



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 2025

Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

You can share a variety of liturgies linked to this week's gospel with your child at home.

You can find weekly Gospel Liturgies from The Mark 10 Mission by clicking on the link [here](#).

You can also share the Children's Liturgy from Redemptorist Publications with the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph by clicking this link [here](#).

Check this newsletter regularly for other links to liturgies designed for children.

Each week, you can download a weekly Bible verse from *The God Who Speaks* website.

[Click here](#) to access the Weekly Bible Verse archive.



Dear Theophilus:

Many people have done their best to write a report of the things that have taken place among us. They wrote what we have been told by those who saw these things from the beginning and who proclaimed the message. And so, Your Excellency, because I have carefully studied all these matters from their beginning, I thought it would be good to write an orderly account for you. I do this so that you will know the full truth about everything which you have been taught.

Then Jesus returned to Galilee, and the power of the Holy Spirit was with him. The news about him spread throughout all that territory. He taught in the synagogues and was praised by everyone.

Then Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath he went as usual to the synagogue. He stood up to read the Scriptures and was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it is written,

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has chosen me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to set free the oppressed

and announce that the time has come

when the Lord will save his people."

Jesus rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. All the people in the synagogue had their eyes fixed on him, as he said to them, "This passage of scripture has come true today, as you heard it being read."



(Gospel passage taken from Good News Translation® and used with permission)

Jesus is teaching in the synagogue. He reads a passage from the Scriptures which is about himself (although the people listening don't know that until he explains it afterwards).

The Scripture passage talks about what Jesus has been sent to do. What does it say?

It says that he has come to bring good news to people who are poor. What do you think this means?

Can you remember a time when you heard some good news? What was it? Can you tell me about it?

Good news means different things to different people. It can be confidence, peace, enough food, a safe place to live, light in the darkness, doing well at school, getting to spend the day with friends.

We are all God's children. God loves us all. No matter where in the world we are, whether we are rich or poor, and we should all have the chance to live in a world of peace, dignity and fairness. This is the good news of Jesus.

This year is a special Jubilee Year. In the Bible a Jubilee Year was a time of renewal and celebration. Debts were cancelled, people could rest, and because crops weren't planted even the land was able to rest. It was also a time of freedom: prisoners and slaves were freed, and land was given to those who didn't have any. Just like Jesus talks about in today's reading.

Jesus makes it clear that his mission is to bring the justice and freedom of the Jubilee. We can share in this mission to create a world of justice, peace and love. How do you think we can make the world a fairer, more peaceful place for everyone?

We now celebrate a Jubilee Year every 25 years and for this Jubilee, Pope Francis has asked us all to be "Pilgrims of Hope". This hope comes from knowing that God loves each one of us, whoever we are. While we cannot work miracles, we can make real changes that make a difference to our own lives and the lives of others.

Art can help
bring the
Gospel to
life for
children.



You may find the
website [Christian Art](#) enjoyable to
explore with your child. Each day they
share artwork linked to the daily
Gospel.

**Jesus withdrew with his disciples
to the lakeside
Mark 3:7-12**

**Looking Down Yosemite Valley,
Painting by Albert Bierstadt (1830-1902),
Painted in 1864,
Oil on canvas
© Birmingham Museum of Art, Alabama**



We can worship and pray through Music. For this week's Gospel, enjoy listening to both traditional and contemporary worship music!



Traditional: '[God's Spirit is in my Heart \(Go Tell Everyone\)](#)' by Alan Dale and Hubert J. Richards

Contemporary: '[The Spirit of the Lord](#)' by Graham Kendrick



You can now access the Ten:Ten Parent Portal at home with the details below.

Ten:Ten Resources

Username: st-michaels-tw/5

Password: thames-orange

Parent Portal:

www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal



YouCat is a guide to the Catechism of the Catholic Church for children. It is an easy read and a user friendly guide for parents and carers to support their children.

You can find out more about YouCat at www.youcat.org

Catholic Social Teaching:

Which principle do you think the gospel teaching best relate to this week?

**DIGNITY SOLIDARITY THE COMMON GOOD THE OPTION FOR THE POOR PEACE
CARE FOR CREATION THE DIGNITY OF WORK AND PARTICIPATION**



This week's Gospel activity sheet from [CAFOD](#):

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Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

"Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."



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A year of Jubilee

Jesus announces the Jubilee (the year of the Lord's favour) - a time when people can rest, make a fresh start and look after each other and the world. Jesus proclaims good news for those experiencing poverty, new sight for the blind and freedom. Use the back of this sheet to draw what a joyful Jubilee world might look like.

Renew, Reset, Recommit

Pope Francis has declared 2025 a Jubilee Year with the theme Pilgrims of Hope. Make your own prayer for the Jubilee in the dotted lines.

God of new beginnings

we know you care about all that is wrong in our world.

Walk with us in this Jubilee year,

Pilgrims of hope, and give us more...

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RESET

What places or situations in the world do you especially want to pray for?

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Help us to see where you are at work in our world today, and help us to join you, showing your love by...

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Thank you for the chance for a fresh start and to set things right.

We pray for change in our world, especially...

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RENEW

What do you think we need more of? Hope, courage, love or something else.

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- January 2025 Calendar -		
1	Wed	Mary Mother of God
2	Thu	Saints Basil & Gregory
3	Fri	Most Holy Name of Jesus
4	Sat	Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
5	Sun	Saint John Neumann, bishop
6	Mon	Epiphany
7	Tue	Blessed Angela of Foligno
8	Wed	Saint Thorfinn
9	Thu	Saint Adrian of Canterbury
10	Fri	Servant of God Vico Necchi
11	Sat	Blessed William Carter
12	Sun	Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys
13	Mon	Saint Hilary of Poitiers
14	Tue	Saint Felix of Nola
15	Wed	Saint Paul the Hermit
16	Thu	Saint Berard and Companions
17	Fri	Saint Anthony of Egypt
18	Sat	Saint Charles of Sezze
19	Sun	Saint Fillan
20	Mon	Saint Fabian
21	Tue	Saint Agnes
22	Wed	Saint Vincent
23	Thu	Saint Marianne Cope
24	Fri	Saint Francis de Sales
25	Sat	Conversion of Saint Paul
26	Sun	Saints Timothy and Titus
27	Mon	Saint Angela Merici
28	Tue	Saint Thomas Aquinas
29	Wed	Saints Sarbellus & Barbea
30	Thu	Saint Hyacintha of Mariscotti
31	Fri	Saint John Bosco