

Assumption Catholic Church

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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 5, 2021



Be Opened!

MARK 7:31-37

May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ to the World!

Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

Confessions:

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection – Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for Sunday,
September 12, 2021
Isaiah 50:4c-9a
James 2:14-18
Mark 8:27-35

How do we expect the Lord Jesus to treat us when we ask for his help? Do we 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. When Jesus approaches a man who is deaf and has speech impediment, Jesus shows his politeness for this man's predicament. Jesus takes him aside privately, no doubt to remove him from embarrassment with a noisy crowd of 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? St. 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 the man to faith through the gifts of the Holy Spirit." 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 invites us to treat one another in like manner. The Holy Spirit who dwells within us enables us to love as Jesus loves. Do we show kindness and compassion to our neighbors and do we treat them with politeness and respect as Jesus did?



Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On September 8 we celebrate the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nine months after the December 8 celebration of her Immaculate Conception as the child of Saints Joachim and Anne.

The circumstances of Mary's infancy and early life are not directly recorded in the Bible, but other documents and traditions describing those events are cited by some of the earliest Christian writers from the first centuries of the Church.

The "Protoevangelium of James," which was probably put into its final written form in the early second century, describes Mary's father Joachim as a wealthy member of one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Joachim was deeply grieved, along with his wife Anne, by their childlessness.

Joachim and Anne began to devote themselves extensively and rigorously to prayer and fasting, initially wondering whether their inability to conceive a child might signify God's displeasure with them. However, an angel revealed to Anne and prophesied that all generations would honor their future child: "The Lord has heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth, and your seed shall be spoken of in all the world."

Saint Augustine described the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary as an event of cosmic and historic significance, and an appropriate prelude to the birth of Jesus Christ. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley," he said.



Pastoral Needs Survey Now Available

The diocesan-wide survey regarding a broad range of topics relating to the way we live and experience our faith across the entire diocese is now available!

The survey can be completed electronically or manually. To complete it online, visit the website below or look for the link on our parish website (assumptionkeyservv.org).

dwc.org/pastoral-needs-survey

To complete the survey manually, pick up a paper copy at the doors of the church as you leave. The completed survey can be returned in the offertory baskets next weekend.

Our thanks to each of you in doing your part so that we can have a strong response from our parish!



Special Collection for Haiti

At the request of Bishop Mark Brennan, a diocesan-wide special emergency collection is taking place this weekend to support the Church and humanitarian needs resulting from the massive earthquake and tropical storm that has devastated Haiti.

A separate basket is available in the vestibule for these donations. Checks can be made payable to Assumption Church with "disaster relief" noted on the memo line. Thank you for your support of this special collection and for your continued prayers for the people of Haiti!



Special Presentation by Fr. Thomas

Fr. Thomas will give a talk and PowerPoint presentation about his home country India and its cultures on Thursday, September 16, at 1 p.m. (following the noon Mass) at St. Mary's Hall. Everyone is invited to attend and bring a lunch!



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, September 4	4:00 p.m.	Soul of James Hartman & family	Patricia Hartman
Sunday, September 5	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Tim & Ginny Newlin	Nancy Starcher
Monday, September 6	No Mass		
Tuesday, September 7	No Mass		
Wednesday, September 8	6:00 p.m.	Fr. Ivan Lebar's Intentions.....	Assumption Parish
Thursday, September 9	12 noon	Soul of Bob Melody	Kelley Kuhn
Friday, September 10	9:00 a.m.	Soul of Harry Barrick.....	Howard & Karen Barrick
Saturday, September 11	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Herman Wise.....	Jean Harber
Sunday, September 12	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Joseph & Catherine Blundon	Assumption Parish

Collections & Attendance August 28-29, 2021

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2,535
Loose Donations.....	\$285
Repairs & Maintenance	\$15
Total.....	\$2,835

Attendance

Saturday 8/28	83
Sunday 8/29	67
Total.....	150

Diocesan Collection

A Diocesan appeal is scheduled for next weekend to benefit the Diocesan Scholarship Association Membership Drive.

Pilgrimage in Honor of St. Joseph

The Year of
St. Joseph



Most watchful guardian and loving father, pray for us.

Celebrate the Year of St. Joseph with faithful from across the Diocese by making a pilgrimage to significant churches in West Virginia named for him.

Three notable churches under St. Joseph's patronage are offering Mass and special tours of the churches the second Sundays in

September, October and November (Sept. 12, Oct. 10 and Nov. 14; see Mass times below):

- St. Joseph Church (Martinsburg), 10:30 am
- The Cathedral of St. Joseph (Wheeling), 10:30 am
- St. Joseph the Worker Parish (Weirton), 11 am

Bishop Mark Brennan encourages Catholics in West Virginia to visit the churches, chapels, and missions in the diocese named in honor of St. Joseph. This act of faith and spiritual renewal will gain a plenary indulgency (under the usual conditions: sacramental confession, reception of Holy Communion, prayer for the intentions of the pope, and total detachment from all sin, including venial sin) for all the faithful who visit a pilgrimage site.

Birthday Wishes for Fr. Ivan



Fr. Ivan will celebrate his 90th birthday on September 7. Let's remind him how we remember and appreciate the years he faithfully served our parish with a note or a card!

Fr. Ivan Lebar
P. O. Box 40
Loretto, PA 15940

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, September 11

Lector: Karen Yowler
Servers: Alan Taylor & Sue Harber
EM: Jean Harber
Cantor: Linda Marsh
Greeters: Sue & Jean Harber

Sunday, September 12

Lector: Mike Landis
Servers: James & Tess Maybury
EM: Pam Williams
Cantor: Julie Alt
Greeters: Jeff & Kelley Kuhn

Saturday, September 18

Lector: Sue Harber
Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis
EM: Meredythe Barrick
Cantor: Anita Tetreault
Greeters: Mike & Robin McDowell

Sunday, September 19

Lector: Pam Williams
Servers: Abby & Libby DelSignore
EM: Nancy Starcher
Cantor: Patrick George
Greeters: Denny Dolechek & Marvin Whetzel

