



SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# A LION'S SHARE

SEPTEMBER 7, 2024

## *Setting a Heavenly Table*



*God's Blessings to the Altar Guild who work very hard behind the scenes to prepare for our services each week!  
(L to R) Catharine Nobiletti (A.G. Directress), Karen Love, Norma-Jeanne Okula, Virginia Gilmore, Edie Hofmann,  
Diane Stewart, Victoria Garcia, Lee Wadelton, and Louise Reeves.*

*The Rector, Wardens, Vestry of*



**SAINT MARK'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
WESTHAMPTON BEACH, NY

*Invite You to our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration*

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024**  
**12:00 P.M.**

*The Right Reverend Lawrence C. Provenzano  
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island  
will Celebrate  
the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist*

*A Catered Luncheon to Follow  
Cost: \$50/Adults and \$20/Children*

*Please RSVP by September 7, 2024 by Email  
[Kate.gabrielsen@stmarkswhb.org](mailto:Kate.gabrielsen@stmarkswhb.org)*



Dear Family and Friends of Saint Mark's

Saint Mark's is 100 years old, and the Vestry and I are extending an invitation to gather as we celebrate the founding of our parish here in Westhampton Beach. Mark your calendars, the Celebration will take place on Sunday, September 29, 2024. Our day will begin at 12 Noon as we celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. Bishop Lawrence Provenzano will be our celebrant and preacher. There will only be one service on that day. We also look forward to blessing and dedicating our beautiful new pipe organ. Should you not be able to attend in person the service will be streamed live on the internet.

Following this glorious service, you are invited to gather with your church family in our Parish Hall for a catered lunch and festivities.

To mark the occasion, we are creating a *Book of Memories and Thanksgiving* with pages available for you to extend your well wishes, thanksgivings, make dedications, and share fond memories. The contributions made for this will help to defray costs. Also, please send us any pictures that you have of special occasions that you celebrated at Saint Mark's, such as weddings and baptisms, for our history display.

This is an exciting time and we look forward to celebrating this milestone with you all.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Fr. Chris Jubinski  
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Marj Kulesa  
[marjkulesa@gmail.com](mailto:marjkulesa@gmail.com)  
*Event coordinator*

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Please return your reservation to the church office by **September 7, 2024**

Cost: \$50 adults over 18, \$20 Children over 3

Reservation(s) for:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Book of Memories and Thanksgiving: please send your photos, stories, or dedications to Fr. Chris and Marj Kulesa by August 31, 2024 (*electronic preferred*). Payment can be mailed to the church office or dropped off when you are here.

- \$100 full page
- \$ 50 half page
- \$ 25 quarter page

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**September 8, 2024 – Pentecost 16 (B)**  
**Explore the Way of Love: PRAY**

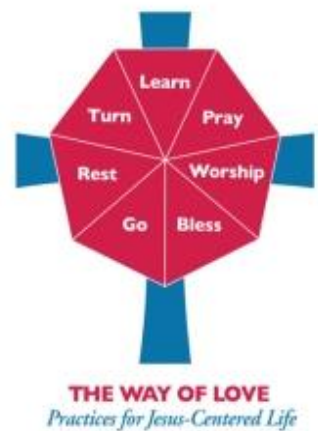
Our day to day lives can be hurried and busy. We have so many things to do and so little time to do them. With devices and media asking for our time, so much to do and hear and say – it can make us feel overwhelmed and isolated. It can make our relationships challenging, as we struggle to connect.

The practice of the Way of Love, following in the footsteps of Jesus, tells us that God wants to break through the noise and busy-ness of the world and be able to have a relationship with us – with you. Not as a distant god in a far-off sky, or as a theory or an ideal or a metaphor, but a presence, dwelling with us, here and now. And the way to make that connection is to Pray.

As the Psalmist tells us: “The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.” Jesus taught us that it is nourishing and strengthening to intentionally take time to pray. The daily practice of making time and space to speak with God, to listen to God, or to simply be with God, clears a pathway for God to enter our lives.

Jesus told us how we can talk with God: We can praise God and thank God for all that has been done. We can tell God about our troubles, and God will listen. We can ask God for healing and forgiveness, and God will help restore us. We can ask God for protection, and face the world with courage. Or we can simply receive God’s spirit, in faith that when we make space to pray, God is with us.

We can pray alone and know that we are not alone in this world. We can pray together, whether just two or three of us or a whole community, and find a whole new level of connection with those who are on the journey with us. As Jesus tells us in the Gospel of Matthew: “For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”



The Way of Love is not a static practice, in which we read a book of rules and perform the exercises to become improved people. It is a dynamic practice, and part of the active process of transforming our lives is opening up the channels of communication with God, giving and taking, talking and listening, like electricity flowing through a cable or streams that connect a river to the sea. We create a connective flow with a God who loves and cares about us, who and where we are on a daily basis, and wants to know how you are doing today.

Are you making a commitment to incorporate the regular practice of prayer into your life? Is there a place where you can gather with others in the presence of the divine?

Learn more about the Way of Love at [episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove](http://episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove). You can find suggestions on getting started and going deeper with Praying at [iam.ec/enol](http://iam.ec/enol).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>Pentecost 15 (Proper 17B)</p> <p>9:15am Choir Practice 10:00am Holy Eucharist 11:00am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>2</p>  <p><b>Parish Office Closed</b> <i>The Martyrs of New Guinea, 1942</i></p>	<p>3</p> <p>[Phoebe, Deacon] <b>First Day of Bright Beginnings</b> <b>Parish Office Closed</b></p>	<p>4</p> <p>Paul Jones, Bishop, 1941</p>	<p>5</p> <p>[Katharina Zell, Church Reformer and Writer, 1562]</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Hannah More, Religious Writer and Philanthropist, 1833</p>	<p>7</p> <p>[Kassiani, Poet and Hymnographer, 865]</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Pentecost 16 (Proper 18B)</p> <p>8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:15am Choir Practice 10:00am Holy Eucharist 11:00am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Constance, Thecla, Ruth, Frances, Charles Parsons, and Louis Schuyler, Martyrs, 1878</p> <p><b>Parish Office Closed</b> 6:15pm Bocce League</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Alexander Cruemell, Priest, 1898</p> <p>10:30am WHB Women's Group</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>6:30pm Covenant Class</p>	<p>12</p> <p>John Henry Hobart, Bishop of New York, 1830</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Cyprian of Carthage, Bishop and Martyr, 258</p>	<p>14</p> <p><b>Holy Cross Day</b> 12:00pm A Service to Celebrate the Life of John H. Andren</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Pentecost 17 (Proper 19B)</p> <p>8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:15am Choir Practice 10:00am Holy Eucharist 11:00am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Ninian, Bishop, c.430</p> <p><b>Parish Office Closed</b> 6:15pm Bocce League</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Hildegard of Bingen, Mystic and Scholar, 1179</p> <p>12:30pm Staff Meeting 6:30pm Vestry Meeting</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Eduard Bouverie Pusey, Priest, 1882</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing</p>	<p>20</p> <p>John Coleridge Patteson, Bishop, and his Companions, Martyrs, 1871</p>	<p>21</p> <p><b>St. Matthew, Evangelist</b></p>
<p>22</p> <p>Pentecost 18 (Proper 20B)</p> <p>8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:15am Choir Practice 10:00am Holy Eucharist 11:00am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>23</p> <p>[Thecla of Iconium Proto-Martyr Among Women, c.70]</p> <p><b>Parish Office Closed</b></p>	<p>24</p> <p>[Anna Ellison Butler Alexander, Deaconess and Teacher, 1947]</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Sergius of Radonezh, Monastic, Moscow, 1392</p> <p>6:30pm Covenant Class</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop, 1626</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing</p>	<p>27</p> <p>[Euphrosyne/Smaragdus of Alexandria, Monastic, fifth century]</p>	<p>28</p> <p>[Paula and Eustochium of Rome, Monastics and Scholars, 404 and c.419]</p>
<p>29</p>  <p>Pentecost 19 (Proper 21B)</p> <p><b>Saint Mark's 100th Anniversary Celebration</b></p> <p>11:15am Choir Practice 12:00pm Confirmation &amp; Holy Eucharist 1:30pm Reception</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Jerome, Priest, and Mark of Bethlehem, 420</p> <p><b>Parish Office Closed</b></p>	<p>1</p> <p>Remigius of Rheims, Bishop, c.530 or [Thérèse of Lisieux, Monastic, 1897]</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>[John Raleigh Mott, Ecumenist and Missionary, 1955]</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Francis of Assisi, Friar, 1226</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>10:00am Saint Francis Day Blessing of the Pets</p>

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**OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday to Friday  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**WEEKEND SERVICES**

Sat. 5:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist  
Sun. 10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist  
(Livestreamed)

**THURSDAY SERVICES**

11:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist with  
Prayers for Healing



The Rt. Rev. Lawrence Provenzano  
*Bishop of Long Island*

The Rt. Rev. GERALYN WOLF  
*Assisting Bishop of Long Island*

The Rt. Rev. DANIEL ALLOTTEY  
*Assisting Bishop of Long Island*

The Rt. Rev. WILLIAM FRANKLIN  
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**The WEEK AHEAD**

- Monday, 09/09** Church Office Closed  
6:15 to 8:15 p.m. St. Mark's Bocce League – Glovers Park, WHB Village
- Tuesday, 09/10** 10:30 a.m. Westhampton Women's Club – Atwater Room
- Wednesday, 09/11** 9:00 to 3:00 p.m. Cleaning Church – Help Needed  
6:30 p.m. Covenant Class – Parish Hall  
7:30 p.m. Alanon Meeting – Atwater Room
- Thursday, 09/12** 9:00 to 3:00 p.m. Cleaning Church – Help Needed  
10:00 a.m. Bible Study - Atwater Room  
11:00 a.m. Mid-Week Eucharist & Healing - Fr. Chris' Office  
12:30 p.m. Threshold Singers – Atwater Room
- Friday, 09/13** 9:00 to 3:00 p.m. Cleaning Church – Help Needed
- Saturday, 09/14** 12:00 p.m. **John Andren Celebration of Life Service**  
Reception to follow in the Parish Hall
- Sunday, 09/15** 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Parish Hall  
9:00 a.m. Fellowship/Coffee Hour  
9:15 a.m. Choir Practice  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Parish Hall  
11:00 a.m. Fellowship/Coffee Hour

<b>Sunday 8:00 a.m. Participants</b>	
<b>LEM</b>	Carol Jubinski
<b>Lector</b>	Tom Hadlock
<b>Usher</b>	Steve Turner
<b>Fellowship Hour</b>	Diane Stewart
<b>Sunday 10:00 a.m. Participants</b>	
<b>LEM</b>	Madeline Glover
<b>Lector</b>	William Glover
<b>Ushers</b>	Larry Andria Rich Caccavano
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Edie Hofmann, Helen Horton
<b>Fellowship Hour</b>	Diane Stewart
<b>SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS</b>	
Noelle Nelson Wyman	09/01
Anthony (Tony) Catanzaro	09/02
Elizabeth Johnson	09/07
Kylie Cast	09/09
Tom Horan	09/13
Delilah Tunney	09/15
Campbell Kast	09/18
Angie Cabell	09/24
Scott Johnson	09/27
Elizabeth Plate	09/29
<b>SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES</b>	
Timothy & Diane Feil	09/03
Sandy & Geri Wyman	09/09
John & Pamela Kern	09/12
Rob Perdock & Meg Harding	09/14
Christopher & Emily Towle	09/15
Stephen & Meagan Sherwood	09/25
Anthony & Betty Ann Catanzaro	09/26

Services	In Person	On Line
08/31 Holy Eucharist 5:00 p.m.	18	
09/01 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	39	38
	<b>Total</b>	<b>57 38</b>
09/05 Bible Study 10		
09/05 Mid-Week Eucharist and Healing 7		

Please Pray for Your Parish Every Day at 12:00 Noon. And, remember the People of Israel, Palestine, Sudan, Armenia, Ukraine, Haiti, and the United States of America too!

*The flowers on the Altar are given for the Glory of God by Norma-Jeanne & Paul Okula with birthday blessings for Gino Martuscello and by Sandy & Geri Wyman in honor of their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SERVICES will resume back in the church on September 15, 2024.

Our church email provider Microsoft Outlook Exchange is experiencing difficulty submitting aol and yahoo emails. As such, parishioners with these email providers are not receiving emails from the church office. If you are one of these individuals and have a second email address kindly forward it to Kate at [kate.gabrielsen@stmarkshwb.org](mailto:kate.gabrielsen@stmarkshwb.org).

**AMPLIFY MEDIA** – This is a great online resource with hundreds of uplifting videos on a wide range of topics such as the Bible, parenting, how to pray, and our current study...how to live an UNAFRAID life. These are just more tools for your "spiritual toolbox." This works on iPhones, Android, and even Roku on TV's. Please let me know if you have any problems logging on. To sign-in go to <https://my.amplifymedia.com/amplify/login> and the Congregation Code is DVFPNB. This is a personal gift from me to our parish and please reach out if you need help signing in. – Chris +

**CLEANING THE CHURCH:** Volunteers needed to clean the church next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. See Diane Stewart.

**COFFEE HOUR:** Volunteers needed for Coffee Hour following the 8 & 10 am services. Contact Kate in the church office or use the Sign-Up Sheet located on the table outside of the Parish Hall.

**THE ST. MARK'S BOCCE LEAGUES** play at Glover's Park in the Village, on Monday at 6:15 PM

**PARISH SURVEYS:** New members, please see Kate in the church office or email at [kate.gabrielsen@stmarkshwb.org](mailto:kate.gabrielsen@stmarkshwb.org).

**ORGAN HELP NEEDED:** Stephen Hunt, our Music Director, is in need of workers to help with the organ. If you can spare some time, please contact him at [stephenhuntmusic@gmail.com](mailto:stephenhuntmusic@gmail.com)

**Altar Flowers** - If you would like to dedicate flowers for the Altar contact Laura Bott at 631-722-4749 or email her at [Laura.bott17@gmail.com](mailto:Laura.bott17@gmail.com). In September there is one vase available on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and in October there is one vase available on the 13 & 20<sup>th</sup>. Each vase of flowers is \$40.00 each. Please remember to contact Laura if you sign up in the book.

### Mark Your Calendar:

- Saturday, September 14, - Service to Celebrate the Life of John Andren at 12:00 Noon - Reception to follow in the Parish Hall.
- Friday, September 20 - Visitation for Robert Dalder at Werner & Rothwell Funeral Home, WHB, 4-8 PM
- Saturday, September 21 - Funeral Service for Robert Dalder here at St. Mark's at 11 AM.
- Sunday, September 29 – Saint Mark's Confirmation & 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at 12:00 Noon.

### We ask that you remember those for whom prayers are requested:

**Kurt Andon** (Req. by Sundy Schermeyer), **Aubrey** (Req. by Margie DeCaro), **Bentley** (Req. by Margie DeCaro), **Noah Berger** (Req. by Jenn Kast), **Stan Billie** (Req. by Jenn Kast), **Bridget** (Req. by Catharine Nobiletti), **Rich Cassavano** (Parishioner), **Deana Chiusano** (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Abby Connett** (Req. by Nancy Connett), **Owen Foster** (Diane & John Stewart's grandson), **Nancy Fraser** (Req. by Ki Nobiletti), **Fred Rees Garcia** (son of Victoria Garcia), **Roberta Good** (Diane Stewart's Sister), **Max Gorman** (Req. by Kate Gabrielsen), **Elaine Hanes** (Req. by Kate Gabrielsen), **Barbara Ireton** (Req. by Carol Smith), **Gretchen & Jim Jubinski** (Fr. Chris' Parents), **Cole LoRusso** (Marj Kulesa's Nephew), **John & Anita Martinelli** (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Fred Meyer** (Parishioner), **Earl Meyers** (Jinny Gilmore), **Jock McLean** (Parishioner), **Sean McLean** (Req. by Jock McLean), **Carol Marin**, (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Sudie Nostrand** (Carol John's Sister), **Paul Oele** (Parishioner), **Cassie Panzarino** (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Michele Parks** (Req. by Marjorie Kulesa), **Joan Petrella** (Parishioner), **Kenneth Reeves** (husband of Louise Reeves), **Jean Scopinich** (Parishioner), **John Stewart** (Parishioner), **Sarah Witters** (Req. by Victoria Garcia), **Stephen Wyman** (Req. by Sandy Wyman). **(If there are any names that can be removed, kindly contact Kate in the church office 631-288-2111.)**

**We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:** Amanda E. Degener, Kyle M. Degener, George L. Degener, Jesse Fritz, Nicholas LoRusso, Joshua Rudd, Rob Scribner and James Mercready.



# Walk in Love



## An Invitation to Love: Theological Statement

In nearly every Episcopal liturgy in which I have participated the celebrant quotes from Ephesians 5:2 to invite the offerings of our time, talent, and treasure to be placed on the altar. “Walk in love,” the offertory sentence begins, “As Christ loved us...” These words are said at the pivotal moment in our liturgy as we move from the reading of and response to the Word into the sacrament of Holy Communion. It is poignant to observe that we mark this moment of transition with an invitation to walk in love.

When we walk in love, there is clarity and purpose. We move in alignment with each other and with our values. Walking in love is also something we cannot do alone - by definition it implies connection, community. Whether we walk with our children or our spouse, or form an orderly line, or rely on the help of a friend or a neighbor to come to chancel we carry with us all with whom we are in communion and they carry us with them. Our journey is one made by millions, over thousands of years. A cycle of sharing and invitation.

What a way to bring our gifts forward: first the bread and wine followed by the offering plates, and finally ourselves - walking in love! When we gather in love, bless, break, and share our gifts and ourselves with the world, we bring healing and transformation to our world.

This year you are invited to join in the timeless call to walk in love as you share your wealth, works, and wisdom with a world in need. | [tens.org](https://tens.org)

### Questions for Reflection:

How is your ministry impacted as you understand yourself as one of the gifts invited to the altar to be shared with the world?



**J. Davey Gerhard** is Canon for Stewardship and the Executive Director of TENS. He lives, works, and worships in San Francisco, California.







# Fall Worship Schedule

*Starts Sunday, September 8, 2024*

## Sundays

**8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist with Hymns**

**10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist with Choir**

*Anointing and Prayers for Healing at both Services  
on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month*

## Thursdays

**11:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist with  
Anointing and Prayers for Healing**

# ORGAN CONSTRUCTION JOBS



We need lots  
of very busy beavers



1. Dusting the pews
2. Clean the Altar
3. Wipe down candles on altar
4. Vacuum Pew cushions, both sides
5. Dust Song books and Prayer books
6. Clean sconces/check batteries
7. Clean woodwork -window sills
8. Dust any woodwork around  
Narthex Floor
9. Clean windows in Narthex, Door  
and window entrances
10. Vacuum rug area in church
11. Clean under the pews
12. Wash and wipe down kneelers
13. Silver cleaned and altar set  
White hangings



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## Readings for Sunday, Sept. 8, 2024 – The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 18B)

### The Collect for the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

### First Reading – Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;

### Psalms 146 Lauda, anima mea

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul! \*

*I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.*

<sup>2</sup> Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, \*

*for there is no help in them.*

<sup>3</sup> When they breathe their last, they return to earth, \*

*and in that day their thoughts perish.*

<sup>4</sup> Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*

*whose hope is in the Lord their God;*

<sup>5</sup> Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*

*who keeps his promise for ever;*

<sup>6</sup> Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*

*and food to those who hunger.*

<sup>7</sup> The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; \*

*the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;*

<sup>8</sup> The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; \*

*he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.*

<sup>9</sup> The Lord shall reign for ever, \*

*your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!*

### *The Epistle—James 2:1-10, 14-17*

**M**y brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

### *The Gospel — Mark 7:24-37*

**J**esus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."



## Notes On This Sunday's Readings



The Gospel reading today contains two healing stories among non-Jews. In the first Jesus astounds the disciples by healing the daughter of a Gentile woman, an act unheard of in his day. Then he heals a man who is deaf and mute.

In Mark's Gospel these healings, like the others he describes, are a sign that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus' attempt to prevent the healing being made known, and the crowd's amazement at this event, is a characteristic of Mark's Gospel. Also

characteristic of Mark is that the people healed are in every case people who were rejected by traditional religious leaders.

The Old Testament reading is chosen because in it Isaiah foresees the coming of the Messiah characterized by healing and new life.

Today we continue reading the Epistle of James. This brief letter, ascribed to Jesus' brother, is strikingly similar in tone and content to the Sermon on the Mount. James is particularly concerned that belief in God be accompanied by conduct congruent with that faith. Above all, James is concerned lest we settle for faith which does not produce good works for others, especially the poor and helpless. Faith without good works is an empty faith.

The People of God gather, week by week, to meet Christ, dying and rising in our midst. His presence is revealed in our liturgical gatherings in Word and Sacrament, and in us, as members of his Body, by our daily lives of ministry to others in concrete acts of love and caring.

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**Friday, September 20**  
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September 20, October 4 & 18, November 1 & 15, December 6 & 20





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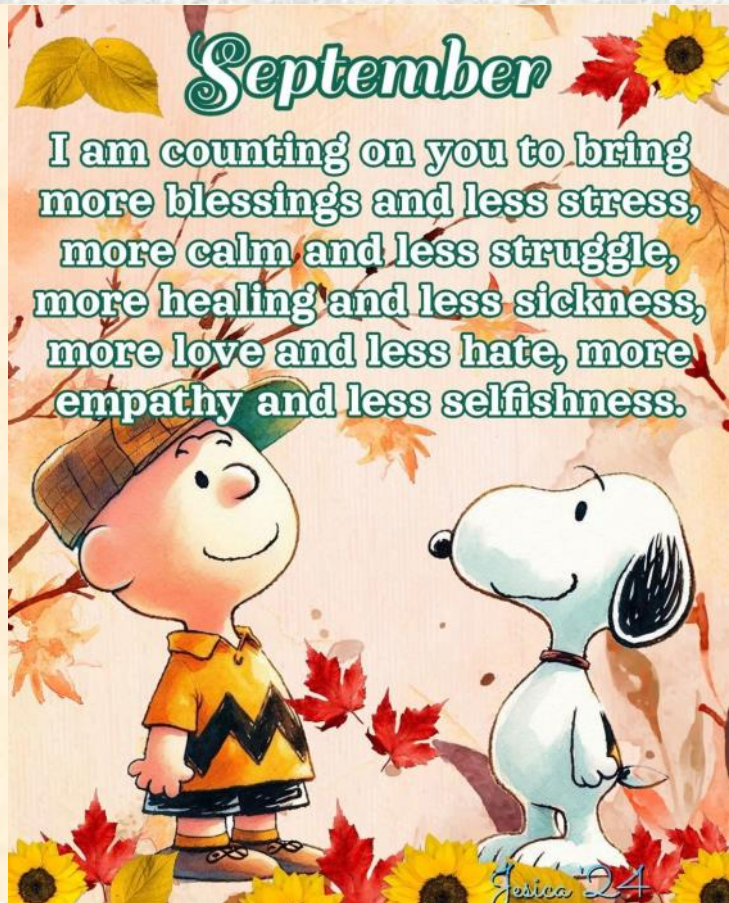
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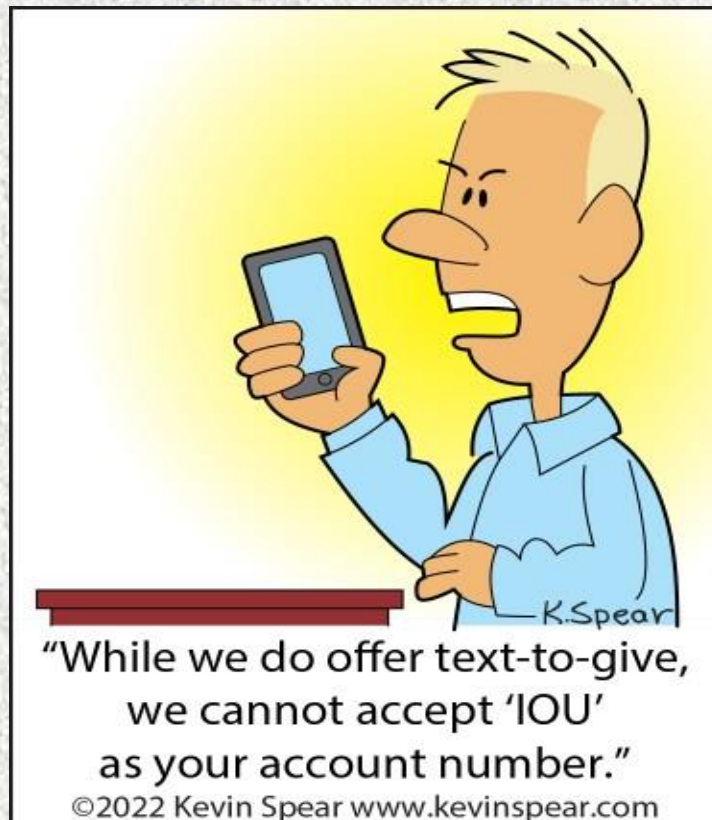
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