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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 'B' – SEPTEMBER 8TH 2024
“ΕΡΗΦΑΘΑ!” – THAT IS, “BE OPENED!” –



In today's reading, Jesus heals a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. 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.”

XXIII DOMINGO ORDINARIO 'B' "¡EFFETÁ!" QUE QUIERE DECIR "¡ÁBRETE!"

En la lectura de hoy, Jesús sana a un hombre sordo y con problemas de habla. Sin embargo, algunos ven en este Evangelio una imagen de la proclamación de la buena noticia de Jesús a los gentiles.

Las referencias geográficas nos dicen que Jesús está viajando por territorio gentil. Jesús ya había visitado esta región y había sanado a una persona poseída por un demonio. Jesús ya era famoso allí, lo que explica por qué la gente le llevó al hombre sordo. La historia que precede a esta lectura en el Evangelio de Marcos prepara el escenario. Jesús se encuentra con una gentil, una mujer sirofenicia que le pide que sane a su hija poseída por un demonio. Jesús entabla un diálogo con ella sobre no dar a los perros la comida destinada a los niños. Jesús queda impresionado por la gran fe de la mujer cuando ella responde que incluso los perros comen la comida que cae de la mesa, y él sana a su hija inmediatamente. La fe de esta mujer pagana obliga a Jesús a responder a su súplica.

Marcos muestra que la propia misión de Jesús afirma la misión de la Iglesia primitiva hacia los gentiles. Este fue un tema importante para la comunidad cristiana primitiva, que descubrió que la buena noticia de Jesús arraigó y se difundió rápidamente entre los gentiles. Sin embargo, hay una ironía en la historia de la curación que cuenta Marcos. Jesús le da al hombre el don de la palabra, pero luego le dice que no lo use. Jesús pide que no se difunda la noticia de su poder sanador, que es evidencia de su identidad como el Mesías. Este es un motivo recurrente en el Evangelio de Marcos y a veces se lo llama el “secreto mesiánico”.

MOTHER TERESA AND ST. JOHN PAUL II: A LOOK AT THEIR HOLY FRIENDSHIP

Today is the eighth anniversary of **Mother Teresa's** canonization. Pope Francis **declared her a saint** on Sept. 4, 2016 — just over a dozen years after she was beatified by her friend and fellow saint, Pope John Paul II.

St. Teresa of Calcutta, who was born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu, gained fame around the world for caring for the poorest of the poor and sharing Christ's love with them. She founded the Missionaries of Charity, the religious order that carries on her work today around the world. St. John Paul II and Mother Teresa, two of the most famous and consequential Catholic saints of the 20th century, weren't just friends. As followers of Christ, they complemented each other in profound ways, with Mother Teresa putting into practice so many of the Catholic teachings that John Paul eloquently taught. “Where John Paul provided the theological and intellectual foundation for understanding human dignity in the face of the great darkness of the 20th century — abortion, euthanasia, atheism, communism, and materialism — Mother Teresa was a living witness to what the pope was teaching,” the editors of the National Catholic Register **noted in 2016.**



Though Mother Teresa was a decade older than John Paul, they both experienced significant milestones in their faith lives in 1946 — he was ordained a priest that year and Sister Teresa heard a “call within a call” to serve the poor on the streets of Calcutta. Throughout both of their lives, they were deeply devoted to the Virgin Mary and to the rosary. In 1986, the pope visited Mother Teresa's hospice center, Nirmal Hriday, which she had founded in 1952 in the heart of the slums in Calcutta. Tens of thousands of sick and forgotten people, who would otherwise have perished on the streets, died a dignified death at the center over the decades.

According to news reports, Pope John Paul was “visibly moved” and even disturbed by what he saw at the hospice, such that he was rendered speechless. He called Nirmal Hriday “a place that bears witness to the primacy of love.”

“Our human dignity comes from God ... in whose image we are all made. No amount of privation or suffering can ever remove this dignity, for we are always precious in the eyes of God,” he said in a **speech** given outside the center. In Nirmal Hriday, “the mystery of human suffering meets the mystery of faith and love,” the pope continued; there, people ask every day why God would allow such death and suffering.

“And the answer that comes, often in unspoken ways of kindness and compassion, is filled with honesty and faith: ‘I cannot fully answer all your questions; I cannot take away all your pain. But of this I am sure: God loves you with an everlasting love. You are precious in his sight. In him I love you too. For in God we are truly brothers and sisters,’” the pope said. Mother Teresa later described the day of the pope's visit as “the happiest day of my life.”

SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Wednesday — Friday, 12 noon

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 PM

Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 AM in English,
Spanish Mass: 2nd Sunday of the Month at
1:00 pm in the Church.

4th Saturday of the month at 7:00pm in
Cachagua.

Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:30 PM and by appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday — Friday:
10 AM - 12 PM; 2 - 4 PM

The church is open Wednesday — Sunday
from 10 AM to 4 PM for personal prayer.

MASS INTENTIONS

September 7th — 15st 2024

Sat. Vigil Sep. 7th 4:30: **Health of Newt Bayless**

Sun. Sep. 8th 9:00 : **Int. of the Zabala Family**

11:15 + Ida Vanade

1:00pm (**Misa en Espanol**) + **Almas en el Purgatorio**

Wed. Sep. 11th 12:00: + **Jeanne Moure**

Thu. Sep. 12th 12:00 + **Lori Sweiss**

Fri. Sep. 13th 12:00: + **Elizabeth Groves**

Sat. Aug. 14th 4:30: + **Pilar Paredes & Roman Selis**

Sun. Sep. 15th 9:00: + **Health of Newt Bayless**

11:00: **Int. of Rose Finn as she leaves for college**

MAY THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED,
THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE. AMEN

WEEKLY COLLECTION

August 17th & 18th: \$ 2,756.71

August 25th & 25: \$1,760.63

Mission Appeal: \$

Aug. 31st & Sep. 1st: \$

PARISH STAFF

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Music Ministry

4:30 pm Sat. Mass: **Kim Hartford**

9:00 am Sun. Mass: **Stefania Ortiz**

11:15 am Sun. Mass **Parish Choir**

Angelica Lozano

Custodian

PARISH VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES

Pastoral Council

- Dede Woodhead (chair), Alondra Klemek (vice chair), Jeff Hawkins (secretary), Daryl Lyon, Sean Devine, Trini Resendiz

Finance Council

- Alex Gray (chair), Jim Rice (secretary), A.B. Introcaso, Jack McAleer, Ed Quinnan

Faith Formation

- **First Communion:** Michele Higa (1st year) Susan Franks (2nd year) Jennifer Bodner Supply teacher:
- **Confirmation:** Alondra Klemek (1st year).
- **RCIA / Adult Faith Formation:** Derwin Borling

Bereavement Ministry:

Trudy Dowd

Manna Ministry:

Janice Hawkins

Human Trafficking

Brendan Cook

Parish Hall & Events:

Berni Aliotti

Social Media:

Lorraine Yglesias

Website:

John Finn

Lectors:

Dede Woodhead

Ministers of the Eucharist:

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SAINT OF THE WEEK: SEP. 9TH:

**SAINT PETER CLAVER
PRIEST.**

Born at 1581 at Verdu, Catalonia, Spain in 1581, Saint Peter Claver was the son of a farmer. He studied at the University of Barcelona and entered the Jesuits at age 20. After his ordination as a priest he was influenced by Saint Alphonsus Rodriguez to become a missionary in America. He ministered physically and spiritually to slaves when they arrived in Cartegena, Colombia, having converting a reported 300,000, and working for the humane treatment on the plantations for 40 years. He organized charitable societies among the Spanish in the New World similar to those organized in Europe by Saint Vincent de Paul.



Saint Peter died on 8 September 1654 at Cartegena of natural causes

EVENT CALENDAR

SAVE THE DATE

Sun. Sep. 8th **Ministry Fair.** After all the weekend Masses. Sign Up to be part of our Ministries. We need your help!

Catechetical Sunday Sep. 15th. Blessing of the Catechists at the 9:00 am Mass. Beginning of Sunday School.

God Incidents IV—More True Stories of God Working in the Lives of Catholics is coming.

OLMC parishioner and author, Thomas Lukes, is seeking "storytellers" for his fourth book in the series. If you have a story that you are willing to share for publication in his next book, you can contact him at

ShareGodIncidents@gmail.com.

He will interview you and then write your story for your review. All money raised after expenses will help to support Religious Formation programs in the diocese. To date, more than \$16,000 has been raised.



Manna Ministry needs your help!



Manna Ministry is in need of cereal & breakfast bars. Please drop your donations in the gray bin at the back of church.

Thank you for your support.