

**Friday, February 9, 2024  
Friday of the Fifth Week  
in Ordinary Time**



*Good morning!*

We read 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19, Psalm 81, and Mark 7:31-37. The people are astonished at what Jesus has done, "He has done all things well." Even though divisions exist in the world and lands are divided, God desires healing and unity in the division. Jeroboam and Ahijah seized the kingdom from Solomon and divided the tribes, giving ten to Jeroboam and leaving two for Solomon. We will see later in history how this helped maintain the traditions of Moses and brought forth more prophets. God can work wonders in all situations. Jesus opened the ears of a deaf man and removed his speech impediment. The people were astonished. Jesus ordered them not to tell, but how could they remain quiet? Healing continues to happen for us and others. May our hearts not be hardened so we may see and rejoice for the astonishing things Jesus continues to do.

*Peace,*

*RevKev*

*"I am the Lord, your God: hear my voice."*

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