

KEEPING FAITH FIRST- WORD SEARCH

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Catechizing Corner!

Even though today's gospel thematically asserts the healing power of Christ and the inclusion of all people in the reign of God, a primary theme of the kingdom and a theme in today's second reading is care for the poor. We cannot ignore the poor and think we are living committed Christian lives. Jesus was the champion of the poor and downtrodden. Our liturgy insists we reach out to the poor and suffering. Today's liturgy is a stark reminder of the incredible compassion Jesus had for suffering people and he challenged his followers to act as compassionately as he acted.

Mary Birmingham, Word and Worship Workbook.

Cycle B, Paulist Press



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Disciple's Reflection for the Question of the Week

**Twenty-third Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

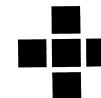
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A Call to Prayer

**The Word of God
Mark 7:31-37**

**Faith Sharing
Questions of the week**

Closing Prayer



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out to those in need!**

Call to Prayer

Begin by calling upon God: **In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.**

Let us pause for a moment and listen attentively to this week's passage.

The Word of God Mark 7:31-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

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."

The Gospel of the Lord



Gospel Glossary

Speech Impediment a physical impairment or condition that impedes normal, fluent, or easy speech; a speech disorder.

The **Decapolis** is a region in the NE part of ancient Palestine: confederacy of ten cities in the 1st century BC.

To be **Astonished** is to be filled with sudden and overpowering surprise or wonder; amazed.

Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

Children: How does Jesus help you to hear and speak?

Teens: How has God helped you in a way that met your personal, unique needs, as He did for the man in this story?

Family: In what area of your lives do you need God's healing power?

Adults: Do you ever speak on behalf of those who have no voice or are not heard?

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, fill us with your Holy Spirit and inflame our hearts with love and compassion. Make us attentive to the needs of others that we may show them kindness and care. We ask this, as we ask all things, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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