

# Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 ~ Liturgical Year B

## Mass Intentions

✠ September 9<sup>th</sup> to September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Monday.....NO MASS.....Sept 9<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday.....Sept 10<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am ✠ Guido & Luisa Minicucci (by Norma & Carmine)  
✠ Giovanni & Onelia Raimondo (by Family)

Wednesday.....Sept 11<sup>h</sup>

8:00 am ✠ For the Holy Souls in Purgatory (by Mary Cody)  
✠ John "Max" Russell (by a Friend)

Thursday.....Sept 12<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am ✠ Rudy Walters (by Anne Marie Smyth)  
✠ For the Souls in Purgatory (by Anne Marie Smyth)

Friday.....St. John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor.....Sept 13<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am ✠ Betty Sprout (by Patricia)  
✠ Grace Saltarelli (by Anna & Carlo Grossi)

Saturday.....The Exaltation of The Holy Cross.....Sept 14<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am ♥ In Honour of our Lady of Lourdes (by Grace Cugino)  
✠ Tony Bussi (by Mr. & Mrs. Luigi Soccio)

5:00 pm ✠ Rosario Iocca (by Ciamarra Family)  
✠ Berardino Mario & Nunzia Lina Lanese  
(by Luigi & Incoronata Soccio & Family)

✠ Leno Moro (by The Catechist Sisters)  
✠ Helen Albanese (by Vince Addario)  
✠ Paolo DiPompeo (by Gina & Louie Citrigno)

Sunday Twenty-Fourth Sunday in ordinary Time Sept 16<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am ♥ ✠ For The People of Holy Rosary Parish

9:30 am ✠ Domenico Riccuito (Angelo & Angiolina Gabriele)  
✠ Felix Pignotti (Agnes Gillespie)

11:00 am ✠ Louis Lizzotti (by Family)  
✠ Maria Nicola Riccuito (by The Catechist Sisters)



**SANCTUARY LAMP:** This weekly Sanctuary Lamp is donated in memory of *Carine Cecchini*. The Sanctuary lamp is lit to remind us of Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the Month of September FOR THE CRY OF THE EARTH:

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

## Emmaus Young Adult Ministry (Tuesdays, 7-9pm, St. Denis Church)

Beginning this Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the young adults of the diocese invite you to join us for prayer, formation, and fellowship every week at St. Denis Church, 230 Lake Street, St. Catharines. For more information, contact Fr. Daniel at [corso.danielanthony@gmail.com](mailto:corso.danielanthony@gmail.com) or follow us on Instagram @emmaus.ya

## **"Ephphatha- Be Opened!"**

My dear family in Christ,  
"What are you, deaf?"

Growing up, especially as a teenager, this was a phrase I heard a lot from my loving parents. I was perhaps not the only young man who developed selective hearing when it came to the commands and prohibitions of my parents, particularly when it came to those I disagreed with. As it turns out, it wasn't so much a question of my capacity to hear my parents, as it was a matter of who and what I chose to listen to.

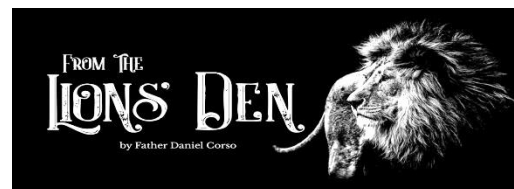
In our Gospel this Sunday, Jesus has an encounter with a man 'who was deaf and who had an impediment in his speech'. (Not to spoil the ending, but Jesus heals this man). It is a common but nonetheless interesting principle: what and how we hear directly impacts what and how we speak. When the man is healed (sorry to spoil the ending), not only are his ears opened, but 'his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.'

How many of us do not hear God? Most of us aren't deaf, but perhaps we don't listen especially well. Perhaps we drown out the voice of God with the distractions of various media, a busy social calendar, or simply other voices that aren't His. Maybe we fail to go to the places where we would actually hear His voice, like scripture, prayer, adoration, or silence. As a result, it's no surprise that we find it difficult to speak with clarity and charity about Him when we get the opportunity. Perhaps we even shy away from these opportunities because deep down we are conscious of our 'deafness'. Today, Jesus invites us to change.

In the rite of Baptism for children, after the baptism itself the priest touches the ears and mouth of the newly baptized and says: "May the Lord Jesus, who made the deaf to hear and the mute to speak, grant that you may soon receive His Word with your ears, and profess the Faith with your lips, to the praise and glory of God the Father." If you've been baptized, this prayer has been prayed over you. The healing power of Jesus has been unleashed upon you in the same words as today's Gospel: **"Ephphatha- Be Opened!"**

So, are we deaf? Who are we listening to? Let us take care to listen more to God, and less to the noise around us. Let us allow God's healing grace to open our ears to Him, that we may speak His Truth, Love, and Mercy to our world which is desperate to hear Him.

God love you,



Father Corso

*This week Bulletin is dedicated in Honour of St. Joseph (by Melissa Middleton)*

**St. Joseph, Chaste guardian of the Virgin and Foster Father of the son of God, pray for us!**

**23<sup>rd</sup> DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO (B)  
8 SETTEMBRE 2024**

*La liturgia di oggi è un invito alla speranza che nasce dal cuore di Dio e vuole raggiungere tutti mediante l'amore di Cristo e la potenza vivificante dello Spirito. È anche un invito a testimoniare nella nostra vita la speranza in Dio, in Colui che dona la vista ai ciechi e la voce ai muti, e che può trasformare ogni giorno le nostre impossibilità in semi di vita nuova.*

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**Associazione Cattolica Italiana Farà La  
Riunione Sabato 21 Settembre alle ore 9:30 a.m.  
nella sala. Thank you**

*Margaret Cosentini*

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**Welcome Back!**

**Holy Rosary Catholic Women's League**

**Reminder:**

Our regular monthly meeting will take place on **Tuesday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.** Ladies are reminded to bring their Penny Sale gifts to the meeting.

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We would like to invite you to a series of financial wellness workshops. They will be held on **Thursdays - October 24th, November 7th, and November 21st at 7pm, in the parish hall.** Each workshop will build on the knowledge acquired from the previous one, so we encourage you to attend all. For more information, please contact James Simoni at [jsimoni@gmail.com](mailto:jsimoni@gmail.com)

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**Secular Franciscan members** meet once a month for prayer, formation and **sharing about the Catholic faith.** They come from many walks of life, laity, clergy, religious, married, single. If you are interested in knowing more about becoming a member, please contact Debbie at: [deborahdessier57@gmail.com](mailto:deborahdessier57@gmail.com).

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**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?**

The **RCIA/RCIC** (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults/Children) is a journey of faith for adults or children who are seeking to be baptized, or anyone who has been baptized in another Faith Tradition but would like to become a member of the Catholic Church. Through prayer, study and the experience of Christian Community, an inquirer is guided to a deeper understanding and appreciation of the Catholic faith. Each new Journey of Faith begins in the Fall. Call the parish office for more information at 905-227-3178 or email: [holyrosary@cogeco.net](mailto:holyrosary@cogeco.net)



**Music Ministry Fall 2024**

Singers and Musicians are welcome to join Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Music Ministry this season!

We have a drum kit, percussion instruments, piano and organ as well. Training in playing liturgical music will be provided. Members of all ages are welcome to join the choir that will sing at the 11 am Mass on Sundays, with rehearsals on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm in the choir loft **beginning Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.** If you would like to help lead some of the singing at Mass, please contact Debbie for information at 905-734-3053.

**Niagara Men's Schola:** This is a group of men who sing for various liturgies and events throughout the Diocese, including at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. The choir meets for rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm in the choir loft at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, **beginning on Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup>.**

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**Beef-on-a-bun** is this Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. The format is takeout only. **Beef on a bun, coleslaw and roasted potatoes** for only \$12. **See you there!**

Remember that Beef-on-a-bun is held on the **second Thursday of each month.** Next one is on **October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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**Life in Christ Seminar**

Live Christ, Share Christ Mission would like to invite you to a **Life in Christ Seminar** which will be on Saturdays, **Sept. 28th and Oct. 5th from 9:30am-3:30pm in the Parish Hall.**

Live Christ Seminar is a Catholic renewal based in the parish intended for Catholics to meet Christ, to live Christ and to share Christ. This is an urgent response to our Church's call to the New Evangelization especially when the assault on faith, family, and life is in full force.

The question would be: When the Lord Jesus returns, will He find faith on earth?

With the guidance of our priests Fr. Janusz, Fr. Daniel, and Fr. Aji, who will be the speakers during the seminar, it will definitely be an inspiring and spirit-filled event.

Hence, together with them and the entire LCS Team, we are inviting all of you to 'Come and See'. Refreshments and Lunches are provided free of charge.

**Announcement:**

Bishop Bergie will send a congratulatory certificate to married couples who have celebrated or will celebrate a 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the year 2024. To receive a certificate, please complete a registration form available at the parish office by November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.