



**September 6, 2009**  
**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Readings: Isa 35:4-7; Jas 2:1-5;**  
**Mark 7:31-37**

Jesus fulfills the words of the prophet Isaiah by healing a man in today gospel story. Usually Jesus heals by word alone, but in this case Mark gives a detailed description of the healing process

with almost magical overtones. Friends bring a deaf man with a speech impediment to Jesus and beg him to lay His hands on him. Jesus puts his fingers in the man's ears, applies saliva to his tongue and utters the Aramaic word "Be opened". Immediately the man is healed and the bystanders recognize and proclaim Jesus' healing power. Despite Jesus' order, the astonished crowd shouts: "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak".

The same healing power of Jesus is still active and available. There are people in our and in every community who need of healing of body and spirit. I wonder how many of us are courageous enough to present them to Jesus in prayer with the request to "Lay your hands on them". Somebody may do it for us when are in need.



**The year of the priests**  
 The pope dedicated this year to Priests. So you are invited to pray for your priests and for all priests during this year which will end June 2010.

**Who is a priest:** "Every high priest is chosen among mortals and in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf... No one presumes to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God"... (Hebrews: 5:1-5)

A priest is a leader and model of prayer and worship. In the following weeks I will try to share with you some reflections about prayer and the celebration of the Eucharist. We have been talking about Jesus, the bread of life, for the last 6 weeks. I am aware that some older people cannot hear well in church, and older Vietnamese people do not understand English, so writing in the bulletin may help them to get the message and younger Vietnamese can share the message with their seniors. Questions and comments are welcome. I would love to have a question and answer slot in our weekly bulletin.

**Labor Day Prayer**

God our father, by the labor of men and women and their work you govern and bring to perfection the work of creation. Hear the prayer of your people and give them all work that enhances their human dignity and draws them closer to each other in the service of their brothers and sister. We pray in Jesus name. Amen.



St. Joseph Volunteers



Ready for boiler inspection & winter  
 Cam ong, (left) Vang Huynh, Qua Tran

**LABOR DAY**

Labor Day is a national holiday in this country, and for us Christians it is a day when we reflect how God entrusted all the powers of nature under the control of men and women and their work. We marvel how the collaboration of all workers makes life possible, comfortable and pleasant and how the gifts of God well used continue to improve the quality of our life.



The famous Holy Rosary cookies and the baking team.

**CHÚA NHẬT THỨ XXIII THƯỜNG NIÊN**

*Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37*



Labor of Love

**“Hãy mở ra”**

Khi ấy, Chúa Giêsu đến Decapolis, vùng Gentile của miền lục tỉnh về miền đông Palestine. Người ta đem một người câm điếc đến cùng Người để xin Người chữa lành. Để chữa lành anh ta, Chúa Giêsu đặt ngón tay vào tai anh ta và bôi nước miếng vào lưỡi anh ta, rồi Người nói lớn “Hãy mở ra”, và Người ngước mặt lên trời, và với lời nói ấy cùng việc đặt tay, giác quan nghe và nói của anh ta được phục hồi. Chúa Giêsu bảo dân chúng không được kể phép lạ này với ai, nhưng họ ca ngợi Thiên Chúa và reo lên rằng, “Người hoàn tất mọi sự tốt đẹp! Người làm cho kẻ điếc nghe được và người câm nói được”

Có bao giờ chúng ta nhận ra Chúa đã chữa lành cho thể xác và tâm hồn chúng ta rồi ca ngợi Người cùng chia sẻ điều ấy với mọi người chưa?

**Lễ Lao động:** Thứ Hai là ngày lễ dân sự và sẽ không có thánh lễ buổi sáng. Chúng ta cảm tạ Thiên Chúa đã ban cho chúng ta khả năng để chúng ta có thể chu toàn công việc hàng ngày.

**Lễ Sinh nhật Đức Trinh Nữ:** Chúc mừng Sinh nhật Đức Mẹ. Mẹ được chúc phúc hơn mọi người nữ. Xin Đức Mẹ cầu cho chúng con bây giờ và mãi mãi.



**Happy Birthday, Mary!**

September 8 we commemorate the birthday of our blessed Mother. The Jerusalem church originated the feast of Mary’s birth (September 8) in the six century. By the seventh century, the Jerusalem feasts were celebrated not only in the Byzantine Empire, but also in Rome.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, September 5**

4PM In thanksgiving of Josephine Passantino’s 100th Birthday by Rita Passantino  
John O’Connor by Joe Armillio

**Sunday, September 6**

8AM Betty Conrick by George Cascone Family  
11AM Minnie, Matthew & Annette Orlando by Barbara Orlando  
67th Wedding Anniversary of Dr. & Mrs. Pat and June Barelli

**Monday, September 7**

**NO MASS—LABOR DAY**

**Tuesday, September 8**

8AM Holy Rosary Parishioners & Friends

**Wednesday, September 9**

8AM For all the men and women who serve in the military

**Thursday, September 10**

8AM For all homebound parishioners

**Friday, September 11**

8AM Special Intentions

**Saturday, September 12**

4PM John O’Connor by M/M Lee Derus  
Betty Conrick by Vincent & Marilyn Principe

**Sunday, September 13**

8AM Betty Conrick by M/M Anthony Pace  
11AM Walter Tony Accurso by wife Mary Frances

No mass on Monday, September 7  
The church office will be closed.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

**September 12 & 13**

**LECTORS**

4PM: M.Montealeone  
8AM: J.Mancuso  
11AM: J. Mancuso

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Brian Bui  
Tristan & Fantasia Ta  
Yen and Long Bui

**EUCCHARIST MINISTERS**

4PM: T.DeLuca—L.Roccaforte—R.Guastello  
8AM: M.Smith—E.Smith—R.Circo  
11AM: L.Venable—A.Cascone—R.Venable

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Collections: \$2865.00; Other Income: \$705.00  
**TOTAL: \$3570.00**



The mass book for 2010 intentions will open on Thursday, September 10.



Congratulations to Mike & Mary Danna on the celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary on September 7. Mike and Mary were married at Holy Rosary in 1949.