The people were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Mark 7:37

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 5, 2021

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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: Is 35:4–7a; Ps 146:6–7, 8–9, 9–10; Jas 2:1–5; Mk 7:31–37

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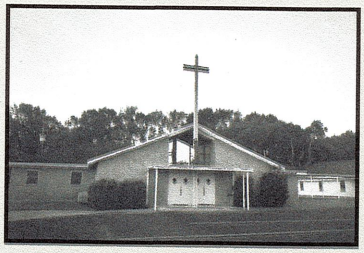

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil and Feast: As scheduled in the bulletin

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptisms: Call the Parish Office.
Confessions: Saturday, 3:00 PM
Weddings: Call the Parish Office at least six (6) months in advance.
New Parishioners: To register with the Church, call the Parish Office.

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Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom?

— James 2:5

MASS INTENTIONS

BD-Birthday AD-Anniversary of Death

Saturday	September 4	4:00 PM

Randy Falcon; Martha & Adam Sonnier; Jeanne "Toot" LeBlanc; Wilfred "Bob" LeBlanc; Juanita Smith; Sylvia Bertrand; Aldon Duhon; Gussie LeBlanc; Damian Guidry; Doug LeBlanc; Claude LeBlanc Jr.; Claude Leblanc Sr.; Earl Guidry; Earline McFarlin; Nita Boulet

Sunday	September 5	8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

8:00 AM——Roy & Lydia Fontane; Jessie & Laura Breaux; Hillary Pellerin; M/M Alfred Pellerin; Darrell Pellerin; Verna Dronet; Donald Ray Simon Sr.; Linda Sue Hulin; M/M Armand Richard; David LeBlanc; Bonnie Breaux, Hilda Breaux, Stallace Breaux; Carol Burke; Raoul, Cecilia, Mildred, Donald &Carrol LeBlanc; Savy, Amanda, Henry & Dot Duhon

10:00 AM—Ray Duhon; Lester Simon' Christian Bohrer; Darleen Benoit

Monday	September 6	NO MASS
Tuesday	**September 7**	**6:30 AM**

For Souls in purgatory, For displaced storm victims

Wednesday	September 8	6:30 AM

Leda Mayeux*(BD)*; For All Hurricane Ida storm victims

Thursday	September 9	6:30 AM

For those suffering with Covid

Friday	September 10	6:30 AM

The Claude LeBlanc fly.; Special Intentions, Souls in purgatory, Jean Boudreaux; Joyce Braquet

Saturday	September 11	4:00 PM

Randy Falcon; M/M Alfred Pellerin; M/M Armand Richard; Darrell Pellerin; Hillary Pellerin; Verna Dronet; Charles Wooten Sr.; Martha & Adam Sonnier; Jeanne "Toot" LeBlanc; Wilfred "Bob" Leblanc; Juanita Smith; Sylvia Bertrand; Gussie LeBlanc; Damian Guidry; Doug LeBlanc; Claude LeBlanc Jr.; Claude LeBlanc Sr.; Earl Guidry; Earline McFarlin; Nita Boulet

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	September 12	8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

8:00 AM—Roy & Lydia Fontane; Jessie & Laura Breaux; M/M Alfred Hebert; M/M Whitney Vincent; Jack Ambrose; Mary Alice Barker; Clerphe J. Broussard; George N. Hebert; John Hebert; Jessie Lachaussee; Raoul, Cecilia, Mildred, Donald, Carrol & Ronald LeBlanc; Savy, Amanda, Henry & Dot Duhon; David LeBlanc*BD*(9/13); Carol Burke

10:00 AM—Verlie Judice Daigle; Ella Clark; Gertrude Clark; Annie Mae Duhon; Darleen Benoit

STEWARDSHIP:

Thank you for your generosity in supporting our Parish.

Regular Collection 8/29/2021	**$ 5,765.00**
Second Collection 8/29/2021	**$ None**

This weekend's 2nd collection is for the Bishop's Services Appeal. Next weekend's 2nd collection will be for the Catholic University Of America.

Hour of Adoration

The monthly Hour of Adoration will take place this Tuesday, September 7, 2021
From 6:00-7:00 PM in Church. The Hour includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, scripture reading and reflection, rosary, quiet prayer time and concludes with Benediction.

Bishop's Services Appeal Update

As of July 31, 2021 St. Basil had given $12,905.00 towards its goal of $16,320.00 to this year's Bishop's Services Appeal. Thank you to all who have given thus far to the appeal.

Prayer for Hurricane Season

Oh God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of the land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control; the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to you, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area, and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your divine Son to reach heavenly Jerusalem, where stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

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+Maurice Schexnayder | Bishop of Lafayette in Louisiana

Written by Bishop Schexnayder, Second Bishop of Lafayette, after Hurricane Audrey struck the Louisiana coast in 1957. Copyright Diocese of Lafayette 2006

A Stewardship Moment

St. James teaches that those who are perceived to be poor in the eyes of society are the ones who have been chosen to inherit the Kingdom of God. Indeed, we are saved because of our poverty and redeemed out of our need, not because of our material wealth or achievements that the world finds praiseworthy. St. James also suggests that we are stewards of others, especially the poor and it is how we respond to the poor and needy that will define our relationship with the Lord. Can you identify the poverty, whether spiritual or material, that is in your own life? How can that "poverty" be redeemed? As stewards of others, how do we respond to the poverty that exists right in our own parish?

The St. Basil Rosary Group meets every Tuesday morning in Church at 9:30AM.
All are welcome to join us.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

St. Basil CCD would like to thank everyone who made the Hamburger Sale, a few weeks ago, a success. We sold out again by 12:30PM of BOTH hamburger and baked goods. We were not quite sure with the Covid surge how things would go, so we lowered the number we purchased. Like one of the parishioners said, "People STILL have to eat." Please accept our apologies, if you arrived and the SOLD OUT sign was displayed.

Thanks to all who helped! The parishioners who donated baked goods, Crosby Richardson for grilling, CCD teachers who wrapped &/or served and to Guy Comeaux for the bun donation & making an extra effort to deliver during his vacation week. (You ARE a GREAT GUY!)

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Labor Day; Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year 5782) begins at sunset
Wednesday:	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday:	St. Peter Claver
Saturday:	Patriot Day; Blessed Virgin Mary

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessing of Human Labor," nos. 907-911
Tuesday:	Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [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 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

Prayer for Priest
September 4-10, 2021

9/4– Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell
9/5– Rev. Mark Kramer, SJ
9/6– Rev. Clifton Labbe', SVD
9/7– Rev. Donavan Labbe'
9/8– Rev. Paul La Fleur
9/9– Rev. Jeremy Lambert, LC
9/10– Rev. Keith Landry

Prayer-
Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the Priests of the world.
Sanctify them, Heal and Guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

FEAST OF FAITH
Remembering

When Jesus broke the bread on the night before he died, he told his disciples, "do this in memory of me" (Luke 22:19). Christians have been faithful to that solemn command. Our eucharistic remembering is not nostalgia, nor is it merely historical, recalling events and facts of long ago. In the liturgy, remembering is action. "Do this," Jesus said. In the Eucharist, we remember by doing. And as we remember, the sacrifice of Jesus is renewed, truly made present, no longer then, but now.

After the consecration, each of the Eucharistic Prayers includes a section called the *anamnesis*, a Greek word that means "remembering." In this part of the prayer, "the Church, fulfilling the command that she received from Christ the Lord through the Apostles, keeps the memorial of Christ, recalling especially his blessed Passion, glorious Resurrection, and Ascension into heaven" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 79e). We pause and call to mind the whole paschal mystery, Christ's dying and rising. "We celebrate the memory of his death and resurrection" (*Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation II*). Obeying Christ's command, we remember.

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