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**The people were exceedingly
astonished and they said,
“He has done all things well.
He makes the deaf hear and
the mute speak.”**

Mark 7:37

Twenty-third
Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 5, 2021

The story of the deaf man related in today's Gospel is one of several descriptions of extraordinary healings in this part of Mark's Gospel. Mark leads readers to understand that in Jesus, God is fulfilling the divine promises prophesied by Isaiah: "the ears of the deaf (will) be cleared . . . the tongue of the mute will sing." When the deaf can hear and the mute can sing, this sign of the coming of God means that the gifts of sight and hearing are now available, not only for the individuals involved, but for their families and the whole community around them.

There is a "ripple effect" of blessing extending well beyond individual healing. Those isolated by deafness and speech impediments could now fully participate in common life. With their inclusion, the community itself receives healing. In the Gospels, salvation is always inclusive and wholistic. God brings blessing to one small part of creation, so to extend blessing to all of creation.

BOTH LOVE AND CRITIQUE

For those who first heard today's passage from the letter

of James, it probably struck a nerve. James challenged the local church's treatment of the poor as compared to the rich. It might strike a nerve for us too, because we live in a society where the wealthy are very much privileged, and the honoring of wealth is deeply ingrained in our cultural value system. James warns the church not to imitate the class distinctions made in the broader society. The Gospel proclaims that we are all equally God's children.

The church typically lives in a particular place and within a dominant culture. The church is always called upon to reflect upon its faithfulness to the Gospel, discerning whether it absorbs cultural values and attitudes that conflict with the Gospel. The church is called to love and nourish the culture, and at the same time to speak in critique of its idolatries. These challenges continue in our own parish communities, here and now.

Today's Readings: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday 8:45 a.m. -12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Parish Staff

Rev. Patrick Knippenberg, Pastor

Sr. Valerie Janecka, IWBS - Parish Secretary

Janet Weaver, Bookkeeper

Martha Nichols, PCL/Safe Environment Coordinator

Tammy Fikac, PCL

Thomas Santos & Tracie Tibiletti, Music Ministry

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Daily (Mon-Sat): 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.
Before daily Mass

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

First Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS:

First Sunday of every month

CHOIR PRACTICE:

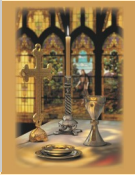
Wednesday Evening

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME

Registration forms online at www.lourdesvictoria.org

or email: ollvic@lourdesvictoria.org

The greatest among you



must be your servant.

~ Matthew 23:11

SUNDAY - September 5 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family
10:00 am - William Lowry Johnston, Jr. †

MONDAY - September 6 (Labor Day)

8:00 am - Johnny Bomersbach †

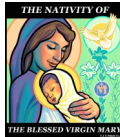


TUESDAY - September 7

8:00 am - Dolores Kilgore †

WEDNESDAY - September 8 (Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

8:00 am - Felipa Nieto †



THURSDAY - September 9

8:00 am - Alfred Baros †

FRIDAY - September 10

8:00 am - Franklin J. Sedlar †

SATURDAY - September 11

8:00 am - Mary Mahan (In Thanksgiving)
4:00 pm - Beverly Ripley †



SUNDAY - September 12 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am - Franklyn J. Sedlar †
10:00 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family

LABOR

Without labor nothing prospers. —Sophocles

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessing of Human Labor," nos. 907-911
- Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
- Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38
- Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49
- Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK



Lawrence Yanta, Hailey Vasquez, W. R. Nichols, Patricia Pooley, Samuel William Bek, Matt Brown, Marvin Kucera, Milton Greeson, E. J. Bammert, Veronica Serrill, Michael Johnson, Bernita Korenek, Michael Krenek, John Correll, Cheryl Barker, Tom Vivion, Adam Michaelis, Ruben & Frances Espino, Maria Garcia, Larry Vitek, Kathleen Edwards, Darren Mikulik, Tina Moya, Cole Ohrt, Ramona Perez, James Rung, Wade Shumbera, Frank & Gloria Wearden, Marjorie Anders, Frank Reyes, Jr., Carly Walker, Gerald Yankey, Patsy Bradicich, Judy Parsons, Ann Hagel, Piper Eloisa Lara, Michael & Michelle Yates, Kevin Quinn, Tom Tengler, Tommie Brennan. Mary Cox, Joel Nava, Bernice Drost

THIS WEEK



The TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Collection/Envelope: Weekly Offering
2nd Collection: Combined Collection

SATURDAY - Confessions: 3:15 pm - 3:45 pm

The TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Collection/Envelope: Weekly Offering
2nd Collection: Diocesan Services Appeal

The parish office will be closed September 6 in observance of Labor Day. Business will resume as usual on Tuesday, September 7.

NEXT WEEKEND - September 11/12, 2021



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

of HOLY COMMUNION

and

LECTORS

- Sat. 4:00 pm - Joe Ryan
- Sun. 7:30 am - Sherry Kainer
- Sun. 10:00 am - GERALYN BIEDIGER
Donna Maxey (Choir)

- Harvin Suggs
- Dennis Boehm
- Kathryn Ormsby

ALTAR SERVERS:

- Sat. 4:00 pm - James Record, Suzie Ryan,
- Sun. 7:30 am - Abby & Brady F., William J.
- Sun. 10:00 am - Ross N., Joey R., Reice T.

USHERS/Door Monitors:

- Sat. 4:00 pm - Julius Cano, John Novak, Norman Schoener
- Sun. 7:30 am - Gary Pribyl, Patrick Pribyl, Matt Warwas
- Sun. 10:00 am - Howard Bludau, Pat Krenek, Joe Ryan

THE VALUE OF LABOR

Heaven is blessed with perfect rest
but the blessing of earth is toil. —Henry Van Dyke

Questions of the Week

Am I open to hearing God's word, even from unexpected sources?
How do I live out my baptismal call to proclaim God's word?



WEEKEND

of August 28/29, 2021

Count - 300

Total Operating Income

\$ 3,934.00

Your Generosity is Greatly Appreciated!



**Our
Lady of
Lourdes**



- EVENTS ALL AROUND -

Sacred Heart Catholic Church Annual Fall Picnic (Hallettsville, Texas)

Sunday, September 5, 2021
Country Fried Chicken, Stew, Homemade Cornbread Dressing
Serving Starts @ 10:30 am (KC Hall)
Dinner Tickets: \$12.00

More 2021 OLL Parish Festival News

Placemat ads are now available for purchase. If you are interested, please fill out a form at the entrance of the Church and return it with a check or cash to a collection basket or the rectory. Deadline to turn in is October 24th. If you have any questions, please call Lynette Mayer at 361-578-9487.



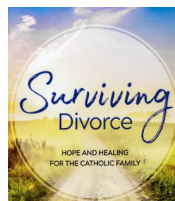
Arts and Crafts and baked goodies will be combined again at this year's festival. Crafts can be homemade or purchased. Your donations will be appreciated.

Diane Heller (361-550-7710)

Sts. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church (Shiner, Texas)

Sunday, September 5, 2021
Shiner Picnic Stew, Fried Chicken, Country Sausage & Trimmings
Serving Starts @ 10:30 am
\$12.00 per plate

Over 12 sessions, participants will discuss such topics such as healing, learning to forgive, and how to move forward. All who have experienced divorce and separation are welcome, and sessions are kept confidential. They will be facilitated by a Catholic man and a woman who have each experienced their own divorce, in conjunction with an excellent video series by Ascension. **The Fall 2021 Group will meet on Thursdays at 7:00 pm, starting on September 9** at the Cathedral Center of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory in Victoria. Register at: www.victoriadiocese.org/survivingdivorce.



For your convenience, printed brochures are on the table at the entrance of the Church.

34th Annual Catholic Conference

Saturday, September 25, 2021
St. Joseph High School, Victoria

Returning to the Sacraments:

Regaining our Life of Faith in a Changing World

Keynote Presenter: Father Jacob Koether

Make plans to gather and give thanks to God as we discover and uncover the beauty of the sacraments, which are gifts from God.

More information will be available soon.

Turkey Festival (Bloomington)

We will be having our annual turkey dinner this year on **September 26** to raise funds for our diocesan quota and much needed church repairs. Due to the increase in covid cases, we will only have Plates to Go for \$12.00. We plan to sell 1500 plates. Raffle tickets will be available.



St. Padre Pio Prayer Group

8:30 am
Saturday, September 11 (every second Saturday)



Join us after Mass for prayer in devotion to this amazing saint. St. Padre Pio, a humble Capuchin priest, is a powerful intercessor known for his spiritual gifts in the confessional, his reading of souls, miraculous healings and the gift of bearing the stigmata. Padre Pio promised to always be with his spiritual children. For more information about St. Pio, visit padrepio.com. For questions about the Victoria Padre Pio Prayer Group, contact Melody Vecera at [361-550-9962](tel:361-550-9962) or email melody.vecera@gmail.com. All are welcome!

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Meyersville
Sunday, **September 26, 2021**

BBQ Meal to Go \$10 per plate & Raffle \$5 each or 5 for \$20

RECLAIMING OUR UNITY

Even the smallest act of service, the simplest act of kindness, is a way to honor those we lost, a way to reclaim that spirit of unity that followed 9/11. —Barack Obama

Volunteers Needed



Volunteer Training
September 11, 2021

9:00 - 11:30 am at Nazareth Convent
(105 W. Church St.)



For your convenience, printed forms are on the table at the entrance of the Church.

September

Discipleship:

Take up your cross.



Refer to Bulletin Insert of August 29, 2021.

See September Family Info. Sheet for fun activities and more!


Holy Cross Festival (Yorktown, Texas)

Sunday, September 12, 2021
Festival Mass at 9:30 am
Serving starts at 10:30 am
Featuring Beef Barbecue and Polish Sausage
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Adults & to Go = \$12.00
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