



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

8:30 **BW** Special Intentions of Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

10:30 **DE** Charlie O'Leary from Barbara Juengling

12:00 **DE** Jim & Betty O'Toole from Frank & Stephanie O'Toole

Monday, September 6, Labor Day

12:10 Pat Coyne from Norbert Coyne

Tuesday, September 7

12:10 Rosellen Creighton from The Creighton Family

Wednesday, September 8, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:10 Glen Dudley from Mark & Deborah Wilson

Thursday, September 9, St Peter Claver, Priest

12:10 Terry Bolton from Ray Kemble

Friday, September 10

12:00 Joseph Ferguson from Don & Mary Lee Olinger

Saturday, September 11

12:10 **BW** Margaret McCafferty from Don & Mary Lee Olinger

7:00 **BW** Patricia Dolle from The Wheeler Family

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

8:30 **SA** Special Intentions of Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

10:30 **EW** Dave Nauss from Meg Nauss

12:00 **EW** Rose Quehl from Kay & Bill Russ

From the Pastor's Desk

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Here at St. Rose

Bradley Bero and Carly Shumrick will be united in the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony this weekend.

Makayla Jane Poponyak, August Joseph Haenning and Georgia Grace Musekamp were welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

In an effort to increase our internet security, we will no longer be using strosecin@aol.com as our church email address. Please remove this address from your contact list. Moving forward, please use the new church address: office@strosecincinnati.org. Thank you for your cooperation!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

We are thrilled to announce the return of our annual Christmas Concerts this year on Thursday, December 16th at 7:30 PM; Friday, December 17th at 7:30 PM; and Sunday, December 19th at 3:00 PM. Because we were sadly not able to do so in 2020, this year we will be honoring Fr. Barry's 20-year anniversary as pastor of St. Rose with the world premiere of *Ring Out, Ye Bells!* by internationally acclaimed composer Dominick DiOrio, who composed the work in Fr. Barry's honor. Tickets will be released early to parishioners in the coming month or so. In the meantime, mark your calendars!

REVIEW and COMMENT ON DRAFT "FAMILIES OF PARISHES" – Make sure your voice is heard! Beacons of Light, the archdiocese-wide pastoral planning process currently underway, will result in all parishes being grouped into "Families" under the leadership of one pastor. A draft of this plan will be shared for public comment October 1-20 at www.CatholicAOC.org/Beacons. Do not miss this opportunity to provide your input to this important initiative which will shape the future of our archdiocese.

Sacred Relics Of The Saints: Treasures Of The Church

St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish presents a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on Tuesday, September 7 at 6:30 pm beginning in the church. **Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be here with an extraordinary Vatican collection of over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years.** Among the treasures will be relics of St. Joseph, St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. There will also be a portion of the Veil of Our Lady and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. Throughout history, many healings have been worked in the presence of relics; and thousands have occurred through this ministry. Do not miss this opportunity! You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members, which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession. For most, this will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Please spread the word. For more information go to <https://treasuresofthechurch.com/>.

Sunday Sunshine

- ~ Youth would be an ideal state if it came a little later in life (Herbert Henry Asquith)
- ~ Don't go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first. (Mark Twain)
- ~ The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending and having the two as close together as possible (George Burns)

This Weekend's Hymns

All hymns can be found in the Seasonal Missalette.

Opening Hymn: #296

Communion: #204

Closing Hymn: #284

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Opening Prayer

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

Very likely, the man in today's gospel reading had been the butt of jokes and unsympathetic mimicry as he stuttered his life away in his small, isolated world. Yet some of his acquaintances are compassionate enough to bring him to Jesus, begging Jesus to speak to the man in the only language he can understand—the language of touch.

Touching the man's ears and tongue, Jesus speaks a single word: "Ephphatha" ("Be opened!") It would not have been such an unintelligible word or a magical incantation in the Decapolis where many spoke a kind of Aramaic dialect. But it is more important that not only the deaf man hears this word, but that all who come to Jesus recognize this as the command to us of the most open One—open to God's will, open to healing of the suffering of our brothers and sisters.

What happens next is a new creation, such as that hoped for by Isaiah in the first reading. With open ears and unshackled tongue, the man speaks plainly—to Jesus, for they are on their own. Here is a model of discipleship that is recalled in the baptismal rite of every Christian. As the child's or adult's ears and mouth are touched by the minister of the sacrament, these words accompany the action in what is still called the Ephphatha rite: "The Lord Jesus made the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak. May he (soon) touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father." Throughout our lives we need to come to Jesus or be brought to him by the compassion of others, for the healing of whatever is an impediment to our baptismal commitment.

Closing Prayer

Divine Voice, your gift of faith gives each of us an opportunity to see and hear as you would: to see and hear you all around us, and to see and hear others as you do. Ephphatha! you cry: open too for us our hearts, our souls, our very selves. Amen.



For Reflection:

In the gospel, Jesus heals a deaf man through touch and the words "Ephphatha"—that is, "Be opened!" In what ways is Jesus calling you to be more open to his wisdom and word?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

- 1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in The Roman Missal called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayer."

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Gospel

Mark 7:31-37

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!"—And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly.



He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Readings for the week

Table with 8 columns: 23rd Sunday in Ord. Time, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Nativity of Virgin Mary, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 24th Sunday in Ord. Time. Each column lists biblical readings.