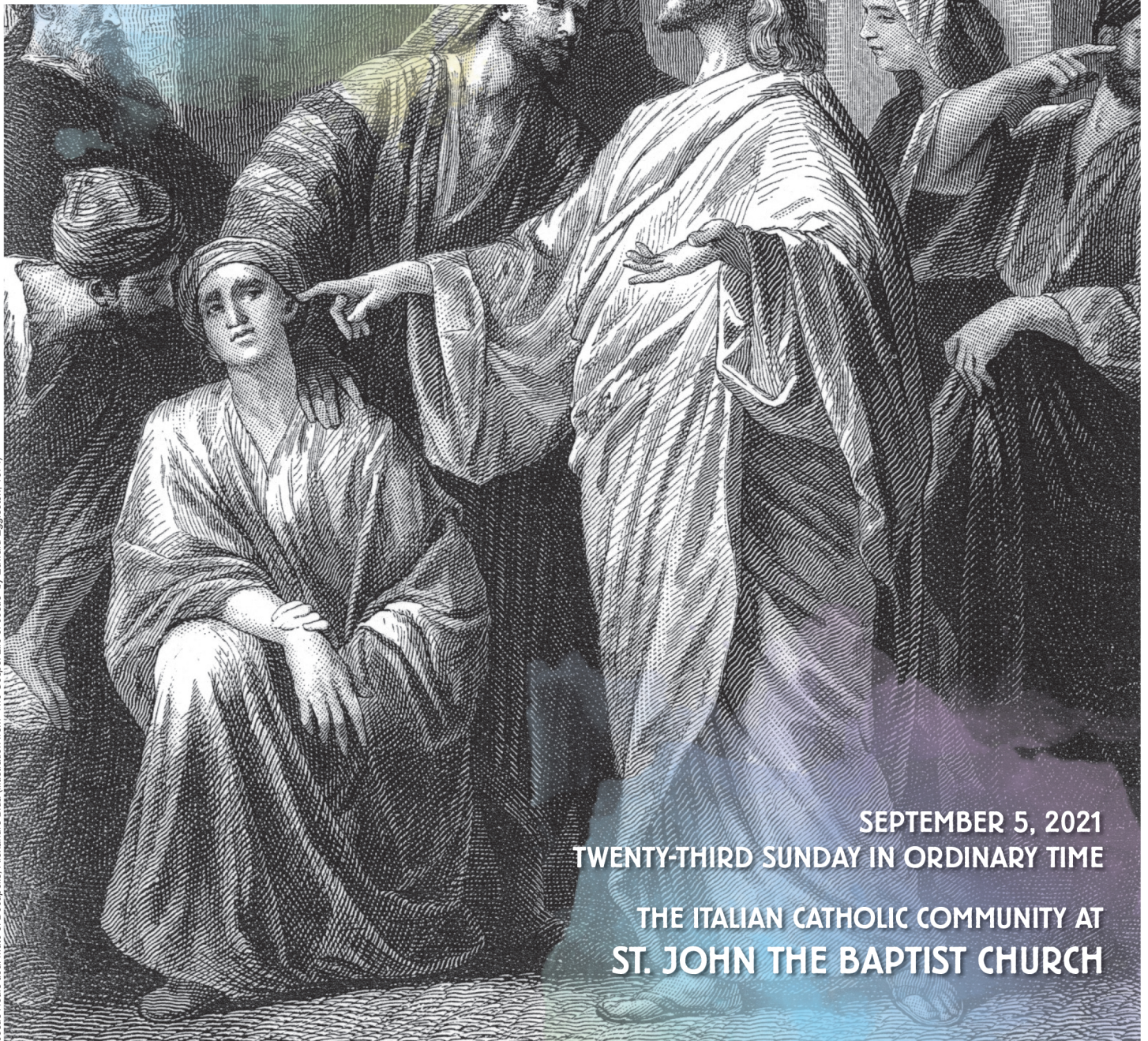


# EPHPHATHA!

(THAT IS, "BE OPENED!") – MARK 7:34



Jesus Heals deaf mute of Decapolis. Alexandre Bida (illustration from "The Gospel Life of Jesus" by Edward Eggleston, 1874)

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021  
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AT  
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

### Prevue Event: "A Taste of Italy"

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*Adam Montemarano – Executive Director*



### COLUMBUS ITALIAN FESTIVAL

Friday, **October 8**, 5:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.  
Saturday, **October 9**, 12:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.  
Sunday, **October 10**, 12:00 noon-7:00 p.m.

Website: [www.columbusitalianfestival.com](http://www.columbusitalianfestival.com)

Festival Information: 614-BY ITALY (614-294-8259)

# ITALIAN FESTIVAL 2021

**From the Deacon's Desk***Dear friends in Christ,*

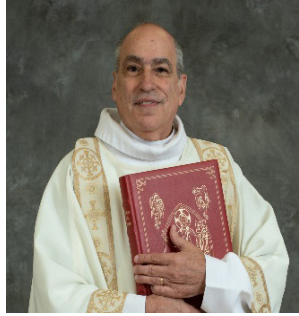
In today's readings the riches of the kingdom of heaven are offered to those who are poor, deaf, and blind, who are chosen to remind us that **God** does not have preferences of culture, class, or race. We might say **God** only views us through one lens – the lens of the heart. We are being asked to look beyond external appearances and to see the holiness and beauty within the heart of others. It is not always obvious at first sight, but we are called to look through **God's lens – God's eyes**.

Reflecting on all our readings this **Sunday**, may they offer us the opportunity to “**open our ears**” to **God's** call to have courage; to “**open our eyes**” to the living presence of **God** in all people; and to “**open our hearts**” to respect the inner beauty in every human soul. From a heart without borders, we will then be able to offer the unconditional love of **God** to all we meet.

**Saint John the Baptist pray for us!**

**Happy Labor Day and have a blessed week,  
Deacon Frank**

Dear **St. John Parishioner** join me periodically on **St. John the Baptist Parish** livestream. If you missed it, the videos are available at **St. John YouTube channel** and **St. John's Facebook page**.



**Mass celebrant for September 12th,  
is Fr. Klinger assisted by Deacon Frank**

**Confessions Heard before Mass  
Sundays at 9:00 a.m.**

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

Sunday, September 5, 2021, 9:30 a.m.	
<b>Lector 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Ed Pagnanelli, Davide Cugini
<b>Euch. Min 1 &amp; 2.:</b>	Judy Pishitelli, Albert Iosue
Sunday, September 12, 2021, 9:30 a.m.	
<b>Lector 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Antonio D'Alberto, Nick D'Alberto
<b>Euch. Min 1 &amp; 2.:</b>	Sharon D'Alberto, Andrea Myers

**MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Sun. 9/5	9:30 a.m.	Bruno Quaranto by Patty Weimer
Sun. 9/5	9:30 a.m.	Laura Giammarco Cua by Michael Cua
Sun. 9/5	9:30 a.m.	Deacon Tom Johnston
Sun. 9/12	9:30 a.m.	Lucian Susi by John and Jenny Gerardi
Sun. 9/12	9:30 a.m.	Joyce Tisone by Carl Tisone

**Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:**

**Marian Lights:** *Joyce Tisone  
by Carl Tisone*

**Blessed Sacrament:** *Tommy Piolata  
by Chris Soteriades*

**PARISH INFORMATION**

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**Corner of E. Lincoln and Hamlet Streets**  
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**St. John the Baptist Facebook page by visiting**  
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**Website: [info@sjbitaliana.org](mailto:info@sjbitaliana.org)**

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**Msgr. John Cody – Weekend Assistant**  
**Father Charles Klinger – Weekend Assistant**  
**Father Charles Cotton – Weekend Assistant**  
**Father Antonio Kim – Chaplain, Korean Catholic Community**  
**Ms. Aggie Howard – Executive Assistant**  
**Ms. Victoria Gammell – Secretary and Bulletin Editor**  
**Mrs. Gina Bishop – Director of Liturgy**  
**Mr. John Huffman – Organist and Musical consultant**

**Holy Sacrifice of the Mass – 9:30 a.m. each Sunday**  
**Sacrament of Penance – 9:00 a.m. (before Sunday Mass or by appointment)**  
**Sacrament of Baptism and Baptism preparation (by appointment)**  
**Sacrament of Matrimony (you must be registered at Saint John at least 6 months prior to scheduling your wedding by Deacon or Priest)**  
**Sacrament of Confirmation and Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults (please make an appointment with Parish Administrator)**

**Saint John Italian Festival (please visit our website for more information)**  
**Sala Hall and Marrapese Hall (scheduled with approval of Parish Administrator)**  
**Bulletin Deadline: Announcements must be submitted in writing by Tuesday at noon.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR KNOWN ILL AND ELDERLY IN YOUR PRAYERS\*\***

**\*\*If you know of any additions or corrections, please call the parish office. Due to privacy laws, we depend on your input. For Vienna D'Alberto, who is residing at the Worthington Christian Village. Also, keep in your prayers Maria Lucchin, Laura Williams, James Graf, and Linda McCreary.**

**ROSARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Have you been challenged with finding volunteer opportunities? What about finding a few extra minutes a week to pray? To give yourself to God. We tend to find time for the things we love. How much do you love God? Would you consider serving your parish with this all-in-one opportunity to pray the Rosary before Mass? Please sign at the back of the church or contact **Kevin Koesters ([k.koesters32@gmail.com](mailto:k.koesters32@gmail.com) or 937-902-7446)** at your convenience.



**Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Daily Masses at Sacred Heart will be offered at 8:00 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, starting at 7:00 p.m. Confessions will be heard during the time of Adoration.

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Sun. 9/5	<b>KCC Sunday Mass – Fr. Kim</b> 12:00 Noon – Meeting after Mass in Sala Hall San Giovanni Dancers 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Sala Hall
Tues. 9/7	<b>St. John’s Faith Group</b> 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Marrapese Hall – Join <b>Piave Club for dinner after 6:30 p.m. meeting</b> <b>Piave Club Meeting</b> 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Marrapese Hall
Fri. 9/10	<b>KCC – Mass – Fr. Kim</b> 7:00 p.m. SJB Church

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN**

August 29, 2021

Number of Envelopes used Sunday – 30

Reg. Env:	\$ 1,280.00
Loose:	\$ 471.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,751.00</b>
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment:	<b>\$ (105.06)</b>
	<b>\$ 1,645.94</b>
<b>Votives:</b>	<b>\$ 45.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 45.00</b>

**HOW IS ST. JOHN’S DOING? \$ ? \$ ?**

**Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/21-6/30/22)**

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$2,885.00	\$1,751.00	(\$1,134.00)	-39%
FYTD:	\$25,965.00	\$18,695.33	(\$7,269.67)	-28%

**SJB Collection Counters**  
**for Tuesday, September 7, 2021**  
Maruja Paule and Aggie Howard

**SJB Collection Counters**  
**for Monday, September 13, 2021**  
Nick Persichetti and Aggie Howard

There will be No Mass or Adoration at Sacred Heart on September 6, 7, and 8th, 2021

**NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE**

Catholic Churches	Saturday	Sunday
St. Patrick’s	7:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Church	4:00 p.m.	11:00 a.m.
St. Joseph Cathedral	5:15 p.m.	8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 5:15 p.m.
St. Mary, Mother of God GV	4:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
St. Francis Assisi	No Mass	9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

**PAVERS:** The front Pavilion of St. John’s Church is covered with Pavers. These Pavers are available for purchase and engraving in remembrance of family members and loved ones. For more information, please call the office of St. John at 614-294-5319.

**St. John’s Altar Guild UPDATE: OSU football:** The 2021 season is now sold out. Scores for all participants were drawn after Mass on Sunday, August 15th. The first game is at Minnesota on Thursday night, September 2nd. You can pick up your score sheet which contains the numbers for all your 12 games. Sheets will be available after every Sunday Mass in Sala Hall (see Gary Bosco). A copy will also be posted on the hall bulletin board. Good luck to all who signed up and thank you for supporting this Guild fundraiser whose focus is on purchasing the Altar needs for everything at our beloved St. John’s church.

**St. John’s Kroger Rewards** received \$26.79 for St. John’s church. Thank you!

**2021 Columbus**

**Italian Festival sponsored by Catholic Church News**

**GREAT NEWS:** The 2021 Columbus Italian Festival is a go. With no city or state restrictions, we are moving forward. Please go to the website for updates and volunteer opportunities. We have a form to complete if you want to volunteer. **Please stay tuned for our progress. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Festival!!!! We thank everyone for their past and continued support in this wonderful event.**

**Italian Festival News Festival dates: October 8, 9, 10. Taste of Italy is cancelled this year –** To all our patrons of The Taste of Italy – we have decided to cancel the 2021 Taste of Italy to provide our participating restaurateurs a chance to recoup from the difficulties endured during the Covid pandemic. Look for this wonderful event to return in 2022! Thank you for understanding! Please patronize our local restaurants!

**Pizzelle and Biscotti Cookie Bakers:** Time to bake for the Festival. All cookie makers are to bake them at home and let Jennifer Marinello at 614-906-4866 know the total made. Deliver cookies to back kitchen area in Sala Hall, sign-up sheet and total number made. The sign-up to work shifts in the cookie booth is in Sala Hall or at [bit.ly/cookieshifts](http://bit.ly/cookieshifts). There are cookie containers available in Sala Hall on the back table if needed. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Marinello, 614-906-4866 or Carol Ristucci at 614-271-1007.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**Italian Festival Board Meeting: September 13th at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Italian Festival Board Meeting: September 27th at 5:30 p.m.**  
**Italian Festival Chair Meeting: September 27th at 6:30 p.m.**  
Marrapese Hall

**AROUND US**

**Columbus Catholic Young Adult Conference 2021:** Save the date for Saturday, October 23, 2021. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Sunbury, Ohio. Register Online: [www.ccyar.org/register](http://www.ccyar.org/register)  
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**Liturgical Calendar:** September falls during the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time.

**Labor Day:** On this day before **Labor Day**, it is important to remember that in the **Catholic** tradition, work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in **God's** creation. This **Labor Day** reflect on the dignity of work by visiting [www.usccb.org/jphd](http://www.usccb.org/jphd) to read the annual **Labor Day** statement from the **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops**. This **Labor Day**, use your power as a consumer to support companies that value fair prices, safe working conditions and environmentally sustainable practices at home and around the world. **The Catholic Relief Services Ethical Trade website** (<https://ethicaltrade.crs.org/>) connects consumers with products produced in ethical manners.

**Real Presence, Real Future Eucharistic Gathering:** This special event is part of the **Real Presence, Real Future** initiative and seeks to provide an opportunity for encounter with our **Lord**, engage Catholics as they reflect upon the real presence of **Jesus Christ** in their lives, and encourage them to share that presence within their circles of influence. Please pray for this event, **RSVP**, and spread the word! You will find details including the schedule, registration, promotional materials, etc. at [RPRFGathering.com](http://RPRFGathering.com).

**Fall Parish Consultation Sessions Coming!** As part of the ongoing strategic process for **Real Presence, Real Future**, the **Diocese of Columbus** will be hosting **Consultation Sessions** for each parish throughout the Fall. **Two** Sessions will be held via **Zoom videoconferencing** for each parish in the **Diocese**. Facilitators will guide parishioners through important statistical and sacramental information relevant to the **Diocese** as a whole, to parishes in surrounding areas, as well as individual parish information. **Parishioner** participation in these sessions is critical to helping shape the future of the **Diocese of Columbus**.

You are all encouraged to participate in this session that is tailored to **St. John the Baptist**. It is scheduled for **Monday, September 20** and **Wednesday, September 22nd** at **6:30 p.m.** The registration is required by logging onto [www.realpresencerealfuture.org](http://www.realpresencerealfuture.org). **Go to St. John the Baptist. Even if you are not able to participate, register anyway. All registrants will receive a link to the recording via email after the session.**

**Breakfast with the Bishop – Catholic Social Services:** This event will be held on **Friday, September 10, 2021, from 7:00-9:00 a.m. at the Renaissance Columbus Downtown Hotel**. The keynote speaker is **Fr. Michael Rozier, SJ, Ph.D., assistant professor at Saint Louis University**. He will speak on the topic of **“Health, Poverty, and Human Dignity: Deepening our Moral Imagination.”** Sponsorship opportunities and individual tickets are available online at <https://colscss.org/upcoming-events>. Please contact **Julie Naporano** at [jnaporano@colscss.org](mailto:jnaporano@colscss.org) with any questions.

**Shepherd's Corner Farm and Ecology Center:** The center, run by the **Dominican Sisters of Peace**, offers a small corner of creation for people of all backgrounds to learn to reconnect with the natural environment, themselves, one another, and the **Creator** who made them all. **The Center's Meditation Trail is open to the public on Fridays, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Take advantage of the beautiful weather this summer by walking the **13** reflective stations in the trail. Each station offers something for the mind, body, and spirit. **Shepherd's Corner Farm** is located at **987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick, OH 43004-9505**. For more information, please visit [shepherds corner@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shepherds corner@sbcglobal.net). **The heavens are Yours; the earth also is Yours; The world and all it contains; You have founded them.**

**Catholic Social Services Needs Your Help:** A massive **7.2-magnitude** earthquake hit Haiti, killing nearly **1300 people**, with death toll numbers increasing. The shock leveled homes, leaving thousands without shelter. Countless others are injured, and hospitals are already overwhelmed. Many in **Haiti** are already facing widespread hunger due to drought and economic instability. **Your gift is critical for the families in Haiti. Please donate at <https://support.crs.org>. Thank you!**

**Our Lady of Sorrows:** The month of **September** is dedicated to **Our Lady of Sorrows**. The **Catholic Church** celebrates the feast of **Our Lady of Sorrows** on **September 15**, the day after the feast of the **Holy Cross** to show the close connection between **Jesus' Passion** and **Mary's Sorrows**.

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.*

*Blessed are thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.*

*Amen*

**Prayers for Schools:** Please pray for teachers, staff, and students currently returning to school.

*Blessed are You, Lord God, Creator of body and mind and heart; You have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge to guide Your people in all their ways.*

*At the beginning of this new school, we implore Your mercy: bless the students, teachers, and staff of our Catholic schools that together we may grow in faith, hope, and love as we learn from You and each other how to follow Your Son Jesus. Expand the horizons of our minds, that we may grow in wisdom, understanding, and knowledge; deepen our commitment to seek the truth of Your ways; and enliven our faith to reach out to those in need. Glory and praise to You, Lord God, in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever. Amen*

**“What is the secret of a blessed life, a happy life? Recognizing Jesus as the living God. For it is not important to know that Jesus was great in history. What matters is the place I give him in my life.”**

**~ From the Twitter account of Pope Francis  
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And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech; and they besought him to lay his hand upon him. And taking him aside from the multitude privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue; and looking up to heaven, he sighed, and said to him, **“Eph'phatha,”** that is, **“Be opened.”** And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly (**Mark 7:32-35**).

**Prayer:**

*Lord, open our eyes, that we may see You in our brothers and sisters. Lord, open our ears, that we may hear the cries of the hungry, the cold, the frightened, the oppressed. Lord, open our hearts, that we may love each other as You love us. Renew in us Your spirit. Lord, free us and make us one. Amen*

## Sunday, Sep 05, 2021

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Shopping made simple

What do you give to the saint who has everything? Mother Teresa of Calcutta was among the spiritually richest people on the planet throughout her productive life caring for the poor. The date of her death, September 5, was quickly recognized in Hungary as an occasion to be perpetually honored. In 2012, the United Nations declared this date as an International Day of Charity in her memory. As Mother Teresa demonstrated, simple acts of charity reach across divisions and make communities more resilient. Contribute to the healing of society today by charitable giving, locally or globally.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37 (128). *"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be . . . heirs of the kingdom that he promised?"*

## Monday, Sep 06, 2021

### Labor of love

This Labor Day, as we enjoy food at picnics and barbecues, let's remember who harvested this food—many of them Spanish-speaking migrant workers, many of them fellow Catholics. Consider what your parish can do for migrant workers in your area. Perhaps a clothing drive or a fundraiser to buy rosaries and Bibles in Spanish or other languages of a migrant group. Or enlist school kids to write translated notes of welcome and thanks for the hard work migrants do. Catholic Charities helped nearly 400,000 migrants, immigrants, and refugees this past year with all kinds of assistance—learn more about their work and how you can pitch in.

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:24—2:3; Luke 6:6-11 (437). *"Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath rather than to do evil, to save life rather than to destroy it?"*

## Tuesday, Sep 07, 2021

### Creation needs your caring prayer

Jewish believers celebrate Rosh Hashanah today, marking the birthday of the universe—recalling how God placed Adam and Eve at the center of creation as faithful stewards. For many Christians, it's also Day 7 in the Season of Creation. When the Catholic Church joined this observance in 2019, Pope Francis wrote: "In the silence of prayer, we can hear the symphony of creation calling us to abandon our self-centeredness in order to feel embraced by the tender love of the Father and to share with joy the gifts we have received." Pray to become a more selfless steward of creation.

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 6:12-19 (438). *"Jesus departed to the mountain to pray."*

## Wednesday, Sep 08, 2021

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

### The birth of our salvation

In 431, bishops at the Council of Ephesus decreed Mary as *Theotokos*, a Greek word that means "God-bearer"—or, more commonly, "Mother of God." Her birthday was celebrated at the beginning of the year—in Constantinople, the calendar began on September 1—because Mary's birth is also the beginning of our salvation, through her son. "Be of good cheer," wrote Saint Andrew

of Crete, "this is the Feast of the Nativity of the Virgin and of the renewal of the human race!" Honor Mary today by praying the Magnificat, also known as the "Ode of the Theotokos."

TODAY'S READINGS: Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 (636). *"From you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old."*

## Thursday, Sep 09, 2021

MEMORIAL OF PETER CLAVER, PRIEST

### Call it out

Saint Peter Claver (1580-1654) was a Jesuit priest dedicated to baptizing and serving enslaved Africans in Cartagena, Colombia, a major slave-trade port. While Claver was ahead of many of his peers in at least recognizing the humanity of Africans and poured out his life to alleviate the great suffering he encountered, we need to acknowledge that the colonial system that enslaved Africans was allowed to continue unabated for centuries without much church resistance. How can we and our communities of faith challenge the enduring legacy of racism today, inspired by Claver's witness of service and the gospel mandate to love?

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 6:27-38 (440). *"Do to others as you would have them do to you."*

## Friday, Sep 10, 2021

### Because of you . . .

A 2014 study found that "young people with mentors, especially at-risk youth, have more positive visions of themselves and their futures, and they also achieve more positive outcomes in school, the workplace, and their communities." The value of mentoring is nothing new. Proverbs 22:6 says: "Train the young in the way they should go; even when old, they will not swerve from it." Whether you are teaching a practical or spiritual skill or a new technique or way of thinking, your instruction will have an impact. Take time to be a good mentor for the sake of the next generation and the greater glory of God.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; Luke 6:39-42 (441). *"When fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher."*

## Saturday, Sep 11, 2021

### Heaven help us all

The attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon happened 20 years ago today. We still carry the memory of that awful day, and we continue to remember in our prayers the victims of the attack and their families and loved ones who continue to mourn their great loss. We remember the passengers and crew of the aircraft destroyed in the attack as well as the victims on the ground. We remember especially the brave first responders who ran toward danger rather than away, many of whom gave away their health and lives to save others. And we pray for the terrorists as well, because we believe in the redemptive power of prayer and because hatred and vengeance have no place in our hearts. May all of humanity be redeemed.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 6:43-49 (442). *"A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good."*

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*



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