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## **TWENTY- THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ SEPTEMBER 8, 2024**

### **WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

**Saturday, September 14** - 4:30 p.m. - St, Vincent de Paul - ♥*For the Faithful*

**Saturday, September 14** - 6:00 p.m. - St. Joseph - †*Ellen, †Tommy, †Godfrey & †Percy George*

**Sunday, September 15** - 11:00 a.m. - Star of the Sea, Canso - †*George Wilfred O'Hearn*

### **WEEKDAY SCHEDULE**

**Thursday, September 12** - 6:00 p.m. - St. Anthony's Chapel - ♥*For the Faithful*

**COMMUNION CALLS** - Available when requested, please contact the parish office.

### **REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS: *Hearing Comes Before Speaking***

*The man brought to Jesus was deaf and also had an impediment in his speech. It was only when his ears were opened by Jesus that he began to speak clearly. This is a reminder to us that our ability to speak depends on our capacity to hear. Hearing comes before speaking. This is also true in our dealings with others. Our capacity to hear someone is more important than what we speak to the person or do for the person. One of the ways we mediate God's creative power to others is by listening attentively to them. That act of listening can be powerfully life-giving by itself. When people are listened to in a non-judgmental way, they can begin to come alive in new ways. In the light of today's readings, we might pray this Sunday for the grace to discern the ways in which the Lord is calling us to be channels of his creative power in our world today.*

### **SUNDAY COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU!**

Star of the Sea (32)	725.00
Loose	120.00
Winter Fuel (2)	40.00
St. Agnes (12)	190.00
Loose	30.00
St. Joseph (17)	212.00
Loose	15.00
Donation	40.00
St. Vincent de Paul (5)	115.00
Loose	5.00

### **STAR OF THE SEA NEWS**

Vestry Clean - Up - is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 24 9:30 a.m.** This will be major house cleaning, going through old items and materials that are no longer needed will be thrown out. Any and all help

would be appreciated. **We will also be preparing the vestry for Celebration of Mass when it gets colder.**

Property/Finance Committee - Tuesday, October 1 at 6:15 p.m. We desperately need members for this committee.

Ministries Schedule, September 15

Lector - Paul Smith

Cleaners - Sept 15 - 21 - Baker girls

Ways & Means -

September 24 - Club 100 draw

Trivia Night scheduled for October 5, - Canso Hazel Hill Fire Hall, 7:00 p.m.

**ST. JOSEPH NEWS** Please note - We have finished painting the hall at a cost of \$11,800.00. We are asking for donations to help cover the cost. All donations would be

greatly appreciated. Thank your for your support!

September 8, 2024 • 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year B

## Be Healed - Keep Quiet

*This Week's Readings at Mass*

- ▶ Isaiah 35:4-7a - Israel's deliverance
- ▶ James 2:1-5 - Against favoritism
- ▶ Mark 7:31-37 - Healing of a deaf-mute

Jesus' ancestors awaited a savior who would work miracles with great power, opening the eyes of the blind, opening the ears of the deaf, and healing the lame. What they probably didn't imagine was a person like Jesus who healed people even in areas like the Decapolis, where most people did not worship the Jewish God. Even less would they have imagined a Messiah who would heal by sticking his fingers in ears and sharing his saliva by touching other people's tongues! Another surprise and mystery for Jesus' followers was his insistence that the people he healed keep quiet about the miracles.

No one knows for sure what Jesus' desire for secrecy was all about, but there are several theories. Perhaps he understood that the more "PR" he got, the less he would be able to move about freely to continue his ministry. Maybe Jesus realized that as soon as he became a public figure, his teaching and preaching would make him enemies and shorten the time before they killed him for his outspoken views. Maybe Jesus didn't want to be known as a sensationalist, a magician, or a miracle worker (there were others in his time and culture), because his message went far beyond physical healing.

The irony of the story is that after Jesus healed a deaf and mute man, the man *couldn't* keep quiet, so Jesus' fame spread in a



foreign territory which had previously been "deaf" to his teachings.

## Questions of the Week

- 1 When have you had an experience when you were surprised by healing words or actions from an unexpected person or or situation?
- 2 Jesus worked this particular miracle outside of a synagogue and outside of his own Jewish community. In what "Decapolis" have you seen God at work (i.e. outside of your religious tradition)?

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