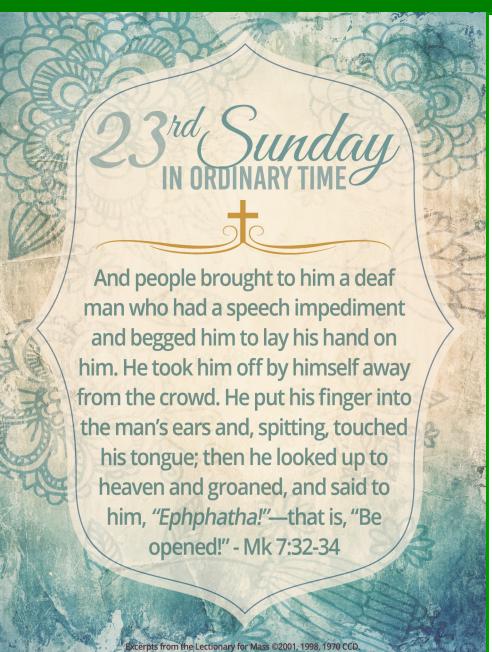




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MISSION STATEMENT:
We are more than Sunday
Morning.
We are worship, service, and
fellowship.
We are a community of Faith.
All are Welcome

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday - 5: 00 PM Sunday - 8:30AM

10:30AM

1: 00PM (French)

Tue - Fri - 12:15PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: **Every Friday from** 12:15 – 3:00PM

Confessions - Saturdays at 4PM any other day by appointment Website: stmark138.com

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Harlem

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Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time September 5, 2021

"We are more than Sunday Morning"

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Please remember in your prayers: Doris Moss, Tyrone Randell, Elizabeth Young, Tracey Bultron-Lewis, Rivanna Johnson, Kenny Love, Birdell Cotton, Muriel William, Debra Woodland-Lee, Ethel Hart Lottie Culpepper, Violet Stephenson, Louise Owens, Louisa John, Maria Torre, Mary Purcell, Suzon Loreto, Ella O. Smith, Barbara Boggs, Margie Deal, Russell Payne, Nikki Parris, Leon Thompson, Belen Vales, Constance Benson, Dorothy M. White, Nancy Villar, Esmeralda Pimentel, Family Villar Abreu, Carol Tull, Shirley Cuevas and Teodoro Galán.

If your name or the name of a loved one has been omitted or needs to be added to the prayer corner, please call the office to be placed on the list for another month.

Thank you for your understanding.

To Parishioners & Friends of St. Mark,

We will continue show our gratitude to all of you for your financial support to our church.

Please we need more financial support especially during these times.

Thank you for your generosity.

Regular Mass schedule has resumed at Saint Mark Evangelist Church.

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Tuesday to Friday at 12:15pm

Sunday Liturgy Schedule:

Saturday:5:00pm (vigil) Sunday: 8:30, 10:30am and 1:00pm - French

September Birthdays:

5 - Willie Jones9 - Simplice Ouedraogo

10 - Jocelyn Caines-R

11 - Isidore Dally

11 - Kamali Durbar-B

12 - Yilsonde Yabre

14 - Ahykue Acakpo

14 - Magie Deal

15 - Gloria Banes

15-Wayman Carrasquillo

17 - Mary Thomas

17 - Carol Tull

19 - Emile Amako

23 - Axel Acako

25 - Jeremiah Bain

26 - Adeline Sossa

27 - Brielle Davie

28 - Jose Francisco

Happy Birthday!

Bible Study Every Wednesday From 11AM – 12PM

ADORATION EVERY FRIDAY 10:00AM - 1:30PM

SACRAMENTS

SICK CALLS: For the ill, the Sacrament of the Sick is available. Please talk to the priest or call the Rectory at any time.

CONFESSION:

Saturdays at 4pm, any other day, also you can talk to the priest or call the office at 212-281-4931 to make an appointment.

Envelope System

To assist us in keeping accurate records of your contributions, we request that you use the weekly envelope system. This enables us to verify your donations should it be necessary for tax purposes. Please notify the office if you change your address. Thank you.

Sept. 9 Cathedral Mass to Remember Persecuted Christians in Africa.

Cardinal Dolan will offer Mass to raise awareness for the persecuted Christians in Africa at St. Patrick's Cathedral Thursday, Sept.9, at 5:30 p.m.

PASTORAL STAFF

Parish staffed by the Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Spiritans).

Fr. Jean-Pierre Kapumet Tambwe, CSSp: Administrator

Parish Council

Dorothy McWhite - Chairperson

Finance Committee

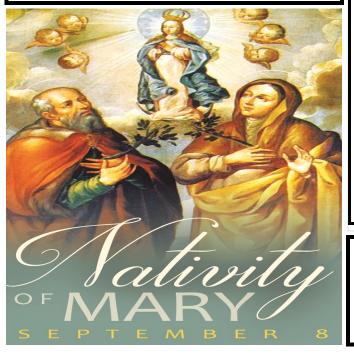
Avis Thomas – Chairperson Barbara Boggs - Vice - Chairperson Molly Goodrich - Secretary

Outreach Ministry: Joella Nipper Trustees:

Annette Charles & Laurence Hyacinthe

Let us remember our loved ones living and deceased, through a mass intention. It is a beautiful way to remember and honor them. You can have an intention said any day of the week. If you would like to schedule a mass intention, please visit or call the office.

Please notify the office on the illness or the death of a loved one. Father Jean -Pierre and the St. Mark Family want to support you and your family during your time of need.



Reflection for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 5, 2021

In the midst of the earthquake in Haiti, the struggles faced in Afghanistan and other countries in our world, the hurricane in Louisiana and the healing people seek during this Coronavirus pandemic, today's Scriptures remind us to "be open" to God's power to heal and says to hearts that are frightened, God comes to save us.

We often cry out asking for God's help. We wonder why all of this is happening? We need you, Lord! In this Sunday's Gospel,' a deaf man is brought to Jesus. The man is healed. Jesus not only opened his ears but also gave him back his voice. What are our cries? What do we want to hear? Who will hear our cries? The God of all grace who created us, will come to save us.

Today, along with all our struggles and pains, we are challenged by the Gospel to acknowledge Jesus' healing presence in every area our lives. During these times, it maybe difficult accept or even understand the challenge of the Gospel. God did not bring us this far to leave us now.

We are all in need of healing. The spiritual dimension of healing is different from curing. The prophet Isaiah gives us some insight into what is healing. Isaiah 35 says, "To those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not!" In our world today, people are frightened, disappointed and skeptical but Jesus' healing brings us strength and comfort in our times of fear. This is not just cure where the illness or situation is gone or taken away. The healing of Jesus empowers us to acknowledge that something is wrong and moves us to not let this illness or situation control our lives or make us less then who God created us to be.

If we have food on our tables, we are blessed. If we have a place to call home, we are blessed. If we have relatively good health and people we can call our family and friends, we are blessed. If we are blessed, we are called to be a blessing to others in whatever way possible.

The scriptures challenge us as it did the deaf man,

"Ephphatha!" Be open! When we are open to God's gift of healing we find that there are many expectations and greater hope. God has done everything well for us. God wish to change us and our world. However, this is not forced upon us. We must be willing to change. Through faith, we follow and believe that God can do anything but fail.

Today, we ask God to open our eyes, our ears and our hearts so that the power of God can become more evident in our lives and in our world. Never stop praying. Never stop believing. Never give up. We may never understand why so much is happening in our lives or in our world. One thing for sure is that the healing presence of God is all around us. Let our openness to God bring healing to our brokenness, comfort to our fears and strength to our journey.

Question of the Week

Am I open to hearing God's word, even from unexpended sources? How do I live out my baptismal call to proclaim God's word?







This Week In Catholic & African-American History

Observances for the week of September 5, 2021

Sunday September 5: - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- "Pap" Singleton left Tennessee with 73 African-Americans to establish Singleton's Colony in Kansas - 1877

Monday September 6: - LABOR DAY

- National Convention of Black Freemen was held in Cleveland, OH - 1848

Wednesday September 8: - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Emerson J. Moore ordained Catholic Bishop for New York, NY 1982
- Althea Gibson became the 1st African-American athlete to win the U.S.
- Oprah Winfrey's talk show became nationally syndicated –1986

Thursday September 9: - St. Peter Claver, Priest

- St. Joseph's Seminary founded in Baltimore, MD 1888
- Arthur Ashe, 1st African-American man to win the U.S. Open 1968

Saturday September 11: - PATRIOT DAY

Next Sunday September 12: - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time' Grandparents' Day