



Saint Joseph's Parish

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C | January 23, 2022

YOUR WORDS, LORD, ARE SPIRIT AND LIFE.

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Tues 1-4:30pm

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Holy Mass

Sat 5:00 pm

Sun. 9:30 am

Saik'uz 12 noon

Daily Mass

Tues-6:30 pm

Wed- 9:30 am

Thur-Fri 9:00 am

Reconciliation

by appointment

Baptism

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Matrimony

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*"O sing a new song
to the Lord; sing to
the Lord, all the
earth. In his pres-
ence are majesty and
splendour, strength
and honour in his
holy place."*

Psalm 95.1,6

After a busy Christmas season, I was hoping to settle into Ordinary Time with comforting words from Scripture. Today's texts do not comfort me.

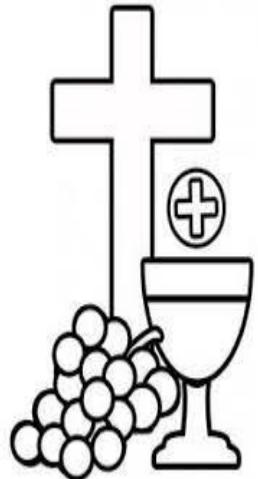
In the Gospel, Jesus returns to a familiar verse from the prophet Isaiah but does not simply quote it. He lays out the next steps for our path, fulfilling the command in our hearing. I recognize his invitation in my life. I am to go to the poor, the captive, the blind, and to be good news, release and sight. As I pray this text, I recognize my poverty, captivity and blindness. The subtitle in my Bible for today's Gospel is "The Rejection of Jesus of Nazareth" (as we will see next Sunday). This path is not easy. Our friends and families may turn from us, as they did from Jesus.

On this Sunday of the Word of God, promulgated by Pope Francis in September 2019, we turn to the word as people who can "hear with understanding." In the first reading, Ezra does not stand alone; and in the second reading, Paul reminds us the body is not one member. These are timely texts as we observe the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. May we know the power of the Spirit as we go about this mission, together.

Susan Kidd, CND St. Joseph's Missal pg. 156



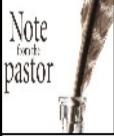
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FROM FROWNING SAINTS - It is said that no one likes to 'be the bearer of bad news'. But how about being the bearer of 'good news'? In our Baptism, we were anointed priest, prophet, and king, so we have received the grace from God to fulfill this mission in the world but there is a reluctance among many to share 'good news'. This 'good news' of Jesus Christ is that we are loved, that we are redeemed, and that we share in the life of God here and now. This is the 'good news' that can change lives and raise people up to a happy and holy life. A challenge is well described by St. Teresa of Avila who said, "From frowning saints, good Lord, deliver us!"; we cannot share the 'good news' without BEING 'good news' for others.

Homework: every day at 3pm when our Lord died, pray that you be filled with joy in being a Christian.

WEEK OF PRAYER for CHRISTIAN UNITY – January 18-25 – the divisions in the Body of Christ are an obstacle to people committing to follow Jesus. **THEME2022:** We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship Him (Matthew 2:2); the Magi represent the universal outreach of Jesus to people everywhere. As the week of prayer comes to an end, let us foster good relations with our fellow Christians in Vanderhoof. See insert in last weeks bulletin on history and theme.

Local Christian Church Events: we will confidently promote local Christian Church events as together we work in God's kingdom.

BOILER Update: Furnace Boiler fix and upgrade is being completed this Friday afternoon. Thank you to all who helped keep the building warm by lending us your electric heaters.

MASS OPEN TO PUBLIC: Our COVID-19 restrictions are now the same as the rest of the province. We may now have 50% capacity (80 people) with mixed vaccinated and unvaccinated persons and 100% if vaccinated. Masks are required but can be temporarily removed for performing a ministry.

TO HELP PEOPLE FEEL COMFORTABLE, we are offering the following ways of participating: (1)in-person mass on Saturday at 5pm and Sunday at 9:30am, (2)ParkingLot radio participation (tune to frequency 97.3FM), and (3)streaming mass online through Parish Facebook account.

CHURCH OPEN TO PUBLIC: this has not changed; people can individually visit a Church and pray. People do not need to be vaccinated; everyone is encouraged to wear a mask and practice safe distancing.

ALPHA 2022 has completed session four on the issue of faith; next week we explore the question How Can I Have Pray; pray for these Wednesday night sessions; our next ALPHA will be in September 2022.

FORMED.org: this is a free subscription for parishioners and entitles you to movies, books, documentaries, etc.

PARISH ACTIVITIES : our gift bags indicated we have three socials we want to do when there is no more restrictions between those vaccinated and non-vaccinated. We are looking at planning outdoor gatherings which have no restrictions.

QUIET PARISH HEROS : generously giving of their time and talent are those repairing our furnace boiler.

Jesus In The Synagogue

And he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." Luke 4:21 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 4:14-21 (NIV).



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