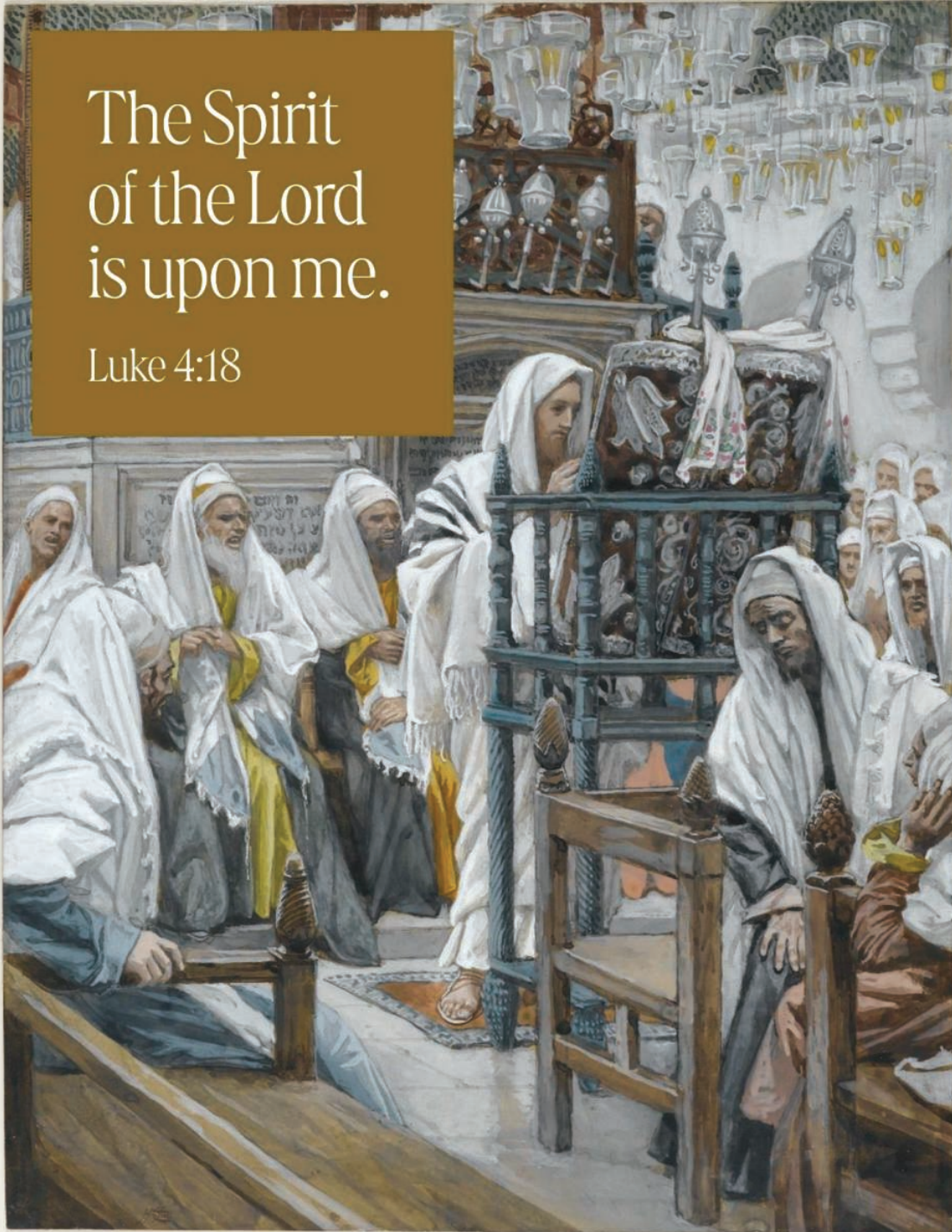


3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
January 25/26, 2025

The Spirit
of the Lord
is upon me.

Luke 4:18



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon Heb 9:15, 24-28 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 Mk 3:22-30
- Tue Heb 10:1-10 Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11 Mk 3:31-35
- Wed Heb 10:11-18 Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 Mk 4:1-20
- Thu Heb 10:19-25 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Mk 4:21-25
- Fri Heb 10:32-39 Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 Mk 4:26-34
- Sat Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 Mk 4:35-41
- Sun Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40

Welcome to Lennox and Louie Molloy who were baptized this past weekend. Thank you to the parents and godparents for being great examples of the Catholic Faith.

REFLECTIONS

St. Luke was a doctor. While we don't have any handwriting samples of his, we cannot say his message is blunt. Just reading his telling of the Christmas story lets us experience his artistry with words. But in the passage from Luke chosen for today we note that Jesus is blunt in what He says. And for a reason.

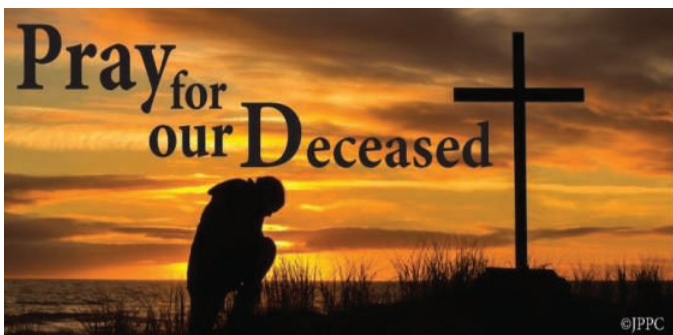
To set the scene, we have Jesus back in His hometown, with all that implies. With His fame slowly growing, He has the chance to read the scroll in the same synagogue where He studied as a boy. The given passage is all about the coming Messiah. When He finished reading, He slowly rolled the scroll back, sat down and then declared: "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

What a statement! The attendees are momentarily shocked into silence, but quickly their sense of outrage takes over and they are angry at this apparent blasphemy in Jesus' blunt assertion. Hardly an occasion for applause, it quickly turns very ugly. While their reaction is not read to us here, we know that the crowd grabbed Jesus and with a mob mentality at work, they dragged him to the edge of the cliff on the hill the town sat on and tried to push Him over. Mob justice often leads to deadly violence.

For our purposes, we need to reflect on the blunt but accurate declaration about Himself that Jesus made. We know that often enough Our Lord's words were at times indirect or subtle, such as "The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed." At other times wonderfully consoling, like "Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will refresh you."

Here and now that startling declaration: "This passage is fulfilled in your hearing" is quite a contrast. But since Our Lord was truth itself, He cannot avoid the facts without betraying the truth.

God love you and give you His peace.



Bereavement

St. Joseph Parish community mourns the passing of Walter Choiniere. Please keep Mr. Choiniere and his family in your prayers and offer your condolences and prayerful support to them throughout this difficult time.



The MISSION of the parish community of Saint Joseph is to “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel.”

Our VISION: As a Catholic faith community, we invite all to experience the saving grace of Jesus Christ. We strive to grow and sustain by offering ministries that meet and nurture the Sacramental, spiritual, material, and emotional needs of our greater community.

MASS INTENTIONS

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Conversion of Saint Paul, The Apostle

Jan 25 Sat 4:00pm In Memory of Charles A. Dionne, Jr. by a Friend and Family

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Jan 28 Tues 7:45am For the Relief and Release of the Souls in Purgatory

Jan 29 Wed 7:45am For the Relief & Release of the Souls in Purgatory

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Feb 1 Sat 4:00pm In Memory of Charles Hoppe (71 yr Ann) by Family &

In Memory of Ted Lichon (Month’s Mind) by Family

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for all members of the Healthcare Field, for their tireless work in taking care of our loved ones.



Do you, or someone you know, need a prayer? Call Pauline Prew 568-5644 and have our “Prayer Warriors” pray for your intentions.

FINANCIAL UPDATE:
Financial update will be in the upcoming weeks bulletin due to early transmission of the bulletin.
Thank you

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Jan 25	Latin America
Feb 1	Monthly
Feb 8	Fuel

ON-LINE GIVING

Thank you to those parishioners who utilize Parish Giving. If you have not done so already, please visit our website-stjosephri.org to enroll in on-line giving. (See “Parish Giving” icon-bulletins lower left corner of the home page.)



MASS INTENTIONS/OFFERTORY GIFTS

When more than one family has an intention for a single Mass, we suggest that a member of each family present the gifts (hosts and wine) to the Celebrant. Please notify an Usher before Mass if you are in attendance and wish to bring the gifts to the altar and whether you would like the gifts to be placed in front of the first pew (if you are unable to walk the entire length of the center aisle)



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