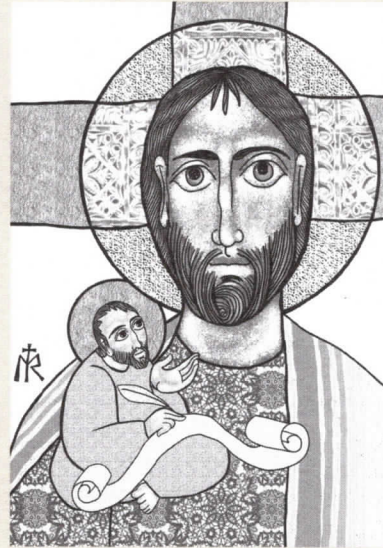


THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 23, 2022

Gospel Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received.



Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all.

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him.

He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

Readings for the week:

3rd Sunday

in Ord. Time
Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15
1 Cor 12:12-30 or
1 Cor 12:12-14, 27
Luke 1:1-4;
4:14-21

Monday

2 Sam 5:1-7, 10
Ps 89:20, 21-22,
25-26
Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday

Conversion of St. Paul

Acts 22:3-16 or
Acts 9:1-22
Ps 117:1bc, 2
Mark 16:15-18

Wednesday

2 Tim 1:1-8 or
Titus 1:1-5
Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3,
7-8a, 10
Mark 4:1-20

Thursday

2 Sam 7:18-19,
24-29
Ps 132:1-2, 3-5,
11, 12, 13-14
Mark 4:21-25

Friday

2 Sam 11:1-4a,
5-10a, 13-17
Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a,
6bcd-7, 10-11
Mark 4:26-34

Saturday

2 Sam 12:1-7a,
10-17
Ps 51:12-13,
14-15, 16-17
Mark 4:35-41

4th Sunday

in Ord. Time

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19
Ps 71:1-2, 3-4,
5-6, 15, 17
1 Cor 12:31-13:13
or 1 Cor 13:4-13
Luke 4:21-30



Opening Prayer

Almighty ever-living God,
 direct our actions according to your good pleasure,
 that in the name of your beloved Son
 we may abound in good works.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

In today's gospel reading—as we begin to journey with Luke through the semi-continuous gospel readings of Year C—Jesus is called to the reading desk of the synagogue in Nazareth. The people are expectant: here is the hometown boy made good, with a teaching reputation already established throughout Galilee. They think they know him, but Jesus is the Messiah, the anointed One, with the fullness of the Spirit upon him. Born, baptized, proved the faithful Israelite par excellence in the wilderness, Jesus speaks forth as the prophet the words of Isaiah as a summary of his mission that he is about to begin. The prophet, he proclaims, is called to announce good news to the poor—their liberty, healing, freedom from all oppression—as in the Jubilee year of release described in Leviticus 25 and Deuteronomy 15. Whether such a year was ever actually celebrated in Israel is uncertain, but it persisted as a symbol of the possibilities found in a new era of empowerment for the disadvantaged.

Then comes the climax, the moment of interpretation of the word of God: “Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing,” says Jesus. That Jesus is the Word in our human flesh is what we have so recently celebrated in our Christmas festivities. In the weeks of Ordinary Time, what will the “Amen, amen!” in the first reading mean for us in our lives? Will the tears and joy of Ezra's and Nehemiah's community, the amazement of the Nazareth synagogue in response to the word of God, be reflected in our responses to what we hear proclaimed in the Liturgy of the Word? (Next Sunday we will hear how fickle and fleeting the response to Jesus can be.)

Closing Prayer

Loving God, thank you for the gift of this day and the opportunity to grow in relationship with you. As you did for those gathered in the temple, surprise us with the presence that we might truly know you as we remain faithful to your Gospel and the way of life to which we are called. **Amen.**



For Reflection:

- How do you respond when you learn something new or surprising about someone you have known for a long time?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the “Opening Prayer” (in *The Roman Missal* called the “collect”).
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully “Reflecting on Living the Gospel” and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to “For Reflection.”
5. Pray the “Closing Prayer.”

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Announcements
01/22/22 to 01/23/22

Financials: 1/8-1/9/22

Weekly Collection Goal \$2400	Total \$1702.00 Short \$698.00	
In Church	\$ 1702 .00	
OnLine Giving	\$.00	
	\$.00	

Financials:1/15-1/16/22 **Total \$2152.00 Short \$248.00**

In Church	\$1902.00
Mail In	\$ 250.00

This weekend we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America and Black and Indian Mission. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ.

Ohana in Christ – the Annual Appeal for the Catholic Church in Hawaii. It’s objective is to raise awareness of the Church’s ministries and services. For Priests and Deacons, Youth & Young Adult Ministry and those most in need. We do have envelopes for your use specifically for Ohana in Christ donations. If you choose to mail it directly, please notate St. Ann Church Waihee on your donation so our location will get credit for it. If you wish to make a check out to St. Ann for this specific campaign, drop your donation into the offertory basket

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Next weekend, Second Collection for Maintenance Fund.

Have a Blessed Week!