In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus is foremost a prophet. God had a message for human society, and Jesus was the herald of God’s Kingdom. Luke relates many of the same miracles one finds in Matthew and Mark, but the most memorable parts of his Gospel are actually not the actions of Jesus but his words.

The kingdom of God that Jesus revealed was hidden in plain sight. The essential component of Jesus’ messianic mission was to draw attention to this. Luke found a foreshadowing of this in the prophecy of Isaiah, which Jesus quotes in today’s Gospel. Liberty for captives and healing for the broken in body and spirit were the distant goal; the first step was proclaim that such things were even possible. For many, faith was a dying ember, inspiring only the faintest wisp of hope. Jesus recognized quickly that his first responsibility was to reignite that faith in the hearts of many.

Jesus proclaimed this message with boldness, and it led to the transformation of many. This boldness fascinated Luke, who identified it as key to the ministry of both Jesus and the Apostles. Speaking the good news with boldness did reignite the faith of many. Simply reminding people of God’s ancient promises aroused excitement and hope. Jesus recognized that his first duty was to communicate the message, Jesus’ words to today’s disciples, it is to remember the power that can transform a life. The right response to a devastating crisis can renew an entire world.

The right word at the right moment can change a life. The right response to a devastating crisis can renew an entire world. This Sunday’s Gospel offers a challenge to today’s disciples, it is to remember the power that can transform a life. The right response to a devastating crisis can renew an entire world.

Relic Pilgrimage of Saint John Vianney’s Incorrupt Heart

The Shrine of Ars, France, has entrusted to the Knights of Columbus the relic of Saint Jean Vianney’s incorrupt heart for a national tour of the United States from November 2018 through June 2019. The Knights of Columbus will provide this special opportunity to venerate a major relic of the patron of parish priests, whose holiness and integrity is a model for clergy and laity alike.

The relic holding Father Vianney’s heart will be in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona, on Thursday, January 31st. Veneration will occur throughout the day from 7:30 A.M. through 7:30 P.M. The regular daily Mass schedule will be observed: Masses at 6:45 A.M., 8:00 A.M., and Noon. Bishop will be the main celebrant at a concelebrated Mass at 5:30 P.M.

Confessors will be available for confessions throughout the day. Father Vianney was renowned for his gift as a confessor in the Sacrament of Penance. This holy priest undertook a life of heroic penance and prayer to draw his people away from sin and closer to God. Known for his wise spiritual counsels and the gift of reading hearts, he soon became a “prisoner” of the confessional, hearing confessions for up to eighteen hours a day. Thousands came from across Europe and beyond to seek this holy confessor. Pilgrimage to the Altoona Cathedral on this day will allow all to seek sacramental forgiveness in Christ.

At Bishop Bartchak’s request the Apostolic Penitentiary has granted permission to receive an Indulgence attached to the pilgrimage to the relic of Saint John Vianney. An indulgence is the remission of temporal punishment for sin, in response to prayers or good works. It is God, through the Church, who remits the temporal punishment. Receiving the indulgence requires; first, celebrating the Sacrament of Penance leading to a genuine conversion of heart; second, receiving Holy Communion while fully participating at Mass; third, venerating the holy relic of Saint John Vianney; and fourth, praying for the intentions of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, by reciting the Apostles’ Creed, Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be.

Throughout the morning and afternoon, school children and adults will be able to venerate this first class relic of Saint John Vianney. The Knights of Columbus will stand as honor guards. Plan to be present this last day of January to venerate the relic of a holy parish priest. It will be an opportunity for grace and a special day to pray for vocations to the priesthood – a particular priority for the Knight of Columbus.
**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**JANUARY 27, 2019**

Readings: Neh 8:2-4; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 4:4, 14-21

**M A S S I N T E N T I O N S**

January 28, Monday: Saint Thomas Aquinas Pr. and Dr.
Readings: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:32-36
6:45 AM    Kenneth Lyle & Donna Lyle Civics (Skippy Cowan)
8:00 AM    Jim Davidson (Cathedral Finance Council)
12:00 PM    Lois Riley, Anniversary (Family)
January 29, Tuesday: Weekday
Readings: Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35; Jesus crowned with thorns
6:45 AM    Dec. Michael & Elsa Gibbons Family (Irwin Family)
8:00 AM    Steve Flanagan (Wiedemer Family)
12:00 PM    Tom Sutton (Pat Rhoa)
January 30, Wednesday: Weekday
Readings: Heb 10:11-16; Mk 4:1-20
6:45 AM    Tom Byrne (Tom and Patricia Forr)
8:00 AM    David Baroner (Mike and Sherry Byrne)
12:00 PM    Walter Mazar, Anniversary (Family)
January 31, Thursday: Saint John Bosco, Priest
Readings: Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25
6:45 AM    Joe Tomlinson (Joe and Patty Pufka)
8:00 AM    Carrie Kilber Dewtler (Mom and Dad)
12:00 PM    Mary Kay Billman (Janet & Michele Belsey)
5:30 AM    Alice Winkler (Cathedral Parish)
February 1, Friday: Weekday
Readings: Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34
6:45 AM    Loretta Baktiewicz (Jane Davidson)
8:00 AM    Barbara Byers (Liz & Leslie Venter/Mary Learner
10:00 AM    Catholic Schools Week (Holy Trinity Catholic)
12:00 PM    Bob Smithmyer (Wife)
February 2, Saturday: The Presentation of The Lord
Readings: Mt 3:1-12; 2:1-14; 18; Lk 2:22-40
8:00 AM    Herbert Kutruff (Tom & Arleen Lytle)
12:00 PM    Ray Plummer (Bernie and Louise Joyce)
Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: Jer 1:4-5,17-19; 1 Cor 12:31,13-13; Lk 4:21-30
5:00 PM    M. Virginia Jones (Mary Lysinger Family)

**CATHEDRAL CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP**

The Catholic Prayer Group will meet on Thursday, January 31, at 7:00 PM, at Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School. “Come to his gates with thanksgiving; enter his courts with praise” (Psalm 100:4). Join us for Praise and Worship, Spirit-filled teachings and witnessing, prayer ministry, and fellowship! All are welcome!

**ARISE**

Cathedral Parish will begin a journey of prayer and reflection during the season of Lent. For six weeks you will be invited to gather in small groups to break open scripture and discuss how to live the faith in our daily lives. If you were unable to join the ARISE process in the fall, give some serious thought to joining a small group this Lent.

**Week of Christian Unity**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity began Friday, January 18, and concluded on Friday, January 25.

On Sunday, January 27, Bishop Gregory of Nyssa of the Orthodox tradition will host an ecumenical service at Christ the Saviour Cathedral, 300 Garfield Street, Johnstown, 3:00 PM.

**Girl Scout Gold Award**

Olivia Butler, member of The Cathedral and junior at Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School, is a Girl Scout Ambassador currently working towards achieving her Girl Scout Award. The Gold award represents the highest achievement in Girl Scouting, recognizing girls who demonstrate extraordinary leadership through take-action projects that have sustainable impact in their communities and beyond.

Olivia is currently designing and will soon be installing Stations of the Cross outside of Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School. In addition to the Stations themselves, Olivia is creating and printing multi-lingual booklets to be used by all members of the community as they prayerfully wind their way through the Stations of the Cross. Olivia hopes that this project will provide the community with a special place for prayer and reflection.

To learn more about her project or how you can make a donation towards the project please contact the Bishop Guilfoyle Business Office at 814-944-5226. All donations are greatly appreciated. Those making a donation of $150 or more may choose to have the Stations of the Cross placed in recognition or honor of a family member, friend, or group. All such donors will have their names included on one plaque placed adjacent to the Stations of the Cross.

**Catholic Schools Week**

There is an insert in this week’s bulletin regarding Catholic Schools Week.

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Plan to take part in next month’s Eucharistic Adoration scheduled for Wednesday, February 6th from 12:30 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Sunday, January 20, 2019 - $4,322.00
Christmas Collection - $21,356.00
Solemnity of Mary Collection - $2,307.75

**Contribution Reports**

For Income Tax purposes may be obtained by calling the Parish Office: 944-4603.

**First Communion Sessions - 2019**

First Communion Sessions are scheduled for Wednesdays, January 23 and February 27 and March 27, 2019. All sessions are held in the Seton Suite from 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM. All students MUST be accompanied by an adult. If unable to attend a session, please call Chris Laraia at 814-312-7317. First Communion at the Cathedral will be on Sunday, May 5 at the 10:00 AM Mass. First Communion at Our Lady of Fatima Parish will be scheduled later. Practice for Cathedral students will be held on Thursday, May 2 at 4:00 PM in the Church and Confessions will be held following practice. Group and individual pictures will be taken after the 10:00 AM First Communion Mass.

**Bishop Guilfoyle Raffle**

The annual raffle at Bishop Guilfoyle High School will be held February 6th at halftime during the Girls Basketball Game in the BG gym. Catholic Parishioners from our Catholic high school will be selling tickets at the doors this weekend. January 26 and 27, after all the Masses at the Cathedral doors. Each ticket costs $5.00. Prizes include: 1st Prize: $10,000.00; 2nd Prize: $1,500.00; 3rd Prize: $1,000.00; and five 4th Prizes of $100.00. Help our BG students sell their raffle tickets. Thank you.

**Prayers Shaws**

Anyone interested in knitting or crocheting Prayer Shaws, please contact Lorraine Beck at 942-7774.

**Gluten Sensitivity**

There may be parishioners who have found that they have physical disorders related to gluten intolerance. The spectrum of illnesses includes celiac disease, wheat allergy, bloating, abdominal discomfort, diarrhea, muscular disturbances, and bone or joint pain. The ordinary hosts distributed at Communion contain gluten. If you have found that you are gluten sensitive, special bread is available that possess a very low gluten content. Please tell the Celebrant before Mass, and he will consecrate the low-gluten host for you to receive at that Mass.

**Mardi Gras Celebration**

The Parish will gather for our annual Mardi Gras Party on March 3 at 6:00 PM in the Cathedral Hall. All parishioners are invited to join in the celebration prior to our forty day Lenten journey. The event promises great food for all and there will be games for the children. Clear your calendars and plan to join the parish family for a great evening of socializing, eating, and games.

**Preparation for Infant Baptism**

There will be a baptismal session for parents preparing to have their child baptized on Tuesday, February 19 at 7:00 PM in the Seton Suite (below the rectory). Please note that baptisms are normally not celebrated during the Lenten Season. Ash Wednesday is March 6, 2019. Parents are encouraged to take this class prior to the birth of your child.

**F.I.R.E. Schedule**

The next F.I.R.E. Class will be today, January 27 in the Cathedral Hall from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM.

**Rest in Peace**

This past week Jim Luther died and was buried. May Jim know the peace that the risen Christ offers. May his family be comforted in the faith.

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**Liturgical Reflection ...**

**Eucharistic**

For several centuries, the traditional Forty Hours Devotion has been celebrated in parishes as a time of renewal and prayer. In the early 1500s at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Milan, Italy, Forty Hours Devotion began probably as a commemoration of the forty hours that Christ’s body lay in the tomb between his death and resurrection. By the 1700s the form of the devotion was codified for the churches in Rome. Forty Hours Devotion was first approved for the diocese of Baltimore in 1857 and extended to all the dioceses of the United States in 1868. The Second Vatican Council encouraged the practice of solemn annual exposition in every parish.

**Order for the Solemn Exposition of the Holy Eucharist, 1993, Introduction, Number 1:**

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