

**January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2022 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time– Year C – Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21**

Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, <sup>2</sup>just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, <sup>3</sup>I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, <sup>4</sup>so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. <sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: <sup>18</sup>“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 and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, <sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.” <sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”..

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Read and re-read</b> – out loud and slowly the Gospel.</li> <li>➤ <b>Meditate</b> - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Pray</b> - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition</li> <li>➤ <b>Action</b> – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do)</li> </ul>
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In this week’s gospel we have the story of how Jesus read the Bible and how he wants us to read and teach it. We see that by meditating on the Bible we can experience the life of Jesus and we can trust and believe that Jesus totally understands our pain and sorrows because he has experienced all of them. The bible can bring liberation to captives - culturally, spiritually and psychologically. As he read from Isaiah `This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen` it is being fulfilled in our lives today as we listen to His word. How has the message of Jesus been good news for you. Given you new freedom and a you a new sight or revealed Gods favour to you?

**Prayer:**

**Lord thank you** for your `Words` to each one of us. You speak these words with such love and mercy that they are good for us to hear. You know that we need your help and guidance as we travel our journey of life in your name

**Forgive us Lord** for the times that we lost opportunities to bring `The Good news` to the poor and to proclaim `liberty to captives` and bring `the blind new sight.

**Help us Lord** to bring your `Good News` to the lonely and those who feel a sense of isolation which is a great suffering in our world today. Help us to let them know that you are with them and understand their feelings as you have experienced these feelings in your life.