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GOD LIFTS US UP

Our readings this Sunday describe God's work of liberation for those who are vulnerable. Isaiah portrays the coming of God in terms of the healing of the blind, the deaf, and the lame. James notes that God chooses the poor to be rich in faith. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus heals a deaf person who has a speech impediment. The readings remind us of the acute struggles of the disabled, the excluded, and the poor. In the last year and a half, the pandemic has reminded us that we are all vulnerable, that illness and death are near us always. Today we hear that God's presence is revealed when God lifts us up, and when we join God to lift each other up. Our care for others, especially those in greatest need, can be our grateful response to God's healing of us in our own vulnerability.

BLESSING FOR ALL

The story of the deaf man related in today's Gospel is one of several descriptions of extraordinary healings in this part of Mark's Gospel. Mark leads readers to understand that in Jesus, God is fulfilling the divine promises prophesied by Isaiah: "the ears of the deaf (will) be cleared . . . the tongue of the mute will sing." When the deaf can hear and the mute can sing, this sign of the coming of God means that the gifts of sight and hearing are now available, not only for the individuals involved, but for their families and the whole community around them.

There is a "ripple effect" of blessing extending well beyond individual healing. Those isolated by deafness and speech impediments could now fully participate in common life. With their inclusion, the community itself receives healing. In the Gospels, salvation is always inclusive and wholistic. God brings blessing to one small part of creation, so to extend blessing to all of creation.

BOTH LOVE AND CRITIQUE

For those who first heard today's passage from the letter of James, it probably struck a nerve. James challenged the local church's treatment of the poor as compared to the rich. It might strike a nerve for us too, because we live in a society where the wealthy are very much privileged, and the honoring of wealth is deeply ingrained in our cultural value system. James warns the church not to imitate the class distinctions made in the broader society. The Gospel proclaims that we are all equally God's children.

The church typically lives in a particular place and within a dominant culture. The church is always called upon to reflect upon its faithfulness to the Gospel, discerning whether it absorbs cultural values and attitudes that conflict with the Gospel. The church is called to love and nourish the culture, and at the same time to speak in critique of its idolatries. These challenges continue in our own parish communities, here and now.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 35:4-7a
Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
James 2:1-5
Mark 7:31-37

Mass Schedule

Monday.....8:30 am
Tuesday.....8:30 am
Wednesday.....6:30 pm
Thursday.....8:30 am
Friday.....8:30 am
Saturday.....4:30 pm
Sunday...8:30/10:30 am

Confession

Saturday.....3:30 pm
Also, by appointment

Baptism

Parents of infants to be baptized, call parish office to request a meeting with Fr. Tom.



Parish Office

Hours:

Monday through
Thursday
8:30 am—4:00 pm
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Twenty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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Mass Intentions

Sat., Sept. 4	Weekday in Ordinary Time
4:30 pm	Louis Rexing
Sun., Sept. 5	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am	For the Parishioners
10:30 am	John Hagan
Mon., Sept. 6	Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am	Bob & Jane Magee
Tues., Sept. 7	Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am	Jacob Long
Wed., Sept. 8	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
6:30 pm	Jim & Joan Friedrich
Thur., Sept. 9	St. Peter Claver
8:30 am	Helen Stalcup
Fri., Sept. 10	Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am	Students of OLQP
Sat., Sept. 11	Weekday in Ordinary Time
4:30 pm	Barbara Toppmeyer
Sun., Sept. 12	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am	For the Parishioners
10:30 am	John Hagans

Prayer Requests

The sick: Conor Vogel, Keita Salantai, Mary Wagner, Charlie Mattingly, Noah Rogers, Becky Gray, Marguerite Hufker, Dan McRae, Mary Overton, Don Laird, Maxine Calhoon, Gloria Matthews, Dianne Morin, Vi Perkhiser, Bev Randolph, John Richter, Jennifer Price, Robert and Pauline Lange, Elli Wiemers, Christine Scheffel, Toni Stanford, Tim Phillips, Kennedy Stalcup, William Henderson, Helen Nagy, Peggy & Ralph Ruhmann, Kathy Menke, Mike Byers, JoAnn Laird. **For prayer requests in the bulletin, call the parish office, 377-6519. For prayer requests to be added to the email prayer chain, send requests to Marie at rejoy128@gmail.com**



Our Sincere Thanks

On behalf of the family of **John, Missy, and Dominic Cafazza**, we would like to thank everyone for all of the love, prayers, support, donations, meals, and Masses we received during this time of grief.

We would like to especially thank Father Tom, the Praise and Worship Group, and the men and women who organized, served, and donated food for the funeral meal.

We would like to also thank Father Don and the parish of Holy Angels for opening their arms to us for the funeral Mass.

Your kind expressions of sympathy, love, and thoughtfulness are deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged by our family. We feel incredibly blessed to be surrounded by so many friends, family, and this whole community during this very sad and difficult time.

God bless each and every one of you.

**The Family of
John, Missy & Dominic Cafazza**

Dear Parishioners, Do You Know Your Faith? (All answers begin with 'A')

- What is the title for someone who has authority over other bishops in a province...i.e. The Province of Illinois?
A. Archdeacon B. Archbishop C. St. Louis Arch
- What language did Jesus speak?
A. Arabic B. Aramaic C. Armenian
- What is the term that is used for the end of the world?
- What is the Latin for Hail Mary?
- What is the sin that is based on the inordinate love of wealth?
A. Addiction B. Avarice C. Accumulation

Father Tom

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO BE A DEACON?

There will be an informational meeting at St. Mary's Parish Center, 1215 Milton Rd, Alton, on September 16, 2021 at 6:30 PM. The Diocesan Director for the diaconate, Deacon Dave Sorrell will present the exciting news of a new class for those interested in the Permanent Diaconate Program beginning Fall 2022. Other deacons and their wives will be present and will share their own vocations stories - how they sensed God calling them to this service in the Church.

The Diaconate is open to men between the ages of 32 and 57 who are active in the practice of their faith and who desire to grow in relationship with Our Lord in service to their Parish Community. If interested, and if married, wives are most welcome and encouraged to attend.

If you have questions please feel free to reach out to Deacon Dave at: dsorrell@dio.org

Mom's Club

Seeking all moms: moms-to-be, preschool moms, teenage moms, and veteran moms. Come as you are, children are welcome. Join in the fun and fellowship on Monday, **September 20th 6:30pm** in the church basement. Bring your favorite appetizer or dessert.

Sunday Offerings

Week 9	Aug. 28-29, 2021	Total to Date
Loose	\$306.00	\$3,281.00
Envelopes	\$7,501.00	\$77,745.25
On Line Giving	\$4,616.00	\$26,880.00
Young People	\$5.00	\$32.62
Total	\$12,428.00	\$107,938.87
Operating Budget	\$14,477.83	\$130,300.47
Tithe to Diocese	\$1,384.62	\$12,461.58
Difference	(\$3,434.45)	(\$34,823.18)
Total Envelopes received: 165 of 763 Building Maintenance Fund Donations: \$40.00 Other Charitable Donations: \$2,091.00		

September 5, 2021

Liturgical Ministries

4:30 pm	Saturday, September 11
Lector	Teresa Toner
E.Ministers	Judy Osborne, Bob Sulsberger
Ushers	Rich & Sue Hayes Brian & Mary Stacks
Rosary	Tim Zacha
Music	Adult Choir
8:30 am	Sunday, September 12
Lector	Mary Ann Klunk
E. Ministers	Paula Mattix-Wand, Andy Kerkemeyer
Ushers	Dan & Martha Smith Joe Grabowski, Ray Meyer
Rosary	Brenda Tebbe
Music	Craig/Kathy
10:30 am	Sunday, September 12
Lector	Lee Gonterman
E. Ministers	Justin Wilhite, Marci Stein
Ushers	Kathy Wilson, Diane Waldo Tim & Tammy Sasek
Music	Praise Team

Annual KC Tootsie Roll Drive

KC Tootsie Roll Drive for people with Intellectual Disabilities - Sept. 17 & 18—To help collect money for these



Groups (standing on a street crossing), call Leo Mushill, 618-616-9058. Last year we collected for Special Olympics, Madison County ARC, Cardinal Glennon Development Center and Special Education at School District #8 (Bethalto)

PSR Registration/Teachers Needed

Hello OLQP families! PSR registration is now open for students K-8, and the registration form and handbook are available on the church website and in the church office. Please submit completed forms to the church office or to a member of the PSR team if available after Mass. PSR will be on Wednesday nights, and we will begin on September 15th with Mass and an ice cream social immediately afterward. All students and their families are welcome to attend.

We are also in need of teachers, so please prayerfully consider volunteering even if you don't have prior experience!

Please send an email to psr@olqpbethalto.org or call Sam Waldo at 580-8725 with any questions. Thank you and God bless you!"

RCIA News

A very special invitation to all of our friends who worship with us at Mass, who join us in our parish and school activities and fundraisers, but who are not full members of the Church. RCIA sessions start **Wed., Sept. 8**, and held every Wed., 7—8:30 pm in the church basement. This is your personal invitation to join us and learn more about the Catholic Faith. Call the Parish office @ 377-6519 for more information or simply join us Wed, Sept. 8th. You may also call or e-mail Tim @377-5725, tzac54@sbcglobal.net or Jay @ (217) 827-1406, jay@allied.construction

A Reflection

The following reflection is courtesy of Don Schwager © 2021. Don's website is located at Dailyscripture.net

How do you expect the Lord Jesus to treat you when you ask for his help? Do you approach with fear and doubt, or with faith and confidence? Jesus never turned anyone aside who approached him with sincerity and trust. And whatever Jesus did, he did well. He demonstrated both the beauty and goodness of God in his actions.

The Lord's touch awakens faith and brings healing When Jesus approaches a man who is both deaf and a stutterer, Jesus shows his considerateness for this man's predicament. Jesus takes him aside privately, not doubt to remove him from embarrassment with a noisy crowd of gawkers (onlookers). Jesus then puts his fingers into the deaf man's ears and he touches the man's tongue with his own spittle to physically identify with this man's infirmity and to awaken faith in him. With a word of command the poor man's ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. What is the significance of Jesus putting his fingers into the man's ears? Gregory the Great, a church father from the 6th century, comments on this miracle: "The Spirit is called the finger of God. When the Lord puts his fingers into the ears of the deaf mute, he was opening the soul of man to faith through the gifts of the Holy Spirit."

The transforming power of kindness and compassion The people's response to this miracle testifies to Jesus' great care for others: He has done all things well. No problem or burden was too much for Jesus' careful consideration. The Lord treats each of us with kindness and compassion and he calls us to treat one another in like manner. The Holy Spirit who dwells within us enables us to love as Jesus loves. Do you show kindness and compassion to your neighbors and do you treat them with considerateness as Jesus did?

"Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and inflame my heart with love and compassion. Make me attentive to the needs of others that I may show them kindness and care. Make me an instrument of your mercy and peace that I may help others find healing and wholeness in you."

KC Chicken Dinner

Sunday, Sept. 19, 11:15 am—2:00 pm

Dine In, All-You-Can-Eat: \$12 Adults, \$6 Children (ages 5-10)
Drive Thru or Carry Out: \$12 for half chicken or five (5) chicken strips, and choice of three (3) sides

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Side Options: Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Potatoes & Gravy
Proceeds go to KC Charities and (OLQP Parish)

Save the Date

Public Square Rosary Rally, Sat, Oct 9th, 12 Noon in front of school by Mary Statue. Bring rosary and a chair
For more information contact co-coordinators Andy Kerkemeyer (andy.kerkemeyer@woolpert.com) or Brenda Tebbe (628-407-0233 or btebbe8356@att.net).

Do You Know Your Faith Answers

1. Archbishop
2. Aramaic
3. Apocalypse or Armageddon
4. Ave Maria
5. Avarice

Attention Ladies of the Parish

SDCCW 92nd Annual convention: **Wed., Sept. 29**, 8 am -4:30 pm, Jacksonville, IL. *"Living God's Plan for Life, Love and the Family."* Speaker: Coleen Kelly Mast.
More info, call Mary Terry, 830-0104



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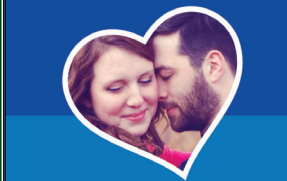
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