

He touched his tongue, and the string of his tongue was loosed
(adapted from St Alphonsus Liguori's sermon for the 11th Sunday after Pentecost)

Today, our Savior heals a dumb man: "He touched his tongue and the string of his tongue was loosed." These words indicate the man was not entirely dumb, but that his tongue was not free, or that his articulation was not distinct. Hence St. Mark says, after the miracle, he spoke right. Alas, would that God bind tongues that they not speak immodest words, a vice harming greatly others and themselves. These are the two points of this sermon.

The man who speaks immodestly does great injury to others who listen to him

1. In explaining Psalm 140, St. Augustine calls those who speak obscenely "the mediators of Satan." Why? Because by their obscene language, the demon of impurity gets access to souls, which by his own suggestions he could not enter. Just so, St. James says: "the tongue is a fire,... being set on fire by hell." (Jm 3:6) The obscene tongue may be said to be the tongue of the third person: "The tongue of a third person has disquieted many, and scattered them from nation to nation." (Eccl. 38:16) The spiritual tongue speaks of God, the worldly tongue talks of worldly affairs; but the tongue of a third person is a tongue of hell, which speaks of the impurities of the flesh; and this is the tongue that perverts many and brings them to perdition.

He who speaks immodestly does great injury to himself

6. It is very difficult to use immodest language without taking delight in it; and that speaking obscenely before young females, married or unmarried, is always accompanied with a secret complacency in what is said. Also, immodest speech exposes yourself to the near danger of falling into unchaste actions: "he who delights in words is not far from the act." (St Jerome) All men are inclined to evil: "The imagination and thought of man's heart are prone to evil." (Gn 8:21) But, above all, men are prone to the sin of impurity, to which nature itself inclines them. Hence St. Augustine has said, that in struggling against that vice: "the victory is rare," at least for those who do not use great caution. "Now, the impure things heard always present to the mind objects to excite pleasure, which stir sinful desires and morose delectations, which beget criminal acts. Behold, the consequence of the immodest words which young men say they speak without malice.

9. Be attentive, then, my brethren, and guard yourselves against speaking immodestly, more than you would against death. St. Paul says: "fornication and all uncleanness, let it not so much as be named among you, as becomes saints." (Eph 5:3) Mark the words "all uncleanness." We must not only abstain from obscene language and from every word of double meaning spoken in jest, but also from every improper word unbecoming a saint that is, a Christian. It is necessary to remark, that words of double meaning sometimes do greater evil than open obscenity, because the art with which they are spoken impresses more the mind.

10. **To end**, recall that your mouths are the mouths of Christians, which Jesus Christ has so often entered in by holy communion. Hence, you ought to have a horror of uttering all unchaste words, which are a diabolical poison: "Brethren, is it just that the mouths of Christians, which the body of Christ enters, should emit an immodest song, like diabolical poison?" (St Augustine) St. Paul says, that the language of a Christian should be always seasoned with salt: "Let your speech be always in grace, seasoned with salt." (Col 4:6) Our conversation should be seasoned with words calculated to excite others not to offend, but to love God: "Happy the tongue that knows only how to speak of holy things!" (St Bernard) Happy the tongue that knows only how to speak of God! Brethren, be careful not only to abstain from all obscene language, but to avoid, as you would a plague, those who speak immodestly. When you hear anyone begin to utter obscene words, follow the advice of the Holy Ghost: "Hedge in thy ears with thorns: hear not a wicked tongue." (Eccl 28:28) "Hedge in thy ears with thorns" that is, reprove with zeal the man who speaks obscenely; at least turn away your face, and show that you hate such language. Let us not be ashamed to appear to be followers of Jesus Christ, unless we wish Jesus Christ to be ashamed to bring us with him into Paradise.



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CTK remains open for LIMITED Mass attendance:

Please call the office to arrange your Sunday Mass attendance;
registered parishioners will have preference over others. No
appointments are needed for daily Mass.

The Daily Mass Schedule is: Monday at 12 noon; Tuesday, Wednesday,
and Thursday at 7:00 am and 9:00 am; Friday at 9:00 am and 6:30 pm;
Saturday at 9:00 am.

The Sunday Mass Schedule is (in Sarasota): 7:00 am; 8:30 am; 10:30 am;
and 12 noon. [Call the office!] **In Ocala,** Mass is 4:30 pm. (No need to
call.)

Confessions are heard in the confessional box ½ hour before Mass.

Please only use the bathrooms in the vestibule.

Finally, please leave the church & grounds after your thanksgiving;
socializing after Mass is not permitted.

The Sunday obligation is dispensed until Tuesday, September 1, 2020.

Liturgical Calendar for the Upcoming Week

DATE	FEAST	CLASS/COLOR	COMMEMORATION
Sun 08-16	11 th Sunday after Pentecost	2/G	St Joachim, Father of BVM
Mon 08-17	St Hyacinth	3/W	
Tues 08-18	Feria	4/G	St Agapitus
Wed 08-19	St John Eudes	3/W	
Thu 08-20	St Bernard of Clairvaux	3/W	
Fri 08-21	St Jane Frances de Chantal	3/W	
Sat 08-22	Immaculate Heart of Mary	2/W	
Sun 08-23	12 th Sunday after Pentecost	2/G	



Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

Sun 08-16	(7 am) priest's intention (8:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (10:30 am) Children in Foster Care (12 noon) Mariah Funderburk	rb K & K Moore rb Funderburk family
Mon 08-17	(12 noon) Bishop Frank Dewane	rb Angley family
Tues 08-18	(7 am) Dan Acton+ (9 am) Alice I. McGann+	rb R & D Gabriel rb K & N Zilli
Wed 08-19	(7 am) Ileana Maria Gener+ (9 am) Anna Van	rb M Vicente rb M/M L Truong
Thu 08-20	(7 am) Doug Ingersoll+ (9 am) Poor Souls in Purgatory	rb Emke family rb K Dinh
Fri 08-21	(9 am) Peter Minh (6:30 pm) Holy Souls in Purgatory	rb M/M L Truong rb D Priest
Sat 08-22	(7 am) <i>priest intention</i>	
Sun 08-23	(9 am) Ed & Pat DeVerna anniversary (7 am) Wyatt J. LoCicero-Grich+ (8:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (10:30 am) Ted Cover+ (12 noon) Karen Turner+	rb E & P DeVerna rb S Hemeryck rb Cook family rb A Emke

Today, after the 12 noon Mass, items on “the blessing table” in the hall will be blessed; the Bookstore is open after the 8:30 am & 10:30 am Masses.

This week, Wednesday, Parish Finance Council meets at 7 pm; Saturday, altar server practice after the 9 am Mass (frh hopes you can come, **especially those who really need help with low Mass**, we will finish by 11:30 am.)

This Saturday, Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, two Masses will be offered: 7 am and 9 am. This is to *distribute the herd*. No sign-up needed, but anticipate more people at the 9 am due to the altar server practice after that Mass. If you can attend the 7 am, please do so.

PLEASE DO NOT come to church if you have a chronic cough, especially do not come to church if you have a cough and do not wear a mask (the reason should be self-evident). Fr Hathaway has given the ushers permission to ask anyone at church to leave if they are coughing often and are not wearing a mask.

Fall Catechism Classes: The diocese wants its parishes to begin preparing for its Fall Catechism Classes. Please know, Christ the King will enroll its students on Thursday, Sept 3 from 5 to 6 pm; again, this is the time to sign the consent forms etc. for each student who will attend any class. The first real class will be held on Thursday, Sept., 17, 2020 from 5 to 6 pm. As last year, there will be two classes each month on alternating Thursdays (calendar forthcoming); the class for children (6-12 years) will meet in the hall & the class for teenagers (13-18 years) will meet in the Choir Room.

Fall Forty Days for Life: Christ the King will participate in the up-coming “40-Days for Life” (from September 23 to Nov. 1, 2020) Rosary prayer near the local Planned Parenthood abortion mill in downtown Sarasota. As a parish, Christ the King will pray there on Saturday, October 24, 2020, the day before its BIG Feast of Christ the King, which is always the last Sunday in October (in the Old Mass). The time we need to cover is from 9 am to 5 pm; a total of 8 hours. This early announcement is given so that you have p-l-e-n-t-y of time one to set one hour aside on this day to help end the slaughter of abortion. In late September, our Pro-Life leaders, Mr. and Mrs. John Funderburk, will have sign-up sheets to record the hour that a parishioner is willing & able to commit to for this important ministry: *when I was defenseless, you defended me. “Amen, I say to thee, as long as you did it to one of these my least brethren, you did it to me.”* (Mt 25:40). Please know, the men’s group is asked to have a man available at each hour for your safety; you may also bring your BIG dog, but leash him and have a poop bag ready, just in case. Also, please do not pick a time slot because you want to be with your buddies; this concentrates people so that only a few hours are filled, leaving other hours as more difficult to fill (this has been a problem in the past.) Last, for more information on Christ the King’s pro-life committee, or if you want to help save babies, please email Missy Funderburk at mlfunderburk@gmail.com.

Please pray for Bill & Barbara Wis (8/16); Fr Vincent Sheehy, Pastor Emeritas at Our Lady of Lourdes in Venice, (8/7), James Ahearn (7/26), Karen Boylan (7/26), Jessica Branham 7/26), Audrey McGuckin (7/14). (Prayer requests are posted for one month; renewable upon another request.)

Are there any parishioners at Christ the King who desire & are of age to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? Our Naples mission will host confirmations on January 9, 2021. If so, please email Fr. Hathaway.

Last Sunday’s collection: \$ 3513.00; and **Mass attendance:** 7 am, 39; 8:30 am, 68; 10:30 am, 73; 12 noon, 79; for a total of 259.