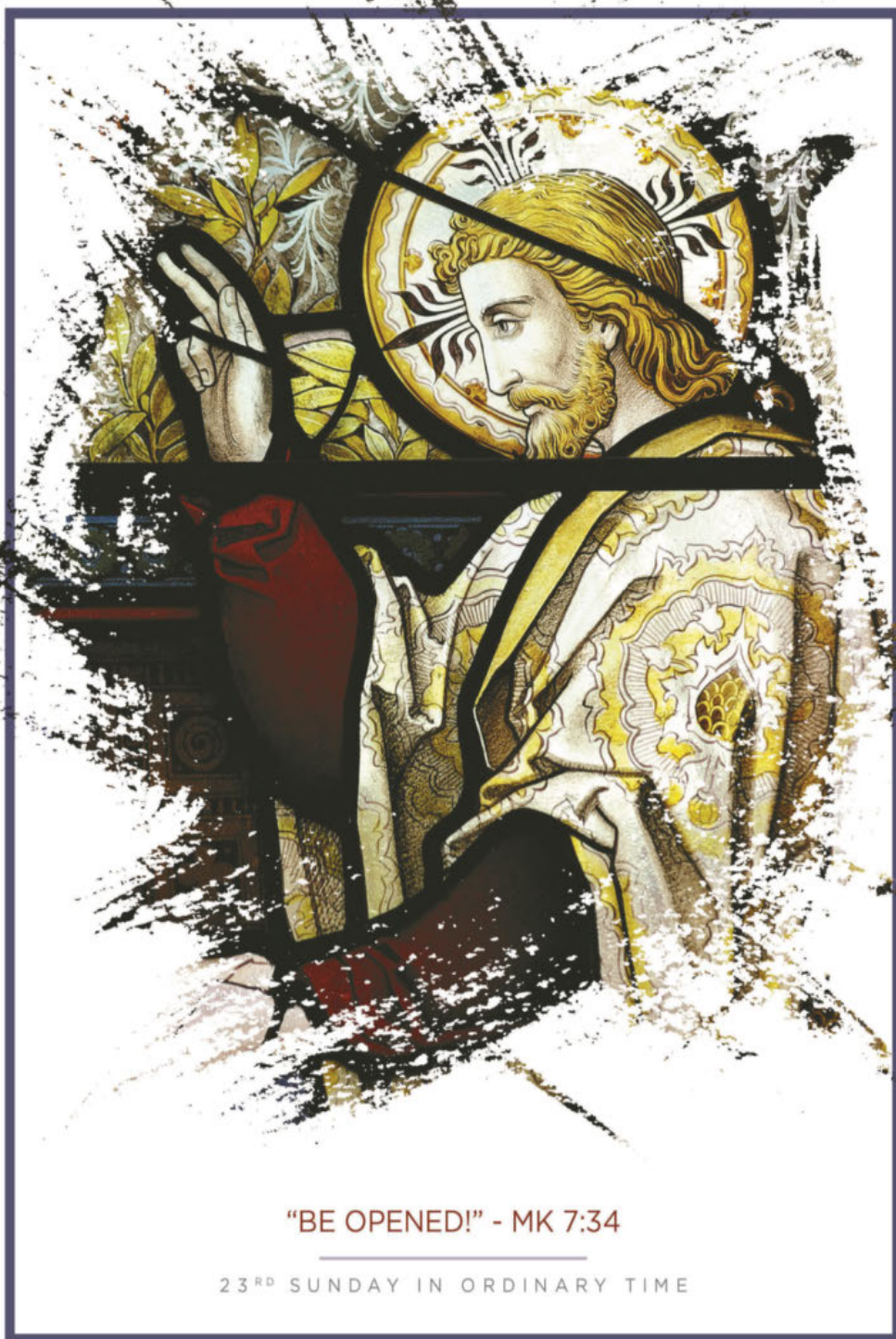


ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | SEPTEMBER 8, 2024



"BE OPENED!" - MK 7:34

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am

WEEKDAYS

Monday & Tuesday:
8:30 am

HOLY DAY MASSES

Consult the bulletin

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

A couple of Sunday's back, the theme of the readings was "God provides for His people." This Sunday, the readings are closely related to that thought. The difference is that in this Sunday's readings, God in Jesus gets personally involved in the health and welfare of His people. What we should see in this is a variation of the same theme, such as God wants His people to be happy and He will lead us to that happiness if we let Him. See how this works in the following readings.

The First Reading is from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (35:4-7a). Here God speaks to His people through the prophet near the end of the Babylonian Exile (circa 539 B.C.). The people are fearful of returning to a land that many of them never knew, and of what they might find there. So, God tells them they need not fear. If they follow His instructions and remain faithful, they will be happy in the Promised Land again.

The Responsorial Psalm is (146:7-10). In this passage, the psalmist is praising God for His faithfulness and benevolence. He enumerates the many things that God has done for His people and how they should respond. Here the emphasis is on the restoration of the land of Israel and its people. We should consider this psalm as a hymn of praise for the infinite blessings of God through Jesus Christ. For without Christ's life, death and resurrection, we would have no promised land (heaven) to go to.

The Second Reading is from the Letter of St. James (2:1-5). In his one and only letter, St. James tells us that God shows no partiality and neither should we. God seeks to bring everyone into His kingdom, but they must want to come. He will not force them. It will be interesting for us to find out, when we get to heaven, who will be there and who won't, and why.

The Gospel Reading is from Mark (7:31-37). In this story, Jesus goes a long way to help the poor and needy. The Decapolis (or "ten cities") was far from Jerusalem in what is now the northern part of Syria. It was an impoverished area, mostly forgotten by the wealthy and important people, but Jesus was on a mission, and it included preaching to all the children of Israel. This little bit of attention to these people made them remark, "He has done all this well."

In the Old Testament, God lead His people through the efforts of the patriarchs and the prophets. In the New Testament, He works directly through Jesus Christ, but the intent is the same – to make His people happy by taking care their needs, both physical and spiritual. For example, when Jesus commands the deaf man's ears "be open" He is commanding not only the physical ears, but the whole being of the man, most importantly his spiritual ears.

This week's readings challenge us to reflect on our own conduct when we are at Mass or reading scripture for devotions or study. Do we really open our mind and heart and let the scriptures speak to us? Or do we let the words go in one ear and out the other?

Something to think about during your prayer time this week!

Rev. Edward J. Smith

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SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00 pm or by appt.

BAPTISM

At least one parent must be a parishioner & actively attend Mass prior to calling the Office.

Baptisms will be held on the 4th Sunday of the month.

MARRIAGE

At least one member of the couple must be a parishioner & actively attend Mass prior to calling

Couples need to make arrangements at least 6 months in advance

No date may be reserved until discussion with the pastor of the parish.

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SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. (*Is 35:5-6*)

PSALM: Praise the Lord, my soul! (*Ps 146*)

SECOND READING: Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him? (*Jas 2:5*)

GOSPEL: "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." (*Mk 7:37*)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

Sunday: *Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37*

Monday: *1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11*

Tuesday: *1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 6:12-19*

Wednesday: *1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26*

Thursday: *1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38*

Friday: *1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42*

Saturday: *Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17*

Next Sunday: *Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35*



Sunday - Sept 8th - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am - †Mary Palmer

Requested by: Jim Palmer

Monday - Sept 9th - St. Peter Claver, Priest

8:30 am - †Living & Deceased Members of the Tavenner Family

Requested by: Hilaire Tavenner

Tuesday - Sept 10th - Weekday Mass

8:30 am - †Jean Copeland

Requested by: Linda Mathewson

Saturday - Sept 14th - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

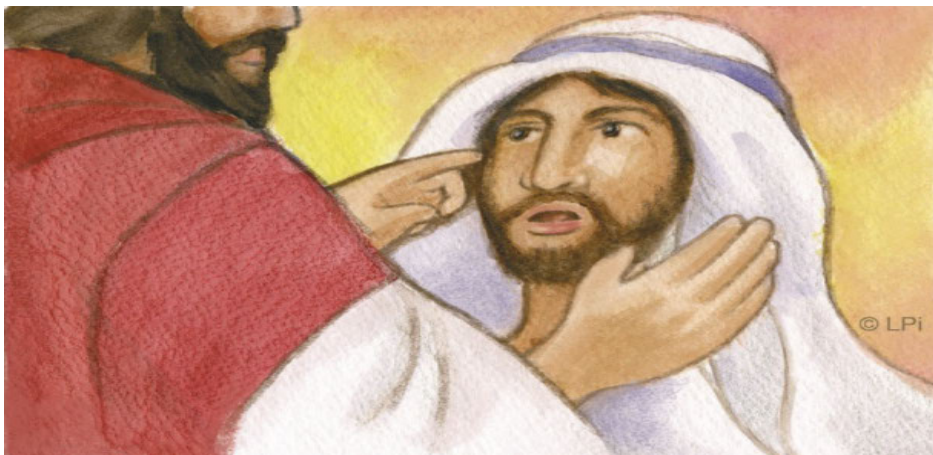
4:00 pm - †Angel White

Requested by: Terry & Wendy Kushinski

Sunday - Sept 15th - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am - †Jeanne Provenza

Requested by: Sally Pasa



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*

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Saturday, September 14th at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Marybeth B.

Eucharistic Ministers: Marybeth B., Laura P., Lynne K.

Sunday, September 15th at 10:00 am

Lectors: Anna S.

Eucharistic Ministers: Hilaire T., Karen L., Dan L.

OFFERTORY REPORT

FISCIAL YEAR (7/1/24-6/30/25)

AMOUNT BUDGETED WEEKLY..... \$5,779.00
 SUNDAY COLLECTION (8/18/2024) \$4,253.00
 7/1/2024 TO DATE +/-) BUDGET..... + \$7,065.00



MY GIFT TO GOD REFLECTS HIS GENEROSITY TO ME

If you are unable to contribute, please submit your envelopes all the same as it is our most clear indication of active participation for Mass.



THE PRAYER INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER ENTRUSTED TO THE POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK

SEPTEMBER 2024 FOR THE CRY OF THE EARTH

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.



PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Gloria Badillo	Janet Baxter	Joanne Bilancini	Maryann Boylan	Tim "Swampy" Burton	Lynn Coscho
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Bea Giacobbe	Virginia Glass	Barbara Glick	Joe Gluvna	Brian Grace	Dan George
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Emily Raddell	Joe Rizzo	Jack Tocchi	Audali Torres	Rosa Torres	Nanette Truffin
Peter Uies	Stacie Velasquez	Nick Vivens	Sherri Wedgeworth	Paul Winkler	Doris Zgola-Whitka

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Call the "Prayer Line" for immediate prayer requests,

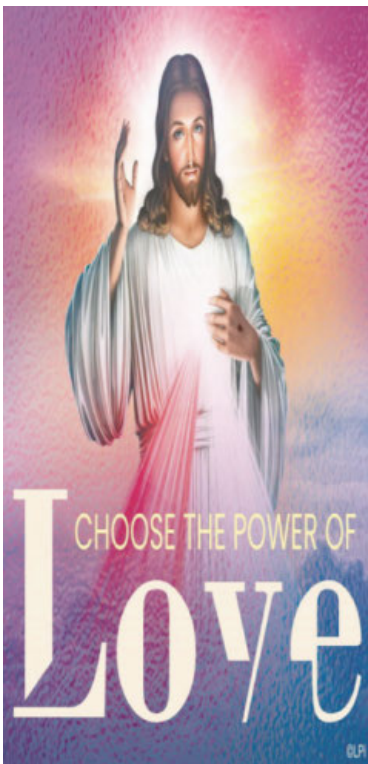
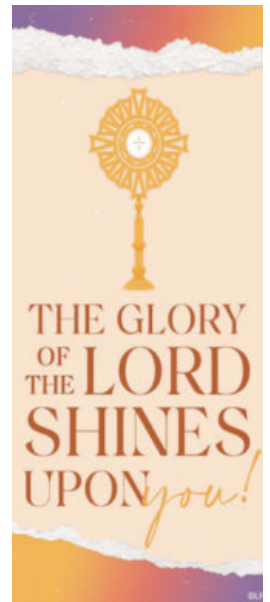
Linda: 440-667-9050 from 9 am - 3 pm or Terri, 440-320-3272 from 3 - 9 pm

ADORATION CHAPEL

*"We rejoice since Mary brings us the Bread of Life.
From the day of her birth we salute her as the aurora of the Eucharist for we know that the
Savior of mankind will take from her the substance of that Body and Blood which
He will give us in the Adorable Sacrament of His love."*

St. Peter Julian Eymard in Reference to the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary;
Feast Day: *September 8*

The feast, The Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary, September 12, celebrates the virtues of Our Lady of the graces that flow from her intercession, was first celebrated in Spain in 1513. It spread to other dioceses and became a universal feast following the victory of John Sobieski, King of Poland, over the Turks in 1683. Sobieski and his troops visited the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa to invoke Mary's intercession before the battle. After the victory through which Austria was spared and Christendom saved, Sobieski attended Mass and offered thanksgiving to Our Lord for Whom he fought.



DIVINE MERCY MEDITATION - RECOMMEND THE CHAPLET TO SINNERS

I heard these words in my soul:

Say unceasingly the chaplet that I have taught you.

Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death.

Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation.

**Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet
only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy.**

I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy.

**I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy
(Diary, 687).**

**The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*

My Prayer Response:

*Lord Jesus, teach priests to love and pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
May they recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation and to all
at the hour of death so as to receive great mercy. Amen.*

Get daily mediations emailed to you at forms.thedivinemercy.org/dmdsignup/.

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!

PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK FROM [PROLIFECORNER.COM](https://www.prolifecorner.com)

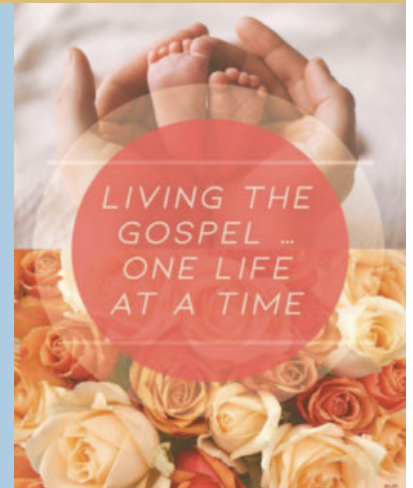
Let us throw ourselves on the mercy of God, our Creator, and unceasingly ask Him for an end to abortion and euthanasia. Then and only then can we have peace in our hearts, in our families, and in the streets of America.

Think about this:

Give us the grace, when the sacredness of life before birth is attacked, to stand up and proclaim that no one ever has the authority to destroy unborn life.

~St. John Paul II

Lord, let us not be cowards; give us the courage & wisdom necessary to stand up & fight the evil of abortion & euthanasia today. Amen!



REGISTER NOW FOR ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PSR CLASSES!!

Registration is open for PSR classes for all children in Grades 2-8 at St. Anthony, St. Teresa of Avila & St. Thomas parishes.

Classes are held on Monday evenings from 6:15-7:30 pm.

First class begins on October 21st.

Registration forms, class schedule and information can be found at www.stanthonylorain.org/our-parish/psr/.

Any questions, please contact psr@stanthonylorain.com.



CALVARY CEMETERY PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR - 9/14

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on **Saturday, September 14th at 1 pm in the main office building of Calvary Cemetery, Lorain.**

Please join us to learn more about the necessary steps to pre-planning the burial process, burial options including options for cremated remains, and the Catholic burial rite.

Please RSVP to this event to Calvary Cemetery, 216-641-7575 ext. 6 or email bstrauchon@clecem.org.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - 9/15

Catholic Cemeteries Association provides free, monthly grief support groups both In-Person at 3 pm & Virtually at 5 pm via Zoom on the same day. Meetings are open discussion with a topic or whatever is in your heart.

The August Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 15th with the closest location

at St. Joseph Cemetery in Avon at 32789 Detroit Rd. The Topic will be *"Different Types of Grief"*.

Your RSVP is appreciated but not required. Please contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866 for more information or sign up for the virtual group at <https://bit.ly/ccavirtualgriefsupportgroup>.

ADULT FAITH SERIES: THE CHOSEN SEASON 2 - 9/25

Immerse yourself in Jesus this Fall! Join us for an 8 week study at St. Vincent de Paul Church, Elyria.

Two sessions to choose from; **either Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm or Thursday mornings at 9:30 am beginning September 25th & 26th.** To register, visit svdpelyria.com or call 440-324-4212

EMHC TRAINING - 10/6

Interested in becoming a Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at St. Anthony's?

You must be fully initiated and in good standing with the church.

The next training is Sunday, October 6th from 2:00-4:30 pm at St. Raphael's in Bay Village.

If you would like to register, please contact the Parish Office, 440-288-0106.

WE ARE SCHEDULING 2025 MASS INTENTIONS NOW

Please use the Mass Request Form below, and include the completed Request Form with your Mass offering (*checks only please*) in an envelope. For those who are inexperienced with scheduling Masses, please be aware the Diocese sets a \$10 minimum charge for each Mass requested. Each parish family can request 2 Weekend and 2 Weekday Masses.

Please drop your envelope either in the collection basket, place in the Parish Office mailbox by the side door or mail to P.O. Box 2199 Sheffield Lake, OH 44054.

Once your Mass is scheduled, you will be contacted by the Parish Secretary.

REQUEST FOR 2025 MASS INTENTIONS

NAME _____ **PHONE #** _____

WHAT/WHO MASS REQUESTED FOR: _____ **DATE OF MASS REQUEST:** _____

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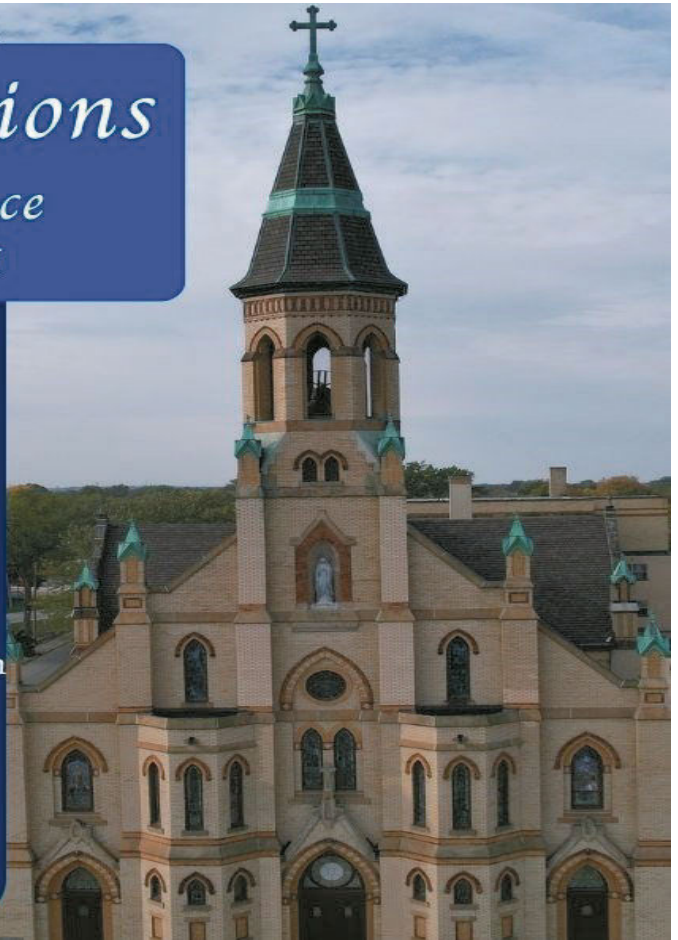
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