

# *PASTORAL REGION ONE*

United in Faith, Hope and Service to the Community  
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**Weddings, RCIA/RCIC Call the offices 937-268-6697**

**Baptisms:** Do you need your child Baptized Please call the Parish Office at 937 268 6697

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## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Ephphatha?

In the deafening noise of vices that bedevils our times and the indifference and ideological persecution that render speechless the voice of truth, one cannot but sense the ongoing and resilient open war to silence to dumbness the voice of virtue. Confronted by this conflict that revives the age long tension between the force of Light and the force of darkness, we cannot but pray for a renewal of the ‘Ephphatha’ experience on each one of us. May the touch of Christ bring us the docility to listen to the Word of Life and the courage to pronounce what we have heard in word and deed; Amen.

Restoration of sight to the blind and the power of speech to the dumb and the power of hearing to the deaf were part of the messianic expectations. This was at the center of the prophecy we read today in the First Reading (Is 35:4-7). The lines of this reading recapture the prophetic voice and words of deliverance from God through the prophet and to God’s people who were facing a very turbulent and difficult time in their history as a people. A period of crisis that could be likened to ours, not just for the world at large but particularly to us a Church, as the Family of God, at this point, in the words of Pope Benedict XVI, “even when the boat has taken on so much water as to be on the verge of capsizing.” It was exactly in such moment that God spoke to His people, as He is speaking to us afresh today that “the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy.” It is often the temptation to stop at a literal and superficial understanding of these prophetic lines. Much deeper than that, God invites us to a special form of encounter that not only liberates us physically, but that which also spiritually emancipates us and empowers and places us at the forefront to successfully realize our mission as sons and daughters of God.

By virtue of our baptism, we have all made the same experience with the deaf man of today. Our ears have been opened and the ligaments of our tongues loosened. The problem we have is that we allow this persecutive and deafening noise of vices to silence us into confusion and uncertainty and uncharitable empathy for evil and the destruction of our families and societies by injustice and exploitation of the poor and the vulnerable. In the words of the Second Reading (James 2:1-5) we have been pushed into the use of standards that demeans the values we profess and should defend. The Word of God is charging us once more today to be the voice of the voiceless, to stand against injustice and to speak and witness in words and deeds the Good news that we carry for “all that is necessary for the triumph of sin and vice is for good men and women to keep mute and do nothing.”

May God grant us the grace to witness, in words and deeds, to virtue and good living and may the voice faith and truth silence the noise of vices in our world; Amen.

BY: Fr. Cyril Unachukwu CCE

<https://www.catholicforlife.com/year-b-homily-for-the-23rd-sunday-in-ordinary-time-13/>

### **Mission Cooperative Plan**

This weekend at all our masses in St Augustine and St. Benedict, Fr. Mark Soehner, O.F.M who is currently the Provincial Superior of the Province of St. John the Baptist, Cincinnati, Ohio, will speak to us about the missionary work of the Franciscan Missionaries. Fr. Mark entered the Franciscan Order in 1981 and was ordained priest in 1987.

There will second collection today for the missions of Fr. Mark. I hope you will be generous as usual. Listen to Fr Mark’s Advent message on December 15. 2020

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P1kPn5NQ8J8>

### **St. Benedict 15th Anniversary Timeline**

Special Anniversary Mass 26 September 2021

Virtual Event & End of Silent Auction (22 or 23 Oct)

## St. Augustine & St. Benedict the Moor Churches: Pastoral Region One September 5, 2021

Reminder for Bible Study this coming week September 8 at St Benedict 7pm

**NOTE: Below is the connection information either online or via telephone.**

Hangouts Meet joining info

<https://meet.google.com/hpy-pmvp-fvt>

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### Reminder

St Augustine Rosary in person September 8 at 6:30pm.

### REGION ONE LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

[SA] St. Augustine [SB] St. Benedict

Sept 4 4pm [SB] Regional Confessions  
4:30pm [SB] For missionaries

Sept 5 8:30am [SA] Ed Hicks  
10:30am [SB] Region one Parishioners



### Charitable Opportunity

The Knights of Peter Claver, Council #353 would like to make a commitment to our church and community this Thanksgiving and Christmas season. We would like your assistance with food or monetary donations for turkeys. Starting September through December, we will be collecting non-perishable's food items for Thanksgiving baskets. You can bring your items and place them in the containers in the main entrance of the church.



### COMMENT ON DRAFT "FAMILIES OF PARISHES"

Make sure your voice is heard! Beacons of Light, the archdiocese-wide pastoral planning process currently underway, will result in all parishes being grouped into "Families" under the leadership of one pastor. A draft of this plan will be shared for public comment **October 1-20** at [www.BeaconsAOC.org](http://www.BeaconsAOC.org). Do not miss this opportunity to provide your input to this important initiative which will shape the future of our archdiocese.

### YOUR STEWARSHIP

#### ST. AUGUSTINE WEEKLY COLLECTION

August 29, COLLECTION \$1,810.00, ST. VINCENT DE PAUL \$195.00

#### ST. BENEDICT WEEKLY COLLECTION

August 22: \$2,813, Maint Coll: \$55, Total \$2,868



#### ST. AUGUSTINE MINISTERS SCHEDULE

September 5	Fran Delegato
September 12	Emily Jacobs
September 19	JoAnne Vincent
September 26	Randy Klotz

#### ST. BENEDICT MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> – TWENTY-THIRD  
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reader – Camille Brown  
2nd Reader – Mary O'Basuyi  
Petitions – Victor O'Basuyi  
Extraordinary Ministers – Victor O'Basuyi, Susan Smith, Janice Allen

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