



September 5, 2021  
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SAINT TERRENCE

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### SAINT TERRENCE RENEW MY CHURCH

With our Parish now part of the fifth wave of the Archdiocese's "Renew my Church" initiative, it is quite normal to have questions and worries about St. Terrence's future. Several parishioners have expressed their concerns and worries to me. This concern reflects their love of our Parish. Many of you have been part of this Parish for several years. When parishioners hear about "Renew my Church" they have thoughts of merging or closings. We are aware that some parishes in the Archdiocese faced mergers or closings. Many of these decisions were due to low attendance at the liturgies or lack of sufficient funding to maintain the parish, staff, and its buildings. I believe the Archdiocese of Chicago is undertaking this initiative for the good of all the parishes in its jurisdiction. This initiative was an inevitable review that was deemed necessary for many years. Many factors are considered in all the reviews.

As we pray the "Renew my Church" prayer, our Lord calls us to renew His Church. The history of the Church reminds us that renewals always occurred at critical moments in its life. We have been witnessing social and cultural norms rapidly changing around us. There have also been many demographic changes especially in Chicago. Many neighborhoods have gone through complete changes. An exodus of people moving out of Chicago and the State has happened for various reasons. Traditionally we know most Catholic families attended Church on Sundays and holy days of obligation. Many Catholic parents hoped their children brought up in the Catholic faith would continue to pass on the faith to their children. Passing on the faith within the families was successful many years ago. Today it is clear this tradition has not been sustained. The Archdiocese aims for a new style of evangelization to pass the faith on and sustain the Church.

The essence of "Renew my Church" is evangelization. The meetings kicked-off last week thus starting the beginning of our journey. Our parish representatives and I will meet with the other two parishes representatives and Archdiocese representatives in discussions. The new evangelization efforts will also continue after we collectively analyze and propose what's best for the Palos-Alsip grouping. I like many of the representatives had questions about this process. After listening to other pastors and reading the provided materials I was able to receive a better sense of the necessity of the initiative. We are all aware of shortage of priests which has influenced this process tremendously. The factors that led to this initiative became clearer to me after I became a Pastor. I know now that having the appropriate amount of faith filled staff and financial resources is important for the growth of the Parish and the mission of the Church.

As we step through the "Renew my Church" process it will enable Parishes to receive the necessary resources to make the new evangelization a reality. I like to assure everyone that if any changes are recommended it will be intended to grow the Catholic faith in our area and to make Parishes more vibrant. Over the next three months the Parish representatives from the Palos-Alsip grouping will continue to meet for prayer, discussion and discernment with the priests and representatives from the Archdiocese. By the end of November, 2021, we hope to present the strongest, sustainable, financial and operational scenarios to the Archdiocese.

Our job as the Lord's disciples and Catholics is to continue to sow the seed of faith and He will take care of the Church until He comes again.

May the Lord bless and continue to guide us on this day and all days ahead.

*Fr. Tomy Abraham*



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

— James 2:5

## FEAST OF FAITH

### Remembering

When Jesus broke the bread on the night before he died, he told his disciples, “do this in memory of me” (Luke 22:19). Christians have been faithful to that solemn command. Our eucharistic remembering is not nostalgia, nor is it merely historical, recalling events and facts of long ago. In the liturgy, remembering is action. “Do this,” Jesus said. In the Eucharist, we remember by doing. And as we remember, the sacrifice of Jesus is renewed, truly made present, no longer then, but now.

After the consecration, each of the Eucharistic Prayers includes a section called the *anamnesis*, a Greek word that means “remembering.” In this part of the prayer, “the Church, fulfilling the command that she received from Christ the Lord through the Apostles, keeps the memorial of Christ, recalling especially his blessed Passion, glorious Resurrection, and Ascension into heaven” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 79e). We pause and call to mind the whole paschal mystery, Christ’s dying and rising. “We celebrate the memory of his death and resurrection” (*Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation II*). Obeying Christ’s command, we remember.

## 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 Greek word *mogilalos* appears only here in all of the New Testament. It is a technical term referring to someone with a stammer. It is also used only once in the entire Jewish scriptures, in the passage that we read today as our first reading from Isaiah. Clearly, by his choice of this precise word Mark wants us to recognize that what Jesus is doing is the fulfillment of what Isaiah had predicted centuries earlier. In fact, Mark wants us to recognize that Jesus is the Messiah foretold by Isaiah and the other Jewish prophets of old.

The word *ephphatha*, “be opened,” used to describe the restoration of the man’s speech, is another 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.

## Rest in Peace

Please remember in your prayers the  
people who have recently died:



**HARRY HOLLENDONER  
JOSEPH G. MCGUIRE  
ENEDINA RODRIGUEZ  
ALICE O'DONNELL**

## Faith Formation in-person meetings starting soon!

Mon 9/13– 8th grade  
Tues 9/14– 6th grade  
Wed 9/15– 7th grade  
Mon 9/20– k-1st grade  
Tues 9/21– 3rd grade  
Wed 9/22– 2nd grade  
Mon 9/27– 5th grade  
Wed 9/29– 4th grade

**Meetings will be held in the church from 6-7pm,  
and student and parent will attend together.**

**We look forward to growing in faith as families!**

## RECLAIMING OUR UNITY

Even the smallest act of service, the simplest act of kindness, is a way to honor those we lost, a way to reclaim that spirit of unity that followed 9/11.



**Masses for the Week**

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**Saturday September 4, 2021**

5:00pm Roman Bohanek †  
Frank Macikas, Sr,  
Frank Macikas, Jr †  
Jim & Hana Lyons †

**Sunday September 5, 2021**

9:00am Mildred Kovacic †  
AnnaMae Crotty †  
11:00am Ruth Macikas †  
Hugo & Madeline Krueger

**Monday September 6, 2021**

8:45 am People of the Parish

**Tuesday September 7, 2021**

NO MASS

**Wednesday September 8, 2021**

8:45 am Mikki Drugas (Anniv) †  
Angie Rourke (Anniv) †

**Thursday September 9, 2021**

8:45 am Purgatorial Society

**Friday September 10, 2021**

8:45 am People of the Parish

**Saturday September 11, 2021**

5:00pm Rodzak & Smithers Families  
Dante Songco  
Asuncion Songco

**Sunday September 12, 2021**

9:00 am Harry Hollendonner †  
11:00 am Pihik & Simonek Families †  
Rita Leyden †

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessing of Human Labor," nos. 907-911  
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19  
Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6  
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]  
Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38  
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42  
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49  
Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

**Next Weeks Liturgical Ministers**

Time	Presider	Music
5:00 pm	Fr. Sullivan	Cantors
9:00 am	Fr. Tomy	Cantors
11:00 am	Fr. Tomy	Cantors

**Collection Report**

August	2020	2021
1st Sunday	\$6,916.00	\$5,488.00
2nd Sunday	\$4,364.00	\$4,993.15
3rd Sunday	\$4,364.00	\$5,138.00
4th Sunday	\$4,156.00	\$4,327.00
5th Sunday	\$3,681.00	\$4,436.00

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL REPORT  
2020-2021**

Goal: \$25,872.00  
Amount Pledged: \$54,018.00  
Amount Paid: \$52,018.00

**2021-2022**

Goal: \$21,485.52  
Amount Pledged: \$47,087.00  
Amount Paid: \$45,882.00

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*~Fr Tomy Abraham*

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