



Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand

on him. After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means "Be opened!"). At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly. Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." *Mark 7:31-37*

Mass Intentions

This Weekend

Saturday RIP Blicharz & Ponak Families
September 4 4:00 PM By: Deacon John & Jane Blicharz

Sunday RIP Michael Shaughnessy
September 5 9:00 AM By: Sean Doyle, James & Ryan Jones

Daily Masses

No Masses Monday /Tuesday

Wednesday No Mass
 September 8

Thursday No Mass
 September 9

Friday RIP John James
 September 10 9:00 AM By: Shaughnessy Family

Next Weekend

Saturday RIP Susan Whitcomb
September 11 4:00 PM By: Her Family

Sunday RIP Cathy & Travis Parker
September 12 9:00 AM By: Betsy & Charlie Bashaw



The Office will be closed on Monday September 6th in observance of Labor Day.

Readings for the Week of September 6, 2021.

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7-10/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
Monday: Col 1:24 – 2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Mi 5:1a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6abc/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
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 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-6, 8-9/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Parish Support

Weekend of August 28, 2021 & August 29, 2021

Weekly Offertory: \$ 1495.00
 Envelopes \$ 763.00
 Loose Donations \$ 732.00
 Votive Candles \$ 43.50
 \$ 1538.50

Last Year's Offertory Collection
August 23, 2020 \$ 1682.00



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St. Joseph the Provider, Feed the Hungry

On Dec. 8, 2020 Pope Francis declared a "Year of St. Joseph" to commemorate the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being named patron of the Universal Church. The year began that day and will end this year on Dec. 8, 2021. Love and devotion to St. Joseph are particularly close to us here in the Diocese of Burlington as our cathedral is named for him and places us under his protection. There is much to consider and ponder concerning St. Joseph and his importance to the Church. Much will be offered for our devotion to him during this patronal year St. Joseph, patron of the Church, pray for us." – Bishop Christopher Coyne For more information please go to: <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/about/year-of-st-joseph/feed-the-hungry/>

St Nicholas Project to benefit Kurn Hattin Homes for Children

The St. Nicholas Project is conducting its fall fundraiser, "Shoes for St. Nicholas." They are inviting Catholics throughout the diocese to make a donation to the Kurn Hattin Homes for Children to help the staff purchase new shoes and winter boots for the boys and girls. Kurn Hattin is a non-profit residential care facility for boys and girls ages 5-15 located in Westminster, VT. Fr. Lance W. Harlow founded The St. Nicholas Project as an association of Catholics who help support the children's home with material and financial donations. You can make an on-line donation by visiting: www.thestnicholasproject.com and go to the Donate icon. Or, mail a check directly to: Kurn Hattin Homes for Children P.O. Box 127 Westminster, VT 05158. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Harlow at: lwharlow@sover.net. Thank you for remembering the boys and girls at the children's home and for being their special guardian angels. God bless you!

Pray for Healing and Comfort Especially for: Dan Green, Deb Etheridge, Ron Etheridge, Lori Miller, Frances Vaine, Barbara Stickney, Mary H. Smith, Constance Burns, Deacon John Blicharz, Doreen Aldrich, Warren Peschl, Theresa Naudeder, Verda Raymond, Monica Luedtke, Lois Woodard, Joseph Marion, Jr., Paul Desruisseaux, Betsy Bashaw, Betsy & Bob Anderson, Frances Gallagher, Mary Damon, Grace Shelc, Tom Shelc, Ed Hindes, Maria Coyne, Madison Bills, Robert Brown, Mary Folsom, Lorraine Reynolds, Bob Hanold, Marilyn Lemoine, Patrick Barry, Robert Fogg, Bernie Hindes, Ted Waryas, Peter Bodner, Ellah Williams, Fred Waryas, Maybelle Long, Joseph Mitchell, Heather Rodger, Patricia Jones, Frances Hackett, Colleen Paquet, David Robarge, Kathy Mcarthy, Tom Burns, Mary Lou Fogg, Jim Nyberg, Cheryl Elyse Garrett, Ed Atkins. **Please contact the rectory (463-3128) if you wish Father Agnel Samy to make a sick call or bring Holy Communion to someone who is unable to attend Mass.**

Bishop's Annual Appeal

Please consider a gift to the Bishop's Appeal. To learn more visit: bishopsappealvt.org. **Please choose St. Charles Parish.** As of August 25th St. Charles is at \$ 6403.00 which is 32% of our goal of \$20,199.85

The Social Center is Moving



Calling ALL Volunteers!!! We still need some strong people to help us move the remaining items from the social center to the old school building. We are about 65% done with the

move. If you have a truck, or a van that can haul these items we will be moving everything that is left throughout the month of August. **PLEASE, ANY And ALL** Help is greatly appreciated!

Come celebrate the life and teachings Saint John Newman. October 10, 2021 Essex Junction VT

You are cordially invited to celebrate the life and teachings of Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman on Sunday, October 10th, at Holy Family Church Hall in Essex Junction, from 4 - 8:00 pm. The evening will include Solemn Vespers, dinner and dessert, and two presentations on the life and thought of Cardinal Newman, featuring a guest speaker from St. Thomas Aquinas College, as well as Fr. Kevin Chalifoux. \$10 per person/\$15 for two/\$5 for each additional guest. For more information or to RSVP by October 3rd: VermontNewman@gmail.com

Please pray for the soul of Kathleen Redmond who has passed, her funeral mass was on Saturday, August 28, 2021, may she rest in the peace of Christ's love.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today we continue to hear the Gospel of Mark proclaimed. In today's reading, Jesus heals a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. This is a story about Jesus' healing power, and in it we find clues about our understanding of sacrament. We are struck by the physical means used to heal the man, the use of spittle and touch. The Church continues to celebrate the sacraments using physical means. In the Sacrament of Baptism, water and oil are used to show the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are anointed with holy oil on the forehead and the hands. In the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. We are a sacramental people who believe that God's grace is given to us through these physical signs. 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. 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."

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Faith, it does not make things easy, it makes them possible *Luke 1:37*