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September 5, 2021

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

Reflections for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4–7a

It is easy to let fear obscure our faith. So many of us deal with anxiety—a form of fear—that we need medicines, counseling, and other methods for limiting its negative effects on our lives. Nevertheless, no method or medicine can offer a complete answer to our anxieties, because ultimately, all of our fears are based in suffering and death. The prophet, Isaiah, however, reveals to us that we should not fear death. While he frequently discusses the judgment of God against the sinful Israelite people, he reveals God’s divine plan to redeem the people. After the time of judgment, there will be a time of restoration and salvation for God’s people. The prophet’s words speak to us as well, “Say to the fearful of heart: Be strong, do not fear!” (Isaiah 35:4). God has come to save us from our sin and set us free from our enslavements. Isaiah explains that, when this salvation comes, it will be known through physical miracles: the blind shall see, the deaf shall hear, the lame shall leap. When Jesus comes, he actually cites this passage to confirm his identity as the Messiah (see Matthew 11:5), and he indeed performs miracles that fulfill Isaiah’s predictions. Isaiah also describes God’s deliverance with the image of a nourished desert: his deliverance will nourish us like the dry desert being nourished with water and blossoming flowers. For us, these images symbolize the spiritual fecundity that penetrates our lives when we come to faith in Christ and abandon the desert of sin. In practice, true faith can dispel the dark clouds of fear.

Second Reading: James 2:1–5

People talk about “networking” or even “customer relationship management.” Such terms are not necessarily problematic, but they push us in the direction of using other people as instruments, of only being interested in others insofar as they can help us to reach our goals. The Lord, however, does not want us simply to use other people. He wants us to recognize and honor the dignity of every human, because all of us are created in the image and likeness of God. St. James warns us against the sin of partiality or favoritism. He uses a Greek word that means to “lift up one’s face.” This concept is used in the Old Testament to describe preferential treatment given to wealthy or powerful people in legal matters, but James is using this phrase within the context of the early Church. He warns us against showing partiality to popular or powerful people at Church and treating lower-status people with disrespect. James condemns such

judgmental behavior as making us “judges with evil designs” (2:5). He views partiality as a sin that violates the Second Greatest Commandment of love of neighbor. Every person we meet should be treated with respect and honor regardless of whether he or she can give us favors. When we encounter the weak, the outcast, and the poor, we have an opportunity either to honor them as our neighbors or to risk not being Christian by disrespectful behavior.

Gospel: Mark 7:31–37

This short Gospel passage about Jesus healing a deaf and mute man offers us a snapshot into his conversion experience. The scene unfolds in four stages: the man has a need, he asks to be healed, he encounters Christ, and then he proclaims what Christ has done for him. First, the deaf man recognizes his need for Jesus. His physical inability to hear symbolizes our spiritual deafness to God’s ways, and his muteness represents our inability to tell others the Good News, even when we have received it. The crowd brings this deaf man to Jesus for healing, which shows that they recognize his spiritual authority. Jesus takes the man aside privately, and he touches the man’s ears and touches his tongue with his own spit. Christ does not offer up a prayer of supplication but instead issues a powerful command, “Be opened!” (7:34). This command reveals that Jesus is the Son of God, which means that he is divine, and that he is Lord over all creation. He fundamentally exercises his authority. Indeed, the man is healed in fulfillment of Isaiah’s prediction in the First Reading (see Isaiah 35:4–7a), which means that the time of restoration for the people of Israel has come. Christ’s healing touch allows the man to hear and speak, and we can relate to this miracle in our own spiritual lives. When we come to faith, we truly “hear” the Word of God for the first time and then begin to “speak” about it to others. The whole crowd is “astonished” and joins in the proclamation of the Good News. They can’t help themselves but to tell other people what they have seen. Like this deaf man, we are called to recognize our need for Jesus, ask for his help, encounter him in the sacraments, and then proclaim his message to others.

Reflection: Have you ever been so sick that you needed to rely on a family member or a friend to help you get to the doctor? Sometimes, we are unable to be healed on our own. We need someone else to bring us. Today we will read about a man who was brought to Jesus and how grateful was to those who loved him enough to present him before the Divine Physician.

Catholic Teaching on Labor



Question:

As we celebrate Labor Day, can you tell me about Catholic teaching regarding labor?

Answer:

One of the most important principles of Catholic social teaching is the dignity of work and the rights of workers. Four encyclicals address this foundational social teaching: *Rerum Novarum* (1891) by Leo XIII, *Quadragesimo Anno* (1931) by Pius XI, *Laborem Exercens* (1981), and *Centesimus Annus* (1991) by John Paul II. They address both the theology and dignity of work.

In Genesis, God takes the initiative in creating the world, calling forth human beings to be faithful stewards of creation. We are thus formed to share in God's continuing creative activity by partnering with God in finishing the world and helping bring it to completion and fulfillment. From this perspective, work can be spiritually understood in terms of sharing in God's ongoing activity to build, create, and transform the world. Human beings are co-creators with God. This vocation demands self-discipline.

Besides an exercise in self-discipline, work is also the means by which we develop and fulfill ourselves. In work, we shape the world and our environment. Through work, we also shape ourselves. Pope John Paul II summarized this point in *Laborem Exercens* #6, "the value of work is not primarily the kind of work being done, but the fact that the one who is doing it is a person." Labor Day offers an excellent opportunity to reflect on how we view work in light of our Catholic social teaching. ©LPI

MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS TIMES

Monday—Friday

8:00 AM (English)

Tuesday

6:30 PM (Spanish)

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil

4:00 PM (English)

Sunday

8:00 & 10:00 AM (English)

12:00 PM (Spanish)

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil 7:00 PM (Bilingual)

Holy Day

8:00 AM (English)

CONFESSIONS

Tuesdays 7:15 PM

Fridays after 8:00 AM Mass

Saturdays 3-4 PM

or any time upon request

Special Collection

With the passing of time, there comes a point when we as a Church must care for the priests who first cared for us.

The Diocese of Orlando currently provides for the needs of our retired priests, and many of our priests are nearing age 70, the age at which they become eligible for retirement. Because of the sacrifices they have willingly made, priests have limited personal resources and no spouses or children to provide for them as they age. And yet, as Catholics, we know that every priest is our father, every Catholic his child. In a spirit of love, we must care for our senior priests as we would care for our own families, for indeed they are family. Through your gifts, our diocese can ensure that these faithful men receive a comfortable and dignified retirement, with modest housing, basic living expenses, and access to medical care. **The second collection next weekend will be for our Priest Retirement and Priest Care.**

—Diocese of Orlando

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<https://www.stmaryofthelakesparish.org>

We continue to livestream and to post the 4:00 PM Mass, featuring Fr. Carlos Bedoya as the presider, for our parishioners to be able to hear his inspiring homilies on YouTube or our FaceBook page.

Last Week's Collections

Offertory: \$5,657.25

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**READINGS FOR THE 23rd WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME**

- Monday:** Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11
Labor Day
- 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
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Thursday:** Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38
St. Peter Claver, Priest
- 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
BVM; Patriot Day
- Sunday:** Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time & Grandparents Day

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PATRIOT DAY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, Creator of All, You have created the human person as good. You have placed us in the world as one human family, as sisters and brothers.

We pray today for all victims of violence across the world, for the healing of their mind and body, for their mourning family members, for the repose of their souls.

Jesus, You have told us to love our enemies, and to pray for those who persecute us. Give us the strength and courage to forgive. Remove all lingering desire for revenge.

Holy Spirit, reveal to us the mercy of God. Give us the gift of Your peace that surpasses all understanding.

Amen.

- LPi

BLESSING FOR THE FALLEN OF 9-11

God of mercy, in your word of Scripture, you instruct us to "Do to others as you would have them do to you."

Give us today the courage to assist those around us who may need our assistance. Give us patience when we become impatient.

Remind us to pray for all those who perished on United Airlines 93, American Airlines 11, United Airlines 175, American Airlines 77, and those in the Twin Towers and Pentagon.

Give us a heart thankful for those who gave their lives as first responders, as did the men and women who ran into danger to be of aid.

We ask all this in the name of the One who first responded to our need for a savior, Jesus the Christ.

Amen.

-LPi

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in
the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to
receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot, at this moment, receive You
sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there

And unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

***The Pope's Intention for
September:***

***AN ENVIRONMENTALLY
SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE***



We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.



St. Mary of the Lakes

has prayer blankets made by members of our Prayer Blanket Ministry. These blankets are for parishioners, and any of their friends, who need healing emotionally, physically, and/or spiritually. The blankets bring hope, comfort, and peace to those in need. Prayer blankets are available in

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A COMMUNION PRAYER



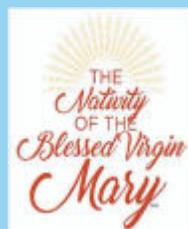
Jesus, although You have existed with the Father and the Holy Spirit from the beginning, You came among us in Your human nature and showed us the depth of divine love. With amazement, I think about how You, Almighty God, became man. Even more, with astonishment I recall Your words to Your disciples that to have eternal life, we have to eat the bread that is You. Jesus, I have now received the miracle of Your flesh and blood in this Holy Communion. May I grow in the awareness that your divine life is now within me. Please let my attitude reflect Your presence in me.

Lord Jesus, I believe that You are truly present within the consecrated bread which has been blessed and broken. Through the eyes of faith, I affirm that what I have received is Your Body and Blood.

Lord Jesus, in this celebration of faith, I have received the cup of blessing. It is the new and eternal covenant of Your love. May I proclaim, once again, this day that you are the Christ, the anointed One of God, who has come to me. Amen.

—Source unknown

The Catholic Church celebrates the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary on its traditional fixed date of September 8, nine months after the December 8 celebration of her Immaculate Conception, as the child of Saints Joachim and Anne. The circumstances of the Virgin Mary's infancy and early life are not directly recorded in the Bible, but other documents and traditions describing the circumstances of her birth are cited by some of the earliest Christian writers from the first centuries of the Church. These accounts, although not considered authoritative in the same manner as the Bible, outline some of the Church's traditional beliefs about the birth of Mary.



—USCCB

***St. Mary of the Lakes
Gifts for the Soul***

Will open next weekend—Sept. 11/12.

Faith in Action

Are you an adult missing Sacraments of Initiation?

RCIA

classes will begin in early October. Register at the parish office today!

Faith Formation Registration

continues at the parish office as late registration. Please don't delay!
Classes begin September 13. Don't delay!

Children's Faith Formation

Monday, Sept. 13th	5:30-7 PM	Grades PreK-5th (including FHC classes)
Tuesday, Sept. 14th	5:30-7 PM	Grades 7-up (Pre-Confirmation classes)
Monday, Sept. 20th	5:30-7 PM	Middle School Youth Night (grades 6-8)

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Catechists and Volunteers Needed

Answer the call! Contact the parish office today!

For more information, please call Mrs. Monica Vega at 352-483-3500 ext. 203 (or e-mail faithformation@stmaryofthelakesparish.org)

Fe En Acción





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Responde la llamada! ¡Póngase en contacto con la oficina parroquial hoy mismo!

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Reflexiones para el domingo 23 En tiempo ordinario

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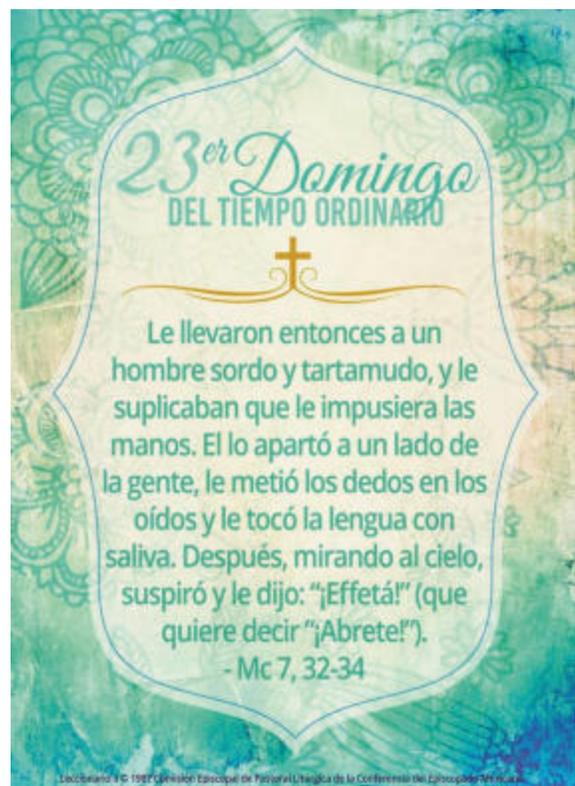
“Debemos esforzarnos en abrir el corazón y la mente, para acoger la realidad divina que viene a nuestro encuentro. Se trata de tener fe: la falta de fe es un obstáculo para la gracia de Dios” (Papa Francisco (8/7/2018). El Profeta Isaías lo proclama así: “Entonces los ojos de los ciegos se despegarán, y los oídos de los sordos se abrirán, los cojos saltarán como cabritos y la lengua de los mudos gritará de alegría” (Isaías 35:5-6). Las tres lecturas de la liturgia de hoy están impregnadas de signos, gestos y palabras que manifiestan la salvación de Dios.

Solo necesitamos fe y creer en el “Effetá”, que quiere decir ábrete. Los débiles, los enfermos y los pobres ocupan un lugar privilegiado en el Reino de Dios. Jesús lo demuestra hoy con el milagro de curar al sordomudo. Todos se admiraban y decían: “Todo lo ha hecho bien; hace oír a los sordos y hablar a los mudos” (Marcos 7:37). Ayúdanos, Señor, a que se nos suelte la lengua para hacer el bien, para decir te quiero, lo siento mucho, para defender a los sin voz. Ayúdanos, Señor, y ábrenos los oídos a las quejas de los que sufren, a los gritos de los inmigrantes que buscan justicia, a la voz de los que piden trabajo. Que, a ejemplo de Jesús, que ama a todos por igual, aprendamos a no tener favoritismos en nuestras formas de actuar en la familia y en la sociedad. Que en este tiempo difícil nos mostremos solícitos y cercanos con los que más lo necesiten. ¡Que así sea!

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VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

La vida puede ser desafiante y aterradora. A veces, realmente duele ser un ser humano. Enfrentamos quebrantamiento de todo tipo: físico, emocional y espiritual. Sin razón aparente, la vida puede desmoronarse rápidamente. Lo que sabíamos que era familiar se ha ido y algo en lo que confiábamos ha desaparecido. Nos quedamos sentados con nuestra incompletitud y nadando en los charcos de nuestra tristeza. ¡Sé fuerte! ¡No temáis! Estas amonestaciones fluyen de la boca de los profetas y son repetidas por Jesús. Es difícil confiar en que la restauración, la sanación y el rejuvenecimiento llegarán algún día y permanecerán firmes en nuestra fe. Pero estamos aquí por un Dios que nos ama, no como resultado de un hecho fortuito. Cuando buscamos esa verdad sobre quiénes somos y quién es Dios, la vida cambia para nosotros. Somos sanados de nuestra antigua forma distorsionada de ver las cosas. Nuestros ojos, corazón y alma están abiertos a la belleza y magnificencia de la vida. El pulso de nuestro amoroso Creador se siente en todas las cosas y no podemos esperar a que Dios venga y nos toque de nuevo. Dios nos hizo, Dios nos ama y Dios nos guarda. Ha hecho bien todas las cosas.



TIENDA DE ARTÍCULOS RELIGIOSOS



*Abrirá el 11 y 12 de
septiembre*

Lecturas de la Semana

XXIII Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario

- Lunes: Col 1, 24—2, 3/Sal 61, 6-7. 9 [8]/Lc 6, 6-11
- Martes: Col 2, 6-15/Sal 144, 1-2. 8-9. 10-11 [9]/Lc 6, 12-19
- Miércoles: Miq 5, 1-4 o Rom 8, 28-30/Sal 12, 6 [Is 61, 10]/Mt 1, 1-16. 18-23 o 1, 18-23
- La Natividad de la Santísima Virgen María
- Jueves: Col 3, 12-17/Sal 150, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 [6]/Lc 6, 27-38
- San Pedro Claver Corberó
- Viernes: 1 Tm 1, 1-2. 12-14/Sal 15, 1-2 y 5. 7-8. 11 [cfr. 5]/Lc 6, 39-42
- Sábado: 1 Tm 1, 15-17/Sal 112, 1-2. 3-4. 5 y 6-7 [2]/Lc 6, 43-49
- BVM; Día de los Patriotas
- Domingo siguiente: Is 50, 5-9/Sal 114, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9 [9]/Sant 2, 14-18/Mc 8, 27-35

BAUTISMO

Si desea bautizar a su hijo(a) favor llamar a la oficina parroquial 352-483-3500.

*La próxima clase es el
2 de octubre 2021.*

9 a.m. Muchas gracias.



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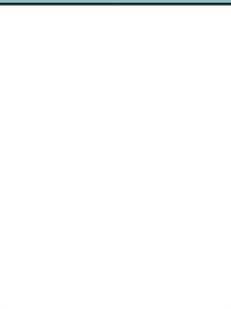
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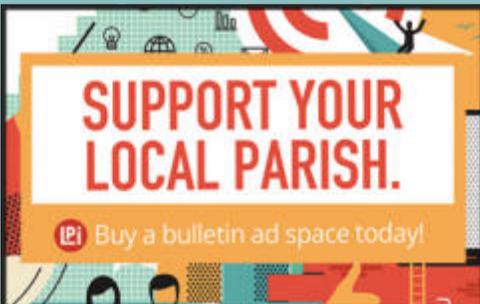


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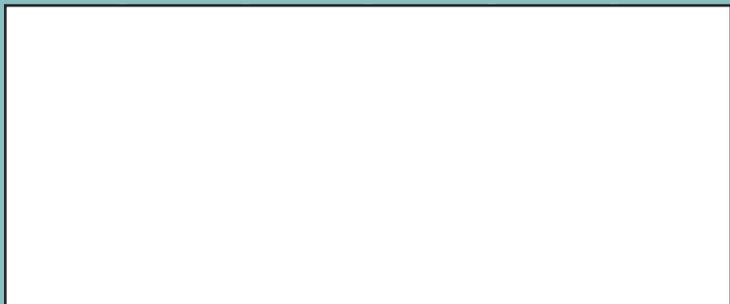
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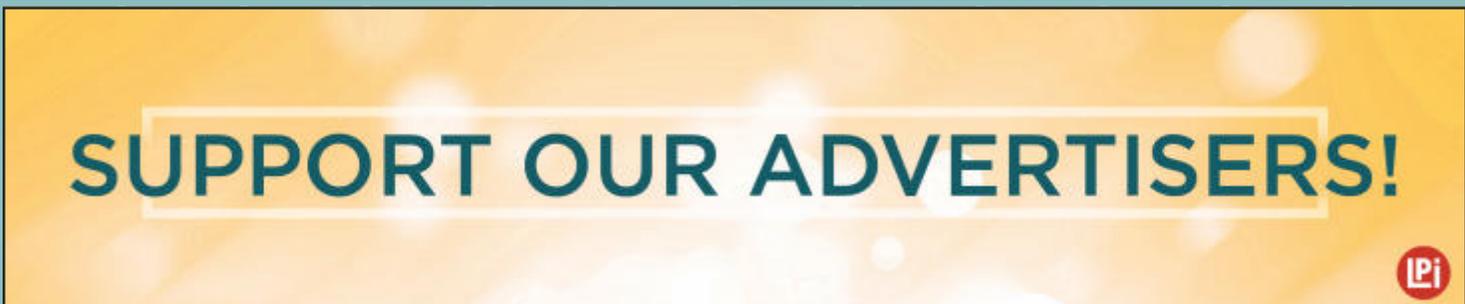


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Prayer Blankets	- Connie Prudhomme	352-483-3500
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MONDAY, 8:00 AM	September 06 †Kelly Gibson †Mariela Mejia
TUESDAY, 8:00 AM 6:30 PM	September 07 † Frank Clark III † Frederick Catalano
WEDNESDAY, 8:00 AM	September 08 †Jesus Lozano
THURSDAY, 8:00 AM	September 09 †Elizabeth B. Metz
FRIDAY, 8:00 AM	September 10 †Joan Gougeon Spec. Int. for Bethany Vega
SATURDAY, 4:00 PM	September 11 †Leo MacDonald †Michael Albert †Richard Figueroa
SUNDAY, 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM	September 12 Our Parishioners †Ann Bignon Spec. Int. for Aleyamma Abraham Spec. Int. for Ed Binder †Mirtelina "Tata" Garcia

All parishes are asked to remember our deceased priests who were incarnated for the Orlando Diocese, or who are buried at the San Pedro Center. For September they are:

September 14, 2017 Msgr. Patrick Caverly

September 19, 2016 Very Rev. John McCormick

September 23, 1986 Rev. Louis Bamundo

September 27, 1995 Rev. Charles Schneider

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary this weekend were donated by Mary Abraham in honor of the The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

