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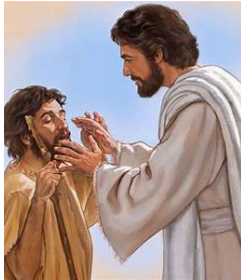
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**TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SEPTEMBER 5, 2021**



***Jesus proclaimed the good news of the kingdom and cured every sickness among the people.***

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 the sacrament. We are struck by the physical means used to heal the man, spittle and touch. The Church continues to celebrate the sacraments using physical means. In the Sacrament of Baptism, water and oil are used. 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 sacramental people who believe that God's grace is given to us also through these physical signs.

**XXIII DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO**

*Guardando quindi verso il cielo, emise un sospiro e gli disse: " Effatà", cioè: "Apriti!". L'alzare gli occhi al cielo è un'espressione che si intona con lo stile di un racconto miracoloso e sta a indicare la richiesta di forza sovrumana. In un contesto greco la parola poteva suonare solo come una magia. Marco la traduce e supera l'equivoco. Gesù fa conoscere chiaramente la sua potenza. Apriti! E' interessante anche il valore simbolico di questo invito. Colui che era chiuso in se stesso a causa delle sue patologie, viene chiamato a uscire, a comunicare. E subito gli si aprirono gli orecchi, si sciolse il nodo della sua lingua e parlava correttamente. La guarigione avviene istantaneamente, il muto può udire e parlare correttamente. Di lui dicevano: "Ha fatto bene ogni cosa: fa udire i sordi e fa parlare i muti!". Per mezzo dell'attività di Gesù, il messia atteso, viene rinnovata la creazione decaduta.*



**Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00am-12 noon 1:00pm- 4:00pm**

**For Daily & Weekend Mass Intentions see inside**

**SATURDAY: 5:00 PM (English)**

**SUNDAY: 9:00 AM (Italian - English) & 11:00 AM (English)**

**Registration:**

Parish Census Forms at Church entrance or call the Office.

**Baptism:**

Parish Membership & Baptism class required. Please contact the Office.

**Marriage:**

Parish Membership & Preparation required. Call Office 6 months in advance.

**Reconciliation - Confession:**

Saturday 4:00pm & 30 min. before each Mass or on request.

**Anointing of the sick:**

Every First Friday of the Month during the Mass & on request.

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## All Things Well



The incident in today's Gospel is recorded only by Mark. The key line is what the crowd says at the end: "He has done all things well." This echoes the creation story in Greek, recalling that God saw all the things He had done and declared them good. Mark also deliberately evokes Isaiah's promise, which

we hear in today's First Reading, that God will make the deaf hear and the mute speak. The crowd recognizes that Jesus is doing what the prophet had foretold. But Mark wants us to see something far greater—than to use the words from today's First Reading: "Here is your God." Notice how personal and physical the drama is in the Gospel. Our focus is drawn to a hand, a finger, ears, a tongue, spitting. In Jesus, Mark shows us; God has truly come in the flesh.

What He has done is to make all things new, a new creation. He has done for each of us what He did for that deaf-mute. He has opened our ears to hear the Word of God and loosed our tongues that we might sing praises to Him. Let us then give thanks to our glorious Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Let us say with Isaiah, "Here is our God, He comes to save us." Let us be rich in faith, that we might inherit the kingdom promised to those who love Him. - Scott Hahn

**MESSAGE FROM BISHOP COLLI: Step 3 of Reopening of Churches:** On Friday, July 16th, we entered **Step 3** of the province's reopening plan. This plan allows for full capacity of our churches, according to what proper social distancing will allow. Most probably still marking off every second pew at this time. The other **safety protocols** are still in place however. Masks must be worn; social distancing in and outside of church; sanitizing of hands at the doors; no congregational singing, but cantors and musicians are allowed; no shaking of hands, and Holy Communion only in the hand. No children's liturgies at this time and limited washroom access. No collections or processions. **Funerals** and **weddings** and **baptisms** may all be celebrated in the church with the above limits and protocols. We are awaiting some **updates** from the Ontario Bishops which will give us more details about this third step and reopening. We hope to see a lessening of these protocols as the summer continues. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Pastoral Centre for clarification. Thank you for your patience.

Sincerely,

Bishop Fred Colli

**MUSICIANS IN NEED:** the church is in need of any musicians that are interested in playing for masses. If you are interested in this volunteer experience please contact the office at (807) 768-1878.

**FIRST COMMUNION 2021: September 11th & 12th.** Parents are reminded to support their children with the preparation program that has been emailed out to them and posted on the parish website [stanthonysparish.ca](http://stanthonysparish.ca) Attending Mass is the best preparation for First Communion.

**FR. LUIGI ON WHEELS:** Sunday, July 18th was the annual Fr. Luigi on Wheels fundraiser. It was a great success! Thank you to everyone who was involved and participated. To date we have raised \$3,915.00. Thank you to those who donated. God bless.

**LADIES OF THE ITALIAN SOCIETY OF PORT ARTHUR:** The first meeting will be held on September 13th at 7:30pm at the Italian Hall in the Galileo room.

**MASS CARDS:** please remember to book Mass Cards that you may have received in memory of your deceased loved ones. If you do not schedule the dates, we will be happy to do it for you. Please call the office for more information.

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Thank you to all Parishioners & visiting friends for your continued generosity & support. God Bless!

*Alea Rizzo and Camryn Tucker were baptized in the Lord. Congratulations and blessings to their families.*



*Congratulations to Marc Trevisanutto and Caroline Bisignano on their marriage. May God continue to bless them in their journey of family life.*



## Bishop's Annual Diocesan Ministry Campaign

Our needs grow more and more each year and your response in past years has been most appreciated and has enabled me, as the Bishop, to serve the needs of our parishes and communities in our Diocese. Please be generous again this year and I ask God's blessing upon you and your families.

*Bishop F. Colli*

**Our Goal this year is \$29,000.00**

**To date we have raised \$11,155.00**

**We are at 38%**

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## MASS INTENTIONS September 6—September 12,

2021

### Monday, September 6

All Parishioners  
Mike Ferrari  
Salvatore Tassone  
Donato & Francesca Filice

### 9:00am English

Pastor  
wife & children  
M. Totten  
Family

### Tuesday, September 7

Fr. Peter Truffa  
Emilio & Maria Pucci & Tutti Defunti

### 7:00pm Italian

CWL  
M. & A. Berardi

### Wednesday, September 8

Amedeo Frattarola  
Giuseppina Conforti

### 7:00pm English

M. DiCasmiro & Fam.  
late Esterina

### Thursday, September 9

Costantino Costanzo  
Fiore Coccimiglio

### 7:00pm Italian

Family  
M. & O. Muto

### Friday, September 10

Ernesto Romito  
Pasquale Bruno-Bossio

### 7:00pm English

late Esterina  
F. Pucci & Family

### Saturday, September 11

Deceased of Melchiorre & Abbantonato Family  
Maria Pacheco  
Pasquale Sacchetti  
Costantino & Concetta Costanzo  
Carmine Cello  
Gordon Moscarella  
Francisco Ferreira  
Jose Sousa

### 5:00pm

B. & E. Melchiorre  
E. Arella  
Cesare  
Simone & famiglia  
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Ferreira Family  
Sousa Family

## Sunday, September 12 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 9:00am

Deceased of Buso Family  
Assunta, Fernando & Renato Rigato  
Carmine & Antonetta DeGrazia  
Eva Sacchetti & Salvatore Sanzo  
Consolata Maria Rose Tino  
Luigi Carobelli  
Fiore Coccimiglio

Buso Family  
A. & J. Geravelis  
Family  
R. & I. D'Angelo  
Tino Family  
S. & . Vetere  
A. & C. Bernardo

### 11:00am

Jose Cabral  
Irene Botelho Paulo Raposo  
Elsie Collins  
Maria Sacchetti  
Norberto & Carlos Tavares  
Maria Pacheco  
Federico Savioli

M. Cabral  
I. & A. Freitas  
S. & B. Forbes  
M. Sacchetti & Fam.  
M. Cabral & Fam.  
H. Neves  
Family

Our 11:00am Mass can also be viewed by livestream with the link being found on the church website: [www.stanthonysparish.ca](http://www.stanthonysparish.ca)

### Prayer to St. Joseph

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
In you Mary placed her trust;  
With you Christ became man  
Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
Show yourself a father  
And guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,  
And defend us from every evil.  
Amen*



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