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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 'C'—JAN. 26TH, 2025 *"THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME"*

In chapter four of Luke's Gospel, we hear that Jesus is in his hometown of Nazareth, attending the synagogue on the Sabbath, which is said to be his custom. In this account, we find another important clue that Jesus lived as a faithful, observant Jew. We will continue to read from Luke's Gospel in sequence for the next two Sundays.

As Jesus stands in the synagogue, he reads from the scroll handed to him; it contains the words of the prophet Isaiah. At this early moment in his ministry, Jesus announces his mission in continuity with Israel's prophetic tradition. This reading from Isaiah defines Jesus' ministry. We will find more evidence of



this as we continue to read from Luke's Gospel throughout the year. Jesus' ministry will include bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord.

Through this text from Isaiah, Jesus announces God's salvation. The "year acceptable to the Lord" is a reference to the Jewish tradition of Sabbath years and jubilee. The Sabbath year was observed every seventh year. It was a year of rest when land was left fallow and food stores were to be shared equally with all. A year of Jubilee was celebrated every fiftieth year, the conclusion of seven cycles of Sabbath years. It was a year of renewal in which debts were forgiven and slaves were freed.

Jesus not only announces God's salvation, he brings this salvation about in his person. Jesus is Yahweh's Anointed One, filled with the Spirit of God. The Kingdom of God is now at hand. It is made present in Jesus, in his life, death, and Resurrection. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom of God can be fulfilled.

The Holy Spirit is Jesus' gift to the Church. The Holy Spirit enables the Church to continue the mission of Jesus. When we do what Jesus did—bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed—we serve the Kingdom of God.

WHY OUR PARISH HALL IS NAMED AFTER ELIJAH'S?



The story of Elijah found in 1 Kings 17-19.

In 1 Kings 17, the prophet Elijah was fed by ravens sent to him by God. To the left we see that a raven is flying close by. After Elijah proved to the people that his was the only true prophet God, he was persecuted by Jezebel. In 1 Kings 18 Elijah *summon all Israel to me on Mount Carmel, as well as the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah*. Elijah's zeal for the true God of Israel defeated the prophets of Baal and the Prophets of Asherah in Mount Carmel. Tradition indicates the presence on Mount Carmel of a series of Jewish and Christian hermits who lived, prayed and taught in the caves used by Elijah and his disciple Elisha. This is how the first Christian hermits (at the origin of the founding of the order) settled in the caves of Mount Carmel to pray to God. In 1 Kings 19, we are told that fearing for his life, Elijah fled into the desert. After he laid down to sleep, he was awakened by an angel who touched him, saying: "Get up and eat." After he was rested and nourished, Elijah walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, God's mountain. When he reached Horeb, he went into a cave and spent the night. The Word of God told him to go outside for God was passing by. A mighty hurricane split the mountains and shattered the rocks, But God was not in the hurricane. After the hurricane there was an earthquake; but God was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake there was a fire; but God was not in the fire. After the fire, there was a light murmuring sound - God was there in a gentle breeze.

The prophet Elijah has great significance for the Carmelite Order, (**The Order of the Brothers of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel**) and parishes named after Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Elijah is considered to be the origin of the Carmelites, as the Carmelite way of life embodies his spirit of prayer, service, contemplation, and zeal for the Lord.

In our parish hall we feature a painting of the life of Elijah and the two great Carmelite saints: St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross. Teresa is getting inspiration for her book "The Way of Perfection", while John lays down his cross as he contemplates the deep meaning of the story of Elijah.



MASS INTENTIONS

Jan. 25th – Feb. 2nd 2025

Sat. Jan. 25th 4:30: + Marilyn & Tom Thies

Sun. Jan. 26th 9:00: - People of the Parish
11:00: + Sam Oriel

Wed. Jan 29th 12:00: + Bruna Odello

Thurs. Jan 30th 12:00: + David LaRue

Fri. Jan 31th 12:00: + Gina & Pat Manion

Sat. Jan 18th Vigil 4:30: +Justin Marshal

**Misa de la Candelaria en Cachagua (18800
Cachagua Rd # 17) 7:00pm:**

+ Lina Nieto, + Floro, Lucia y Federico Blanco.
Albino y Tarcisio Casas.—Cumpleaños de Jorge.

Sun. Jan 19th 9:00: + Ray Ramos
11:00: + Sandra Loiacono

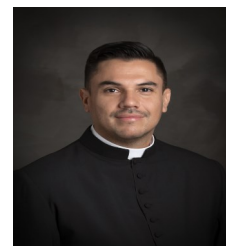
MAY THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL
DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD,
REST IN PEACE. AMEN

WEEKLY COLLECTION

JAN. 18TH & 19TH \$ 3,285.14

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR
PARISH COMMUNITY

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST'S DESK...



Dear Parishioners and Friends of Our Lady
of Mount Carmel Parish,

As we continue on in Ordinary Time, we focus on the public
ministry of Jesus and how he returned to the town where he had
grown up. He then goes to the synagogue and describes the
focus of his ministry based on the prophesy of Isaiah

Please take some time to read our parish bulletin as there is an
article about the name of our Parish Hall. After the 11am Mass
we 'll have a farewell party for Tess and Forrest Arthur, I hope
you can join us. Shalom! Fr. Jhonnatan.

SPAIN PILGRIMAGE

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TERCER DOMINGO ORDINARIO "C" – ENE. 19TH, 2025 "EL ESPÍRITU DEL SEÑOR ESTÁ SOBRE MÍ"

En el capítulo cuatro del Evangelio de Lucas, escuchamos que Jesús está en su ciudad natal de Nazaret, asistiendo a la sinagoga el sábado, como se dice que es su costumbre. En este relato encontramos otra pista importante de que Jesús vivió como un judío fiel y observante. Continuaremos leyendo el Evangelio de Lucas en secuencia durante los próximos dos domingos.

Mientras Jesús está en la sinagoga, lee el rollo que le entregaron; contiene las palabras del profeta Isaías. En este primer momento de su ministerio, Jesús anuncia su misión en continuidad con la tradición profética de Israel. Esta lectura de Isaías define el ministerio de Jesús. Encontraremos más evidencia de esto a medida que sigamos leyendo el Evangelio de Lucas a lo largo del año. El ministerio de Jesús incluirá traer buenas nuevas a los pobres, libertad a los cautivos, sanidad a los enfermos, libertad a los oprimidos y proclamar un año agradable al Señor.

A través de este texto de Isaías, Jesús anuncia la salvación de Dios. El "año agradable al Señor" es una referencia a la tradición judía de los años sabáticos y del jubileo. El año sabático se observaba cada siete años. Fue un año de descanso en el que la tierra quedó en barbecho y las provisiones de alimentos debían compartirse equitativamente con todos. Cada quincuagésimo año se celebraba un año de jubileo, la conclusión de siete ciclos de años sabáticos. Fue un año de renovación en el que se perdonaron las deudas y se liberaron los esclavos.

Esta tradición del Jubileo es el marco de la promesa de salvación de Dios. Y, sin embargo, en Jesús comienza algo nuevo. Jesús no sólo anuncia la salvación de Dios, sino que la realiza en su persona. Jesús es el Ungido de Yahweh, lleno del Espíritu de Dios. El Reino de Dios ya está cerca. Se hace presente en Jesús, en su vida, muerte y resurrección. Jesús enviará el Espíritu Santo para que se cumpla el Reino de Dios.

El Espíritu Santo es el don de Jesús a la Iglesia. El Espíritu Santo permite a la Iglesia continuar la misión de Jesús. Cuando hacemos lo que hizo Jesús: llevar buenas nuevas a los pobres, libertad a los cautivos, curación a los enfermos y libertad a los oprimidos, servimos al Reino de Dios.



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Weekday Mass

Wednesday — Friday, 12 noon

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 PM

Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 AM in English,

Spanish Mass: 2nd Sunday of the Month

1:00 pm in the Church.

4th Saturday of the month at 7:00pm in Cachagua.

Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:30 PM and by appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday — Friday:

1:00 pm—3:00 pm.

Sundays: 10:00 am—11:00 am.

“At the heart of silence is prayer. At the heart of prayer is faith. At the heart of faith is life. At the heart of life is service.” St. Teresa of Avila

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Human Trafficking

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