



ST. MARY
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
STAR CITY

3346 University Ave. Morgantown, WV 26505 • 304-599-3747

September 5, 2021 • 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times: Saturday, 6:00pm, Sunday, 8:30am, 11:00am, en español a la 1:00pm

Daily Mass*: Mon. 6:30pm, Tue.-Thur. 9:00am *please see schedule inside for any changes or cancellations.

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23RD 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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Are you registered in the Parish?

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and to make a commitment to the life of the parish family.

Clearly stating your Catholic commitment in all its dimensions brings many advantages, recognition, and responsibility.

At St. Mary Roman Catholic Church, our policy, is that you must be registered and participating in Sunday Mass regularly before a baptism can take place, or for the initial meeting with the pastor in the case of marriage.

Regular attendance is also required for adults who are asked to be a godparent or sponsor at another parish, in order that a letter can be sent stating that they are a practicing Catholic and a registered member of a parish faith community.

Even though you may have attended Mass here for months, or even years, we would like for you to be registered.

Please pick up a registration form at the church or parish office, or register online at stmarystarcity.com. For more information, call the parish office at 304-599-3747.

Sacraments

Baptism: (Birth – Age 7) Parents are required to participate in a preparation program before the celebration of Baptism. Parents must be registered and attending Sunday Mass regularly. Please contact the parish office for information.

Reconciliation: 30 minutes prior to each daily Mass

Order of Christian Initiation: Children 7-14 years of age, and Children 15 years of age and older & Adults— *The Order of Christian Initiation, RCIA*, please contact Cynthia Friesen at 304-225-1163 or stmarystarcityfaithformation@gmail.com

Marriage: Engaged couples planning to marry at St. Mary Church should be practicing Catholics, participating in Sunday Eucharist regularly. Also, they must participate in a Marriage Preparation Program. Call the Parish Office for information. At least **six months notice** is required. *No date for a wedding will be set over the phone.*

Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound: When a parishioner is confined to home or hospital because of illness or advanced age, call the Parish Office. We will be happy to make arrangements to bring Holy Communion.

Anointing of the Sick: Upon request and communally as scheduled

Bulletin Deadline:

Tuesday@Noon, email or written copy please,
no bulletin announcements will be taken over the phone

Email: stmaryschurch@comcast.net

Subject line: attn: Bulletin, and include topic of announcement

Spirituality of the Readings – He Began to Teach Them



Jesus cures a deaf mute in this Sunday's reading and arouses astonishment in the crowd. (Gospel)

Christians tend to think that the healing of people was the main goal in Jesus' life. But after this Sunday there are only four more healings by Jesus in Mark's Gospel. Why? Earlier (in the first seven chapters) he had worked so many cures that people were mobbing him.

And that was the trouble. He was in danger of becoming famous as a mere wonder-worker. People were besieging him at every stop, thinking that he would solve all their problems—if only he gave their health back, or if only he took away their poverty and death, or if only—well, you name it. He was in danger of receiving Andy Warhol's illustrious "fifteen minutes of fame," and only that.

But would fame really reveal God's love for the world and its peoples? Jesus thought not. In Mark Jesus stopped the miracles and began a new phase of his mission.

He turned his face toward Jerusalem. And the cross.

This change of direction will come next week. Suddenly and without warning Jesus will say to the disciples, "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise" (Mk 9:31). What more shocking statement could this supposedly invincible leader and healer make to them?

How could death go together with healing?

A man and wife told me of the death of their tiny son, and how they had prayed so hard for his healing. Their prayers were not answered, they said. Yet somehow they discovered that God had been present throughout the dying, that God had been immersed in their son's life and death, and that this intimate presence was enough, more than enough. Their sorrow was immersed in love, and their son was safe in God's arms.

The point? A human person is made to be loved by God, not merely to have good health, riches or reputation. Real life consists of love exchanged with God and with others, not just in seeming to be a leader or a success. There is a greater good than these, a relationship with the divine being, a seeking of the one who is already close. Such an intimate relationship sends us out to help give God's love to the world. Miracle cures help for a while, but pretty soon the suffering world has to be faced in its full suffering self.

As a result, Jesus moves toward the events that will show God's solidarity with us in our anguish, our rejections, and in that famous event which each and every one of us will face sooner or later: death. Beyond cures, which are wonderful yet partial, God gives us companionship within each instant of our life.

This Sunday at Mass, let us ask ourselves whether the intimate presence of God is part of what we desire in our own lives. Do we know that Christ is deeply involved with us? Do we let his love flow into us and through us to others, or must it just fight its way through?

Let's pray to hear, as the deaf man finally could.

John Foley, SJ

Giving Summary

Sunday Offering

\$5,620.00

Online Giving

\$2,276.35

Attendance: 329

Recent/Upcoming Special Collections

9/5— *New* Special Emergency Collection to Support Humanitarian Efforts in Haiti (to be given to USCCB for disaster relief efforts, learn more at usccb.org)

9/12— Diocesan Scholarship Association

For ease of accounting, **separate checks are preferred** for all donations to different collections and purposes, including special collections, Mass intentions, memorials, and donations to different funds e.g. Trust Fund for the Poor, Debt Reduction, etc. Thank you for your help!

Rate Your Generosity

Rate yourself on your generosity of Time, Talent, and Treasure for the month of June! (circle one)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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 **DONATE TODAY**

GIVE ONLINE!

by clicking on the image on our website
www.stmarystarcity.com.

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

September 5, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 6:00pm	50th Wedding Anniversary of David & Carolyn Pugh
Sunday, 8:30am	Robert Sidow
Sunday, 11:00am	For the People

Monday 9/6 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00am John Miller

Tuesday 9/7 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Eileen Klug

Wednesday 9/8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am Joseph Wiesen

Thursday 9/9 St. Peter Claver

NO DAILY MASS

In the event of Closing of school due to inclement weather, there will be no Daily Mass or Prayer Service.

In the event of a funeral, morning Mass will be cancelled

September 12, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 6:00pm David Bertaux

Sunday, 8:30am For the People

Sunday, 11:00am Ellen Kourtsis

Domingo, 1pm Janet & Bob Tuttle



Mass intentions are still being accepted for 2021. We have weekday and weekend Masses still to fill.

The suggested donation is \$20 for a weekend, \$10 for a weekday. Please call the Parish Office if interested, 304-599-3747. Please note that any Masses cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances such as a global pandemic, inclement weather, or a funeral, will be moved to the next available 'like' date and time e.g., Daily Mass on Tuesday moved to another Tuesday, 8:30 Sunday Mass moved to another 8:30, as available.



Memorial Donations for Bread and the Tabernacle candle are being accepted for the year 2021. The requested donation is \$40. Please call the Parish Office if you are interested, 304-599-3747.

NA Meetings St. Mary Church, Star City
Tuesdays-6:30pm, Sundays-1pm

To find other meetings near you, visit
<https://www.na.org/meetingsearch/>



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THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY

Sunday, September 5

1:00pm NA Meeting

Monday, September 6

9:00am **Daily Mass**

Office Closed

Tuesday, August 7

6:00pm Prayer Ministry Meeting—L/L

6:30pm NA Meeting

7:00-9:00pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, September 8

6:30pm Bible Study-Jonah, Session 3—L/L

Thursday, September 9

12:00pm Al-Anon

5:30pm Spanish Mass Music Rehearsal—L/L

Saturday, September 11

5:00-5:40pm Reconciliation

Sunday, September 12

1:00pm NA Meeting



Labor Day Mass on Monday September 6, will be at 9:00am.

The Parish Office will be closed on Labor Day.



Ministry Meetings!

If you have signed up for a ministry, or you are just interested, please attend the appropriate meeting. All are welcome!

Prayer Ministry Meeting
Tuesday, September 7, 6:00pm—L/L

Retreat & Spirituality Committee
Monday, September 13, 7:00pm—L/L



Parish clean-up and clean-out
September 25
9am-12pm

Everyone is welcome to come help!

Al-Anon (for those affected by someone else's drinking) meets every Thursday at noon at St. Mary Church. Information: call 1-888-425-2666 or WSO@al-anon.org



Faith Formation Classes

will begin on

Sunday, 19 September at 9:30am.

You will receive a letter and your registration form in the mail very soon.

**Please return your form by
13 September.**

If you have any questions about religious education classes, please contact Cynthia Friesen at 304-225-1163.

R.C.I.A./R.C.I.C.

Are you someone, or do you know someone who...

- *Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- *Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- *Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith and prepare to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season.

You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

For information please contact:

Cynthia Friesen: 304-225-1163
StMaryStarCityFaithFormation@gmail.com
 Or sign up on the sheet in the Narthex

Classes will be held on Sundays at 9:45am beginning on September 26 and every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7pm after daily Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

30 minutes prior to each Daily Mass
 Saturdays from 5-5:40pm as scheduled
 (Mon: 6:00pm, Tue.-Thur: 8:30am)
 *times may change based on any changes to the weekly Mass schedule



We have Hearing Assistance Devices available for use during Mass. If you would like one, please ask an Usher.



**Until further notice,
Bishop Brennan asks
that all those in
attendance at Mass wear
a mask, other than
young children under
the age of 2.**

**Thank you for your
cooperation in this act of
Christian Charity.**

We are not implementing any additional physical distancing measures at this time. We will have disposable masks for those who have forgotten to bring one, and hand sanitizer will be widely available.

Middle School/ High School Faith Formation

Classes for middle school and high school students will begin soon.

Middle School's first meeting is scheduled for Sunday, 19 September at 6:00 pm in the Youth Room of the Faith Formation Center. We will meet every other Sunday evening unless otherwise arranged.

High School students' first meeting is scheduled for Sunday, 26 September at 6:00 pm in the Youth Room. We will meet on the opposite weeks that the middle school students meet.

Please contact Cynthia Friesen, DRE, if you have any questions or you have not received your letter and registration by Wednesday, 1 September.

I'm looking forward to a great year!

Special Emergency Collection Sept. 4-5 to Support Humanitarian Efforts in Haiti

Prompted by the massive earthquake and tropical storm that has devastated Haiti, Bishop Mark Brennan has joined Archbishop José H. Gomez, President of the USCCB, asking all faithful to consider donating to a special emergency collection to provide aid to support the Church and humanitarian needs arising from these and future disasters. **This collection will take place at weekend Masses on Sept. 4-5th in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.**

The August earthquake killed more than 1,200 Haitian people and injured upwards of 5,700 others, leaving an overwhelming trail of destruction and rubble for a people who are hurting due to the socio-economic and political instability in their country, while still processing the assassination of their president in July. The Holy Father urged the international community to show support and solidarity to help the country lighten the consequences of the tragedy.

"As I raise my prayers to the Lord for the victims, I address a word of encouragement to the survivors, desiring that the international community will take a shared interest in them. May the solidarity of all alleviate the consequences of the tragedy," Pope Francis said, adding that the faithful should offer a Hail Mary together for Our Lady of Perpetual Help, patroness of Haiti to intercede for us.

Checks are to be made payable to St. Mary Church and on the memo line indicate: Special Collection for disaster relief.

****This is separate from the collection we took for Catholic Relief Services.****

All funds received for disaster relief after 4 September will be part of the (USCCB) Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund.



Catholic Charities

WV is looking for dual Spanish/English speakers who could volunteer to help with occasional translation for our Spanish-only speaking clients. We expect that most of the volunteer work would be remote – via conference call and would only rarely involve coming to our office. If you are interested, please contact Renee Corbett (Refugee Outreach Worker), email rcorbett@ccwva.org, cell 304-650-7320.



St. Ursula Food Pantry needs:

- *Toilet Paper
- *Liquid Laundry Detergent
(please no pods or powder)

Baby & Toddler Program needs:

- *Baby Wash & Shampoo

Donations for St. Ursula

Food Pantry and Outreach may be **placed in** the labeled bins in **the church**, or **dropped off in the baskets in the CFC entry.**



Important Message for All Parishioners

Bishop Brennan is inviting your input on an upcoming diocesan-wide survey regarding a broad range of topics relating to the way we live and experience our faith across the entire diocese. As our shepherd, the Bishop desires to listen to God's people. This will assist him in developing a deeper understanding of the hearts, minds, and needs of the faithful. **ALL are highly encouraged to participate!** Parishioners will have the option of completing the survey via emailed link, digital platforms (social media and websites), or manually via a paper survey. Completing the survey should take 7-10 minutes. Survey distribution will begin the first weekend in September and will run for two full weeks until September 19. Look for more details soon, and don't miss this unique opportunity to help shape the future of the Catholic Church here in West Virginia!

Please Follow these links to the survey, which will open this weekend!

English:

<https://dwc.org/pastoral-needs-survey/>

Spanish:

<https://dwc.org/encuesta-de-necesidades-pastorale/>



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word "starcity" to 84576
or connect with us online at:
StMaryStarCity.flocknote.com



**St. Mary Church Ruby Read Box,
Take a Book, Leave a Book.
Leisure reading materials only, please.**

Diocesan Pilgrimage in Honor of St. Joseph Second Sundays in September-November

WHEELING - Celebrate the Year of St. Joseph with faithful from across the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston by making a pilgrimage to significant churches in the state named for the Guardian of the Redeemer and Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Consider embarking on your St. Joseph pilgrimage at one of three notable churches under his patronage with Mass and special tours of the churches on the second Sunday of each month from September to November (Sept. 12, Oct. 10, and Nov. 14. See Sunday Pilgrimage Mass times below).

- St. Joseph Church, 225 S. Queen Street, Martinsburg. Mass to be celebrated at 10:30 am
- The Cathedral of St. Joseph, 13th and Eoff Streets, Wheeling. Mass to be celebrated at 10:30 am
- St. Joseph the Worker Parish, 229 California Avenue, Weirton. Mass to be celebrated at 11:00 am

Bishop Mark Brennan encourages Catholics in West Virginia to visit the churches, chapels, and missions in the diocese named in honor of St. Joseph. This act of faith and spiritual renewal will gain a plenary indulgency (under the usual conditions: sacramental confession, reception of Holy Communion, prayer for the intentions of the pope, and total detachment from all sin, including venial sin) for all the faithful who visit a pilgrimage site.

The faithful are also invited to join fellow Catholics in the Parkersburg Vicariate for a special pilgrimage to St. Joseph Chapel at 101 W. Penn Avenue, Pennsboro from 3-5 pm on Sunday Sept. 12. Volunteers will lead a rosary at 3:45 pm followed by the Litany to St. Joseph, and silent prayer. A tour of the church and reception will follow.

It is important to note that St. Joseph Parish in Huntington will host an event honoring the patron of the diocese and the Universal Church in the spring. Additional pilgrimages to missions and chapels under the patronage of St. Joseph will be announced in the weeks and months ahead.

Pope Francis declared a Year of St. Joseph for the whole Church, which began Dec. 8, 2020, and will conclude on Dec. 8, 2021. Bishop Brennan has extended the Year of St. Joseph in our diocese to conclude on the Solemnity of St. Joseph, beloved father, guardian of the Holy Family, and humble servant of God, through the solemnity on March 19, 2022.

The culmination of the Year of St. Joseph will be celebrated with Mass and other special events at the Co-cathedral of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Charleston.

“May our faith in God and our devotion to His great servant, St. Joseph, bring us closer to Jesus Christ and one another,” Bishop Brennan said.

Sunday, Sep 05, 2021

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Shopping made simple

What do you give to the saint who has everything? Mother Teresa of Calcutta was among the spiritually richest people on the planet throughout her productive life caring for the poor. The date of her death, September 5, was quickly recognized in Hungary as an occasion to be perpetually honored. In 2012, the United Nations declared this date as an International Day of Charity in her memory. As Mother Teresa demonstrated, simple acts of charity reach across divisions and make communities more resilient. Contribute to the healing of society today by charitable giving, locally or globally.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37 (128). *"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be . . . heirs of the kingdom that he promised?"*

Monday, Sep 06, 2021

Labor of love

This Labor Day, as we enjoy food at picnics and barbecues, let's remember who harvested this food—many of them Spanish-speaking migrant workers, many of them fellow Catholics. Consider what your parish can do for migrant workers in your area. Perhaps a clothing drive or a fundraiser to buy rosaries and Bibles in Spanish or other languages of a migrant group. Or enlist school kids to write translated notes of welcome and thanks for the hard work migrants do. Catholic Charities helped nearly 400,000 migrants, immigrants, and refugees this past year with all kinds of assistance—learn more about their work and how you can pitch in.

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:24—2:3; Luke 6:6-11 (437). *"Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath rather than to do evil, to save life rather than to destroy it?"*

Tuesday, Sep 07, 2021

Creation needs your caring prayer

Jewish believers celebrate Rosh Hashanah today, marking the birthday of the universe—recalling how God placed Adam and Eve at the center of creation as faithful stewards. For many Christians, it's also Day 7 in the Season of Creation. When the Catholic Church joined this observance in 2019, Pope Francis wrote: "In the silence of prayer, we can hear the symphony of creation calling us to abandon our self-centeredness in order to feel embraced by the tender love of the Father and to share with joy the gifts we have received." Pray to become a more selfless steward of creation.

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 6:12-19 (438). *"Jesus departed to the mountain to pray."*

Wednesday, Sep 08, 2021

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The birth of our salvation

In 431, bishops at the Council of Ephesus decreed Mary as *Theotokos*, a Greek word that means "God-bearer"—or, more commonly, "Mother of God." Her birthday was celebrated at the beginning of the year—in Constantinople, the calendar began on September 1—because Mary's birth is also the beginning of our salvation, through her son. "Be of good cheer," wrote Saint Andrew

of Crete, "this is the Feast of the Nativity of the Virgin and of the renewal of the human race!" Honor Mary today by praying the Magnificat, also known as the "Ode of the Theotokos."

TODAY'S READINGS: Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 (636). *"From you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from old."*

Thursday, Sep 09, 2021

MEMORIAL OF PETER CLAVER, PRIEST

Call it out

Saint Peter Claver (1580-1654) was a Jesuit priest dedicated to baptizing and serving enslaved Africans in Cartagena, Colombia, a major slave-trade port. While Claver was ahead of many of his peers in at least recognizing the humanity of Africans and poured out his life to alleviate the great suffering he encountered, we need to acknowledge that the colonial system that enslaved Africans was allowed to continue unabated for centuries without much church resistance. How can we and our communities of faith challenge the enduring legacy of racism today, inspired by Claver's witness of service and the gospel mandate to love?

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 6:27-38 (440). *"Do to others as you would have them do to you."*

Friday, Sep 10, 2021

Because of you . . .

A 2014 study found that "young people with mentors, especially at-risk youth, have more positive visions of themselves and their futures, and they also achieve more positive outcomes in school, the workplace, and their communities." The value of mentoring is nothing new. Proverbs 22:6 says: "Train the young in the way they should go; even when old, they will not swerve from it." Whether you are teaching a practical or spiritual skill or a new technique or way of thinking, your instruction will have an impact. Take time to be a good mentor for the sake of the next generation and the greater glory of God.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; Luke 6:39-42 (441). *"When fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher."*

Saturday, Sep 11, 2021

Heaven help us all

The attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon happened 20 years ago today. We still carry the memory of that awful day, and we continue to remember in our prayers the victims of the attack and their families and loved ones who continue to mourn their great loss. We remember the passengers and crew of the aircraft destroyed in the attack as well as the victims on the ground. We remember especially the brave first responders who ran toward danger rather than away, many of whom gave away their health and lives to save others. And we pray for the terrorists as well, because we believe in the redemptive power of prayer and because hatred and vengeance have no place in our hearts. May all of humanity be redeemed.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 6:43-49 (442). *"A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

*Salve, Guardián del Redentor
Esposo de la Bendita Virgen María.
A ti Dios te confió su único Hijo;
en ti María depositó su confianza;
contigo Cristo se hizo hombre.*

*Bendito José, para nosotros también
muéstrate padre
y guíanos en el camino de la vida.
Obten para nosotros gracia, misericordia y coraje
y defiéndenos de todo mal. Amén.*

Safe Environment Reporting

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888-434-6237 or 304-233-0880. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

Will or Estate Planning

Are you thinking of remembering St. Mary Church in your will or estate plans? A bequest through a Last Will and Testament is the simplest way of creating a lasting legacy of support for St. Mary Church. Bequests should be made out to: "The Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, or his successors in office," with a specification of the purpose for which the bequest is to be used, e.g. "for the use of St. Mary Parish"

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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 1:16, 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 8:27-33
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Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service

ReportBishopAbuse.org (800) 276-1562

The Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops, and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. Where a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential. If you have any other kind of complaint about a bishop—such as parish assignments, church closings, or homily contents—please address those directly to your diocesan or episcopal bishop instead. Sexual abuse by a priest, deacon or a staff member or volunteer of the Church should be reported to the Office of Safe Environment for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. So, to be sure you get the help you need, phone numbers and addresses may be found at www.dwc.org under the accountability tab. If you are the victim of sexual abuse (or any other crime), please contact local law enforcement.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 128

Reading I Is 35:4-7a

Thus says the LORD:

Say to those whose hearts are frightened:

Be strong, fear not!

Here is your God,

he comes with vindication;

with divine recompense

he comes to save you.

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.

Streams will burst forth in the desert,

and rivers in the steppe.

The burning sands will become pools,

and the thirsty ground, springs of water.

Reading II

Jas 2:1-5

My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.

For if a man with gold rings and fine clothes

comes into your assembly, and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in,

and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes

and say, "Sit here, please,"

while you say to the poor one, "Stand there," or "Sit at my feet,"

have you not made distinctions among yourselves

and become judges with evil designs?

Listen, my beloved brothers and sis-

ters.

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?

Gospel Mk 7:31-37

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis.

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!"

And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly.

He ordered them not to tell anyone.

But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it.

They were exceedingly astonished and they said,

"He has done all things well.

He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."



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