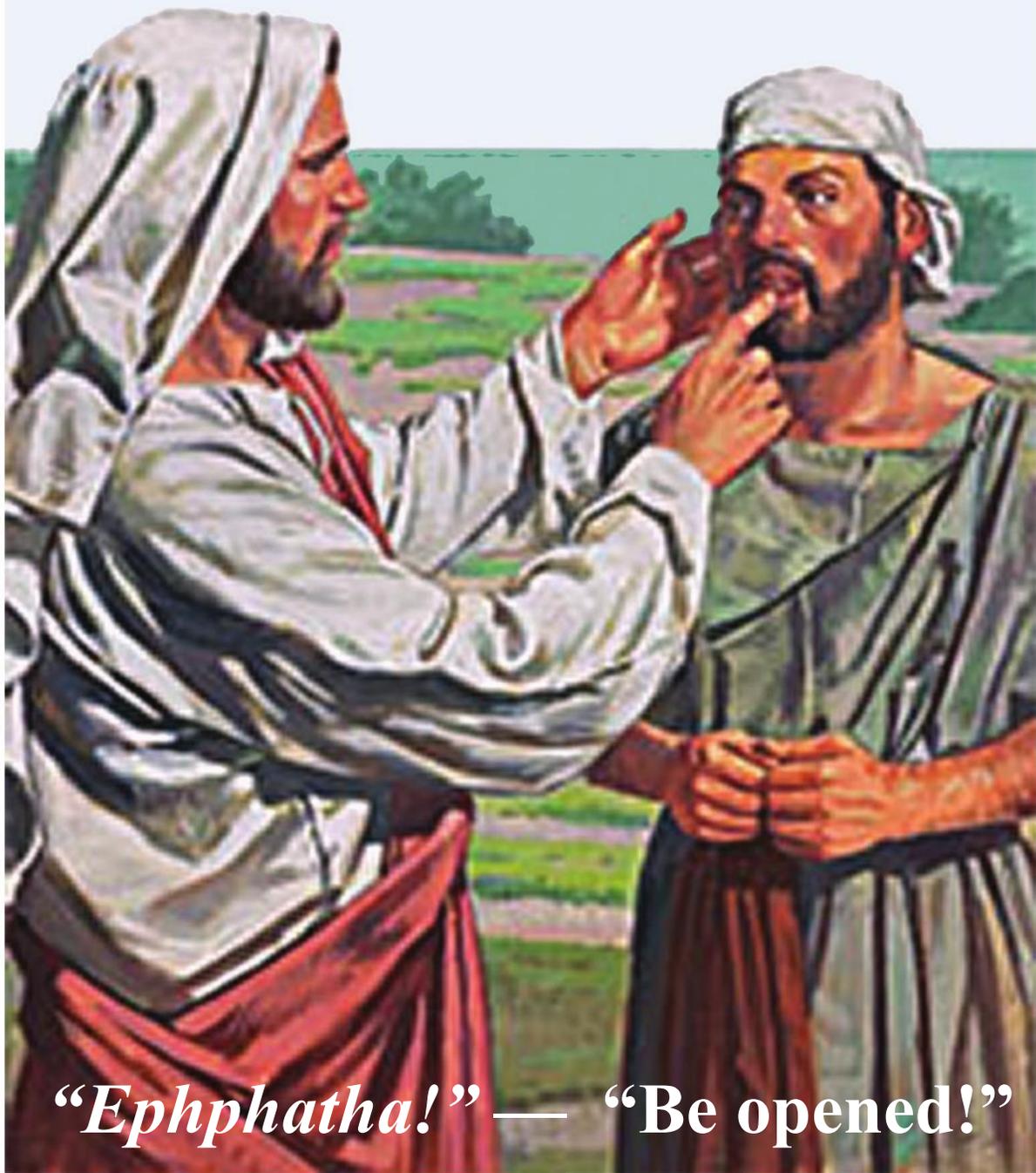


23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Ephphatha!” — *“Be opened!”*

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September 5, 2021

The Pastor Jots It Down

My dear parishioners and friends of St. Rosalie and St. John Bosco Parishes and School,



This Sunday's Gospel focuses on Jesus, his compassion for those who are suffering, his healing power, and the faith of the people in Jesus' power to heal.

Note well, the people brought the deaf-mute to Jesus. They had faith that Jesus could heal him. They had no doubts that Jesus could do it. Because of their faith, Jesus did heal him.

I think most of feel the need for healing for ourselves, for ourselves, and for those who offend us. Total faith expressed in prayer and action is key.

Jesus has given us the sacraments for healing and strength. We can only receive their healing power and strength, if we make use of them. That's why its important to regularly celebrate the Sunday Eucharist and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation frequently.

Our school children have regular opportunities for both Mass and Confession. It is important that their lived sacramental life in school be re-enforced by Family Sunday Mass attendance as well as regular times for the whole family to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

As many of us have learned in our younger days: a sacrament is an outward sign instituted by Christ to give grace.

An outward sign encompasses the words and actions/materials through which a sacrament is conferred.

In the gospel account today, the healing takes place when Jesus puts his finger in the man's ears and spitting touched his tongue while saying the word "Ephphatha!" i.e., "Be opened!"

Jesus, gives us these powerful moments of grace to assist us throughout life: **Baptism** at birth; **Confession** and **Eucharist** throughout life; **Confirmation** as we make a decision to confirm and strengthen our faith life; **Matrimony** and **Holy Orders** as we commit to graced vocations; and the **Sacrament of the Sick** to assist us in our weakness and as we come to the reality that our earthly journey is coming to an end.

RCIA Program: During these days let's be missionary disciples and reach out with invitations to possible candidates who have never been Baptized; those non-Catholics who may want to find out more about the Catholic faith; and those Adult Catholics, who never made their first Holy Communion and/or Confirmation. Bishop James Walsh of Maryknoll tells us: "it may be for your word of invitation or encouragement that the soul of some future apostle is waiting." Remember today God speaks through human instruments. Be bold with your invitations on behalf of God.

Parents of school age children, please remember to register your children who are not in a Catholic school in our parish religious education program. Also, registration is open for those high school juniors/seniors who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation and desire to confirm and grow in their faith.

Parents of our school children and religious education students and confirmandi, it's extremely important that you witness to your children the importance of making Sundays special by worshipping together as a family and by periodically going to confession as a family several times throughout the year. Unless the family gives witness to these basic Catholic values, the work of our catechists is in vain. More often than not, if the witness of a sacramental life is not modeled in the home, the children will come to the conclusion that if Mom and Dad don't live a sacramental life aren't going, then it's not something they need to do or they believe they are not good friends with Jesus because they're not getting to Sunday Mass because Mom and Dad aren't going.

Let's join in prayer that this new pastoral year will be a year of real spiritual growth for all our parishioners, students, and families.

God loves you!

F. Mark

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

by James Campbell, D Min



The name *Jesus* means “God saves.” The name emphasizes that Jesus is the one who has come to save all. *Christ* means “anointed.” The name shows that God the Father has given Jesus a mission and endowed him with power to save and the power to heal. Jesus’ whole life was aimed at saving people. His words and actions are the foundation of the saving grace we now received in the sacraments.

The sacrament that helps unite those who are suffering with Jesus’ saving and

healing power is the Anointing of the Sick. Through this sacrament people receive forgiveness for their sins and comfort in their suffering; they are restored in spirit; and sometimes they even experience the return of physical health. Suffering is a part of life, but Jesus unites our suffering with his passion and death so that through our suffering we can participate in his saving and healing work. The sacrament also reminds us that God wants to give comfort to the suffering and wants us to relieve suffering where we can.

In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the priest anoints the seriously ill, injured, or the elderly with the oil of the sick. The oil of the sick is a special oil used for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. It is blessed by the bishop at the Chrism Mass during Holy Week.

In addition to anointing, the person is often offered Holy Communion. When a person is dying, the Communion is called viaticum (on the way with you). For a dying person, the sacrament is preparation for passing over to eternal life.

Anointing sometimes occurs in a church and is given to the sick or elderly in a community setting. It often takes place in homes, nursing homes, and hospitals. For example, **a person who is going to have surgery may be anointed. The sacrament may be received more than once, such as when a sick person’s condition worsens.**

In the Rites of the Anointing of the Sick, the priest anoints the sick person on the forehead, saying, “Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.” He also anoints the sick person on the hands, saying, “May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up. Amen.” The “raising” refers to spiritual healing, as well as any physical healing that may take place.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, once referred to as Extreme Unction and ministered only to those in danger of death, is a prayer of healing and may be celebrated individually and communally.

From <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/sacraments/anointing-of-the-sick/the-sacrament-of-the-anointing-of-the-sick/>

Missionary Discipleship

In *Joy of the Gospel* written by Pope Francis, we are introduced to the term “missionary discipleship.” In virtue of their baptism, all the members of the People of God have become missionary disciples (cf. Mt 28:19). All the baptized, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the faith, are agents of evangelization, and it would be insufficient to envisage a plan of evangelization to be carried out by professionals while the rest of the faithful would simply be passive recipients.

The new evangelization calls for personal involvement on the part of each of the baptized. Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization; indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God’s saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love.

Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus: we no longer say that we are “disciples” and “missionaries”, but rather that we are always “missionary disciples”.

If we are not convinced, let us look at those first disciples, who, immediately after encountering the gaze of Jesus, went forth to proclaim him joyfully: “We have found the Messiah!” (Jn 1:41). The Samaritan woman became a missionary immediately after speaking with Jesus and many Samaritans come to believe in him “because of the woman’s testimony” (Jn 4:39). So too, Saint Paul, after his encounter with Jesus Christ, “immediately proclaimed Jesus” (Acts 9:20; cf. 22:6-21). So what are we waiting for? (EG, 120)

What is expected of a missionary disciple?

“All of us are called to mature in our work as evangelizers. We want to have better training, a deepening love and a clearer witness to the Gospel. In this sense, we ought to let others be constantly

evangelizing us. But this does not mean that we should postpone the evangelizing mission; rather, each of us should find ways to communicate Jesus wherever we are. All of us are called to offer others an explicit witness to the saving love of the Lord, who despite our imperfections offers us his closeness, his word and his strength, and gives meaning to our lives. In your heart you know that it is not the same to live without him; what you have come to realize, what has helped you to live and given you hope, is what you also need to communicate to others. Our falling short of perfection should be no excuse; on the contrary, mission is a constant stimulus not to remain mired in mediocrity but to continue growing. The witness of faith that each Christian is called to offer leads us to say with Saint Paul: “Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.”” (Phil 3:12-13). (EG, 212)

Method for missionary discipleship

“The work of the Holy Spirit permeates all of the work of the evangelization. The task of evangelization is ongoing and sustained by the Holy Spirit who leads a person to a life of passion and holiness culminating in a world transformed by Jesus Christ. Missionary discipleship takes place within the context of evangelization and begins with an encounter with Christ. We look to Jesus, the Master who personally formed his apostles and disciples as the model of evangelization. Christ gives us this method, “Come and See” (Jn 1:46), “Follow me” (Mt 9:9), “Remain in me” (Jn 15:4), and “Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Mt 28:19). The method includes encounter, accompany, community and send. This method is formation for missionary discipleship. It leads the believer to become a disciple and from there for the disciple to become a missionary.” (LAMMD, 9)

Encounter

“The purpose of evangelization is to lead people to encounter Christ.” (LAMD, 9)

Accompany

“The response to this encounter with Christ needs accompaniment” (LAMD, 14)

Community

“Evangelization invites people to the Body of Christ, which is the Catholic Church.” (LAMD, 16)

Send

“Evangelization leads disciples to accept God’s desire to send them on mission” (LAMD, 17)

Next steps for missionary discipleship

Taking the first step, being involved and supportive, bearing fruit and rejoicing

From *Joy of the Gospel*, an evangelizing church with missionary disciples is described as:

“The Church which “goes forth” is a community of missionary disciples who take the first step, who are involved and supportive, who bear fruit and rejoice.”

An evangelizing community knows that the Lord has taken the initiative, he has loved us first (cf. 1 Jn 4:19), and therefore we can move forward, boldly take the initiative, go out to others, seek those who have fallen away, stand at the crossroads and welcome the outcast. Such a community has an endless desire to show mercy, the fruit of its own experience of the power of the Father’s infinite mercy.

Let us try a little harder to take the first step and to become involved. Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. The Lord gets involved and he involves his own, as he kneels to wash their feet. He tells his disciples: “You will be blessed if you do this” (Jn 13:17).

An evangelizing community gets involved by

word and deed in people’s daily lives; it bridges distances, it is willing to abase itself if necessary, and it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others. Evangelizers thus take on the “smell of the sheep” and the sheep are willing to hear their voice.

An evangelizing community is also supportive, standing by people at every step of the way, no matter how difficult or lengthy this may prove to be. It is familiar with patient expectation and apostolic endurance.

Evangelization consists mostly of patience and disregard for constraints of time. Faithful to the Lord’s gift, it also bears fruit. An evangelizing community is always concerned with fruit, because the Lord wants her to be fruitful. It cares for the grain and does not grow impatient at the weeds. The sower, when he sees weeds sprouting among the grain does not grumble or overreact. He or she finds a way to let the word take flesh in a particular situation and bear fruits of new life, however imperfect or incomplete these may appear. The disciple is ready to put his or her whole life on the line, even to accepting martyrdom, in bearing witness to Jesus Christ, yet the goal is not to make enemies but to see God’s word accepted and its capacity for liberation and renewal revealed.

Finally, an evangelizing community is filled with joy; it knows how to rejoice always. It celebrates every small victory, every step forward in the work of evangelization. Evangelization with joy becomes beauty in the liturgy, as part of our daily concern to spread goodness. The Church evangelizes and is herself evangelized through the beauty of the liturgy, which is both a celebration of the task of evangelization and the source of her renewed self-giving. (EG, 24)

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Announcements



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September 2021

To: Clergy, Religious and Laity of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

It is our archdiocesan tradition to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation, better known as confession, on a weekday evening near the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. I am pleased to inform you that many people in the Archdiocese of New Orleans have taken advantage of this opportunity.

This year confessions will be available on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 from 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM. Please consider inviting the healing Christ into your heart with his promise of mercy.

Pope Francis reminds us: "Do not be afraid of Confession! One who is in line to confess feels all these things – even shame – but then, when we finish confessing, we leave free, great, beautiful, forgiven ... And this is the beauty of Confession... Jesus is there... and He receives you with so much love."

Please consider having your family come to church together for Confession on Wednesday, September 15.

Wishing you God's blessings, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans

GMA/mk

SINCERE THANKS

The Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers wish to express sincere thanks to the parishioners of St. Rosalie for the generous contributions to their Mission on the recent visit by Fr. David Kelly.

SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

The Sanctuary Committee for the weekend of September 11th is Team 7, which consists of Toni Savona, Kathy Savona, Pam LaFont, Tally Gros, Louise Punch and Patti Toups.

CLUB NEWS

The Altar Society/Women's Club will meet on September 6th in the Parish Center. Rosary starts at 6:30, followed by the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Men's Club will meet on Sept. 7th in the Parish Center at 7:00 p.m.

In Our Parish

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Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:00a.m. All Parishioners Living & Deceased
4:00p.m. Charles & Carmen Austin
Fr. Jon Parks, SDB
Iris & Tibby Thibodeaux
Rodney Wilcox
Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.
Wayne Oubre
Craig LeBlanc
Estanislao & Maria Ana Gongora
Juan B. & Marcela Rodriguez
Bob Higgins
Sam & Helen Territo
Ann White
Dwayne Guidry
Alexis & Beverly Vicari
Hilton Lirette
Donald Comeaux
Rodney Isemann
Raymond Champagne

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

7:30a.m. Yvonne D'Angelo
10:30a.m. Yves 'Vessie' Bourgeois, Sr.
Gary Pratt
Carlos Savona
Angelina & Billy Schrader
Avie & Lorena Legendre
William & Mamie Treadaway
T-Van Falgout
Sandy & Garin Hernandez
Kevin Fitzhenry
Byron S. LeJeune
Ann White
Rodrigue, LeJeune, Orgeron families
Theophile Bourgeois III
Gene Portier
Suzette Richoux Daniell
Nelson Cantrelle, Jr.
Billy J. Rodrigue, Sr.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

7:00a.m. Maria Scanio

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

7:00a.m. Mark Powanda

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

7:00a.m. Saladino & LeBlanc families dec.
Henry Kraus
Sandy Hernandez

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

7:00a.m. John Mcleod

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

7:00a.m. Landry/Terracina/Vicknair deceased
Ivy & Rosalie Landry
All Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:00a.m. All Parishioners Living & Deceased
4:00p.m. Charles & Carmen Austin
Fr. Jon Parks, SDB
Isabella Bauer
Wayne Oubre
Troy Dean Williams II
Malcolm & Timmy LeBlanc
Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.
Dominick & Conchetta Bellipanni
Calogero & Loreta D'Amico
Dorina P. Gauthreaux
Margie Montet & Special Intentions
Tony Phillips
Shayna Catherine Cline
Hilton Lirette
Rodney Isemann
Donald Comeaux
Raymond Champagne

MASS FOR HEALING:

Brady & Grayson Hernandez, Julie Kirkland,
OJ Orgeron, Jackie Morvant Bush
Rosalie Oubre, Shannon Morvant Olivero,
Jonathan Cline

SPECIAL MASS: For conversion of sinners.

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