

**Reading I: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8**

Moses said to the people:  
“Now, Israel, hear the statutes and decrees  
which I am teaching you to observe,  
that you may live, and may enter in and take possession of the  
land  
which the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you.  
In your observance of the commandments of the LORD,  
your God,  
which I enjoin upon you,  
you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from  
it.  
Observe them carefully,  
for thus will you give evidence  
of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations,  
who will hear of all these statutes and say,  
‘This great nation is truly a wise and intelligent people.’  
For what great nation is there  
that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us  
whenever we call upon him?  
Or what great nation has statutes and decrees  
that are as just as this whole law  
which I am setting before you today?”

**Responsorial Psalm: 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5**

*The one who does justice  
will live in the presence of the Lord.*

Whoever walks blamelessly and does justice;  
who thinks the truth in his heart  
and slanders not with his tongue.

Who harms not his fellow man,  
nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor;  
by whom the reprobate is despised,  
while he honors those who fear the LORD.

Who lends not his money at usury  
and accepts no bribe against the innocent.  
Whoever does these things  
shall never be disturbed.

**Reading II: James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27**

Dearest brothers and sisters:  
All good giving and every perfect gift is from above,  
coming down from the Father of lights,  
with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by  
change.  
He willed to give us birth by the word of truth  
that we may be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.  
Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you

and is able to save your souls.  
Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding  
yourselves.  
Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father  
is this:  
to care for orphans and widows in their affliction  
and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

**Alleluia: James 1:18**

The Father willed to give us birth by the word of truth  
that we may be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

**Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from  
Jerusalem  
gathered around Jesus,  
they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals  
with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands.  
—For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews,  
do not eat without carefully washing their hands,  
keeping the tradition of the elders.  
And on coming from the marketplace  
they do not eat without purifying themselves.  
And there are many other things that they have traditionally  
observed,  
the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds. —  
So the Pharisees and scribes questioned him,  
“Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders  
but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?”  
He responded,  
“Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is  
written:  
This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
in vain do they worship me,  
teaching as doctrines human precepts.  
You disregard God’s commandment but cling to human  
tradition.”  
He summoned the crowd again and said to them,  
“Hear me, all of you, and understand.  
Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person;  
but the things that come out from within are what defile.  
“From within people, from their hearts,  
come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder,  
adultery, greed, malice, deceit,  
licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly.  
All these evils come from within and they defile.”

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# Lectio Divina

Before you begin to read, take a moment to place yourself in the presence of God and ask the Holy Spirit to help you to pray.

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## READ

Read the following passage for this upcoming Sunday's Gospel three times very slowly somewhere quiet.

**Sunday, September 5, 2021 • Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 7:31-37**

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; 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. He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

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## REFLECT

Meditate on the passage by sitting in silence and allowing a word or phrase to jump out at you. Perhaps you even put yourself in the scene. What is God saying to you through this?

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## RESOLUTION

Make a concrete and simple resolution for the day or week ahead based on what God is telling you. Example: Today, I will pray a decade of the Rosary before I go to bed, for my spouse.

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# What's happening at St. Catharine

A full calendar of events can be found online at [stcatharine.com/calendar](http://stcatharine.com/calendar)

## Cub Scout Recruitment Night

Tuesday, August 31st • 5:30pm - 6:30pm

All boys in Kindergarten through Grade 5 and their parents are invited to find out more about our Cub Scouts, Pack 603. We will be on the south side of the school playground (near the sports concessions building); in case of inclement weather, we will be meeting in the lower level of the Church. Don't miss out on the fun! Adventure is calling and you're invited! Questions? Chris Henney at [henneyc@gmail.com](mailto:henneyc@gmail.com).



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<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30pm
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00pm (ADORE Night)
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00am

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<b>Monday - Friday</b>	6:00am - 9:00pm
<b>Saturday</b>	6:00am - 4:00pm
<b>Sunday</b>	6:00am - 9:00pm

### Mass Intentions

<b>Sun 8/29</b>	Jack & Carol Kegelmeyer (8:30am) Marilyn & Willis Fichtelman (11:00am) People of the Parish (5:00pm)
<b>Mon 8/30</b>	John Boston
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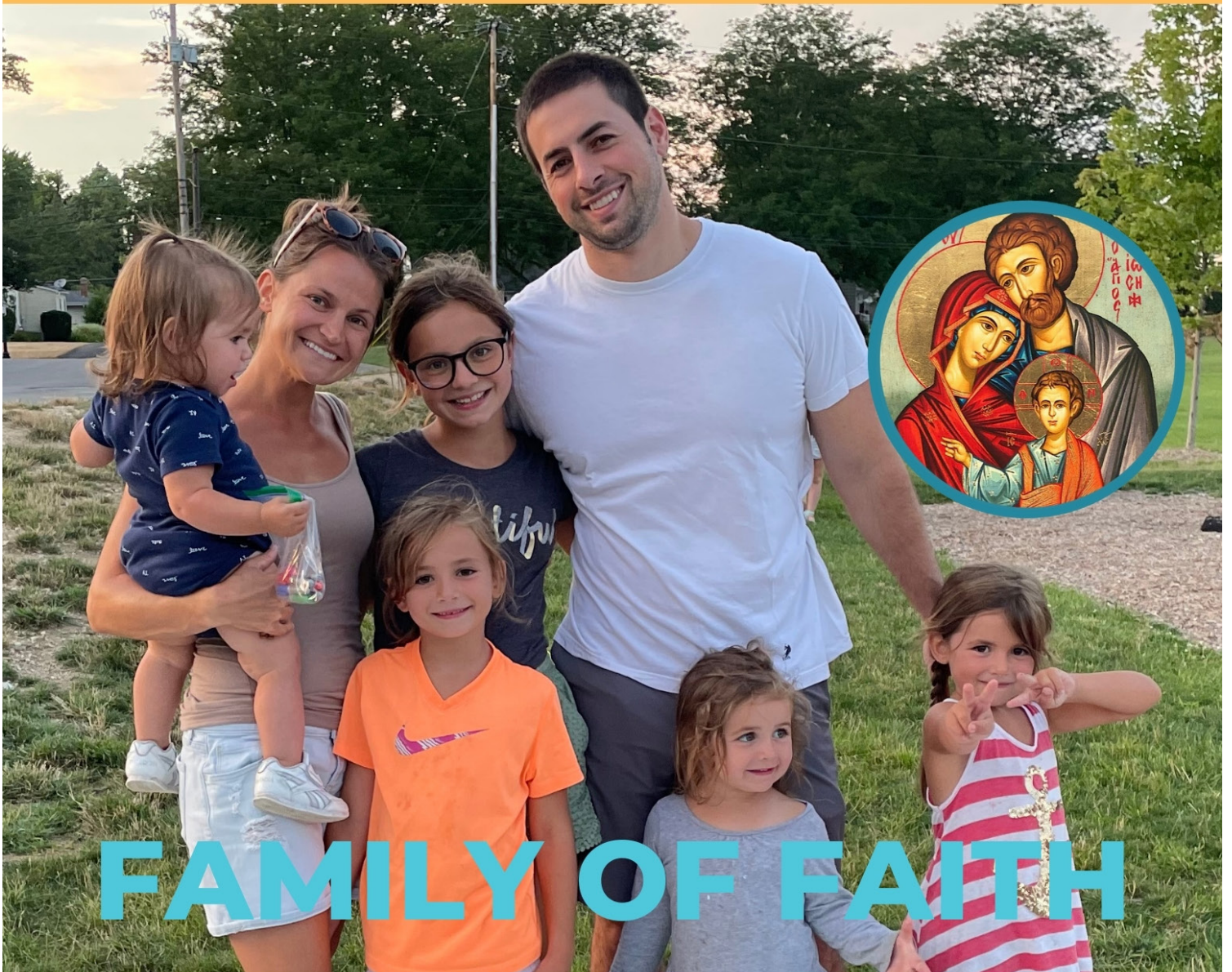
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