

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Bulletin for 8th September 2024



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Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

• [Isaiah 35:4-7](#) • [Psalm 146](#) • [James 2:1-5](#) • [Mark 7:31-37](#) •

Anyone who has ever experienced hearing loss knows how isolating it can be. The deaf man in today's Gospel must have also struggled with not being able to take part in conversations or understand what was being said. So when Jesus took him off by himself, looked to heaven, and said, "Be opened!" the man's life changed radically *Mark 7:34*.

In today's first reading, the prophet Isaiah promised that when the Lord came to deliver Israel, he would heal the blind and deaf, *35:5*. The people who witnessed the deaf man's healing saw this promise fulfilled in Jesus and even alluded to it when they said, "He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak" *Mark 7:37*. Jesus came to open our ears, too. He doesn't want us to be isolated from him or others. But we can't be healed of our "spiritual deafness" if we fail to spend time with him each day. We need to get "away from the crowd" *Mark 7:33*—away from all the clatter and distractions so that we can better listen to what Jesus wants to say to us. We also need a heart open to hearing his words, especially if he shows us where we need to change.

We can be deaf, too, to the people around us, most especially our loved ones. We can tune out their concerns and struggles because we've heard them one too many times. Or we can listen to their words but not really try to understand what's going on beneath the surface, in their hearts.

That's why it's important to start each day asking the Lord to "clear" your ears *Isaiah 35:5*. He wants you to hear him speaking to you, and he wants you to really listen to the people in your life. Just as he opened the ears of the man in today's Gospel, you can trust that he will open your ears, too. There's so much he wants you to hear and understand!

the Word among us, September 2024

Faith in Action Campaign 34 – Be a Witness of Love!

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend, 7th & 8th September, we joyfully launch the 34th Faith in Action Campaign in our Diocese of Kamloops. The theme for this year's campaign is "Be a Witness of Love!"

Over the next three weeks, you will have the opportunity to learn more about the Faith in Action Campaign 34. You will also receive information on how to make your financial pledge.

Last year, thanks to your incredible generosity, over \$315,000 from Faith in Action Campaign 33 was returned to our parishes. Your contributions exceeded our parish assessments, demonstrating your unwavering commitment and love.

Thank you for being a true witness of love in our Local Church.

Yours Sincerely in Christ,

Joseph Phuong Nguyen,
Bishop of Kamloops



Mass Times

Sunday Mass

Our Lady of the Mountains	Saturday	5:00 pm	Rosary & Confession 4:30 pm
Our Lady of the Mountains	Sunday	9:00 am	Rosary & Confession 8:30 am
St. Christopher's Mt. Currie	Sunday	11:30 am	
St. Francis of Assisi, Pemberton	Sunday	1:00 pm	

Daily Mass

Our Lady of the Mountains	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	at 6:00pm
	Wednesday, Saturday	at 9:00am
St. Christopher's	Wednesday	at 11:00am
St. Francis of Assisi, Pemberton	Friday	at 11:00am

Our Lady of the Mountains

Rosary before Mass on Saturdays and Sundays: for those who have left the Church

Bible Study Tuesdays 5:00-6:00 pm – all welcome

MASS LECTORS



Our Lady of the Mountains

Sat 14th Sept. Ralph

Sun 15th Sept. Nathan

St. Francis of Assisi

Sun 15th Sept. Bart

Katie

Sacrament of Reconciliation – 4:25-4:55pm Saturday, 8:25-8:55am Sunday or by appointment

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September 8th Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Exactly nine months after the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 8th December - we come to a feast to honour Mary's birth. This is one of only three "birthdays" on the liturgical calendar, the other two being the birthdays of Jesus and John the Baptist (other days recognize a saint's "day of death"). Today we recall the greatness of our Blessed Mother Mary and her importance in all of salvation history, as we remember her humble and obedient "yes" to give birth to Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the World. So, on this day we honour the life of this young woman, Mary Immaculate, called to be the Mother of God and our Mother, Queen of heaven and earth.



Community Dinner, Saturday 7th September

Our September Community Dinner will be a potluck supper, after 5:00pm Mass. Bring a tasty dish.



"Ephphatha" – "Be Opened"

What do we communicate about our relationship with the person of Jesus? Do we speak "plainly" about him, for example, to those who are suffering or in sorrow? To those who need to hear the words of forgiveness? To those who need to be challenged to grow deeper in their relationship with Jesus? In all this, through word and act, we are proclaiming Good News. When we truly encounter and hear the Word, our tongues cannot refrain from proclaiming Him widely. When we are tongue-tied about proclaiming who Jesus is, it is the Word Himself who loosens our tongues.

Living Liturgy, 2015

Prayer for the Beginning of the School Year

God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonders of our being.

Be with our children as they begin the new school year 2024/25.

Bless them, their teachers and staff. Bless their parents and catechists.

Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow;

wisdom and knowledge to their minds

as they search for understanding;

and peace and zeal to their spirits.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Construction Update

View this week's drone footage :

<https://vimeo.com/1006437978>

Or connect via our Website, see above



Office Hours

Monday to Thursday 9:30am-3:00pm

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