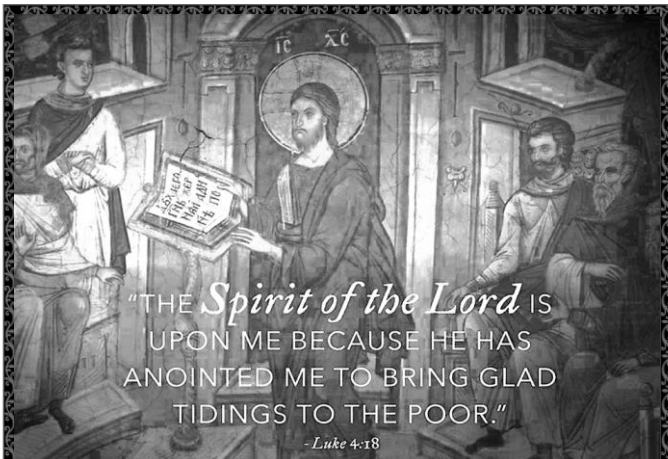


# January 27 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Jesus arose,  
and spread out the scroll -  
like Ezra, who was priest-scribe -  
and declared to the people  
(and to us)  
that God is in our midst  
this day.*

*Oh Earth,  
you are holy now.*

*Holy Spirit,  
touch our being and doing.  
Let us never turn away.  
Brush our days with grace.*

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## SUNDAY REFLECTION

It is likely that Jesus sat near the Ark of the Covenant in the synagogue at Nazareth. He looked out at the familiar faces from his hometown. They had always known him as the son of Joseph, the carpenter. As the Torah was carried back to the ark, they chanted the Eighteen Blessings. The chazan handed Jesus the scroll from Isaiah. After reading it, Jesus said: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

More than 2,000 years later, this Gospel still challenges us. We might ask, "Is Jesus really that fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy?" Do we really claim him as the Lord of our lives? Some of his hometown people tried to kill him for this claim. Will we defend him today? (Deacon Dick Folger)

## PRAYER SERVICES

Wed., Jan. 30	7:45 AM	Morning Prayer
Fri., Feb. 1	7:45 AM	Morning Prayer

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Jan. 26	4 PM	Paul Herbert
Sun., Jan. 27	10 AM	Ruth Gehl
Sat., Feb. 2	4 PM	Rita Ambrose
Sun., Feb. 3	10 AM	Deceased Members of Martin Oswald Family

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### Saturday – February 2 at 4:00 PM

*Greeters:* Bill and Janet Deller

Glen and Diane Bohman

*Servers:* Kayla Simon, Sam Simon

*Cantors:* Joe Simon, Sarah Wenning

*Lectors:* Terry Harmeyer, Elizabeth Hermesch

*Euch. Ministers:* Roseann Wirth, Bill Deller

Katy Schmidt, Janet Deller

### Sunday – February 3 at 10:00 AM

*Greeters:* Mike and Janice Simon - *back*

Ken and Janice Fry - *back*

Nick and Jenny Simon - *side*

*Servers:* Caleb Simon, Shaylee Volz

*Cantors:* Gene and Patty Simon

*Lectors:* Greg Wagner, Julie Stephens

*Euch. Ministers:* Susan Schutte, Ben Harlemer

Scott Simon, Vicki Wagner

## PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2068.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 0.00
Loose Collection	\$ 394.00
Total Regular Collection	\$2462.00

**\$3,335.00 needed weekly to meet budget.**

Special Collections	\$1770.00
+ Criterion - \$400.00	
+ Utility Fund - \$870.00	
+ Capital Improvement - \$500.00	

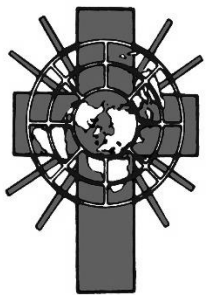
**Thank You!**

*"You cannot make yourself feel something you do not feel,  
but you can make yourself do right in spite of your feelings."*

*~ Pearl S. Buck*

**STEWARDSHIP** – The U.S. bishops' pastoral on stewardship reinforces today's reading from 1 Corinthians: "Because its individual members do collectively make up the Body of Christ, that body's health and well-being are the responsibility of the members – the personal responsibility of each one of us. We all are stewards of the church."

**SANCTUARY LIGHT** – The sanctuary light will burn January 27 through February 3 for Lawrence and Lillian Lustig.



**PROPAGATION OF FAITH** – This weekend is Propagation Sunday. Through your prayers and almsgiving, Catholic missionary priests, brothers, and sisters are able to help preach the Gospel to non-Catholic countries. Please drop your envelope in the regular collection.

**UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL** – "*ALL for the SAKE of OTHERS.*" The last report for the United Catholic Appeal shows: Parish Goal - **\$12,705**; Amount Pledged - **\$13,430**; Percentage of Goal - **106%**; Total Money Received - **\$11,805**; Parish Households - **203**; # of Pledges - **83**; Parish Participation - **41%**.

This will be the last report in the bulletin. Again, I express my gratitude to you for your generous giving that helped us reach our goal, but more importantly, that helped serve the needs of others throughout the Archdiocese.

**MEETINGS** – Finance Meeting on Thursday, January 31, 7:00 PM.

Board of Education Meeting on Sunday, February 3, 8:30 AM.

**BLOOD PRESSURE** – You can get your blood pressure checked next weekend in the St. Anne Room following the Masses. Janet Deller and Becky Harmeyer will be there to assist you.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** – Classes for Preschool through Grade 5 on Wednesday, January 30, 6:45 PM. A meal will be served.

Classes for Grades 6 through 11 next Sunday, February 3, 8:30 AM.

**COFFEE TALKS** – The "Coffee Talk" with Father Dan Bedel, canceled because of the weather, will be rescheduled at a later date.

**Next Coffee Talk:** "New Understanding of the Death Penalty" by Sister Marge Wissman. This presentation is on Sunday, February 10, 3:00 PM. Sister Marge has been the Director of Justice and Peace for the Sisters of St. Francis for the past sixteen years.

**THE LORD'S LAUGHTER** – Sign in parking lot of First Presbyterian Church, Billings, MT: "Reserved for Organist & Music Director. Trespassers will become organ donors." (via Joyce Jensen, Billings, MT)

### **ANY COMPLAINTS?**

While serving as a chaplain at a children's hospital, Lisa Anderson once found a young mother kneeling in the chapel. When Anderson apologized for disrupting, the woman said, "That's okay, I was just complaining to the Lord. I figure it worked for the Israelites!"

After laughing, the women began discussing how God listens to his people regardless of our approach. Indeed, Moses tells Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as David hid in the cave from Saul, he wrote, "I pour out my complaint before the Lord" (Psalm 142).

No matter what we say - or pray - our all-powerful God certainly can handle it. And no matter what's troubling us, we can "take heart!" because Jesus has "overcome the world."

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*To realize the true meaning of community, it should be written not on the walls, but in the heart. There is a beautiful give and take in the different relationships of life where all are united in one great love in him who sacrifices his life for us, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If only everyone could feel this, how perfect would be the harmony on earth. ~ St. Theophane Venard*

