# The Faith Community of ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX CATHOLIC CHURCH

# 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, *"Ephphatha!"*—that is, *"Be opened!" - Mk 7:33b-34* 

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#### **OUR PARISH MISSION**

We are a welcoming Christian family committed to Catholic values, responding to the call of Christ revealed in the diversity of human need. We practice a conscious, living, active faith in a community whose source of strength is the Eucharist.

Miraculous Prayer to the Little Flower

O Little flower of Jesus, ever consoling troubled souls with heavenly graces, in our unfailing intercessions I place my confident trust. From the heart of our Divine Savior, petition the blessings of which I stand in greatest need......Shower upon me your promised roses of virtue and grace, Dear St. Therese, so that swiftly advancing in sanctity and perfect love of neighbor, I may someday receive the crown of life eternal. Amen

September 5, 2021 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Theological Reflections

BY REV JOHN A. HARDON, S.J. SERVANT OF GOD/IRL FOUNDER (1914-2000)

# Saint Joseph: Model of Fatherhood

e know, of course, that Mary is the Virgin Mother of Jesus Christ. We know that the Savior was not conceived of a human father. Yet the Church has never tired insisting on the fatherhood of Saint Joseph in the Holy Family.

It is crucially important to understand that there are two levels to fatherhood. There is the physical level of providing for the conception of a human body. In this sense, Christ did not have a human father.

But a father is not only to cooperate with his wife in generating a child. He is also to cooperate with her in rearing the offspring which his spouse brings into the world.

From all eternity, Joseph was destined to be the spouse of the Blessed Virgin. They were truly married. Joseph was Mary's husband, and she was his wife.

Marriage is the most intimate of all unions between two human beings. It imparts a community of gifts between those joined together in matrimony. Consequently, in giving Joseph the Blessed Virgin as his spouse, God appointed him to be not only her life's companion, but also the witness of her virginity, the protector of her honor. By reason of his conjugal tie to Mary, he participated in her sublime dignity.

We cannot exaggerate the importance of seeing Saint Joseph as the true spouse of Mary. Under God, he was to share in her unique role

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as Mother of the Word-made-flesh Who dwelt among us.

Saint Luke tells us that, on returning to Nazareth after Mary and Joseph found the young Christ in the temple, "Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and grace before God and men" (Lk 2:52).

What are we being told? We are being told that the Christ child constantly manifested greater wisdom as he grew in age. In God's mysterious providence, both Mary and Joseph contributed to this manifestation of greater wisdom in Jesus.

We return to our main theme: that Saint Joseph is the divinely revealed model of human fatherhood. We know only too well that a man can father a child in body without even being married to the mother of his offspring.

- True fatherhood begins with a lifetime commitment of the husband to his wife.
- True fatherhood builds on the selfless love of the husband for his wife.
- True fatherhood depends on the generous love of the husband for the offspring of his wife.
- True fatherhood means that the husband cooperates with his wife in the spiritual upbringing of the children.
- True fatherhood therefore, is not only or even mainly generating a human body in this world. It is also and mainly

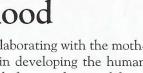
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collaborating with the mother in developing the human soul for everlasting life in eternity.

How, then, is Saint Joseph the exemplar of fatherhood? He is, to coin a word, the prototype of what all human fathers should be. They should reflect, in their families, the seven virtues which the Church specially honors in Joseph's relationship to Jesus and Mary.

Like Joseph, fathers should be:

- most just, without partiality or human respect.
- most chaste, according to their married state of life.
- most prudent, in knowing God's will through constant prayer.
- most valiant in courageously accepting the cross every moment of the day.
- most obedient in seeing every event as part of divine Providence and responding with, "Here I am Lord. I am ready to do Your will."
- most faithful in loving their wives with perfect fidelity, and their children with tire-less generosity.
- the strength of the home by their exercise of manly courage. They are to protect their wives and children from the plots of the modern Herods who are inspired by the evil spirit to destroy the Christian family in the modern world.



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Fr. Campbell's Wednesday 6 am Men's Bible Study via Zoom: To get the link, email Fr. C at <u>FrCampbell@olmckenosha.org</u>. Please have a Bible and Catechism!

The MARIAN HOUR with Fr. Campbell WSFI 88.5 FM Wed. September 8 at 2:00pm.

**PRAY for the SICK in our PARISH**, and visit them if possible: Germaine Brennan, Gerry Buhnerkempe, Maria Miller, Pat Ware, William Wasurick, Mary Jo Koski, Phyllis Giovannoni, Florence Klappa, Daniel Lenegar, Jennifer Johnson, Laurie Smith, Billie Lou Knutsen, Jean Ammendola, Maria Koble, Aileen Hafferkamp, Darlene Skarda. Please call the rectory for other sick persons 694-4695.

**Emergency Assistance Fund:** <u>Contact Fr. Campbell</u> <u>if you need financial assistance</u> (652-7660).

Sign up for FLOCKNOTE which enables you to receive important news and info. about the parish through texts & emails. <u>To sign up</u>: Send the word LOOP (typed in all caps) as a text message to this address: 84576. Then you'll be part of the "flock" & receive notes. <u>Please pass this info on to others!</u>

**Sign up for FORMED**: A program which gives our Parishioners free access to many Catholic Programs and movies. Want to create a new FORMED account? Follow these steps:

1. Visit FORMED.org; 2. Click Sign Up; 3. Select "I Belong to a Parish or Organization"; 4. Find your parish by name or zip; 5. Enter your email, you're in!

**Community Outreach collection for the month of September is for Edward Bain School of Language Arts**. Needs: At this time we can only accept Cash Donations or Gift cards (with activation receipt) are always welcome: for clothing, restaurants, groceries or gas. Please deposit your offering in our Donation box in the Lobby.

**Pope's Prayer Intention for September. Universal. An environmentally sustainable lifestyle.** We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

Parish Support	
Weekend of August 22, 20	021
\$4,98	2.10
Budgeted weekly need	\$5,010.00
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Over/Under budget	(\$27.90)
Plan YTD	\$20,040.00
Actual	\$18,371.00
Shortfall (1 month)	(\$1,669.00)

# FALL RUMMAGE SALE

FRI. & SAT. SEPT. 17TH & 18TH 9 AM TO 3 PM



Now is a good time to look into the nooks and crannies around the house

for unused items. Please consider donating them for our rummage sale.

#### **DROP-OFF'S BEGIN 9/4!**

**8 AM TO 2 PM (NOT FRIDAY) & DURING MASS TIMES** We are able to accept good condition clothing & shoes, toys, books, kitchen & household items, yard & garden, tools, jewelry, etc. Please do not bring large appliances, TV's, electronics or furniture (ANYTHING 1 PERSON CANNOT CARRY BY THEMSELF). For more details or to help out , contact Tina Cajka @ 914-3480.

**Women's Weekly Bible Study** will begin meeting at St. Therese Church **Wed. Sept. 15, 10-11:30am**. It will cover The Book of James by Jeff Cavins, known on EWTN. There will be 11 weekly sessions. Contact Sharon at (262) 515-5779 or Patti at (262)-857-7415.

Holy Name Society will be having a meeting on Sunday, September 26 after the 8:30 am Mass in the hall. All men of the Parish are invited.

## YOUNG ADULT GROUP: LECTURE on SEVEN SORROWS of MARY

All young adults are invited to Fr. Campbell's lecture on the Seven Sorrows of Mary on **Saturday, September 11 after the 8:30 a.m.** Mass at Mt. Carmel in the Italian Garden. This event is for young adults of all stages -- single, married, or young families.

#### Covid Vaccines & Conscience: Health Care Workers/Others

For health care workers and others whose employers are forcing them to receive a Covid vaccine, you may download a form for a religious/conscience exemption: go to National Catholic Bioethics Center, click "vaccines and vaccinations", then scroll to "vaccine exemption template letter."

The Parish Office will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 6th.



Welcome them into eternal life...Father Campbell, Father McDermott, and the Parish community of St. Therese wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the families of Hans Ceisel and of Phylllis Wachowiak. O, Lord, comfort them in their time of sorrow and grief. Eternal rest grant unto them, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

**OUR SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn this week for Fred Balmes requested by Janet Sleyster and in grateful recognition of Our Lord's Sacramental Presence in our tabernacle.



## Twenty-Third Sunday Ordinary Time

# MASS INTENTIONS for the Week

Monday, September 6 8:00 AM † Edith & Gary Druding **Tuesday, September 7** 8:00 AM † Armond Van Guyse (Rita Van Guyse) Wednesday, September 8 5:45 PM † Aurora Farago (Rita Van Guyse) **Thursday, September 9** 8:00 AM † No Mass Friday, September 10 8:00 AM † Dayton Cheney Saturday, September 11 4:00 PM † Vince & Lucille Mancuso † Richard Slevster Sunday, September 12 8:30 AM † John Ruggiero † Joseph & Regina Pumpera † Mary Marasa 10:30 AM † For Members of the Parish

# Saints & Readings: Week of September 5, 2021

Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

Monday: Labor Day, Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19 Wednesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Thursday: St. Peter Claver, Priest, Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/ Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: BVM; Patriot Day, 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time' Grandparents' Day, Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

#### Monday through Thursday 7:30 am to 2:45 pm Closed Friday

Please submit bulletin announcements in writing to the Parish Office or e-mail to valang@tds.net by 9:00 AM Thursday of the week before publication.

PRIVACY LAWS: Please notify the Parish Office if you or a family member is in the hospital, nursing home, hospice, etc. With the new privacy laws, medical institutions will not call unless you ask them to notify the Parish. If you would like a home visit, please call the Parish Office or Homebound Ministry.

## September 5, 2021

## Parish Directory

Weekend Masses	Saturday Evening Sunday Morning	4:00 PM 8:30 & 10:30 AM	
Weekday Masses	Monday, Tuesday & Frida Wednesday	ay 8:00 AM 5:45 PM	
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Holy Day Masses Confessions	Please consult Sunday bulletin. Saturday 3:00 to 4:00 PM		
Comessions	Saturday 3:00 to 4:00 Sunday	PIM	
First Fridays	Eucharistic Adoration: 8:30 AM Friday to		
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Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions (Follow the Wednesday 5:45 PM Mass)			
Parish Telephones	Parish Office	262-694-4695	
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Rel. Ed. CoorBeth Sturino
Liturgical Musician Jan Sleyster
Parish Secretary & Bulletin EditorMary E. Vestal

#### **Parish Pastoral Council**

Robert Beales, Trustee Treasurer Jim Lauzon, Trustee Secretary Paul Gillespie, Chairman Claudia Volpentesta, Vice-Chairman Rita Van Guyse, Secretary Kristen Kelly Ray Irving Patricia Soens Jerome Pudelek

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** Adults or children interested in baptism, reception into the Catholic Church, Confirmation and/or First Communion, please contact the Parish Office.

**Baptism** Please call the Parish Office to arrange for Baptism. Those who wish to have a child baptized must be attending Sunday Mass regularly for at least four months.

**Marriage** Please call the Pastor at least six months in advance to make arrangements. Couples who are sharing the same abode will be asked to live separately prior to their marriage.

**Home Visitation** Anyone unable to attend Mass because of sickness/old age, contact the Parish Office.

**Estate Planning** Please keep St. Therese in mind when planning your estate. This is a wonderful gift that will last many years.