

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus has done everything well; he even makes those who are deaf to hear and those who are mute to speak.

MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Psalter III -- Year B

MON. September 7 *Labour Day*

12:05 pm Special Intentions of **TOM & ANN COOK**
--Bill Little

TUES. September 8 *Birth of Mary**

12:05 pm † **DECEASED C.W.L. MEMBERS**

WED. September 9

9:15 am St. Michael's School Mass in the Church
12:05 pm **LIVING & DECEASED † MEMBERS OF
THE BARSONY FAMILY**
--DeRoth Family

THURS. September 10

12:05 pm † **FREDA NOEL** --by Ethel Doncaster
5:30 pm Mass at Brookside

FRI. September 11

9:00 am Mass at Victoria College
12:05 pm **NO MASS** *Due to Southern Deanery Meeting*

Saturday, September 12

5:00 pm **Special Intentions of JOHN &
EILEEN O'CONNOR** --by Joan

Sunday, September 13

9:00 am † **MARK THOMPSON**
--Jack & Valery Clancey

11:00 am **MISSA PRO POPULO**

Next Weekend's Readings: **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
1st: Isaiah 50.5-9 2nd: James 2.14-18
Gospel Mark 8.27-35

*Birth of Mary – Tuesday, September 8

The Legion of Mary will pray the rosary prior to the 12:05 Mass on this occasion. Also, following Mass they will serve refreshments and cake in the Parish Centre in honour of our Blessed Mother's birthday. All are welcome!

Reflection

Many people did not want to hear the words of Jesus, but the deaf-mute, perhaps a symbol of the Gentiles, wanted to hear and speak. He was brought by friends who also had faith in Jesus' healing power. Jesus touched the man's ears and anointed his tongue with spittle. Looking toward heaven, Jesus commanded that the man's ears be open. At the same time, the man's tongue was free and he began to talk. Mark's gospel frequently has Jesus telling those cured not to say anything about what has happened, but many of the people, including those who witnessed this miracle, could not keep the news to themselves.

Reflection for Families This gospel shows us the importance of keeping ourselves open to God's will. We may look at the many things we own that help make our lives easier and more comfortable. But, only when we consider the difficulties of one who lives with a handicap, do we realize the value of what we might otherwise take for granted. Our ability to open our ears and move our tongues may help us communicate easily, but there is more in the message of today's gospel. How open are we to hearing and sharing the Good News of Jesus? Do we worship and pray regularly with our family? Do we give witness to the Good News at school, work, in the neighbourhood and community?

Prayers for the Sick

Janet Pavan, Anne Jones, William Hanley, Fred Gimblett, Gloria Barbosa, Heather Maxwell, Doug Smith, Greg Heenan, Jim Connolly, Bernadette Forster, Jim Corkery, Joseph Slaven, Kathleen Tunney, Marie Solomon, John Kuchma, James Cormier, Harm Zoelman, Alice Heffernan, Bob Whelpley, Peg Lees, Tanya Green, Shawn Pentland, Lisa Dunn, Rosemary Roth, Lisa Sampson, Charles Potier, Arlene Brown, Debbie Hale, Stanley Johnston, Jessica Gerber, Richard Philips, Lynn Fabris, Mary Beyette, Theresa Ferguson, Charles Bateman, Bob Pickett, Noreen Mark, Antoinette Brisson, Stan Johnston, Fred Williams, Mark Martel, Diane Bartlett *May the Lord's healing hand touch them.*

Collection Report

∞ **A Summary of Your Generosity** ∞

August 30 Sunday Offering \$4148.

Donations to the Restoration Fund was \$1030.

Thank you for your support!

Events/Meetings This Week

Tues. 8—7:00 pm KofC Ladies Auxiliary at Columbus Community Centre

Wed. 9—11:00 am Cemetery Board Meeting P/C

Wed. 9—12:30 pm Legion of Mary in Parish Cen.

Thurs. 10—1:00 pm Progressive Euchre at Columbus Community Centre

Thurs. 10—7:00 pm Prayer/Meditation Group in PC

Choral Ministry



We are looking for new members to join both our adult and children's choirs here at St. Michael's Church. If you love to sing and are able to come to practices on Wednesday nights, we would love to have you! Please contact Katie Gagne for more details at 905 377-8547.

You're Invited

GROWTH GROUP FOR ~SEPARATED~
~DIVORCED~WIDOWED CATHOLICS

WHAT-opportunity to gather for 7 weekly Sunday evening Christ-centred meetings, 7-9-beginning October 18, 2009.

FOR WHOM-any separated/divorced or widowed Catholic not currently undergoing or in need of professional therapy.

WHERE-meeting room at the back of St. Francis Church (enter through door by garage)

COST-no charge (refreshment donations)

For more information and/or to register call Fr. Peter Seabrooke 905-987-5446. Please note-you should be prepared to attend **ALL SEVEN SESSIONS**. Sponsored by St. Francis of Assisi new Life group for separated, divorced or widowed Christians.

~~C.W.L. SELLING TICKETS~~

Looking ahead.... CA\$H for CHRISTMAS

The CWL Ladies will be selling tickets after all Masses next weekend, **September 12/13**. This is one of their annual fundraisers. The money raised with this draw is used to help support various organizations as set down by the C.W.L. in their yearly budget. Tickets are once again \$2. each or 3 for \$5. *Who couldn't use a little extra cash before Christmas.* Draw date will be December 6!

▶ First Prize: \$250. ▶ Second Prize: \$150.

▶ Third Prize \$100.

Reminder that they are holding a Pot Luck/Meeting on Wed. September 16 at 5:30 pm in the Parish Centre. All ladies of the parish are welcome.

Are you hungry for the truth? Come and be fed.

Join us for a study of such topics as: Life & Mission of Jesus, Holy Spirit, the Church and more. Input materials from Fr. John Corapi, with Sister Therese Roddy facilitating. This will be held at Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Peterborough, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm Sunday evenings **starting September 13** until November 22 (excluding October 11 & Nov. 15). No registration fee. Donations may be made if desired. Please call 705 745-1309 ext. 277 to register.

Funny...how we get thrilled when a baseball game goes into extra innings, but we complain when a sermon is longer than usual...

St. Michael's Cemetery Mass

Next Saturday, Sept. 12

Our annual Cemetery Mass, *for the dearly departed buried at St. Michael's*, will be celebrated next Saturday, September 12 at 10:00 am at the cemetery. Please bring a chair for your benefit. Note, if inclement weather, the Mass will be held in the Church. **Also, the C.W.L. will be serving refreshments following the Mass, in the Cemetery.**



Villa St. Joseph Retreat Center

Our schedule this year begins with a **Sabbath Weekend Retreat on September 11-13**, and at present there are several spaces. This retreat offers a good opportunity for reflection on God's presence in your faith journey as a new season begins. Our first **Day of Stillness** takes place on **Wednesday, September 23 from 9.30 AM to 4.00 PM**. As these days tend to fill up quickly, it is a good idea to register soon. The phone number is 905-372-2741.

Office will be closed Monday, September 7 for Labour Day

Also, please note that the office will continue to remain closed on Fridays.

Hours of operation are now Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Bulletin Advertisers...

Please welcome two new advertisers to our bulletin: **Nancy Marrocco** is a long time parishioner as well as a certified couples and individual therapist in Cobourg, and is certified with The Ontario Association of Counsellors, Consultants, Psychometrists and Psychotherapists at www.oaccpp.ca. She provides Christian counselling for those who want faith-based therapy. A complimentary consultation is offered to everyone.

Also we welcome **Ste. Anne's Spa**—owned and operated by parishioner Jim Corcoran. Ste. Anne's, Spa offers a multitude of spa services. Visit their website at www.steannes.com for a full list.

Thanks to our advertisers who support our bulletin through their advertisements. Please take a moment and familiarize yourself with all the services they are providing.

Thank you

As you know, Fr. Martin has been celebrating Masses here at St. Michael's over the summer. He has now been assigned as an Associate at St. Joseph's Church in Bracebridge. We thank him again for his assistance and wish him luck in his new Parish.