

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 THEOPHILUS
 UNDERTAKEN

Catechizing Corner!

Imagine for one moment. It is Sunday morning. Our best lector or preacher rises, goes to the ambo, opens the lectionary, reads a familiar passage (one that we have heard repeatedly); we are lulled in the trance of unconscious half listening; and then, POW! We are thunderously brought to full, active consciousness by the presumptuous upstart standing before us who dares to presume that the scripture just read refers directly to none other than himself! We would be calling in the liturgy police! It is no wonder that in just a few chapters the response of the religious elite is murder! They want to see him dead!

Jesus' proclamation in the synagogue must have embodied the sacramental presence of God to his listeners. Otherwise, in fairness, it would be hard to blame his detractors. The power of the Spirit must have given such authority to his words (the sacramental presence of God present in every Sunday proclamation of the word even today) that to not hear was worse than Israel's infidelity.

The second paragraph of this story lets us know that Jesus' ministry was driven by the power of the Holy Spirit. Luke authenticates the baptism of Jesus in which the Spirit anointed him for the work he was to do. It was the same Spirit that had led Jesus victoriously through the desert temptations and now gave him full legitimacy as evidenced by his presidency in the synagogue. All now were free to rejoice in his Spirit-anointed ministry. Luke begins his gospel with Jesus in the synagogue. Jesus reveals his mission to the most difficult crowd of all-the hometown boys! He tells them that he is none other than the expected one from Isaiah's prophecy. It is Jesus-carpenter, son, brother-who is the suffering servant of Isaiah. Jesus jumps in with both feet, right from the beginning. There is nothing tentative about his mission. He describes the ministry he has come to establish: preaching, liberation, and healing.

Mary Birmingham, Word and Worship
Workbook, Cycle C Paulist Press, 1998



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Disciple's Reflection for the Question of the Week

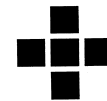
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A Call to Prayer

The Word of God
 Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Faith Sharing
 Questions of the week

Closing Prayer



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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.

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A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke

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.

Gospel Glossary

When the Gospel says **many have undertaken to compile a narrative**, it means that many people have decided to write down in words the true story of the events in Jesus Christ's life.

Galilee is the region where Jesus grew up: it is situated in the north of Israel. Nazareth is a town in Galilee.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.



In the Jewish religion, the **sabbath** is the seventh day of the week. It is a day of rest in honor of the Lord. The sabbath is a Saturday; Sunday being the first day of the week.

To **anoint** means to put holy oil on someone. This was done as a sign of giving someone the strength and authority from God to be a king, a priest, or a special messenger of God.

Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

Choose one

Name a moment in your life when you knew that Jesus was present in a very special way in your family. How did you know?

Name a moment or situation in your life where Jesus was present. What are some situations or places where you wish that Jesus was more visible?

Jesus is present to each of us in a different way. Tell about a time that you knew Jesus was with you.

How can I immerse myself in the Scriptures in order that they might become a living part of my life?

What are my favorite stories from the Bible, and what do they teach me?

Closing Prayer

Lord, You have called us to be your disciples, to live in faith, walking always in your footsteps. By your suffering, death, and resurrection, you have made us children of God. As you have loved us and asked us to love one another, help us to love and embrace everyone in our lives.

Fill us with love, compassion, forgiveness, patience, understanding, and tolerance, even when we face the pain of hatred, rejection, and failure.

Guide us to be good disciples. May we seek always the praise and glory of God and the good of all people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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