



St. Mary's Catholic Church

Sept. 5, 2021

*23rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

Happy Labor Day!

Genesis, the first book of the Bible, affirms the dignity of labor as part of God's creative work. "God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning-the sixth day" (Genesis 1:31). God himself worked for six days and rested on the seventh. When God completed creation, he called it "very good." We are created in the image and likeness of God and designed to experience success and fulfillment through the ethic of hard work and smart work. As Christians, we need to see job as an opportunity to serve God and enhance the life of the humanity. The commemoration of the Labor Day began in United States in the year 1894 as a federal holiday to honor the rights and dignity of human labor.

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It pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers. The Church teaches us that the economy should provide opportunity for work and living wages for all those who work safeguarding their dignity and rights. United States Conference of Bishops exhorts, "Work is more than a way to make a living, it is a form of continuous participation in God's creation". If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected--the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to the organization and joining of unions, to private property, and to economic initiative."

"The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the people of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ." (Gaudium Et Spes, 1965, 1). Jesus placed the plight of the poor as the central concern of his heart when he said, "Come to me, all those are toiling and being burdened, I will give you rest" (Mathew 11:28). I hope we can assure the implementation of the principles (Dignity, Justice and Respect) of Catholic Social teaching in the place of employment, communities and our nation and be champions of the poor and marginalized workers who takes care of our basic needs.

I encourage all parents and guardians to enroll your children in our faith formation program and youth ministry to continue help them grow strong in faith and spirit.

Happy Labor Day!

Fr.Tom



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B Sunday, September 5, 2021

God speaks to us in many ways, including through the Sunday Scripture readings. understand the upcoming Sunday's Scripture readings, helping you to connect the Scripture to daily life in a meaningful way.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we continue to hear the Gospel of Mark proclaimed. In today's reading, Jesus heals a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. This is a story about Jesus' healing power, and in it we find clues about our understanding of sacrament. We are struck by the physical means used to heal the man, the use of spittle and touch. The Church continues to celebrate the sacraments using physical means. In the Sacrament of Baptism, water and oil are used to show the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are anointed with holy oil on the forehead and the hands. In the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. We are a sacramental people who believe that God's grace is given to us through these physical signs.

Some, however, see in this Gospel an image of the proclamation of the good news of Jesus to the Gentiles. The geographic references tell us that Jesus is journeying through Gentile territory. Jesus had previously visited this region and healed a person possessed by a demon. Jesus was already famous there, which explains why people brought the deaf man to him.

The story that precedes this reading in Mark's Gospel sets the stage. Jesus encounters a Gentile, a Syrophenician woman who asks him to heal her demon-possessed daughter. Jesus engages her in a dialogue about not feeding to dogs the food intended for children. Jesus is struck by the woman's great faith when she replies that even dogs eat the food that falls from the table, and he heals her daughter immediately. The faith of this Greek woman compels Jesus to respond to her plea.

Mark shows that Jesus' own mission affirms the early Church's mission to the Gentiles. This was a significant issue to the early Christian community, which found that the good news of Jesus took root and spread quickly among the Gentiles. Yet there is an irony in the story of healing that Mark tells. Jesus gives the man the gift of speech, but then tells him not to use it. Jesus asks that the news of his healing power, which is evidence of his identity as the Messiah, not be spread. This is a recurring motif in Mark's Gospel and is sometimes called the "messianic secret."



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Jake Smith & Ashley McClarey are in charge of this event. There will be a **youth** tournament starting at 10 AM. Cost is \$10 per team of 2.

The **adult** corn hole tournament will begin at 3 PM. Cost is \$20.00 per team of 2. Workers are needed to watch the boards and for registration. Would you be willing to be on a team or do you know someone who you can encourage to sign up?

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Food Stand: Selling Walking Tacos and Nachos along with water & tea/lemonade. We will serve food from 11 AM - 6 PM or when the corn hole tournament is over. Ruth & Helen are in charge of the food stand. Would you consider working an hour?



Please prayerfully consider how you can help us make this a successful day.

Working together, all things are possible.



Any bake sale item can be brought to the church by 9 AM. Bake Sale items and workers are needed. Questions contact Carolyn Maher.



There will be a 50/50 raffle. Tickets are being sold ahead of time, and the day of for: \$5.00 each or 5 for 20\$. The drawing will be at 6 PM on September 11th. Need not be present to win. JoElla Travis is in charge of this activity and will have tickets available to sell if you would like to pick them up at Mass Today. The more we sell the more we make. Please buy a ticket and sell some to family & friends.



There will be a band playing at some time during the day

Sign up sheets are in the back, awaiting your autograph:)



Please note that the Bible Study sessions will take place **Twice on Wednesdays.**

There will be a 10 a.m. session and a 7 p.m. session. You are invited to **either or both.**

Building update

Due to a delay in obtaining the Trusses, the building project has been suspended until early spring

Religious ed will begin Sept 19th. and be held every week through November 12th.

Classes this year will be **PreK-3rd grade, 4-6th grade, Jr High, and High School.**

Elementary and Jr.High classes will be held right after church on Sunday mornings, and will be held upstairs, using spaces available.

The focus of our school year will be "back to the basics", helping the children understand our Catholic faith better. We also plan to do some service projects throughout the year.

We are excited to see the kids in classes again! Please make every effort to have your kids in class every Sunday. We really need to encourage attendance on

September 19, as additional video/photos will be taken for the video that is being produced.

Daily readings for the week of 9-5-21

- Sunday:** Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
- Monday:** 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30
- Tuesday:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday:** Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday:** Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11
- Friday:** Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39
- Saturday:** Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5
- Next Sunday:** Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

ST. MARYS HAPPENINGS

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

CHRIS HINES

JOSH SIMMONS

JACOB ANDERSON

DERRICK HUBARD

STEVEN ANDERSON

COLBY MCGINLEY

Your Contributions August 29, 2021

Tithes—\$1612.00

plate—\$123.00

Coffee—\$39.11

*Children's coll. for
Aug.—\$11.00*

Farmers Mkt. —\$46.00

Haiti Coll.—\$381.00

Thank You!!



8-28—*Jim Owen*

8-28—*Ryan Roberts*

9-2—*John Moody*

9-5—*Mike Callahan*

9-5—*Isaac Hutt*

9-6—*Teresa Jamison*

9-6—*Robert Burkhiser*

9-8—*Rosie Callahan*

9-8—*Keeley Mount*



9-20—*Louie & Judy
Becker*



Greg Andersen

Grady Secht

Reese Kemp

LeRoy Herscheid

Mary Lou Miller

Dottie Dankof

Isacc Durr

Todd Quick

Verona Mitchell

Joel Loggins

Kenneth Russell

Bill Long

Henry Johnsen

Lawrence DuBois

Pat Sheldon

Joe Kirk

Tim Konecny

Esther McCowan

Shawn Collins

Drake Travis

Martha Gude

Bill & Gloria Green

Larry Dalton

Zayne Osborn

Cathy Mason

Anna Weber

Alan Briggs

Dee Ann Crews

Robert Haughton

Maurie Maher

Janet Rummel

Jennifer McAllister

Dave Zavadil

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Lector	Kathleen Lorimor	Michael Gallagher	Rick Jamison	Joe Travis	Dsve Dowling
Mass Setup	Rosie	Joe	Rosie	Joe	Rosie
Cantor	Kate/ Margaret	Kim/ Evan/ Quentin	Beth/ Anna	Beth	Cora/ Cora/ Amelia
Accompanist	Nancy	Donna	Guitars	Nancy	Kate
Server	Evan Laumann	Emily Hutt	Alyssa Dowling	Seth Ettelman	Amelia Moody
Usher and Greeter	Rick & Teresa Jamison	Dave & Kate Roberts	Dave & Kim Dowling	Kathy Moody Angie Sheldon	Rick & Linda Dewhirst
Coffee & donuts	Dave & Kim Dowling	N/A	Shane & Connie Smith	Helen Martin Ruth Folkes Biscuits & Gravy	Mike & Kathy Moody
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Inspiration for September 5

In moments when fear, agony, and pain make it hard to pray, the suggestion of prayer that comes from merely holding the rosary-or better still, from caressing the Crucifix at the end of it-is tremendous!

