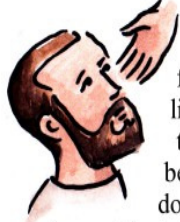
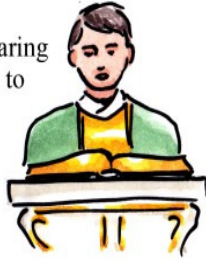


Jesus Gives the Gift of Hearing



Being able to hear is a wonderful gift from God. Imagine what it would be like if you couldn't hear anything! In today's Gospel reading, the people begged Jesus to heal a deaf man. What do you think it was like for that man when suddenly he could hear everything that was going on around him?

God has given us the gift of hearing to be able to talk with and listen to other people, and to appreciate the sounds of creation. We use this gift to hear God's Word at Mass and when we are being taught.



Think of all the things that we can do because we can hear: we can listen to and play music, we can sing and talk with people, we can hear birds and wind in the trees, and we can also be warned of things like barking dogs, or cars coming. Did you ever thank God for the gift of hearing? Thank Him today!



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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Baptisms are usually celebrated on the fourth Sunday of every month. Please contact the Parish Office at least **6 weeks** before the date.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Couples must contact the Parish Office to arrange at least **6 months** before the desired date.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Intentions must be booked at least by the Wednesday, one week before the desired date.

THE FEAST OF NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

September 8,

Happy Birthday, Dear Mother & Queen!



"This woman of faith, Mary of Nazareth, the Mother of God, has been given to us a model of our pilgrimage of faith. From Mary we learn to surrender to God's will in all things. From Mary we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone. From Mary we learn to love Christ, her Son, and the Son of God. For Mary is not only the Mother of God, she is the Mother of the Church as well."

- pope st. john paul II -

PRAYER DURING THE HURRICANE SEASON

O Lord, our God and Father, who gives rain and sunshine to your children, we ask you in this rainy season to uphold us and provide for our needs.

You try our patience and test our faith and reliance on you; forgive our sin of ingratitude. So often have we forgotten to thank you for your goodness and acts of mercy. Teach us to look up to you each day, appreciative of rain and sunshine, as you, in your wisdom, through any kind of weather do feed us all.

In your mercy, protect us against hurricanes and tropical storms. Pour out your blessings upon our nation and our people, and make us grateful for the weather we receive from your bountiful hand.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.



All Things Well

The incident in the Gospel is recorded only by Mark. The key line is what the crowd says at the end: "He has done all things well." This echoes the creation story, recalling that God saw all the things He had done and declared them good. Mark also deliberately evokes Isaiah's promise, which we hear in today's First Reading, that God will make the deaf hear and the mute speak. He even uses a Greek word to describe the man's condition - *mogilalon* (speech impediment) - that's only found in one other place in the Bible, in the Greek translation of the Isaiah passage, where the prophet describes the "dumb" singing. The crowd recognizes that Jesus is doing what the prophet had foretold. But Mark wants us to see something far greater: "Here is your God." Notice how personal and physical the drama is in the Gospel. Our focus is drawn to a hand, a finger, ears, a tongue, spitting. In Jesus, Mark shows us, God has truly come in the flesh.

What He has done is to make all things new, a new creation. As Isaiah promised, He has made the living waters of Baptism flow in the desert of the world. As we sing in Psalm, He has set captives free from their sins. He has come that rich and poor might dine together in the Eucharistic feast, as James tells us in today's Epistle. He has done for each of us what He did for that deaf mute. He has opened our ears to hear the Word of God and loosed our tongues that we might sing praises to Him.

Let us then give thanks to our glorious Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Let us say with Isaiah, "Here is our God, He comes to save us." Let us be rich in faith, that we might inherit the kingdom promised to those who love Him.

(excerpt:stpaulcenter.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

- First Reading**
Is.35:4-7
- Second Reading**
Jas.2:1-5
- Gospel**
Mk.7:31-37

MASS TIMES

- Gros Islet**
Morning Prayers:
Mon -Fri
5:45 a.m.
- ✠
- MONDAY**
6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.
- ✠
- TUESDAY**
6:00 a.m.
- ✠
- WEDNESDAY**
6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.
G/Riviere: 6:00 p.m.
- ✠
- THURSDAY**
6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.
- ✠
- FRIDAY**
6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.
- ✠
- SATURDAY**
6:30 a.m./6:00 p.m.
- ✠
- SUNDAY**
Gros Islet/G. Riviere
7:30 a.m.
- Gros Islet/Monchy
10:00 a.m.
- ✠
- HOLIDAY**
Variable

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.
&
by appointment

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St. John Chrysostom - 349 to 407- Feast Day September 13

John was born in Antioch in 349 to Greek parents from Syria. His father was a high-ranking military officer who died soon after his birth, and he was raised by his mother, who brought him up as a Christian.

John studied law under a distinguished pagan rhetorician, Libanius, from whom he acquired the skills for a career in rhetoric, a love of the Greek language and literature. As he grew older, John became more deeply committed to Christianity and went on to study theology.

In about 375, he became a hermit-monk, but when his health gave way, he returned to Antioch, and was ordained a priest. Over the course of 12 years in Antioch, he established himself as a great preacher. His straightforward understanding of the Scriptures meant that his talks were practical, explaining the Bible's application to everyday life. The zeal and clarity of his preaching appealed especially to the common people, and earned him the Greek name Chrysostom, meaning "golden-mouthed." He was concerned, above all, for the spiritual and temporal welfare of the needy and oppressed. He was not alone among the early Fathers in speaking out against the abuse of wealth, but none surpassed John in his eloquent, moving, and repeated insistence on almsgiving. Even today, his words strike the reader as forcefully as ever.

In 398 Chrysostom was made archbishop of Constantinople, and his tenure was stormy. He gained a large following among the people, but he spoke against the misuse of riches, angering the wealthy and influential. An alliance against John was made by the wife of the Eastern Roman emperor Arcadius, who thought that John's denunciations of extravagance in feminine dress were aimed at her, and Theophilus, the archbishop of the See of Alexandria, who, wanting to bring Constantinople under his sway, had opposed John's appointment there.

In 403 Theophilus convened a synod of disaffected or subservient bishops which indicted John on a number of charges, many of which were purely frivolous. Chrysostom refused to appear before the synod, whereupon it condemned him and deposed him from his See. The emperor then banished Chrysostom and exiled him to Armenia where he was kept in confinement. Chrysostom appealed his banishment to Pope Innocent I, who together with the Western emperor Honorius, attempted to intervene, but his efforts were in vain. But in exile, John was still able to write letters influencing affairs in Constantinople. As a result, in 407, he was further exiled to an even more remote location at the eastern end of the Black Sea. He did not survive the journey.

John came to be venerated as a saint by the people soon after his death, but his official rehabilitation came about 31 years later, when his relics were brought to Constantinople. He was later declared a Doctor of the Church, and is honoured as a saint in the Oriental and Eastern Orthodox, Catholic, Anglican, and Lutheran churches. His works consist of some treatises and letters, a large number of homilies and sermons including some on the first and fourth Gospels, and on eight of St. Paul's letters. John Chrysostom's last words are said to have been: "Glory be to God for all things"

(excerpt: britannica.com/ wikipedia.com)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Martha Mason
Teresa Huntley
Marie Joseph

DECEASED

Julia Mathurin
St. Ange Jones
Roger Walcott
Clothilda Alphonse
Christopher Augustin

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

1Cor.5:1-8
Lk.6:6-11



TUESDAY

1Cor.6:1-11
Lk.6:12-19



WEDNESDAY

1Cor.7:25-31
Lk.6:20-26



THURSDAY

1Cor.8:1-7, 11-13
Lk.6:27-38



FRIDAY

1Cor.9:16-19,22-27
Lk.6:39-42



SATURDAY

Num.21:4-9 or
Phil.2:6-11
Jn.3:13-17



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET

CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

Sat Sept 7 - 6:00 p.m.

Sun Sept 8 - 7:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.



Wedd Ann: Girard & Jean Glace
B'day: Laura Stanislaus
Thks: Arrienne Augier
Augusta Toussaint

MISSA PRO POPULO

B'day: Rueben Foster
Claude & Mary Severin

91st B'day: Simon Marius
B'day: Sven Fevriere
Thks: Dianne & John Mzondo

Thks: Margerie Philip & family

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Sept 9 - 6:00 a.m.
St. Peter Claver, Priest

Fr. Cezar Herrera
Rev. Andrew Edward
Sr. Ramona George

50th B'day: Cyprian Paul
B'day: Georgiana Isaac
Curtis & Dylan Charles

12:30 p.m.

Thks: Cyrillia & Althea Palton

Tue Sept 10 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Joseph Xavier
Sr. Benedicta Chanda

De'd: Clara Springer
Elizabeth Macauldy, Joseph Lemorin

Wed Sept 11 - 6:00 a.m.

Sr. Scholastica Felician

60th B'day: Cleotha Edwards
B'day: Shurma Felix, Sharon Pancham

12:30 p.m.

B'day: Micaela Parker

Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

Healing: Sylvie Sayers

Thu Sept 12 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Festus Iwuagwu
Rev. Wilfred Harris
Rev. Marcellus Serieux

B'day: Mandy Boxill, Zaeda Hinkson
De'd: Janine Moulton, Merona Joseph

12:30 p.m.

Fri Sept 13 - 6:00 a.m.
*St. John Chrysostom
Bishop & Doctor*

Rev. Anthony Pierre
Rev. Vincent Norbert
Rev. Madison Stanislaus

De'd: Family of Mary Popo
Philomene Beausoliel, Lucilla Francis

12:30 p.m.

Int: Garvin Dornelly

Sat Sept 14 - 6:30 a.m.
*The Exaltation of
the Holy Cross*

Sr. Mary Dungdung
Sr. Mercy Masaka

B'day: Garfield Leon
Thks: Glace Motors Ltd.
Dibert Samson, Mikaela Elliott