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MASSES:

Saturday Morning Mass	8:00 A.M.
Saturday (Eve of Sunday):	4:30 P.M.
Sunday:	8:00 A.M.
	10:30 A.M.
Weekday:	12:10 P.M.
Holy Days, Eve of Feast:	5:30 P.M.
Feast:	12:10 P.M.

CONFESSIONS:

Daily:	11:45 A.M.—12:05 P.M.
Saturday:	3:30 – 4:15 P.M.
Anytime on request.	

Cathedral Office Hours:
 Monday – Friday 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Prayer Request Line: 434-8291

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 9, 2012

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world
to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom?

— James 2:5

SCRIPTURE THEME:

THE MESSIAH FORETOLD

Today's story of the cure of a deaf man with a speech impediment is a good example of how much is contained in a simple miracle story. The word *ephphatha*, "be opened," used to describe the restoration of the man's speech, is an example of a subtle



allusion to an earlier prophecy. This time the prophecy in question is from Ezekiel, when he foretells that in the messianic age, "your mouth shall be opened to speak" (24:26). The sophistication of Mark's narrative is further revealed when we realize that there are multiple levels within a single reference. Mark not only draws our attention back to Israel's prophetic past, he also points to the initiatory practice of his contemporaries by his mention of such things as spittle, touching of ears, and the use of the word *ephphatha*, all of which were practices incorporated into the early Church's baptismal ritual.

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RCIA CLASSES BEGIN:

Those who would like to sign up and take classes on what the Church teaches are encouraged to do so now and in the next couple of weeks. In order to complete the course by Easter, we must begin the classes by September 11. The classes are held on Tuesday evenings in the Cathedral Rectory at 6:00 PM, and are open to all those who want to learn more about their Catholic Faith teachings or are interested in joining the Catholic Faith. If you have been thinking about a renewal class or classes to join the Catholic Faith, please fill out one of the applications forms on the gift table. If you would like more information please call the Cathedral Rectory Office at 434-1565.

PRIEST BURSE CLUB:

There will be ladies at the doors after each Mass to sign up new member or renew memberships.

Mass Intentions Week Beginning Sunday, September 9

Sunday September 9	8:00 AM 10:30 AM.	Parishioners
Monday September 10	12:10 PM..	Anna & Harold Paige & Family
Tuesday September 11	12:10 P.M.	Deceased Members of the McGill Family
Wednesday September 12	12:10 PM	John R. Cavanaugh
Thursday September 13	12:10 P.M.	Anna & Harold Paige & Family
Friday September 14	12:10 P.M.	Wayne Smith
Saturday September 15	4:30 P.M.	Elizabeth Hiegel (L)

TITHES AND DONATIONS:

We are grateful for your tithes and donations last weekend to the collection and to the special collection for the Cathedral Window Fund. Thank you



PARISH MEETINGS:

Cathedral Prayer Network:

Are you in need of prayer? Have you been worrying about health, children, finances, jobs, school, protection, safety, marriage, faith or any other special intention? Our prayer network volunteers will help you pray for your intentions. Just call the Prayer Line at 434-8291 and leave your special request on the answering machine.

The Prayer Network meets the **third Sunday** of each month at 2:00 PM in the Cathedral Rectory.

Cathedral Altar Society:

The Altar Society meets the **third Thursday, of each month** at 6:00 PM in the Portier House.

St. Vincent de Paul Society:

This group meets on the **first and third Tuesday** of each month at 6:30 PM in the Allen Memorial Home located at 735 S. Washington Avenue. If you, or someone you know needs assistance, please call 545-1230.

SPECIAL COLLECTION:

Next weekend you are asked to contribute to the special collection for the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

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