

Mass Intentions for the Week	
Sat Sept 7	22nd SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 am	Fatima Shrine Volunteers & Employees
11:30	Soul of Anthony Remedios 🕆
4:00	Gene & Genevieve Pacia 🕆
<u>Sun Sept 8</u>	23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am	Devotees of Bl. Angelo de Furci
12:00 pm	Madonna delle Grazie ~ Pentone, Italy
5:00 pm	Mary Anne Freitag & Bernie
<u>Mon Sept 9</u>	ST PETER CLAVER
11:30 am	Perpetual Mass
4:00 pm	Ann, John, Peter Picciocca
<u>Tue Sept 10</u>	TUE 23rd WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
11:30 am	Edward & Amy Mikitka
4:00 pm	A. Gnanamuthu
Wed Sept 11	WED 23rd WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
11:30 am	Anne & Rohan 50th Wedding Annv.
4:00 pm	Mary Czapla
<u>Thu Sept 12</u>	THE MOSE HOLY NAME OF MARY
11:30 pm	Robert "Bob" Connors
4:00 pm	Hildegard "Chris" Balash
<u>Fri Sept 13</u>	ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM
11:30 am	Silvio & Adele Silvagni
4:00 pm	G. Elizabeth
<u>Sat Sept 14</u>	EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
8:00 am	Judy Thrasher ₽
11:30 pm	Andrew Remedios
4:00 pm	Jean & Ed Kubica
<u>Sun Sept 15</u>	24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am	Paolina Mammone
12:00 pm	DeVotees of San Francesco De Paolo
5:00 pm	Connie Valladolid

Meditation for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

God's loving presence is always with us. And yet the self-righteousness of the Pharisees blinds them to the real meaning of the Sabbath. Let us not be Pharisees. The worship that we owe to God actually feeds and satisfies our deepest hunger. Jesus Christ points us in the right direction. As Lord of the Sabbath, he gives us the right way to approach reality. In other words, we receive from Christ that which saves us from being inflated with pride, thus focusing upon the right way which does not isolate us from God's riches. Just as the Apostle Paul asks, What do you possess that you have not already received? (cf 1 Cor 4:7) Moreover, we can also ask what do we need that God would not give us.

The faith-filled reality that God is with us and intimately close is exemplified in today's gospel where through the action of healing Jesus is close to all who approach him. To give hearing and speech back to the deaf and mute man restores his ability to enter fully into the human communication. Jesus impresses upon us the ability to hear the voice of a friend thereby expressing ourselves to him with ease.

In today's first reading, the Prophet Isaiah speaks for the Lord saying to the frightened to be strong and fear not. Isaiah offers a word of encouragement - the ears of those who are deaf will be cleared; and the tongue of those who are mute will speak. In the second reading of James the Apostle, we are encouraged to show no partiality because God chooses the poor in the world to be the heirs of the kingdom. When Jesus heals the deaf man with a speech impediment, all are exceedingly astonished. He is offering an example for all to have a predilection for the poor.

After many years of suffering the deaf mute was led to an incomprehensible privilege. The first voice he hears is Christ and, the first person he speaks to is Jesus. By touching the man's ears and tongue, Jesus cries out *Ephphatha*, and immediately, the man was healed.

For us today the miracles of Jesus communicate a faith in a glorious Lord Jesus Christ. May we always be grounded and open-hearted with a clear vision to taste and see the loving presence of Christ among us. When we are healed of every infirmament, impediments fall away from us, and we astonishingly become heirs of the kingdom that God promised to those who love him.

Vocation View 9/8/24

Isaiah's message today is powerful: "Be strong, fear not! Here is your God...He comes to save you." By Jesus, we are saved from hopelessness in this life and from death in the next life. What an incredible deal, worth devoting your life to it! If you have any desire to do this, contact Fr. Albino Vecina (716) 754-7489 or email ave@fatimashrine.com

Intercession for Life 9/8/24

For all people: That we always recognize each member of this human family as being loved by God and made in his image; *We pray to the Lord:*

ZACCARIAN APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER

SEPTEMBER That interiorly renewed by the grace of the Holy Spirit, the apostolic ardor may lead us to overcome negligence and make the works entrusted to us fruitful for the "pure honor of Christ". Let us Pray

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION FOR

SEPTEMBER 2024

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live. Let Us Pray

> EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Wednesdays & Fridays 12-4 In Blessed Sacrament Chapel Volunteers needed

Bible Reflection Group Every Monday @ 7:30 in the Fatima Hall Next Meeting: September 16, 2024

> <u>No Bible Study on</u> <u>September 9th</u>

Contact Office at 716-754-7489x0 or office@fatimashrine.com

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Has the start of the new school year left you with an urge to downsize and donate?

If so, please keep Ladies of Charity in mind. The volunteer organization, which is affiliated with Catholic Charities, accepts donations of new or gently used clothing, footwear, purses and bags; and household items such as small kitchen appliances, curtains and drapes, dishes, utensils and bed linens. Donations are used for the Ladies' Lots of Clothes Thrift Store in Buffalo, the Wellsville Outreach Thrift Store in Wellsville, and for the Fresh Start program which provides basic household goods for those who have experienced home displacement for a variety of reasons. To schedule a donation in Buffalo, call 716-895-4001, donation in Wellsville, call 585-296-3757.