

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SCRIPTURE MESSAGE: Today's readings offer us God's invitation to become humble instruments of healing in Jesus' hands by giving voice to the voiceless and caring love to the needy and the marginalized in our society. The readings also invite us to open our ears to hear the word of God and to let our tongues be loosened by the Holy Spirit to convey the Good News of God's love and salvation to others. The first reading reminds us that God's eyes are constantly focused on the helpless. God especially cares for "the frightened, the blind, the deaf, the lame, the mute," and He encourages the powerless to "be strong and fearless." This is why, in today's second reading, the apostle gives us some basic and challenging principles of social justice. He exhorts Christians to show no partiality based on external appearance and to practice God's "preferential option" for the poor. He warns the faithful against scorning or shaming the poor while showing special consideration to the rich. Today's Gospel describes how Jesus, by healing a deaf man with speech impediment fulfilled Isaiah's Messianic prophecy, "The eyes of the blind shall be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped." The ailments listed by Isaiah are symbolic of our interior illnesses: blindness to the needs of our neighbor, unwillingness to hear God's voice and the inability to speak words of praise and gratitude. Through this miracle story, Mark also reminds us that no one can be a follower of the Lord without reaching out to the helpless.

Life messages: 1) We need to help Jesus to heal the deaf and the mute today. Jesus desires to give us his healing touch in order to loosen our tongues so that he may speak to the spiritually hungry through us. He invites us to give him our hearts so that he may touch the lives of people in our day through us, just as he touched the lives of millions through saintly souls like Francis of Assisi, Damien of Molokai, Vincent de Paul and Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa). Jesus' compassionate touch will help us to hear the cries of the poor and the sick. It will teach us to show kindness, mercy and consideration to others. His healing touch will also help us convey peace and hope to those around us. 2) We need to allow Jesus to heal our spiritual deafness and muteness. We may find it hard to speak to God in prayer and harder still to hear Him speaking to us through the Bible and through the Church. Let us ask God's help to open our ears in order that we may hear Him while reading the Bible, and praise and worship Him loudly in our family prayer and in our public worship by participating in the Holy Mass, singing with the choir and praying with the congregation.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Please pray for: Reggie Bernardo, Fr. Martin, Hilda Armstrong, Gerard Parker, Valerie Cooper, Mary Lambert, Denis & Norma Savage, Dorothy Meaney, Stella Alberry, Heidi Reid, Gerald & Irene Moriarty, Bibin John, Leone McIntyre, Justin Lefave, Ann Ruigrok, Maurice and Madeleine Belec, Margaret Smith, Margrite Dezainde, John Beriau, Debbie Freer, Shelley McCaffrey, Nelly Kester, Brian Brougham, and Nieves Bonucchi.

MASS SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 8 – 16, 2018		
Saturday, September 8	5:15 p.m.	Deceased members of the Cyr family
Sunday, September 9	8:30 a.m.	Our Parishioners
	10:00 a.m.	David Noel
Tuesday, September 11	6:30 p.m.	Deceased members of the Keith family
Wednesday, September 12	9:00 a.m.	Paul McDermott
Thursday, September 14 School Mass – St. John Bosco and J. L. Jordan	9:40 a.m.	Intentions of the Taylor And Roughton families
Friday, September 14	11:00 a.m.	Patrick Hennessey – Sherwood Park Manor
Saturday, September 15	5:15 p.m.	Carl Ravnaas
Sunday, September 16	8:30 a.m.	Tom Barr
	10:00 a.m.	Our Parishioners
The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for: <i>The Victims of the Monsoons in India</i>		

Weekly Target: \$3500.00	Actual Offering: September 2: \$ 3389.55	Operating Shortfall: \$110.65
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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tuesday, September 11	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wednesday, September 12	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday, September 14	7:00 p.m.	John Sands Concert

REGISTRATION FOR SACRAMENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION (students in Grade 2) AND CONFIRMATION (students in Grade 6): These Sacraments will take place in the spring of 2019. **All information including the registration forms will be available at the parents meeting – Tuesday, October 16 at 6:30 p.m. for First Communion and Tuesday, October 30 at 6:30 p.m. for Confirmation.** These forms are not available from the schools, or by fax or mail. **We remind everyone that registration is not the responsibility of the schools, but of the parents/guardians.**

RECEIVING THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST: The faithful may receive the Eucharist in both Species at all Masses next weekend – September 15-16.

“He makes the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak.” – Mark 7.31-37

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

MINISTRY SCHEDULES				
<i>MASS TIMES</i>	<i>HOSPITALITY</i>	<i>LECTORS</i>	<i>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</i>	<i>ALTAR SERVERS</i>
Saturday, September 15 5:15 p.m.	Anne Peace Mary MacDermott	Michael McMahon Sylvia Shackles	Deacon Shawn Souder Carol Ravnaas Paul and Cynthia Mantha	Allie White Grace Kelly
Sunday, September 16 8:30 a.m.	Donna Brewer Heather Charbonneau	Deborah Souder Judith Hart	Deacon Shawn Souder Marc and Phyllis Dennis Marguerite Whiteland	Grace Whiteland
Sunday, September 16 10:00 a.m.	Noreen and Peter Shea	Doug and Mary Roughton	Deacon Shawn Souder Peter Verhoeven Mary Gilliard Maureen Laurin	Isabelle and Liam Heffernan

ST. JOHN BOSCO 22ND ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW: Our annual craft show will take place on **Saturday, October 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Christmas shop in a welcome friendly atmosphere. Enjoy lunch in Marguerite's kitchen. Door prizes, wheelchair accessible. Admission \$2.00. **There are still a few tables available. Please contact Heather Charbonneau at hcharbonneau@cogeco.ca if interested.**

JUNIOR LITURGY NEEDS YOUR HELP: During the summer months, we had two members of our Junior Liturgy team retire. We would like to thank them for their assistance in the past years. We are in need of volunteers to help us continue this program at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. No experience is needed – the lesson plans and craft ideas for each Sunday are provided. If you have the love of God and children and are willing to help out, please contact Father Jacob or the parish office at 613-342-5095.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Prayerful best wishes to all who are celebrating wedding anniversaries in September:

Eileen and Dave McCrae 33 years September 15
Maxine and Brian Enright 29 years September 23
Norah and Wallace White 56 years September 29

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE FUND: There will be a collection for the Property Maintenance fund next week. This fund is used solely to finance all the improvements made at the church and rectory.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: The first Fall CWL meeting will take place on **Tuesday, September 25th at 7:00 pm.** Hand-crafted donations for the CWL table at the October 13th Craft Show are needed. Time to get busy!

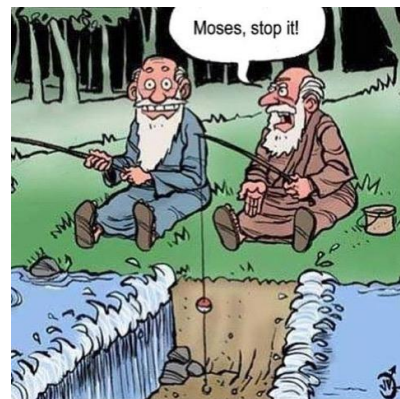
JOHN SANDS CONCERT: The Knights of Columbus Council 1049 are having a fundraising concert with **John Sands at St. John Bosco Parish Centre on September 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** A reception will be held following the concert. Tickets are \$15.00 per person. Tickets are available through Al Minifie at 613-342-6845 or at the parish office.

SHOEBOXES FOR SENIORS: The 2018 campaign began on August 15 and runs until December 31. This program which consists of shoeboxes filled with essential hygiene items for seniors are offered under the Canadian Aid for Chernobyl, a charitable organization based in Brockville. For further information, contact Mary Bernard at 613-342-6589.

MASS AT ST. MARY'S CEMETERY: St. Joseph's Parish will celebrate Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery on **Sunday, September 16, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at 718 Division Street, Kingston.** Archbishop O'Brien will preside. Please invite others who might wish to join you; and bring a hat and lawn chair for your comfort and convenience. For information, please contact St. Joseph's parish office at 613-547-5004.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: On **Wednesday, September 26, at the 12:10 pm Mass,** the Sacrament of The Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated communally in St. Francis Xavier Parish for senior citizens, those who are ill, and anyone who feels they are in need of the special graces this sacrament confers. There will be Holy Hour as usual beginning at 11:00 a.m. A light lunch will be served following Mass. As we prepare this celebration, all parishioners are encouraged to pray for the sick in our parish that God's healing love will be experienced in some way by all who participate.

JOKE OF THE WEEK:



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