

**September 5, 2021**  
**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Reflection for the Week**

**JUDGMENT**

To pass judgment on another is to usurp shamelessly a prerogative of God.  
 —St. John Climacus

**Today's Readings**

**First Reading** — Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God (Isaiah 35:4-7a).  
**Psalm** — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).  
**Second Reading** — Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).  
**Gospel** — Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).

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**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: Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6  
 Thursday: Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]  
 Friday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38  
 Saturday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42  
 Sunday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49  
 Monday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

**Please pray for our parishioners & extended family: Rest in Peace:**

Judy Laxen, Dorle & Paul Gross, Josephine Small, Martha Araj Ayoub, David Desch, Pat Hoffman, Charlie & Dodie Vaszko, Father Kirk, Tina Reinke, Jane Sacherz, Former parishioner Lynn Gagan, Father Ken Westray of St. Vincent De Paul –SF, & Father P. Gerard O'Rourke

**For Healing:** Edith Bucoy, Tom Johnson, Maureen Francis, Joe Humphreys, Mike Marty, Patrick Lee, Teresa Hyatt, Estela Becerra, Lynette Castiglione, Murial Scala, Mary Chris Vallario, Mary Calica

**& all our parishioners that are sick...and a special reminder to pray for those we know now living in care facilities.**

**Mass Intentions**

September 3, 2021– September 9th, 2021 (Fri. thru Thurs.)

Fri.	(RIP+)	12:10pm
Sat.	(RIP+)	4:15pm
Sun.	(RIP+)	9:30 am
Sun. JAMES MEDINA	(RIP+)	11:30 am
Mon. PETER XAVIER	(RIP+)	12:10pm
Tues.	(RIP+)	12:10pm
Weds.	(RIP+)	12:10pm
Thurs.	(RIP+)	12:10pm

*Give the gift of a Mass Intention. Intention for Birthdays, Memorials, RIP, Blessings, Marriage, and Get Well.*

**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

**THE MESSIAH FORETOLD**

Today's story of the cure of a deaf man with a speech impediment is a good example of how much is contained in a simple miracle story. The Greek word *mogilalos* appears only here in all of the New Testament. It is a technical term referring to someone with a stammer. It is also used only once in the entire Jewish scriptures, in the passage that we read today as our first reading from Isaiah. Clearly, by his choice of this precise word Mark wants us to recognize that what Jesus is doing is the fulfillment of what Isaiah had predicted centuries earlier. In fact, Mark wants us to recognize that Jesus is the Messiah foretold by Isaiah and the other Jewish prophets of old.

The word *ephphatha*, "be opened," used to describe the restoration of the man's speech, is another example of a subtle allusion to an earlier prophecy. This time the prophecy in question is from Ezekiel, when he foretells that in the messianic age, "your mouth shall be opened to speak" (24:26). The sophistication of Mark's narrative is further revealed when we realize that there are multiple levels within a single reference. Mark not only draws our attention back to Israel's prophetic past, he also points to the initiatory practice of his contemporaries by his mention of such things as spittle, touching of ears, and the use of the word *ephphatha*, all of which were practices incorporated into the early Church's baptismal ritual. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



## Coordinator of Religious Education

St. John of God is looking for Religious Educators who would be willing to lead classes from K thru 8th grade. This is a volunteer position. Classes would start October 3, 2021. If you love to work with the youth of our parish and willing to share your faith and knowledge, then this would be a great volunteer experience for you.

Please contact our office here at St. John of God (415)-566-5610 or email us at [stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net). We look forward to hearing from you.

## LIVE AND WORK IN THE SONOMA COASTAL REDWOODS CHANGING LIVES!

### CYO CAMP NOW HIRING TEACHER NATURALISTS AND SITE DIRECTORS

Caritas Creek Environmental Education Program at Catholic Charities CYO Camp is now hiring Teacher Naturalist and Site Directors to deliver cutting edge curriculum (Beetles Project) developed by the Lawrence Hall of Science.

Teacher Naturalists spend each week from Aug. 16, 2021– June 3, 2022 with their own exploration group of 12 students in 5th-8th grades, facilitating an environmental education experience that deepens their connection to self, others, nature, and God!

Site Directors prepare classes of students in the 5th and 8th grades for 5 days at Caritas Creek and oversee the on-site environmental education experience from Aug. 16, 2021– June 3, 2022.

Salary of \$476/week for each position includes housing and meals. Staff live and work at CYO Camp situated among 216 acres of coastal redwoods near the town of Occidental in Sonoma County.

For more information, contact Paul Raia (707) 847-0226, [praia@CatholicCharitiesSF.org](mailto:praia@CatholicCharitiesSF.org)

## COVID-19 SYMPTOMS:

Symptoms including fever, chills, cough, congestion, sore throat, difficulty breathing, headache, fatigue, vomiting, diarrhea, or new loss of taste or smell.

## The Saint John of God Prayer

Dear God, through the intercession of St. John of God, patron of the poor and the sick, grant me the grace this day to greet every person that I meet with understanding and compassion. Reveal to me their needs and give me the means to inspire in my heart the humility and generosity of St. John so that I might be to them a revelation of God's Love.  
Amen.- Rev. Fr. Thomas L. Seagrave

## Parish Office Hours

**Monday thru Friday, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm**

At other times please leave a message on our message machine. **415-566-5610**

**If you would like to schedule a Baptism, please contact our office during office hours or leave a message for us and we will return your call.**

## Job Opening from Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities CYO Transportation Services of Daly City, seeks a **Supervisor of Vehicle Maintenance for school bus and fleet vehicles**. CYO Transportation gets hundreds of Bay Area children safely to and from school each day and also helps support some of the Bay Area's most vulnerable children, adults, and seniors through Catholic Charities 30+ programs and services. Pass this announcement along! Contact Marty Rea, General Manager [mrea@catholiccharitiessf.org](mailto:mrea@catholiccharitiessf.org) or Phone # 650-757-2118.

Visit <https://www.catholiccharitiessf.org/who-we-are/careers.html> to see job description, which is also attached

## Catholic Charities Volunteer Opportunity: Help San Francisco renters get federal assistance.

9 needs volunteers to work in the San Francisco community signing up eligible renters to receive federal and state COVID related rental assistance. Training is provided. We ask for a commitment of 4 hours per week, between the hours of 9-5, Monday - Friday. Schedules are flexible. You will work with staff support and go to places where people are likely to need money for back rent and assist them with filling out the application. Please email Carol at [CLaughlin@CatholicCharitiesSF.org](mailto:CLaughlin@CatholicCharitiesSF.org)

## MEDITATIONS

**EVERY DAY IS ANOTHER DAY TO GET STRONGER, TO EAT BETTER, TO LIVE HEALTHIER AND TO BE THE BEST VERSION OF YOU!!**

**NEVER LET SUCCESS GET TO YOUR HEAD; NEVER LET FAILURE GET TO YOUR HEART.**

**DO SOMETHING TODAY THAT YOUR FUTURE SELF WILL THANK YOU FOR.**

## Prayer to St. Jude

O Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition. In return, I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. St. Jude, pray for us all who invoke your aid. Amen.

## LABOR

Without labor nothing prospers.

—Sophocles