

**“HE MAKES THE DEAF HEAR”**

by Fr. Jeremy Myers

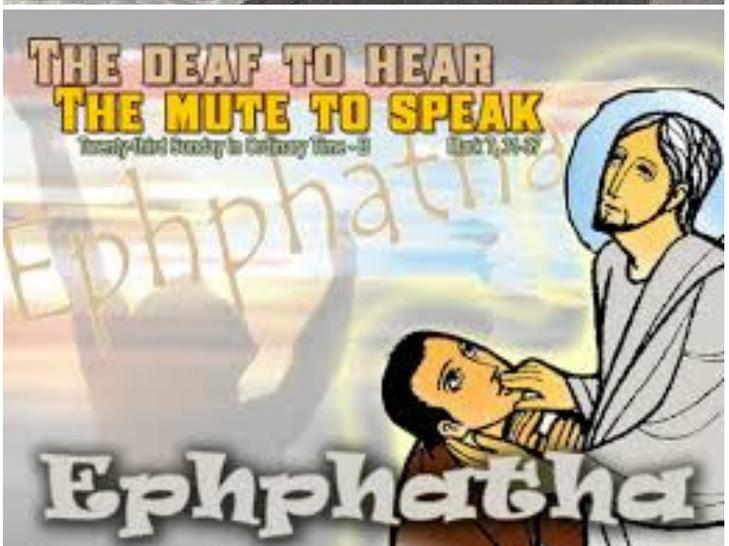
Mark 7:31-37

St. Mark introduces us to a man who cannot hear. He also has a speech impediment. Friends of the man bring him to Jesus, whom they have heard can do miracles. St. Mark tells us that Jesus, the miracle worker, puts his finger into the man's ears and also touches his tongue. He says one word, “Ephphatha,” which is translated as “Be opened.” The evangelist says that immediately the man's ears were opened and his speech impediment was removed. There are many people in our world today who also experience personal deprivation or physical ailment. This gospel story would have us ask ourselves how we respond to these people who stand in front of us as the deaf man stood in front of the Lord Jesus. Do we also speak encouraging words to them, as Jesus did to the deaf man? Do our words heal? In the end, this is what discipleship means—to do what the Lord Jesus did. His example in this story is as clear as it is challenging. We are to bring healing to people who are afflicted in some way. I remember hearing a story once about a family that went into a restaurant. The waitress walked up and, seeing the young boy, spoke to him first, “What will it be?” she asked with a smile on her face. The little boy eagerly shouted back, “I'll take a hamburger, French fries, and a shake.” His mother immediately interrupted him and said, “Oh, that's not what he wants. He'll take the roast beef, a baked potato, and a glass of milk.” Much to the surprise of both the boy and his mother, the waitress completely ignored her and again said to the boy, “And what do you want on that hamburger?” The boy again shouted back, “Ketchup! Lots of ketchup, please!” The waitress then asked him, “And what kind of shake?” “Chocolate!” the boy answered with a smile on his face. The boy then turned to his parents and, with a huge smile on his face, he said, “Isn't she something? She thinks that I'm real!” What a wonderful story to remind us of how important to other people is our treatment of them. That small boy apparently felt that he wasn't “real” to his parents because they didn't listen to him and didn't treat him like a person. But the waitress listened closely and respected him. She made him feel “real.” *She thinks that I'm real!* As we consider a similar story told to us by St. Mark in the gospel today, we see that Jesus also made that deaf man feel “real.” He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He gave him his undivided attention. He prayed for him. He physically reached out to the man in need. Of course, a miracle occurred. But then, miracles occur everyday whenever we also break away from our selfishness and consider the needs of someone else. We can make other people feel “real” by the gift of our time, or with the gift of our physical presence, or by the gift of our listening to them. Our world is filled with people in need. Unfortunately, so many of them are pushed aside by us or, worse, treated as if they didn't exist. The disciple of Jesus hears the cry for help that comes from the lips of those who suffer and who have needs. The disciple responds with the compassion and the kindness of Jesus, the miracle worker. It is amazing what a simple word of kindness like “Ephphatha” can do. We really should say it more often.



**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)** We all depend on our ability to make judgments, and we often do so with relatively little information. In particular, the Letter of James today calls us to reconsider our judgments about people.

**VIGÉSIMO TERCER DOMINGO EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO (B)** *Todos dependemos de nuestra capacidad para emitir juicios, y a menudo lo hacemos con relativamente poca información. En particular, la Carta de Santiago hoy nos llama a reconsiderar nuestros juicios sobre las gente.*



**STEWARDSHIP FOR SEPTEMBER 2, 2018 \$ 2,536.00**

*Thank you for sharing with others.*



*“Prayer is the cornerstone of stewardship. Only when we spend time with God in prayer are we spiritually prepared to offer ourselves in service to others. Just as we schedule the other important parts of daily life, we need to make a conscious effort to make time for prayer.” Author Unknown*

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Thank you for your contributions of \$542 to last week's special second collection for The Catholic University of America! Your support enables Catholic University to provide an education based in the Catholic intellectual tradition to the next generation of leadership for our Church and nation.

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We want to wish a happy anniversary to all couples celebrating a wedding anniversary this week, especially Andy & Cathy Mitcheltree on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

We want to wish a happy birthday to all in our parish family celebrating a birthday this week, especially Cayden Rose on September 10<sup>th</sup>, Rosa Sotelo and Yolanda Sotelo on September 13<sup>th</sup>, and Annie Linden on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults began this past Tuesday but it is not too late to join the class. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or would like to join the Catholic Church,**



**please join us at St. Mary's Parish Center in Sherman. An evening meal will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by the presentation from 7 - 8 p.m. in the Parish Center.**

***El rito de iniciación cristiana de adultos inició este pasado lunes, pero no es demasiado tarde para unirse a la clase. Si usted está interesado en aprender más sobre la iglesia católica o desea unirse a la iglesia católica, por favor únase a nosotros en la lugar de Santa Ana parroquia de Santa María en Sherman. Clases son cada lunes de 7-8 p.m.***

Women's Guild will meet this Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. in the St. John Bosco Meeting Room. We will have a guest enlightening us about chair aerobics after the meeting at 8 p.m. Please join us!



**MASS INTENTION  
FOR SEPTEMBER 16, 2018**

†Walter P. Kubis by Jean Podborny

**LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 16, 2018**

<b>Lector</b>	Deb Teuscher	<b>Servers</b>	Stephen Fuhrmann Sutton Fuhrmann Markos Morales
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Margaret Pack Jean Podborny Suzanne Cunningham	<b>Ushers</b>	Rick Laney Bobby Jolls
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Ken Podborny Family	<b>Ministers to Homebound</b>	Sharon & Terry

*Asociación Gremio de Mujeres se reunirá este miércoles, 12 de septiembre a las 7 pm en la sala de reuniones de San Juan Bosco. Tendremos un invitado que nos aclarará sobre aeróbicos de silla después de la reunión a las 8 pm ¡Únase a nosotros!*



**Peanut Festival Raffle tickets for this year's prize of a Pit Boss Wood Pellet Grill are for sale. Please support the efforts of the Men's Club.**

***Las boletos de rifa para el Festival del Cacahuete para el premio de este año un Pit Boss Wood Pellet Grill están a la venta. Apoya los esfuerzos del Club de Hombres.***

Need prayer for a special intention, sick friend or family member, Catholic or non-Catholic? Contact Sharon Kirkpatrick at [skirkpatrick@suddenlink.net](mailto:skirkpatrick@suddenlink.net) or 940-665-6825 and she will notify



members of St. Francis of Assisi Prayer Group of your need. *¿Necesitas oración por una intención especial, amigo enfermo o miembro de la familia, católico o no católico? Póngase en contacto con Anita Morales al [abmcommservices@gmail.com](mailto:abmcommservices@gmail.com) o 903-816-1519 y ella notificará a los miembros de San Francisco de Asís Grupo de Oración de su necesidad.*



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