

*And [immediately] the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly.*

MARK 7:35

## He Has Done All Things Well

**D**eep in the heart of each of us is a desire for a perfect world—a world of peace and harmony, where life flourishes and people care for one another. From beginning to end, our religious tradition promises that such a world is just ahead of us. Today's readings assure us that physical obstacles will not prevent its accomplishment, because the graciousness of God is stronger than any other power.

Today's reading from Isaiah instructs us: "Be strong, do not fear!" (35:4). It encourages us to believe in this promise of ultimate fulfillment and to trust that God will see it through. Our focus changes slightly in the Gospel passage. What was a promise of the future for Isaiah bursts forth as a reality in the Gospel, where the healing of broken bodies and troubled lives is realized by the warm words and gentle touch of Jesus.

Do such miracles really happen? Or are these fanciful stories that provide hope for people with little scientific understanding? Are miracles real? Of course they are. However, their true meaning might be much more profound than we realize. A miracle is a manifestation of divine power far beyond human control or comprehension. It is an experience of being made whole again, an occurrence in which peace and harmony are reestablished. Sometimes a miracle is spectacular; at other times it is far too deep to be seen. But always it is God working in our lives to create us anew.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *Where does your life need healing? What are you doing about it?*
- ★ *How might you be a source of healing in the lives of others?*

## THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE—MARAK

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**Marak:** Sundays: 10:15AM and Wednesday 5:30PM(unless otherwise stated)

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**Confessions:** Before Mass on the weekend and anytime by appointment.

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### SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 — TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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." In the Greek, this echoes the creation story, recalling that God saw all the things He had done and declared them good (see [Genesis 1:31](#)).

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. He even uses a Greek word to describe the man's condition (*mogilalon* = "speech impediment") that's only found in one other place in the Bible—in the Greek translation of today's Isaiah passage, where the prophet describes the "dumb" singing. The crowd recognizes that Jesus is doing what the prophet had foretold. But Mark wants us to see something far greater—that, 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 (see [Revelation 21:1-5](#)). As Isaiah promised, He has made the living waters of Baptism flow in the desert of the world. He has set captives free from their sins, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has come that rich and poor might dine together in the Eucharistic feast, as James tells us in today's Epistle. 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.



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**Ministries for September 11, 2021****Worker's Mass****Eucharistic Minister:** Jill Stermer**Offertory:** Joe & Judy Mayer**Lector:** Alfred Vrazel**Ushers:** Garrett & Garrey Prcin**Altar Servers:** Camryn, Garrison, Annalee**Ministries for September 12, 2021****Rosary:** Raymond Tomek**Eucharistic Minister:** Kayla Laurence**Offertory:** KJZT JRS.**Lector:** KJZT JRS.**Ushers:** KJZT JRS.**Altar Servers:** Gracie, Carter, Tessa**Sanctuary Light: Sept. 6th-12th: Stefina & Joe Vansa by Robert & Debbie Vansa**

**Prayer Chain...**Please remember in your daily prayers the faithfully departed, those souls in purgatory, those of our community that are in special need of prayer, those who are homebound or in nursing homes, all those in the military and to all those who have been affected by the Covid-19 Virus and also that the vaccine for the corona virus will help to stop this pandemic & for the following: Anton Vrazel, David Minatra, Reenie Hubnik, Kathy Hubnik, Baby Townes Bush, Carolyn Klecka, Edward Brenek, Jr., Marilyn Junek Gonzalez, and Doris Matocha. Prayers are powerful! To be added to the prayer chain:

Please contact: **Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—Slavik@farm-market.net****MARAK MASSES —September 5-12, 2021**

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today—9/5	10:15am	+ August & Mary Hubnik by Liz & Arvell Jungmann + Doris Bruggman by Richard & BJ Brenek + Eugene Vaculin by Tom & Julie Motyka + Albert Michalka by Earnest Janacek
9/8—Wed.	5:30pm	+ Martha Hertenberger by Pat Thompson + Dorothy Mueck by Leroy & Kathy Vansa + Annie Mae Hubnik by Zarosky Family + Dorothy Vaculin by Liz & Arvell Jungmann
9/11— Saturday Worker's Mass	7:00pm	+ John & Gertrude Michna by Kelly & Glenn Laurence + Albert Michalka by K of C #10186 + Eugene Vaculin by Joe & Christi Konderla + Dorothy Vaculin by Richard & BJ Brenek
9/12 —Sunday	10:15am	+ Eugene Marak by Debbie Dohnalik Bush + Daniel Hromcik by Margie Vaculin Kulchak + Albina Vrazel by Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Holy, Jr. + Mary Ann Plachy by Georgia & Carol Stermer

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION**

- **TODAY:** Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church invites everyone to their annual Jamaica from 11am to 10pm. Check the bulletin board in the church entry for more information.
- **With the new section of the cemetery opening,** there is concerns about the way that graves are currently purchased/reserved/or assigned. There is discussion as to whether location can be reserved as opposed to being assigned the next available grave site. If anyone has any suggestions or strong feels about this issue, please make your concerns known. Contact anyone on the cemetery board. Anna Teague, Robert Plachy, Adam Dohnalik, Brad Vaculin, Raymond Jochec or George Dohnalik.
- **Heartfelt thanks from the Clem Tomek family** as we celebrated the life of Martha. The beautiful Mass, wonderful meal, prayers and acts of love are deeply appreciated. God Bless each of you!

# Dear Padre,

**Martyrs and people who commit suicide willingly sacrifice their lives, so how are they different? If I deliberately put myself in a position to be killed—even for a worthy cause—isn't that a form of suicide?**

**L**ife is a gift from God. While both martyrdom and suicide contradict the natural human disposition to preserve and perpetuate life, the former is a totally self-giving act; the latter, a self-inflicted one.

The early Church believed that martyrs went directly to heaven because their sacrifice of life was the ultimate Christlike expression. Their courageous endurance of indignities and tortures—their heroic willingness to die in defense of the faith or to save another's life—demonstrates a supreme love of God and neighbor over love for life itself (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2473).

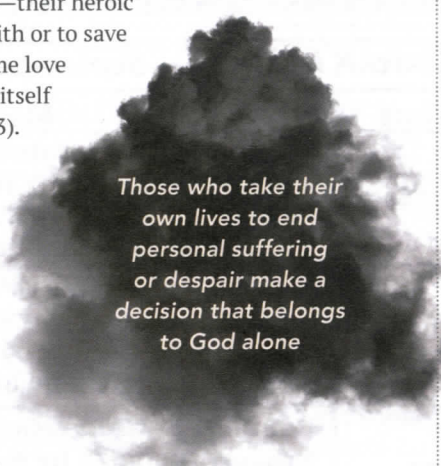
Those who take their own lives to end personal suffering or despair make a decision that belongs to God alone. It's an action that can revolve totally around the "self," often with little thought given to its consequences. It's a sin against hope (CCC 2091) that reveals a lack of faith and trust in God.

Conversely, martyrdom is a profound expression of faith, trust, and hope in God. Nevertheless, our compassionate God fully knows the intensity of suffering that triggers suicide and "can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance" (CCC 2283).

*Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org*

**Do you have a question for the Padre?**

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.



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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Remember that story about the poor widow lady...Her husband had committed suicide; he jumped from the bridge into the river. And she wept. She said, "I am a sinner, a poor woman. But my poor husband! He is in hell."...And the Curé of Ars said, "But wait a moment, ma'am, because between the bridge and the river, there is the mercy of God."*

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## Calendar

### Monday

SEPTEMBER 6

Weekday

Col 1:24—2:3

Lk 6:6—11

### Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 7

Weekday

Col 2:6—15

Lk 6:12—19

### Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 8

*The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Mi 5:1—4a or

Rom 8:28—30

Mt 1:1—16, 18—23, or

1:18—23

### Thursday

SEPTEMBER 9

*St. Peter Claver, Priest*

Col 3:12—17

Lk 6:27—38

### Friday

SEPTEMBER 10

Weekday

1 Tm 1:1—2, 12—14

Lk 6:39—42

### Saturday

SEPTEMBER 11

Weekday

1 Tm 1:15—17

Lk 6:43—49

### Sunday

SEPTEMBER 12

*Twenty-fourth*

*Sunday in*

*Ordinary Time*

Is 50:4c—9a

Jas 2:14—18

Mk 8:27—35

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