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### Remember In Prayer

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## Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**September 5, 2021**

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be  
rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom?

— James 2:5

### THE MESSIAH FORETOLD

Today's story of the cure of a deaf man with a speech Impediment is a good example of how much is contained in a simple miracle story. The Greek word *mogilalos* appears only here in all of the New Testament. It is a technical term referring to someone with a stammer. It is also used only once in the entire Jewish scriptures, in the passage that we read today as our first reading from Isaiah. Clearly, by his choice of this precise word Mark wants us to recognize that what Jesus is doing is the fulfillment of what Isaiah had predicted centuries earlier. In fact, Mark wants us to recognize that Jesus is the Messiah foretold by Isaiah and the other Jewish prophets of old.

The word *ephphatha*, "be opened," used to describe the restoration of the man's speech, is another example of a subtle allusion to an earlier prophecy. This time the prophecy in question is from Ezekiel, when he foretells that in the messianic age, "your mouth shall be opened to speak" (24:26). The sophistication of Mark's narrative is further revealed when we realize that there are multiple levels within a single reference. Mark not only draws our attention back to Israel's prophetic past, he also points to the initiatory practice of his contemporaries by his mention of such things as spittle, touching of ears, and the use of the word which were practices incorporated into the early Church's baptismal ritual.

### LABOR

Without labor nothing prospers.

The office will be closed Monday Sept 6th  
Labor Day.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God (Isaiah 35:4-7a).

**Psalm** — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** — Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).

**Gospel** — Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).

### Remembering

When Jesus broke the bread on the night before he died, he told his disciples, "do this in memory of me" (Luke 22:19). Christians have been faithful to that solemn command. Our eucharistic remembering is not nostalgia, nor is it merely historical, recalling events and facts of long ago. In the liturgy, remembering is action. "Do this," Jesus said. In the Eucharist, we remember by doing. And as we remember, the sacrifice of Jesus is renewed, truly made present, no longer then, but now.

After the consecration, each of the Eucharistic Prayers includes a section called the *anamnesis*, a Greek word that means "remembering." In this part of the prayer, "the Church, fulfilling the command that she received from Christ the Lord through the Apostles, keeps the memorial of Christ, recalling especially his blessed Passion, glorious Resurrection, and Ascension into heaven" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 79e). We pause and call to mind the whole paschal mystery, Christ's dying and rising. "We celebrate the memory of his death and resurrection" (*Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation II*). Obeying Christ's command, we remember.



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11,  
"For the Blessing of Human Labor,"  
907-911  
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19  
Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6  
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]  
Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38  
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8,  
Lk 6:39-42  
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49  
Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18;  
Mk 8:27-35

The church picnic is Sept .11th

From 12 :00 until 3:00

There is a sign –up sheet in the front. Please join in the fun and games and the wonderful food.



SEPT 12TH

Lector MARK

### WEEKLY OFFERING

AUG 29TH

BUDGET \$1351.00

\$692.00