



September 8, 2024

CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY FAMILY

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Gospel today (Mk 7:31-37) recounts Jesus' healing of a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, an incredible event that shows how Jesus reestablishes the full communication of man with God and with other people. The miracle is set in the region of the Decapolis, that is, in a completely pagan territory; thus, this deaf man who is brought before Jesus becomes the symbol of an unbeliever who completes a journey to faith. In effect, his deafness expresses the inability to hear and to understand, not just the words of man, but also the Word of God. And St Paul reminds us that "faith comes from what is heard" (Rom 10:17).



The first thing that Jesus does is take this man *far from the crowd*: He doesn't want to publicize this deed he intends to carry out, but he also doesn't want his word to be lost in the din of voices and the chatter of those around. The Word of God that Christ brings us needs silence to be welcomed as the Word that heals, that reconciles and reestablishes communication.

Then we are told about two gestures Jesus makes. He *touches the ears and the tongue* of the deaf man. To reestablish a relationship with this man whose communication is "impeded", he first seeks to reestablish contact. But the miracle is a gift that comes from on high, which Jesus implores from the Father. That's why he *raises his eyes to the heavens and orders, "Be opened"*. And the ears of the deaf man are opened, the knot of his tongue is untied and he begins to speak correctly (cf. v. 35).

The lesson we can take from this episode is that God is not closed in on himself, but instead he *opens himself and places himself in communication* with humanity. In his immense mercy, he overcomes the abyss of the infinite difference between him and us, and comes to meet us. To bring about this communication with man, God becomes man. It is not enough for him to speak to us through the law and the prophets, but instead he makes himself present in the person of his Son, the Word made flesh. Jesus is the great "bridge-builder" who builds in himself the great bridge of full communion with the Father.

But this Gospel speaks to us also about ourselves: Often we are drawn up and closed in on ourselves, and we create many inaccessible and inhospitable islands. Even the most basic human relationships can sometimes create realities incapable of reciprocal openness: the couple closed in, the family closed in, the group closed in, the parish closed in, the country closed in. And this is not from God! This is from us. This is our sin.

However, at the beginning of our Christian life, at baptism, it is precisely this gesture and word of Jesus that are present: "*Ephphatha!*" "*Be opened!*". And behold the miracle has been worked. We are healed of the deafness of selfishness and the impediment of being closed in on ourselves, and of sin, and we have been inserted into the great family of the Church. We can hear God who speaks to us and communicates his Word to those who have never before heard it, or to the one who has forgotten it and buried it in the thorns of the anxieties and the traps of the world. Pope Francis

PARISH NEWS



Here I am Lord, Send me (Isaiah 6:8) CWL regular meeting is Wednesday, September 11 at 7 pm. Come for brief business meeting and to socialize with refreshments and cheese! Diocesan Administration Day is Thursday, September 12 at 8:30 at HF. Saskatoon Pregnancy Options Centre is September 27 at Prairieland. Deadline for tickets is Sept. 17. (306)665-7550. The CWL clothing Depot is still in need of **TOWELS** and small kitchen appliances. When you donate sheets, **please label the size** – single, double, queen, king! Put your donations in the house in the entrance! Thank you for your donations! Faith: This is Jubilee year! There are 7 major steps. We will do one step at each meeting. **Ladies – come to our CWL meeting Wednesday, September 11 at 7 pm for business and a social!**



We are getting ready for the new Columbian Year, as on Tuesday, September 10th, we are going to do the Officer Installation Ceremony at 7 pm in the Chapel, then have a social after the installation, the invite goes out to all Brother nights of Council #8215 and their significant others, it will be in the welcome area of the Hall, I look forward to every Knight in our Council to attend, as this year's theme is "F.U.N." (Fraternity, Unified, New Beginnings). 40 hours for life campaign in Saskatoon begins on Wednesday, September 18th at 9 am. The campaign will be held on Monday to Friday each week until October 25. The hours of operation will be 9 am to noon each day with one hour shifts. If you have any questions, please contact Louis Roth via email at campaignlifesk@gmail.com.



Priest Prophet King Catholic Men's Night

September 18,
2024

Cathedral
of the
Holy Family

Talk by

Clark Jaman

7:00pm - Mass, Adoration & Confessions

8:00pm - Talk and Fellowship

Faith Friends Scripture Study Group meets Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Loreto room at the Cathedral to discuss the upcoming readings of the Sunday mass. All are welcome to come and share their weekly Spiritual journey. For more information contact the parish office.



DIOCESSE OF SASKATOON

presents

finding the
Passion of Christ
in our story

GRIEF GROUP STUDY

The program is comprised of ten sessions for families of child loss.

TEN THURSDAYS AT 7:00 PM STARTING SEPT. 26TH

CATHOLIC PASTORAL CENTRE
LIBRARY UPSTAIRS

Register at rcdos.ca/red-bird-group

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The Cathedral of the Holy Family Parish Pastoral Council Presents

FALL SUPPER

Saturday, September 21st, 2024

Supper starts at 5:30 pm

Doors open @ 4:30 pm

Tickets

Regular - \$20
5-10 years - \$10
Children (4 & under) - Free

Menu

Roast Turkey, Stuffing,
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Vegetable, Salad, Dessert,
Coffee & Juice

Tickets AVAILABLE at the
Parish office starting
September 3rd - 16th and after
Sunday Masses on September
8th & 15th
Deadline: September 16th
Limit 400 seats

Tickets available till Monday, September 16th!



CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY FAMILY
ENCOUNTER
your God
JOIN US FOR
MUSICAL
ADORATION EVERY
THURSDAY!
7-8:30PM

Forever in Motion is a functional fitness program for older adults, led by volunteers using resistance bands and weights to stand, walk and move our bodies, while having fun and socializing. We meet on Mondays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Cathedral of Holy Family Hall. This fall Physical Therapists from Saskatchewan Healthy Authority will teach a course called "**Staying on Your Feet**", an exercise and education program to improve balance and reduce the risk of falling starting Monday, September 16 at 10:00 a.m. Please contact the parish office for more information.

First Communion

(age 7+)



Confirmation

(age 11+)



Our preparation programs will begin soon.

Information and registration will be available by early September.

Preparation will begin in early October.



CELEBRATION OF BAPTISMS



1st & 3rd Saturdays

@

10:00am

To register, please see
holyfamilycathedral.ca/our-ministries

WEEKLY LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass Times

Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am, & 6:30pm

Weekday Mass Times

Monday -Saturday: 12:15pm

Wednesdays: 7:00pm

Mass @ Sherbrooke: Fridays at 10:15pm

Reconciliation

Thursday: 7pm - 8:30pm

Friday: 11am - 12noon

Saturday: 11am - 12noon

Eucharistic Adoration:

Musical Adoration: Every Thursday 7pm - 8:30pm

1st Friday: **BELOVED** 7pm - 9pm

Rosary & Devotion to Our Lady of

Perpetual Help: Wednesdays @ 6:00pm

Rosary: Saturday 11:45am - 12noon

If you are unable to attend regular Reconciliation times,

please phone the office to

make an appointment: 306-659-5800

Clergy, Staff, & Council Members

Bishop of Saskatoon - *Most Rev. Mark Hagemoen*

Pastor Rector - *Fr. Gerard Cooper*

Associate Pastor - *Fr. Joe Nelo Penino*

Faith Formation Minister - *Andy Korvemaker*

Financial Secretary - *Linda Bobowski*

Facilities Manager - *Jim Nakoneshny*

Administrative Assistant - *Johanna Fashola*

Pastoral Council Chair - *Angie Possberg*

Finance Council Chair - *Denis Sirois*

Contact us!

Baptism (Infants): andy@holycathedral.ca

Christian Initiation (RCIA): andy@holycathedral.ca

Confirmation & First Eucharist: hfsacraments.ca

Covenant of Care: Parish Office: 306-659-5800

Marriage: gcooper@rcdos.ca

Marriage Preparation: March 2025 - gcooper@rcdos.ca

Reconciliation by appointment: info@holycathedral.ca

Communion to Homebound: info@holycathedral.ca

or call 306-659-5800.

Facility Rentals: jim@holycathedral.ca

Mass Intentions next week

Monday, September 9

12:15 pm Mass for Paula Kaufmann

Tuesday, September 10

12:15 pm Mass for Nicole Kaufmann

Mass for Rick Kaufmann

Wednesday, September 11

12:15 pm Mass for +Alex & +Cynthia

Billy

7:00 pm Mass for Luin

Thursday, September 12

12:15 pm Mass for Kristian Kaufmann

Mass for Kevin Kaufmann

Mass Intentions next week

Friday, September 13

12:15 pm Mass for +Les Dube

Saturday, September 14

12:15 pm Mass for Fr. Leonard Fic

Expected Livestream Schedule

Mass will be available at Saskatoonmass.com for other Parishes.

Please Include in your Prayers

This list is for those who are in need of prayer, whether they be sick or well, living or deceased. If you would like your name or a name of a loved one to be listed, please call the parish office: 306-659-5800

Maryann Babylonia

Zenitha Joppa Atebe

Lauren Novak

†Noel Daniels

Eileen Materi

†Jean Lux

Rosalind Matchett

Kayden Kot

Melissa GO

Perla Lansangan

Nori Cheong



Holy Family Prayer

Most Beloved Sacred Heart of Jesus, As you are the Father's Beloved Son in whom he is well pleased, May we serve others in love as we have been served in love.

Most Blessed Immaculate Heart of Mary As All generations call you blessed through your fiat, May we too move with haste to share the gift of God's love to others.

Most Betrothed Chaste Heart of St. Joseph As you took Jesus and Mary into your home, May we foster free, faithful, fruitful and total love in our family.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, Graciously hear our prayer. Amen.



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