

5 SEPTEMBER 2021—23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Rev. Paul F. Chateau,
Family Pastor
*United in Faith, Love
and Service to Others*

*Oak Park Worship Location,
Rectory, and Parish Office
13500 Oak Park Blvd.
• Oak Park, MI 48237
Ferndale Worship Location
241 Pearson St. • Ferndale, MI 48220*

Office Hours
M, W, F 10:00 am—2:00 pm
Parish Office Phone Number
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Parish Fax 248.545.2312
Parish Email
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Parish Website www.omoph.org

Mass Schedule
**Sunday 9:00 am in Oak Park
and 11:00 am in Ferndale**
Tuesday 9:00 am in Ferndale
**Thursday 9:00 am in Oak Park (First
Thursday of the Month 7pm Mass will
replace the 9am Mass)**

Sacraments:
**Baptism,
Anointing of the Sick,
and Reconciliation**

Please call the parish office at 248.545.2310
Marriage

**Must be active and registered members
of the parish for at least 6 months prior
to scheduling**

Please call the parish office at 248.545.2310.

First Communion and Confirmation
Please contact Natalie LaCroix, DRE at
248.533.5424

**See Page 4 for
Updated COVID-19 Liturgical Protocols**



Saturday, September 4, 2021

Vigil of The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. George E. Ging (1965)

Sunday, September 5, 2021

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am – Oak Park

Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson

Special Intention for Mike

Ann and Steve Popa by Carol Fliger

Randy Wilson by Jerry and Fran Kollenberg

Reba McHale by Becky Paffi

Rev. Ladislaus Borowski (2003)

11 am – Ferndale

Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis

Stanton-Ruiz Family by Yasmin Stanton

Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Seiler

by daughter Maureen and husband Robert

Rev. Pasquale LoGrasso (2008)

Monday, September 6, 2021

Rev. Kean D. Cronin (1998)

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

9 am - Ferndale

Rev. Richard E. Cyr (2014)

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

Rev. Michael T. Kazer (2010)

Teresa Marie Ponce by Laurie and Thomas Petts

Thursday, September 9, 2021

9 am – Oak Park

Rev. Charles M. Zeeb (2009)

Friday, September 10, 2021

Rev. Francis C. Zarrett (1974)

Saturday, September 11, 2021

Vigil of The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. Thomas J. Collins (1971)

Sunday, September 12, 2021

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am – Oak Park

Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson

Special Intention for Mike

Evelyn Keller by Carol Fliger

Joseph and Helen Meo by Family

Carlos Sommer by Family

11 am – Ferndale

Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis

Stanton-Ruiz Family by Yasmin Stanton

Living and Deceased members of the Kemling

and Baracka Families by Dorothy Kemling

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PRAYER LISTS

The Church calls us to lift our brothers and sisters up in prayer when they are sick or struggling. The Parish continues to receive word about our parishioners who are ill, and we also receive requests about their well-being by others and ask why their names are not published. Since some of the members of our parish request that their names not be published when they are ill it becomes difficult. We strive to respect everyone's privacy along with trying to provide prayer support to all. We hope to list the members of our parish who are currently in need of our prayers, a visit, a note, or a phone call. To add a name to the listing, please contact the person first to make certain they want such information published and then contact the parish office at 248.545.2310. If you wish prayer during a time of illness or difficulty for yourself or for a family member, please contact the office by e-mail at omophparish@gamil.com or by phone at 248.545.2310. Names will be kept on the list for 4 weeks. Contact the parish office, at 248.545.2310, if you wish a name to remain on the prayer list for an additional four weeks.

Prayer REQUESTS

***Pray for Our Sick, Their Families and Caregivers,
and the Special Intentions of Our Parishioners***

Michael Kollenberg, David Doig, Chuck Yodhes, Susanne Smith

Pray for Our Men and Women Serving in the Military

1st Lt Jacob Ashmore-USAF, Cpt Jonathon Ashmore-USMC, Sgt Cory Berry-US Army, LtCOL Thomas Goedert-USMC, Matthew Pelletier-USAF, Sgt Douglas Raven-US Army, COL David Rogers-US Army, COL Thomas Rogers-US Army, PFC Edy Silveira de Souza-USMC, Staff Sgt. John W. Tomassi-USAF, AB Ashley N. Vozel-USAF, SSG Noah Reiter-US Army, HM2 Maura Curtin—Navy, CPT Matthew Carey-USAF, HN Autumn-Kyoko Cushman--US Navy

UNITED IN FAITH, LOVE

AND SERVICE TO OTHERS

OUR MISSION—*Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish is a welcoming and nurturing Catholic community building up the Body of Christ through prayer and service.*

OUR VISION—*Our vision is to be an extraordinary spiritual gathering place where people of all backgrounds and ages are welcome to question and learn, pray, worship, and serve. In community through prayer and worship, we hope to continue to grow together in our understanding and appreciation of God's love. We strive to change and improve our lives and the lives of others.*

***How do you live out
our mission and vision?***

FAITH FORMATION PERSPECTIVES
THE DEAF HEAR, THE MUTE SPEAK!
Mk 7:31-37

Jesus is in the district of the Ten Cities. A deaf man who also had a speech impediment was brought to Jesus by some of the people. They begged Jesus to lay hands on the man and heal him. The people were aware of the healings of others by Jesus. Jesus takes the man away from the crowd. Jesus puts his fingers into the man's ears, then spitting, touched the man's tongue. Jesus looked into heaven, groaned, and then said to the man, "Ephphatha!" (that is "Be opened!") At once the man's ears were opened and he began to speak plainly.

Jesus, as in previous healings, tells the crowd not to tell anyone of what occurred. It was not yet the time to reveal Jesus as the Messiah. The crowd was so amazed of the healing of the man that they proclaimed, "He has done everything well!" This first part of the proclamation from the crowd is an allusion to, "God looked at everything he has made, and he found it very good!" (Gn 1:31) Jesus is seen as bringing forth a new creation in relationship to the Father's work of creation as we read in Gn 1:1-2:4, the first story of creation. The crowd continues with, "He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!" This second part of the crowd's proclamation of Jesus echoes, "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 dumb will sing." (Is 35:5-6). The crowd in their proclamation is announcing the age of the Messiah is now

being fulfilled in the person of Jesus. (reference to Is 35:1-10, Israel's deliverance)

How many people do we know who wear hearing aids or might have speech issues? In my family there are members with hearing and speech issues. This week let us pray for and pray with those who have such issues.

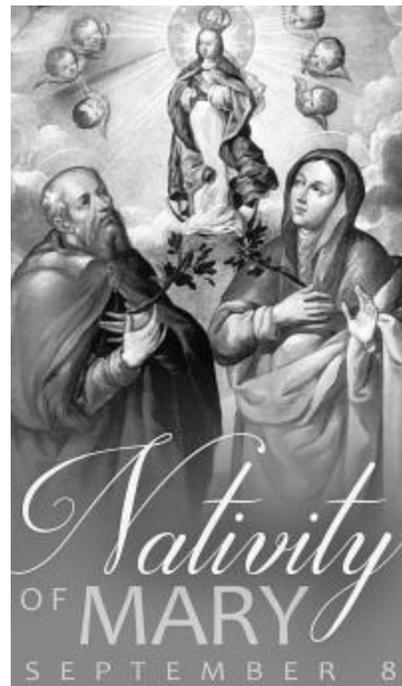
By Leonard Piasta, FFC



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.



"Let us celebrate with joy the birth of the Virgin Mary, of whom was born the Sun of Justice.... Her birth constitutes the hope and the light of salvation for the whole world.... Her image is light for the whole Christian people" (From the Liturgy).

READINGS FOR THE 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

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 5, 2021

Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: Labor Day
 Wednesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Thursday: St. Peter Claver, Priest
 Saturday: BVM; Patriot Day
 Next Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Grandparents' Day

UPDATED COVID-19 GUIDELINES**LITURGICAL PROTOCOLS**

On August 17, 2021 The Archdiocese issued updated COVID 19 Guidelines related to Liturgical Protocols to reduce exposure to COVID-19.

As Oakland County is an area of high transmission of COVID-19 we have implemented the following protocols for all Masses and other liturgical celebrations:

- Masks wearing for all Mass goers, regardless of vaccination status
- Establish an area where social distancing is observed
- Hang signage indicating masking and social distancing are encouraged
- Evaluate space for our musicians, and those who are unvaccinated won't participate as a musician at this time
- Retain sanitization/face covering surrounding the distribution of Holy Communion

The faithful are reminded that particular dispensations from the obligation to participate in Holy Mass remain in effect for people who are ill or who find themselves in other specific circumstances. More information is available at aod.org/emergencyresponse

**RECOGNIZE GOD
 IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
 CHOOSING DEAFNESS**

If you're a parent, you know that hearing evaluations are usually done at a child's annual physical exam starting around age four. The little person gets hoisted up onto the exam table, fitted with a pair of special headphones, and then they need raise their hand when they hear a sound.

I bet all of us parents who have sat through one of these tests with a preschooler — especially a particularly strong-willed one — have experienced a moment where we ask ourselves: I wonder if there's something wrong with her hearing. Is that why she doesn't listen to me? 'Come here, put on your shoes, pick up your toys, finish your carrots, don't touch that' — she isn't being naughty, she just can't hear it!

And then that moment, for those of us whose kids passed the hearing test with flying colors, comes crashing down into a realization that, yep, they can hear just fine. They're just choosing deafness.

But how can we really get mad when we remember that we do the same thing to God day in and day out? I often wonder if God, sitting in His Heaven, tires of calling to us in the same way young parents tire of calling out unheeded directions to their small children. Help that person. Hear My voice. Open your heart. Give of yourself here. Talk to Me.

What is the call He wishes you to hear today? Can you hear it? Are you listening?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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HEALING SERVICE

Emmanuel Healing Ministry invites you to come to a Healing Service on Tuesday, September 14 at the National Shrine of the Little Flower from 7-9 pm. Confessions will be available at 6:15 pm. Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered followed by the opportunity to be prayed over for any intention by prayer teams. Fr. Alex Kratz will preside. Call Margaret Williams (248) 477-0767 for information.

SUPPORT OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

A BIG THANK YOU to all of those who have continued to support our parish. **Offertory is down and the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have a direct impact on our ability to pay our monthly bills.** Contributions may be mailed to the parish office at 13500 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, MI 48237. You may also securely and safely donate online via our website or from the parish mobile app. Call Chuck White, Finance Council Chair, at 734.635.2598, if you have any questions about online giving.

OFFERTORY FOR FY 2021-2022:

	Aug. TD	YTD
Offertory Amount	\$14,458	\$26,287
Over/(Under) Prior Year	(\$1,783)	(\$6,971)
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$4,234)	(\$11,097)
Week of 08-22-2021 Offertory total: \$2,872.00		

On-line giving totaled \$2,635.00 and drop off, mailed in, and dropped in offertory basket, envelopes totaled \$11,823.00 for a grand total for 4 weeks of August deposits totaled \$14,458.00.

THE 2021 CSA GOAL FOR THE PARISH IS: \$37,746.00

AS OF 08-23-2021:	102 PLEDGES RECEIVED
	93 FULLY PAID
TOTAL PLEDGED:	\$49,290.66
TOTAL PAID:	\$54,830.66 [approx. 145% of goal]
ACTUAL SHORTFALL:	NONE
TOTAL REFUND TO DATE	\$17,084.66
REFUND DUE PARISH:	\$6,110.00;
refunds issued:	\$10,974.66



FAMILIES OF PARISHES

YOU ARE INVITED

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH 7PM—9PM

OUR MOTHER

OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

WITNESSING WITH SUPPORT & ENCOURAGEMENT

This third gathering will encourage Family members to celebrate together as a Family, receiving the grace that comes with confidently bearing witness to the Gospel. All parishioners are invited to participate. There must be no bystanders in our mission! We also hope you will encourage your fellow parishioners to sign up. **LEARN MORE AND REGISTER AT FOPGATHERINGS.ORG**

SAVE THE DATE—SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

INSTALLATION MASS FOR OUR FAMILY'S PASTORS

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

IN THE WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS...

“Let us ask the Lord to help us be consistent and to courageously combat anything that can lead us away from the truth and from the faith we profess. Only thus can we truly build unity and fraternity.”



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The Deacons of our Parish Family will begin visiting our parish on a rotating basis. Please welcome them.

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