

September 8th, 2024: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Background on the Gospel Reading:

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. Jesus had previously visited this region and healed a person possessed by a demon. Jesus was already famous there, which explains why people brought the deaf man to him. The story that precedes this reading in Mark's Gospel sets the stage. Jesus encounters a Gentile, a Syrophenician woman who asks him to heal her demon-possessed daughter. Jesus engages her in a dialogue about not feeding to dogs the food intended for children. Jesus is struck by the woman's great faith when she replies that even dogs eat the food that falls from the table, and he heals her daughter immediately. The faith of this Greek woman compels Jesus to respond to her plea.

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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SPECIAL MENTION:

Congratulations to Mike and Alvina George on celebrating their **60th** Wedding Anniversary.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am.

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday to Friday 10a.m.

Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather.

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First Friday of each month - 2 pm

***Note:** No mass at the church on this day.

Bible Study:

To resume in September.

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Postponed until further notice.

Reconciliation:

By request.

Marriages:

Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms:

Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

Family Connections:

At www.rcchurch.com you will find a link to family connections.

St. Vincent de Paul:

To assist those in need. Call 709-638-9010.

**RECEIVED WITH THANKS
on August 31 & September 1**

Regular Sunday	1111.00
Loose Offering	70.00
Parish Dues	60.00
Building Fund	150.00
Mass Stipends	20.00
Saint Vincent de Paul	30.00
Word Among Us	6.00

MASS INTENTIONS Sept. 10 – 15th

Sept. 12	The Late Roddy Blanchard
Sept. 13	The Late Rita McGrath
Sept 15	The Late Cameron Carew

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

September 14	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Janet Jackson	Joe Byrne
September 15	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Amelia Dicks	Wayne Dicks
Communion to the sick – John Carroll	

SACRED HEART LADIES GROUP MEETING:

The Sacred Heart Ladies Group will be having their first meeting on September 10th, 2024, at 6:30 pm in the meeting room at Sacred Heart Church. New Members are Welcomed. Come out and enjoy the Fellowship!!.

PARISH COUNCIL:

The next parish council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 17th at 6:30pm in the church.

SACRED HEART BINGO: Bingo will start again on the last Sunday of each month and our first one for fall is on **September 29th, 2024**. Doors will open at 1pm and bingo will start at 2pm. Names beginning **A to E** can donate cash or merchandise towards the bingo. Hope to see you all there.

WALK-A-THON: September 21st, 2024

Keep those Shoes handy for our next Fundraiser for our Walkathon. We will be starting at 10:30a.m. from Sacred Heart Church to the Rock Art Wall on Griffin Drive and back to the Church for refreshments. Nothing is finalized yet, but we still have sponsor sheets available at the back of the church. Come sign up for this walk in support of our parish.

THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED

/SYMBOLON MEETING:

Do you wish to grow in your knowledge of the Catholic faith and in your relationship with our Lord. Come join us on Thursday, September 26 at 7pm in the church to learn more about the Catholic Faith. This course will be held for 10 weeks. A registration sheet will be located at the back of the church or call the parish office and leave a message at 709-785-5025. We look forward to seeing you.

YOUTH GROUP:

Calling all youth grades 6 and up! Join us as we kick off the year on September 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Cathedral. Throughout the year there will be discussions on our faith, community projects, movies, fun games, and snacks! Ideas for the future of this group will be discussed and led by our youth supported by volunteers for the parish. Please contact angie.dolomount@gmail.com or 631-4543 for more information.

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY:

Furniture Donations: During the month of August, 47 furniture donations were picked up. 37 furniture deliveries were made, which consisted of 15 mattresses, 11 dressers, 7 loveseats, 6 kitchen tables and other household items. Over half of the deliveries were to households of new Canadians. Many thanks to our SSVP members and non members who contributed a total of 123 volunteer hours. And as always, our gratitude and heartfelt thanks to all of you who blessed us with your donations.

Mary's Kitchen wrapped up the noon time summer barbeques with our last one on August 30. We served 42 guests, including our shut-ins, for a grand total of 130 guests for the month. Special thanks to our SSVP members and friends who contributed a total of 120 volunteer hours for the month. **PLEASE NOTE:** The regular Friday hours of 4-6 pm will now resume, effective September 6, in the lower level of the Cathedral.

SSVP will resume its **monthly general meetings** on **Wednesday, September 18** at 2pm in the lower level of the Cathedral. All members are asked to make a special effort to attend, especially after the spring and summer break. We encourage those who are looking to become more active as a volunteer to come along to the meeting. We welcome the opportunity to discuss how becoming a Vincentian can be one of the most rewarding journeys you will ever experience. Hope to see you there!!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING:

The Knights of Columbus will be meeting at All Hallows Church, Lower Level, on September 10th at 7:45pm. All Knights are requested to make a special effort to attend as this is our first meeting of the New Columbian Year.

VOLUNTEERS - LONG TERM CARE GIFT SHOP:

Volunteers Wanted for LTC Gift Shops. Do you have a couple of hours to spare each week? We are looking for volunteers to help with the Gift Shops at Corner Brook Long Term Care and Western Long Term Care. The Gift Shops provide a valuable service to our patients, their families and our employees with all proceeds raised to help support special events and comfort for our residents. If you are interested call 709 784 5369 or email volunteerresources@westernheath.nl.ca to find out more.

Reflection:

Precious gifts

The gift of hearing is a precious gift.
But it is only with the heart
that we can hear rightly.
The cry of a needy person
may reach our ears,
but unless it reaches our heart
we will not feel the person's pain,
and it is unlikely that we will respond.

And the gift of speech is a precious gift.
But again, it is only with the heart
that we can speak rightly.
For our words to ring true,
they must come from the heart.
If they come only from the lips,
they will have a hollow sound
and will have little effect.
They will be like a wind
that ruffles the surface of the water
but leaves the depths untouched.

But words that come from the heart,
enter the heart.