

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 8th, 2018, 5:00PM

†Joyce Tobias by Shirley Reith

Sunday, September 9th, 2018, 10:30AM

Thanksgiving Mass from Lim and Cortez Family

Birthday Blessings for Adriana Appau

Birthday Blessings Maria Austria

Tuesday, September 11th, 2018, 7:00PM

Pro Populo

Wednesday, September 12th, 2018, 7:00PM

For the healing of Mila Bax by Maria Salceda..

Thursday, September 13th, 2018, 9:00AM

Thanksgivings Prayers for Barbara Young by the Gilchrist family..

Healing and speedy recovery for Jean Ronci by Maria Salceda

Friday, September 14th, 2018, 9:00AM

Healing Mass for John Trifilette by Angelita Velez Trifilette..

Saturday, September 15th, 2018, 5:00PM

First birthday blessings for John Quarshie Jr by his family

Sunday, September 16th, 2018, 10:30AM

†Lois Darlington by Betty Luyten-Friedman

For the soul of Nicolas Davantes Sr. By Victoria Davantes and family

Birthday blessings for Ryah By Victoria Davantes and family

Healing Mass for Bernard Fournier By Victoria Davantes and family

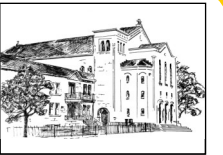
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September 9, 2018—Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He has done all things well"

Meditation: How do you expect the Lord Jesus to treat you when you ask for his help? Do you approach with fear and doubt, or with faith and confidence? Jesus never turned anyone aside who approached him with sincerity and trust. And whatever Jesus did, he did well. He demonstrated both the beauty and goodness of God in his actions.

The Lord's touch awakens faith and brings healing

When Jesus approaches a man who is both deaf and a stutterer, Jesus shows his considerateness for this man's predicament. Jesus takes him aside privately, not doubt to remove him from embarrassment with a noisy crowd of gawkers (onlookers). Jesus then puts his fingers into the deaf man's ears and he touches the man's tongue with his own spittle to physically identify with this man's infirmity and to awaken faith in him. With a word of command the poor man's ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.

What is the significance of Jesus putting his fingers into the man's ears? Gregory the Great, a church father from the 6th century, comments on this miracle: "The Spirit is called the finger of God. When the Lord puts his fingers into the ears of the deaf mute, he was opening the soul of man to faith through the gifts of the Holy Spirit."

The transforming power of kindness and compassion

The people's response to this miracle testifies to Jesus' great care for others: *He has done all things well*. No problem or burden was too much for Jesus' careful consideration. The Lord treats each of us with kindness and compassion and he calls us to treat one another in like manner. The Holy Spirit who dwells within us enables us to love as Jesus loves. Do you show kindness and compassion to your neighbors and do you treat them with considerateness as Jesus did?

"Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and inflame my heart with love and compassion. Make me attentive to the needs of others that I may show them kindness and care. Make me an instrument of your mercy and peace that I may help others find healing and wholeness in you."

—<https://dailyscripture.servantsoftheword.org/readings/2018/sep9.htm>

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Fr. Gregory Nunez
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August 5, 2018—\$936.30
August 11-12, 2018—\$787.80
August 18-19, 2018—\$461.50
August 25-26, 2018—\$782.45
Collection from Funeral of
Norah McCarthy Ferguson—
\$632.50
September 1-2, 2018—
\$1,015.80

Mass Schedule
Saturday @ 5:00 pm
Sunday @ 10:30 am
(incl. Children's
Liturgy)
Tues @ 7:00 pm (Rectory)
Wed @ 7:00 pm
Thursday & Friday
(Rectory)
@ 9:00 am
Adoration Fridays
9:30am to 11:30am
(Rectory)

Please note the Mass, on
Tuesday, Thursday and
Friday will be held
in the Rectory

Anniversary and
Birthday Blessings to
◇All celebrating this week
Birthday Blessings to
Dan Ormsby, Tes Allonar,
Jean Feledick
Happy Anniversary to
Valerie and Chris Gold
and Anastasia
and David Turbide

Thank you to
◇Mike, Ann, Cora, Merly
and all who volunteer at the
Church, Rectory, Flea Market
and Soup Kitchen

UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE
Listed here are 10 points for fruitful Scripture reading.

Bible reading is for Catholics. The Church encourages Catholics to make reading the Bible part of their daily prayer lives. Reading these inspired words, people grow deeper in their relationship with God and come to understand their place in the community God has called them to in himself.

Prayer is the beginning and the end. Reading the Bible is not like reading a novel or a history book. It should begin with a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds to the Word of God. Scripture reading should end with a prayer that this Word will bear fruit in our lives, helping us to become holier and more faithful people.

Get the whole story! When selecting a Bible, look for a Catholic edition. A Catholic edition will include the Church's complete list of sacred books along with introductions and notes for understanding the text. A Catholic edition will have an *imprimatur* notice on the back of the title page. An *imprimatur* indicates that the book is free of errors in Catholic doctrine.

The Bible isn't a book. It's a library. The Bible is a collection of 73 books written over the course of many centuries. The books include royal history, prophecy, poetry, challenging letters to struggling new faith communities, and believers' accounts of the preaching and passion of Jesus. Knowing the genre of the book you are reading will help you understand the literary tools the author is using and the meaning the author is trying to convey.

Know what the Bible is – and what it isn't. The Bible is the story of God's relationship with the people he has called to himself. It is not intended to be read as history text, a science book, or a political manifesto. In the Bible, God teaches us the truths that we need for the sake of our salvation.

The sum is greater than the parts. Read the Bible in context. What happens before and after – even in other books – helps us to understand the true meaning of the text.

The Old relates to the New. The Old Testament and the New Testament shed light on each other. While we read the Old Testament in light of the death and resurrection of Jesus, it has its own value as well. Together, these testaments help us to understand God's plan for human beings.

You do not read alone. By reading and reflecting on Sacred Scripture, Catholics join those faithful men and women who have taken God's Word to heart and put it into practice in their lives. We read the Bible within the tradition of the Church to benefit from the holiness and wisdom of all the faithful.

What is God saying to me? The Bible is not addressed only to long-dead people in a faraway land. It is addressed to each of us in our own unique situations. When we read, we need to understand what the text says and how the faithful have understood its meaning in the past. In light of this understanding, we then ask: What is God saying to me?

Reading isn't enough. If Scripture remains just words on a page, our work is not done. We need to meditate on the message and put it into action in our lives. Only then can the word be "living and effective." (Hebrews 4:12).

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/understanding-the-bible/index.cfm>

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BAZAAR 2018
The revised dates for the Bazaar are Friday, **November 16, from 1:00PM to 9:00PM & Saturday, November 17, 2018, from 9:00AM to 3:00PM.** Volunteers and donations are welcome. For more information about volunteering or donating, please contact the rectory at 514-769-9678. Spread the word.

Blessing of the backpacks; As the school year begins, students, teachers any anyone, who would like to have their backpack/bags blessed, are invited to bring them to Mass on September 9, 2018, during the 10:30AM Mass,

Raffle Tickets: The Raffle Tickets have arrived and will be made available at the rectory or after Mass. This is a very important fundraising event and we need all of your assistance, in order to make it a success.

The prizes, of the Raffle, are as follows: First Prize is \$1,000.00, Second Prize is \$500 and Third Prize is \$250. The draw will be held on December 8, 2018. Information, regarding the draw, can be found on the ticket stub, or at the rectory.

The BBQ Social Gathering
The date fo the BBQ Social is **September 23, 2018, following the 10:30AM Mass**

All parishioners, friends and families are invited to attend. If you will be attending and would like to bring something to share with the community; please contact the rectory.

Dates for Faith Formation and Formation for Lay People
Thursday Bible Study Every Thursday, Bible Study at 6:30PM, in Rectory,
Meeting for Lectors, Lay Ministers and Choir Members: On Sunday, September 9, 2018, following the 10:30AM Mass and the next meeting will be held on September 23, 2018, following the 10:30AM Mass on Sunday
Acolytes: Meeting will be held in the rectory, the following meeting will be on October 13, 2018, 2018, at 9:00AM.
Faith in the family: The next faith in the family to be announced at a later date

Date(s) to Remember
Flea Market: Saturday, October 6, 2018, 9:00AM to 3:00PM
Mass in Cameron Hall: Saturday, October 13, 2018, 5:00PM, followed by a light meal

CONFESSIONS will be heard 15 minutes before each Mass weekdays and on weekends.
BAPTISM Parents wishing to have their child baptized are asked to contact the Parish Office at 514-769-9678. A meeting with Parents and Godparents is a pre-requisite. Godparents must be baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church.
MARRIAGE Please contact the Parish Office or Father Gregory well in advance, as it is important to reserve the church before the Hall.