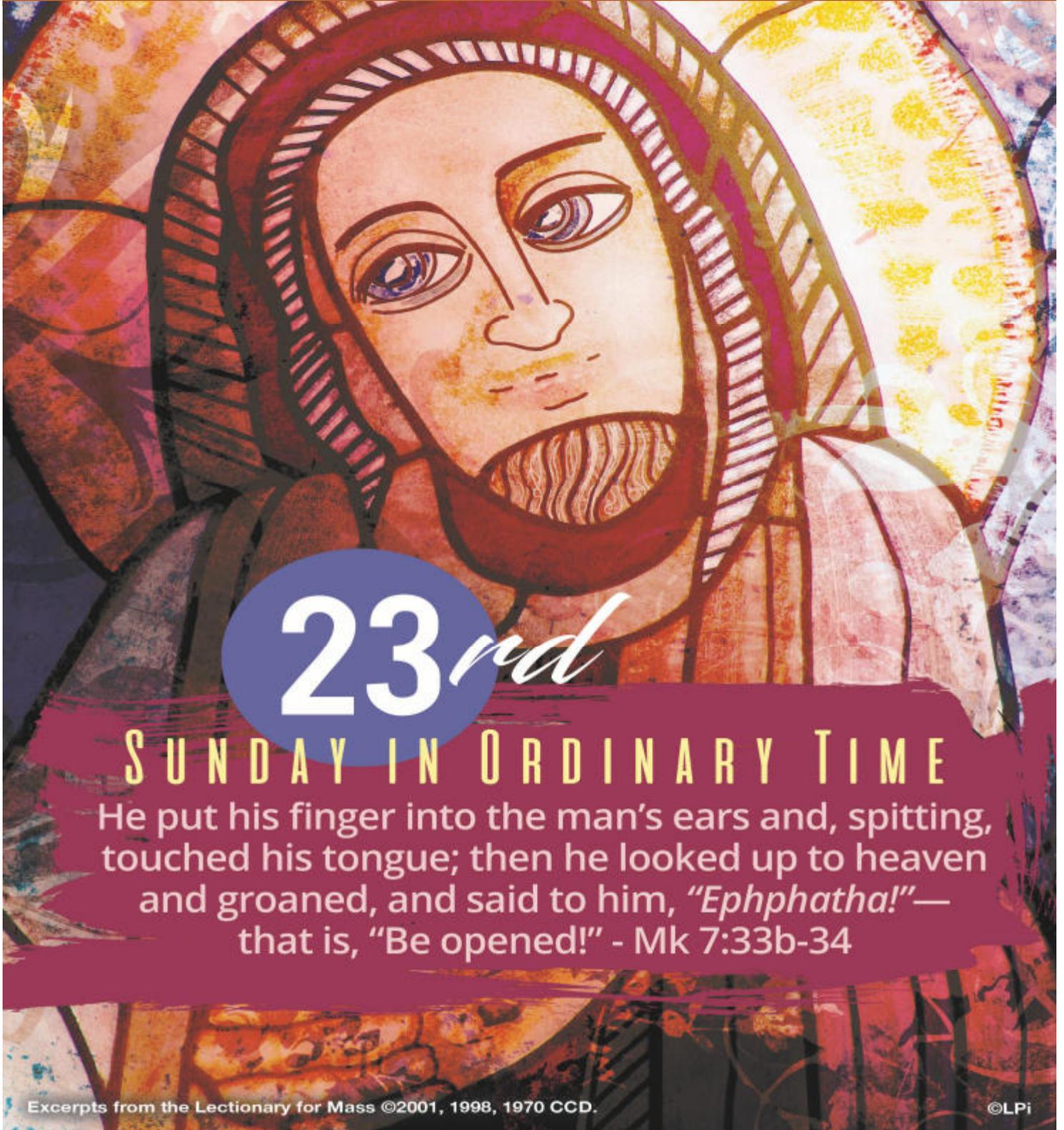


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Sunday, September 5, 2021



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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

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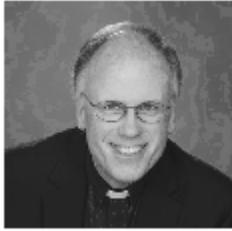
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The Church of Corpus Christi, a welcoming parish community, making Christ present through sharing his message, celebrating the liturgy and challenging members to practice justice, peace and charity.

TAKING ANOTHER LOOK

For What Do We Aim?

Last month, I wrote here: "I believe the true measure of any generation is not what that generation has gained for itself, but rather what it has contributed to the future generations." In my opinion, true adulthood begins when and if we decide to live primarily for the future generations, not our own.



Every September 1st, my heart returns to Lithuania. There, they had (perhaps still have) a tradition of beginning the school year on the 1st weekday of September. The younger children would bring flowers to their teachers, beginning the year already with an expression of gratitude, perhaps not for what they will eventually end up getting from their teachers but certainly for what they would hope to get. My memory of that Lithuania tradition prompts me each year to pray for all of the children and young students in Lithuania as they begin a new year.

It's September once again, the time for new beginnings for students here as well. It's an apt month for us to not only pray for our youth, but also to examine our own relationship with them. Have we yet decided and/or re-decided to live lives dedicated to leaving them a great legacy, not just our own children and grandchildren by blood, but young people as a whole?

No, wait. Let me correct myself. Let's change our language a bit here. Rather than aiming to leave them a great legacy, how much better would it be to leave them a *legacy of greatness*. This, of course, is more demanding because it has first to do with our own inner work.

For what are we aiming? A great life? Or, a life of greatness? See the difference. The first is measured by what we get, whether it's people, things, experiences or perhaps recognition. But a life of greatness is about who we become, not what we get. A life of greatness is possible when we aim to be formed into a truly great person, a person who is a source, inspirer, and enabler of greatness in others.

I must be honest. So often in these past couple of decades, I've felt like I'm back in junior or senior high school. The feel is often the same. Especially alarming to me is the sophomoric thinking, attitudes, and behavior of so many supposed leaders in our society, those who stand up and say, "Follow me!" Yet, they exhibit no desire to actually live as adults, with responsibility to what is truly great, truly adult, truly mature and lifegiving.

Here's what I would say to such leaders, as a priest in collar, had I the opportunity to do so: It would be short and simple: "The children are watching you! Stop it!"

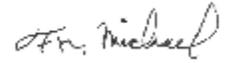
Who we become as adults, and therefore how we live as adults, is the most powerful and important legacy we leave for the generations to come. What children observe in us they interpret as "what it means to be a grown-up" And chances are they will follow our lead eventually.

We are all teachers of the young, whether we desire to be or not, whether we are aware of it or not, whether we intend to be or not. We teach them every single time they encounter us in any way. We leave them greatness or something far, far less.

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TAKING ANOTHER LOOK *continued*

We are all teachers. We're being watched. Let's do what it takes become teachers of greatness. In whatever ways we may have stopped growing up ourselves, let's begin again this month of September, dedicated to leaving a legacy of greatness!



—Fr. Michael

PONDERING THE MORSELS

[Offering a look back on last weekend's homily]

From Sunday, August 29, 2021

As the Israelites were nearing the new Promised Land, God gave Moses a gift for his people: the Ten Commandments. God had shown them how life works!

The giving of the Law in that form was a gift, but also dangerous. A written law is only a measuring stick what is absolutely **required**, not goodness itself. Any written expression is only an expression, not the reality itself. Therefore, though it can point us toward the goodness itself, it can also be used in our own conniving ways to justify our own ways and/or a life of minimal response.

God's law is one of relationship of UNITY, with God and with one another. As we discussed last week, we are called to live FOR God and one another, not with. This, therefore, is about a transformation of heart, not simply external compliance. "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me!"

Spend some moments, naming your own relationship with God's law. 1) Start with these questions: *Who* are you becoming? In which direction are you heading? Toward Divine heart and life? Of heaven, not simply in heaven?

SYNOD NEWS

SYNOD SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS

Save the dates for our Archdiocesan Synod Small Group Gatherings taking place on Mondays, starting October 4th. All are welcome to join us at the small group sessions. There will be options to attend a daytime gathering, a Zoom gathering, or an evening gathering. Archbishop Hebda announced three focus areas in August 2020, which arose from the listening sessions in 2019.



- Forming parishes that are in the service of evangelization
- Forming missionary disciples who know Jesus' love and respond to his call
- Forming youth and young adults in and for a Church that is always young

At each session, we will use the Archdiocesan Synod materials to learn, pray, and discuss the Synod focus areas. To learn more about the Synod, please visit www.archspm.org/synod

PARISH NEWS

MEMORIAL CELEBRATION

The family of longtime Corpus Christi parishioner **Agathe Selner** is holding a Memorial Celebration of Life in the Gathering Area on September 12 following the 10 am Mass. The family would like an approximate number for those attending. For more information, contact Aimee Pasiuk at 651-387-3186.



REGISTER FOR FAITH FORMATION

Join us as regular "in person" Faith Formation returns for the 2021-2022 school year! Register on our website at www.ccmn.org for the programs for grades PreK-12. After a year of at-home formation, we are excited to come back together (following safe protocols), and to even enjoy opening prayer and games together. Contact Scott at Scott@ccmn.org with questions.

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

The State Fair runs through Labor Day. The large (East) parking lot will be used for a Park & Ride. During the Fair, park in the small (West) parking lot for morning Masses, funerals or any church business. On Saturday, the first row closest to the building (East) parking lot will be available for parking for 5pm Mass. On Sunday, State Fair parking begins at 1pm.



Also, the Farmer's Market will resume Tuesday, September 7.

THE WORD AMONG US

Complimentary copies are available in Church and the Parish Office entryway. Pick up your copy today.



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Christ The King Retreat Center
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GROWING THROUGH LOSS

Fall series begins Mondays, Sept. 13 through Oct. 18, 6:45pm to 9pm. St. Philip's Lutheran Church, 6180 Hwy 65 NE, Fridley, MN 55421 763-571-1500

- Sept. 13 Topic: Grief: *A Journey* Linda Cherek: Licensed Therapist, Educator, Consultant and Author

Registration takes place each program night at the host church. Each session is complete in itself. You are welcome to attend one or all. Donations are accepted.

For more information, call Margie Alexander at 763-755-5335. Due to COVID-19, if you are not fully vaccinated, please wear a mask



PARISH NEWS

WEEKEND MASS OFFERINGS

Saturday Mass at 5pm – no singing, masks optional
Sunday Mass at 10am – with singing, masks required

Can't make it to in-person Mass? You are welcome to join us for Mass on Sunday mornings at 10am via live stream. Visit www.ccmn.org for the link to watch.

Daily Mass, times are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday at 7:30 AM. Masks are optional.

We look forward to seeing you!



GOSPEL REFLECTION

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

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WEEKEND MASSES—CHURCH

Saturday.....5:00 pm Sunday.....10:00 am

DAILY MASS—CHURCH

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday.....7:30 am

BAPTISM

Congratulations! Catechetical class required. Please contact the Parish Center for more details and registration at 651-639-8888.

MARRIAGE

Congratulations! Please contact the pastor one year prior to scheduling a wedding date.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday at 9:00 am

MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday at 9:00 am

Labor Day Prayer

Good and Gracious God, You created human beings in your image and likeness and gave us dominion over creation to be stewards of the land and co-creators of Your Kingdom. Jesus, You became one of us and labored as a carpenter. You ask all people -- whatever our state of life -- to follow you faithfully. Holy Spirit, bless all workers this Labor Day. May all our actions be animated by Your love, as we do all things for the glory of God. Amen.

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 LABOR DAY

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

7:30 am—Mass—Church

8:00 am—State Fair Park & Ride



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

7:30 am—Mass—Church

8:00 am—Farmers' Market

9:30 am—Bible Study—Gathering Area

10:00 am—Bible Study—Room 6

7:30 pm—BAT Committee Meeting—Gathering Area



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

7:00 pm—Bible Study—Fire Pit

7:00 pm—Baptism Class—St. Rose of Lima Parish Center

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

7:30 am—Mass—Church

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

12:30 am—Bloodmobile—Gathering Area

sign up at www.redcross.org

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

4:00 pm—Reconciliation—Reconciliation Room

5:00 pm—Mass—Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

10:00 am—Mass—Church

Sunday, September 5

Outdoor Mass at the State Fair.

Fr. Fitz will be presiding. Mass starts at

9:00 AM at the Family Stage at Baldwin

Park. <https://www.mnstatefair.org/schedule/catholic-mass/>



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

Sunday:	Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/ Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
Monday:	Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/ Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Thursday:	Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/ Lk 6:27-38
Friday:	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday:	Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/ Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

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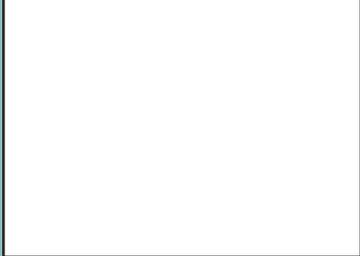


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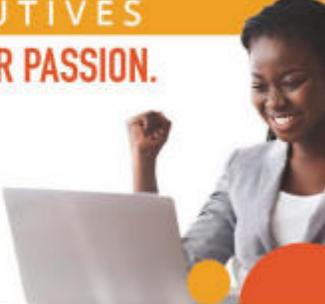
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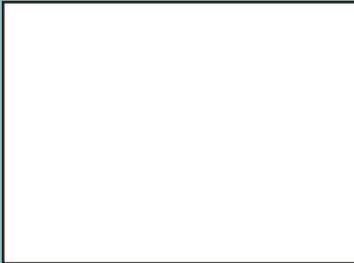
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