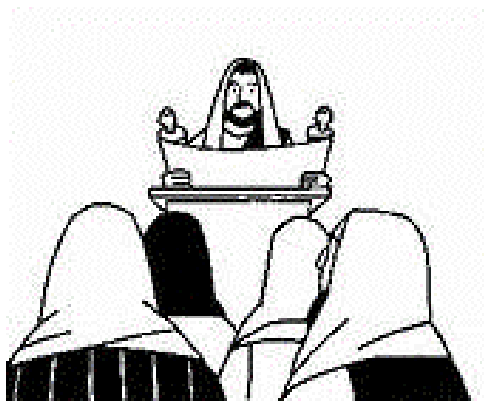


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Third Sunday Ordinary Time
January 23, 2022

Change of address or phone number, for parish registration, hospital visitations and sacramental needs, baptism and wedding arrangements (six months in advance), please contact the Parish Office by calling 412.276.5562 or 412.678. 0566. Office Hours: by appointment. **Bulletin announcements** should be received by Wednesday for Sunday publication either by phone or E-mail at bsleczkowski@aol.com

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THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 23 2022

Ordinary 3

Holy Mass

9:00 A.M.

+**Thomas Muse** Int. Helen Mulac; +**Edmund Adamek** Int
Allen, Wanda & Kristen Korenoski

SOCL Classes

10:15 A.M.

Holy Mass

11:00 A.M.

+**Patricia Castle** Int. Family & Friends

Sunday, January 30, 2022

Ordinary 4

Music Scholarship Sunday

Holy Mass

9:00 A.M.

+**John Trumpe** Int. Terry & Henrietta Kleckner;

+**Raymond Kostovny** Int Sandy & David Kost

SOCL Classes

10:15 A.M.

Holy Mass

11:00 A.M.

Epiphany Visitations

Those who would like their homes blessed during the Epiphany season are to call Fr. Bruce @ 412.276.5562 to make arrangements.

Requiem Mass Requests

If you would like to reserve a special date for requiem prayer during the 2022 year, please contact Fr. Bruce by email or calling 412.276.5562.

Jesus Teaches in the Synagogue

When Jesus entered the synagogue in Nazareth, the town in which he grew up, he was handed a scroll of Isaiah and invited to read. He began, "The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring

good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives...” (v.18).

Jesus had left the desert following his baptism. He was feeling great. He had faced his temptations and was eager to begin his ministry. He went to the synagogue to pray. Imagine his surprise when he was given this particular Scripture to read. The words spoke to his experience. He was aware that the spirit of God was upon him. He felt he had been anointed to bring wonderfully good news wherever he went. The words from Isaiah must have confirmed for Jesus what he had discerned in the desert: He had a mission that would eventually be shared by all those who truly came to know him. On that day in the synagogue in his hometown of Nazareth, Jesus takes Isaiah’s words and proclaims them as his own.

He will open the eyes of those who cannot see and work his whole life to free those who are oppressed. Jesus is aware that many people can see the trees but be blind to the forest. He knows that someone can be held captive and still walk freely in the world. His mission is to open people’s eyes to God’s love so they can love in the same way. His mission is to free those who are oppressed by fear and loneliness as well as greed and prejudice.

Jesus invites all people to be a part of the kingdom of God, and to bring justice to those who are poor, suffering and physically oppressed. He gave his life in faithfulness to this mission, and he offers us the same invitation. Through his life, death and resurrection, Jesus has freed us from oppression if we are willing to open ourselves to the new life he

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offers.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Ask family members to talk about one thing they are afraid of. Talk about why they think they have that fear.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

What are some of your fears? Do they hold you back? Do they keep you from being the best you can be? Are you willing to let go of those fears for asking for God’s help?

Today is about beginnings: the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. It begins with the Word of God, in the synagogue. Jesus reads from the Old Testament, as we do every Sunday, and tells the people that it is fulfilled in him. Everything that God has said to his people, through his prophets, comes together in Jesus, the Incarnate Word of God. Today is an ideal Sunday to think about the ministry of reader - about how as readers we make present the same fulfillment, Jesus, when we read the word of God in our Churches.

PNU News

Spojnia is offering great programs for 2022. Also, the PNU is offering parishes to receive monetary rewards with their "Cast A Net" contest which runs this January to June. The PNU offers competitive insurance coverage with fraternal benefits such as in low interest rates for car payments, mortgages etc., through it's credit union and the Education & Youth Commission stipends for member college student. Check out all the information on the bulletin board in the Narthex or speak with Henrietta Kleckner after Mass or call her @ 724-863-6715.

No prophecy foretold the coming of Buddha, Confucius or Muhammad. Yet there are many concerning Jesus Christ, the Messiah. All of these prophecies were fulfilled in the life and death of Jesus Christ. Remember that all of the Old Testament prophecies were spoken, and recorded, hundreds of years before Jesus was born.

1. Be Born in Bethlehem

O.T. Prophecy: Mic. 5:2 N.T. Fulfilled: Matt. 2:1

2. Preceded by a messenger

O.T. Prophecy: Isa. 40:3 N.T. Fulfillment: Matt. 3:1

3. Enter Jerusalem on a colt

O.T. Prophecy: Zech. 9:9 N.T. Fulfillment: Lk. 19:35

4. Be Betrayed by a friend

O.T. Prophecy: Ps. 41:9 N.T. Fulfillment: Matt. 26:47-50

5. Have his hands and feet pierced

O.T. Prophecy: Ps. 22:16 N.T. Fulfillment: Lk. 23:33

6. Be wounded and whipped by his enemies

O.T. Prophecy: Isa. 53:5 N.T. Fulfillment: Matt. 27:26

7. Be sold for thirty pieces of silver

O.T. Prophecy: Zech. 11:12 N.T. Fulfillment: Matt. 26:15

8. Be spit upon and beaten

O.T. Prophecy: Isa. 50:6 N.T. Fulfillment: Matt. 26:67

9. The betrayal money thrown in the temple and used for a potter's field

O.T. Prophecy: Zech. 11:13 N.T. Fulfillment: Matt. 27:5-7

10. Cast lots for Jesus' clothing

O.T. Prophecy: Ps. 22:18 N.T. Fulfillment: Matt. 27:35

Statisticians have calculated that for all of the above prophecies to be fulfilled in one person it is a combined probability of One chance in 10,000,000,000,000,000,000! And this is limiting us to just these 10 prophecies! Jesus claimed to be the fulfillment of the Old Testament Messianic prophecies, and now we have seen that His life and death did accurately fulfill these prophecies made hundreds of years before.