “Doughnuts and Coffee” downstairs in Rowan Hall after the 8:30 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. Masses on Sunday mornings. It’s a great way to meet and visit with parishioners.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN—BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8—Parents of public school children in grades one through eight can enroll them in the 2021-2022 Wednesday Night Religious Education Program by calling John Sondag at 612-275-0431. Covid protocols will be followed. The program begins this Wednesday, September 8, in the school.

ENROLL IN THE 2021-2022 CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM—Children in St. Helena parish in the eighth grade (and high school, if they have not yet been Confirmed) will receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the Spring, 2022. If you are not in St. Helena grade school, enroll now in the 2021-2022 Confirmation Program held on Wednesday evenings to prepare for the sacrament by calling John Sondag (612-275-0431). Covid protocols will be followed. The program begins this Wednesday, September 8, in the school.

PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SHRINE IN LACROSSE, WISCONSIN—SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2—The Church of St. Helena will charter a bus for a day-long pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, Wisconsin, on Saturday, October 2. We will leave St. Helena parking lot at 7:00 am and return to St. Helena parking lot at 7:00 pm. The cost is \$25 per person which includes the bus ride plus a light meal at lunch. A family rate is \$75, however, scholarships are available for those who have difficulty paying by calling 612-275-0431. No one will be deprived of this pilgrimage because of finances. To make reservations, please call 612-729-7321.

ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD SESSIONS AT ST. HELENA—If you would like to share your thoughts as to how the Archdiocese might spread and teach the Faith, participate in the six sessions in preparation for the Archdiocesan Synod at the Church of St. Helena on Thursday, September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 21, and Monday October 25, at 7:30 pm in Rowan Hall. Pre-registration is requested by calling John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?—The Church of St. Helena offers a program that prepares people to become Catholic. It’s held on Tuesday evenings, at 7:30 P.M. in the Parish Offices. If Tuesdays are impossible for any individual, another time can be negotiated. For more information, call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

FINAL DATE FOR DONATING "ATTIC TREASURE" ITEMS AND FURNITURE—TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7—Because the "Attic Treasures" must be sorted and priced before the "Autumn Daze" Festival, we are asking you to bring these good, used household items and furniture to the Parish Offices no later than Tuesday, September 7. Other items, gifts, and donations can still be brought to Parish Offices after that date.

PRAY THE VIRTUAL ROSARY—FRIDAY EVENINGS AT 7:00 P.M.—You can pray the Rosary with parishioners on Fridays at 7:00 P.M. Call 612-275-0431 to get the Zoom ID and Password.

PURCHASE YOUR "AUTUMN DAZE" BUTTONS—They are such a deal that you'll want to buy several! The cost is \$1 a button. Each button is worth a free pop at the festival and a chance to win \$10, plus special offers at local businesses.

PRE-SALE RIDE TICKETS FOR FESTIVAL—Save money by purchasing pre-sale ride tickets in the back of church, the school, or the Parish Offices. A sheet of 8 tickets is \$20. Each pre-sale ticket is worth one ride.

MARCH IN THE SAINT HELENA BAND FOR "AUTUMN DAZE"—If you know how to play a band instrument, we are looking for people (young and old) to march in the “Autumn Daze” Parade on Saturday morning, September 18, at 10:00 am. Practices are Tuesday, September 7, and Monday, September 13 at 7:00 pm in Rowan Hall.

WINNER OF EARLY BIRD RAFFLE—Cheryl Griffith was the winner of the first Early Bird Raffle. You can be winner of the second raffle (prizes: \$25 certificate to Carbone’s Pizzeria) by purchasing or selling two books of “Autumn Daze” raffle tickets by 9:00 pm on Monday, September 13.

WINE FOR THE "AUTUMN DAZE" FESTIVAL—If you are out shopping, buy several bottles of wine to give to "Autumn Daze." We can use the wine for the Wine Walk, the Wine Toss, Baskets, or other areas for the festival. Bring the wine to the Parish Offices.

CASES OF POP FOR "AUTUMN DAZE"—You can donate cases of cans of pop (Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Mountain Dew, Sierra Mist, and Minute Maid Lemonade). If a store has a sale on pop, pick up some cases for the “Autumn Daze” Festival. Bring the pop to the Parish Offices.

WANTED: GIFT CARDS FOR A RESTAURANT—Do you have a gift card from a restaurant but it’s out of the area or serves food that your diet restricts. Donate that gift card to the “Autumn Daze” Festival. We can use it as a prize or in some other area connected with the festival. Just put it in an envelope labeled “Autumn Daze,” and drop the envelope in the collection or bring it to the Parish Offices.

WANTED: STUFFED ANIMALS AND GOOD, USED TOYS—We need good, used toys and stuffed animals for "Autumn Daze." You can bring them to the Parish Offices.

WE NEED CROCHETED, EMBROIDERED, OR KNITTED ITEMS—The Harvest Gift Shoppe at "Autumn Daze," can use items that are crocheted, embroidered, or knitted. Bring your crafted items to the Parish Offices.

GOOD, USED BOOKS FOR THE FESTIVAL—Give your good, used books (fiction or non-fiction) to the "Autumn Daze" Bookstore. No romance novels, please. You can bring them to the Parish Offices, but if you need them picked up, call 612-275-0431.



SCRIPTURE # 1176

**Is 35:4-7a
Jas 2:1-5
Mk 7:31-37**

MASS INTENTIONS

8:00 AM

Monday	† Sandy Relyea
Tuesday	† Ellen Carvatt
Wednesday	† Dick Larson
Thursday	† Dolores Nelson
Friday	† Larry Cantine
Saturday	† Betty Polunc

SACRISTY LINENS—Krysta Niznick

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sept 6: Col 1:24—2:3, Lk 6:6-11
Sept 7: Col 2:6-15, Lk 6:12-19
Sept 8: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30,
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Sept 9: Col 3:12-17, Lk 6:27-38
Sept 10: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14, Lk 6:39-42
Sept 11: 1 Tm 1:15-17, Lk 6:43-49
Sept 12: Is 50:5-9a, Jas 2:14-18, Mk 8:27-35

PARISH CALENDAR

September 6

-Labor Day Holiday—Parish Offices Closed

September 7

-School Begins

September 8

***- School Mass, Church, 10:00 am
- Rel. Ed. & Conf. Class, School, 6:45 p.m.***

September 9

***-St. Vincent de Paul Mtg, Parish Offices, 6:30 pm
-Autumn Daze, Captains Mtg, Rowan Hall, 7:30 pm***

September 10

***-Women's Prayer Group, Church, 8:30 am
-Adoration, Church, 9:00 a.m.—5:00 pm
-Virtual Rosary, 7:00 pm***

September 11

***-Confession, Church, 3:00 pm
-Mass, Church, 4:00 pm***

September 12

***-Mass, Church, 8:30 am & 10:00 am
-Doughnuts & Coffee, RH, after 8:30 & 10:00 Masses***

September 13

***Daily Mass, Monday-Saturday, Church, 8:00 am
Confession, Mon.-Sat., Church, 8:30 am—9:00 am***

ST. HELENA SCHOOL NEWS

We would like to send a BIG THANK YOU to the following people; Una Hachmann, Bema Harvell, Chad LeLoup, Miguel Acosta, Dennis Kieffer, Andre Thibault, Cody Johnson, Kevin Harlan, Tyler Logan, Karla Patino, and Tony Stone, for taking time out of their August Saturday to help us with cleaning out the boiler room areas in the school! We appreciate all that they did to make that space ready for the fall/winter boiler season!

BAPTISM—A Baptism Preparation Program is required for all registered first-time parents. To register for the class, please call Virginia, the Director of Pastoral Care, at 612-729-7344.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT UPDATE—All volunteers who have regular interaction with youth and vulnerable adults need to be certified under the Archdiocesan Safe Environment standards. Together we can work to protect God's children and the most vulnerable among us. Thank you for your shared commitment to the achievement of this goal. In addition, the Archdiocesan Victim Assistance line is 651-291-4475.

DO YOU KNOW A PARISHIONER WHO NEEDS HELP?—Parishioners who might be out of work, sick and unable to work, or struggling because of financial difficulties can receive help from the St. Vincent de Paul Conference in the parish which reaches out to individuals and families in the parish who are having difficulties. (Your name and the referral's name will be kept confidential.) If you need more information or help, please call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

2021 AUTUMN DAZE \$10,000 RAFFLE—Can you believe how fast this summer is going? We are within two weeks of the Festival at St Helena, and the goal for selling out of the first round of the \$10,000 Raffle is getting closer and closer. If you want to participate in the first round, time is ticking, but you still have time, so stop by the Parish Offices or call 612-729-7344, 651-260-5722 or 612-275-0431 to purchase a ticket. We'll arrange for you to purchase one or more tickets to enter the NEW AND IMPROVED \$10,000 RAFFLE. Each ticket is still \$100, but instead of offering 100 tickets for the first session, 200 WILL BE SOLD. The winner of that drawing will receive \$10,000 (or half of the amount of the tickets sold).





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