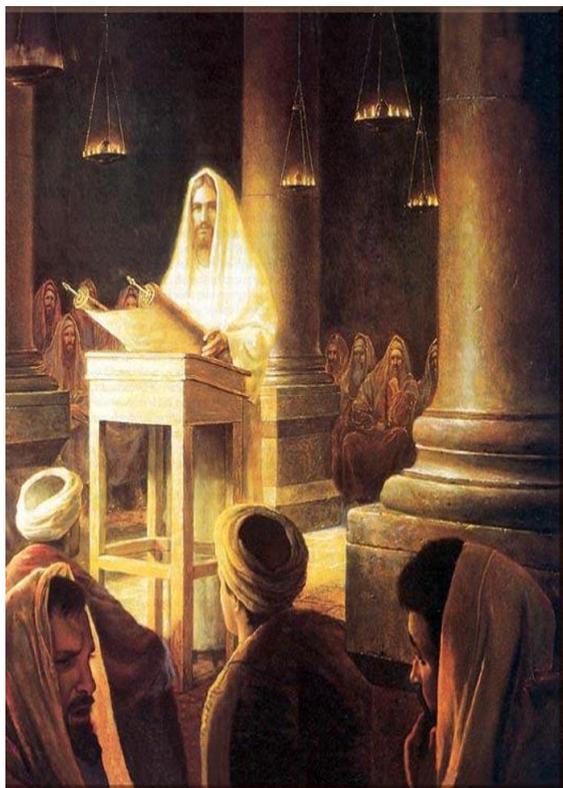


# Sunday Gospel Reflection

## Third Sunday Ordinary Time

### 1. Sign of the Cross

### 2. Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,”*



#### Dedication to Theophilus

<sup>1</sup> 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.

#### The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

<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.

#### The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth

<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 favor."

<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."

### **3. Reflection: (reflect on your own or share together if with others)**

1. Luke wrote the gospel to share their experiences of Jesus. What would you still want to know about Jesus?
2. The passage from the prophet Isaiah that Jesus read reveals something about the mission of Jesus. What does it say about why Jesus was sent?
3. Reflecting on the mission of Jesus from the reading of Isaiah, what does this say about the mission of the church today?

### **4. Share petitions that you would like to pray for: Finish with the Special Petition.**

**Special Petition: For a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Bible in the life of all Catholics.**

### **5. Lord's Prayer**

### **6. Sign of the Cross.**