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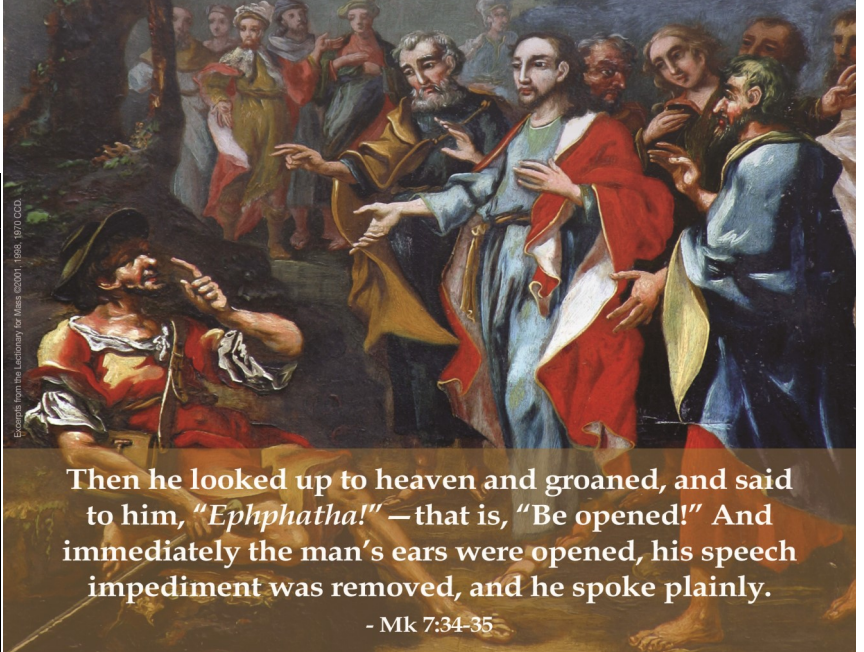
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happy
Grandparents
day

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!" —that is, "Be opened!" And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly.

- Mk 7:34-35

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

Weekdays

Wednesday 9:00 am

First Friday of each month 9:00 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Wednesday after 9:00 am Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

First Friday of each month 8:30 am

First Saturday of each month 3:15 pm – 3:45 pm

Or by appointment

Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

September 9, 2018

On the Catholic Church Sexual Abuse Scandal

Last month there were a group of us priests from the Archdiocese who sat down together, and one of the issues we discussed was the latest news about the Catholic Church's priest sexual abuse scandal. Each one of these priests were ordained after me, and while my thoughts about this tragic and evil issue remains the same, others differed. I would like to share with you some of our conversation.

All of us priests that gathered that day went to the Saint Paul Seminary of the University of Saint Thomas in Saint Paul. Each of us thought our seminary formation was in a solid healthy environment. We all took psychological tests and were screened thoroughly before entering the seminary to see if we were mentally and sexually healthy enough to pursue a priestly vocation. Once in the seminary, we were talked to about healthy boundaries and appropriate relationships.

Although the seminary formation wasn't one hundred percent perfect, it was many times better than before we all had entered the seminary. Furthermore, even though one was allowed in the seminary, if it was deemed that one shouldn't be ordained, he would be asked to leave the seminary.

We felt that there was a misconception that all priests and religious know everything about the sexual abuse cases and who were the abusers. This is not true. As for myself, I know of only two priests who were ordained after 1990 when I entered the seminary, who had sexually abused children. Both of these individuals were removed from ministry, soon dismissed from the priesthood, and their criminal behavior was made public. The first one happened in 1996 before the 2003 Dallas Charter.

The report of the Boston Globe about the sexual abuse in the Catholic Church in early 2002, led the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to write, "The Charter for the Protection of Child and Young People" in 2002 that was adopted at the Dallas bishops' meeting in 2003, hence its name. This contract was revised in 2005, 2011, and 2018. Since 2003, at least in the Archdiocese and in my experience, the local church has a zero tolerance policy for priest's who sexually abuse children. Many strict guidelines have been put in place, for instance, retraining and background checks are done every three years. Priests can freely minister within their own diocese and can perform their priestly services outside the diocese only when their bishop puts into writing that he is a priest in good-standing and has gone through and is updated in training for preventing sexual abuse. This means I can't even go to Cambridge or Pine City to hear confessions or celebrate a family baptism or funeral in my native Diocese of Dodge City, KS. without permission and verification.

Here are some of my personal thoughts about this scandal. I am angry that priests abused children and that there was a cover-up, even though this has been done in all areas of our society. Nonetheless, the Church should have had a higher standard! I am angry that after fifteen years of rigid guidelines in the Catholic Church to prevent sexual abuse, I keep hearing that the Church is reported to not have learned anything. I am angry that old cases keep being brought up, and that after fifteen years of real, genuine determination to eliminate priest sexual abuse, the media will not allow healing to take place. But I am most angry that the sexual abuse scandal ever happened, and that many of God's children have been hurt horribly and scarred by the hands and silence of some priests and bishops in almost all the cases before 2003- fifteen years ago.

I pray for the USA Catholic Church, and in particular for this Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, that the wounds and hurt of all the injured parties may soon be healed; we are allowed to move forward having learned from grave sins committed, so that we can focus our energies to proclaim the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

With prayers, Father Shane

The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, prayed and meditated upon with specific reference to this apocalypse of scandal within our Church, can be a weapon deployed daily, inviting in the assistance of the saints and, most importantly Our Lady — Mary, the Mother of Sorrows -- who will implore her Son for our sake as she prays with us. The prayer and meditation below is from *PRAYING IN CRISIS: THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES OF THIS MOMENT*. Word on Fire Ministries. To read in full see: www.wordonfire.org/resources/blog/praying-in-crisis-the-sorrowful-mysteries-of-this-moment/5880/. Copies are also available in the vestibule.

THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, you prayed in Gethsemane knowing that before you lay an ongoing torture, exquisite pain, and finally death for the sake of the world. Today your Church is facing something torturous too – gut-wrenching, shameful and soul-killing. We know our own agonies will be long and ongoing, but that they too must be endured for the sake of the world. In your humanity you begged your Father for deliverance, even as you surrendered your will to secure our redemption. Help us, now, to pray beyond the intensity of our anguish and anger, that we might gain wisdom and begin to see our way forward, toward restoration.

MEDITATION: Ponder Jesus' desolation. His humanity here eclipses his own divinity; fear is brought to the fore and acknowledged before trust and surrender are able to take hold. Anguished by what we have learned, and what we fear is yet before us, reach for Christ, the knowing companion who is beside us in this new Gethsemane.

September 9, 2018

Celebrants

Wednesday, September 12

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Saturday, September 15

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 4:00 pm

Fr. Shane St. Gregory's 5:00 pm

Sunday, September 16

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Fr. Chuck St. Gregory's 9:30 am

**WE CANNOT
PRAY IN LOVE AND
LIVE IN HATE AND
STILL THINK WE
ARE WORSHIPPING
GOD.**
A.W. TOZER

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, Sept. 15th at 4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Sue Roth

Communion: Rick Kosloski

Gifts: Kay Family

Ushers: Derek Murphy, Kevin Murphy

Servers: Alexis Murphy

Sunday, Sept. 16th at 9:00 am

Lectors: Jeremy Albright, Diana

Granlund

Communion: David Prickett, Jean

Peno*, Mary Pat Hestback

Gifts: Peno Family

Ushers: Craig Peterson, Ron Pel-
tier, Bill Peno

Servers: Brodrick Larson, Isa-
belle Harer

Financial Update

Weekend of :	9/2/18
Envelope	1230.00
Plate	337.00
Bldg. Maint.....	123.00
Food Shelf.....	5.00
CCW Donations.....	40.00
Fall Festival	230.00

Total\$1965.00

"Thank you for your continuing generosity"

Mass Intentions



September 12 † Toni & Andy Kuba

September 15 † Tony Debevec

September 16 † Open

Needing our Prayers

Sue Roth Jim Bartz Bill Peno Jim Kirchberg
Dina Scandinato

"When we pray, God hears more than we say,
answers more than we ask, gives more than we
imagine...in HIS own time and HIS own way."



News

Fall Festival Meeting:

The next Fall Festival meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 10th at 7pm in Wey hall. Set up for the Fall Festival will start at 8 am on Saturday, the 15th. Anyone that can set up tents, move table and chairs is encouraged to help.

2018-2019 FAITH FORMATION –Starting Soon!

September 12th is the first day of Faith Formation and also registration with a parent meeting at 6:30 pm.

Money Counter Needed:

One more money counter needed on a Tuesday morning once a month to help count the weekend's contributions.



SACRED HEART FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, September 16

10 am to 2 pm

Serving Brass Rail Chicken! Kid's Games,

Silent Auction, Country Store, Bingo.

Come enjoy the food and fun! Open to All.

Daily Prayer This Week

This week's daily communion with our Lord can be about the mysteries of self-sacrifice and healing. In the back of our minds each day, we can have a desire to take time out of our busy days just as Jesus did, for prayer and speaking to his Father. We can be aware of the judgmental religious leaders of Jesus' time, who ignored the beam of wood in their own eyes to point out the splinter in someone else's eye. We can also ask for the vision to see how we might be blind to our own snap judgments of others.

If we begin each morning by praying a desire, the rest will follow for the day. "Good morning, Lord. Thank you for this day. Help me today to bring to you the parts of myself that need your healing. Be with me as I face the poverty, hunger or tears of this day." We can go into this prayer, in more depth or detail while we are in the shower or getting dressed. If we let these desires make their way into the background of our day, we can focus our consciousness no matter what we are doing.

Even in activities that require "our full consciousness" and attention, it is possible to shape that consciousness in the context of our desires. For example, I might be in an important meeting, that doesn't allow me to day dream. But, I can walk into that meeting room saying in my heart, "Okay, Lord, be with me here. While I'm so tempted to be seen as a 'success' here, heal all of that focus on myself and free me to do my best and to be attentive to the needs of others. Let me focus on you and your desires for the greater good here."

Especially when we are facing something that is quite difficult, requiring real self-sacrifice and genuine love, we can let our background conversation with the Lord release us from our "typical" response or behavior. "Lord, I'm so full of fear sometimes. I see you boldly heal the man with the withered hand in front of the steely gaze of your critics. You healed because you knew it was the right and compassionate thing to do. Help me to be more courageous in choosing the right thing in my life today."