

FEBRUARY 3, 2019

Scripture Reflection

It is not explicit in Luke's account why the residents of Nazareth turned on Jesus, but it certainly had something to do with his bold speech. Mark's version of these events makes that plain, "Where did this man get all this? Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary? . . . And they took offense at him" (Mk 6:2-3). Luke compresses this controversy into the subtle phrase that the Lectionary renders, "They also asked 'Isn't this the son of Joseph?'" The surprise they experienced at his gracious words quickly turned sour when they considered the man they thought they knew. Jesus was not allowed to speak about himself or about God with boldness.

This is the nature of Jesus' prophet message in Luke's Gospel. Jesus' words had power. Those who encountered Jesus for the first time, like the residents of Capernaum, found his message fresh, even exhilarating. Those who thought they knew him, like his childhood neighbors at Nazareth, found his message impossible to take seriously. No one with Jesus' background, they thought, could preach authentically the words they heard from his mouth. Similarly, those who did not know Jesus but studied prophecies of the coming messiah also found him preposterous. Leaders of the community, like the scribes and Pharisees, heard the power of his words and saw his mighty deeds but could not accept that he was the one Israel had awaited for centuries.

Luke wrote this passage in part as a warning to disciples of every age. We can come to think that we all know all we need to know about Christ's message, the extent of his power and the effects of his love. When divine grace draws us into a deeper understanding of the Gospel, that invitation can be disruptive. We can reject what we only think we understand, as did the citizens of Nazareth, or we can accept the mystery, as did the citizens of Capernaum, several of whom became apostles and followed Jesus for the rest of his days.

- **Have you ever found Jesus' message a challenge to believe and to follow?**

AMERICA MAGAZINE, "The fresh, exhilarating message of Jesus's ministry." Michael R. Simone, S.J., January 11, 2019.

Blessed Candles

This past Saturday, February 2, on the Presentation of the Lord all candles to be used this liturgical year were blessed at Mass. If you wish to have blessed candles in your home, these sacramentals are located on the table in the Blessed Mother Chapel. A box containing two (2) blessed candles costs \$5.00; and a glass votive candle costs \$5.00. Make sure to use these blessed candles on those special occasions in your family when there is a birthday, anniversary, or someone is ill.

Blessing of the Throats

Throats will be blessed after all Masses this weekend of February 2nd and 3rd.

Monsignor Roy F. Kline

Monsignor Kline died this past Tuesday, January 29th at Garvey Manor. Msgr. Kline was in residence here at the Cathedral as a senior priest. Viewing will be at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Sunday, February 3rd, 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM. The Vigil for the Deceased will be prayed at 8:00 PM. The Funeral Mass will be on Monday, February 4th at 10:00 AM with Bishop Mark presiding.

Rest in Peace

This past week Hilda Conrad died and was buried. May Hilda know the peace that the Risen Christ offers. May her family be comforted in the faith.

Baptism Congratulations!

On Sunday, January 27, August Allan Simanski was baptized and welcomed into our Cathedral Parish Family. Congratulations to parents, Mark and Catherine. May the graces of the Sacrament of Baptism strengthen August and the adults who care for him.

Holy Trinity Catholic School Preschool

Holy Trinity Catholic School is looking to expand our preschool and we want to make sure it fits the needs of our families and the community. Below is a link to the survey. Please complete the survey as soon as possible. We would like to gather as much information as possible from everyone. If you are interested in the summer preschool program, please leave your email address at the end of the survey. We will be in touch with additional information. Thank you for your help. Preschool Survey Link: <https://goo.gl/forms/5Trvs3H3HmyAqq6y2>.

THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA 16601-3315

CHURCH OFFICE: 814-944-4603

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

The process of formation for those seeking God through membership in the Catholic Christian community.

INFANT BAPTISM:

Arrange in advance for pre-baptismal instructions.

CONFIRMATION:

Ninth, tenth and eleventh grade students are invited to participate in the Confirmation Preparation Process.

RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday: 7:00 PM, Saturday: 12:30 PM.

Communal Penance Services: Advent and Lent.

ANOIDING OF THE SICK:

Communal celebration Easter Season.

MARRIAGE:

Arrange nine months in advance. Couples expected to participate in pre-marriage preparation program.

DEVOTIONS:

Novena of the Miraculous Medal - Monday 7:45 AM.

Charismatic Prayer - Monday 7:00 PM.

Eucharistic Adoration - First Wednesday - 12:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Evening Prayer within Eucharistic Exposition -Advent and

Christmas, Lent and Easter Seasons - Sunday 6:30 PM.

Eucharistic Day - Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

September through April: Pre-Kindergarten thru 12.

Sunday morning 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM

Pre-Kindergarten thru 8.

Sunday afternoon 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Grades 9 thru 12.

WEB: WWW.ALTOONACATHEDRAL.ORG

FAX: 814-942-4337

E-MAIL: ALTCATHEDRAL@DIOCESEAJ.ORG

EUCCHARIST:

Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil)
8:00 AM
10:00 AM
12:00 Noon
5:00 PM

Holyday: 5:30 PM (Vigil)
8:00 AM
12:00 Noon
5:30 PM

Weekday: 6:45 AM
8:00 AM
12:00 Noon
Saturday: 8:00 AM
12:00 Noon

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, J.C.D., Bishop

Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur, Rector

Reverend Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar

CHRISTIAN INITIATION TEAM - 944-4603

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 944-4603

**MAIL MINISTRY TO ELDERLY, HOMEBOUND,
SERIOUSLY SICK, AND GRIEVING - 944-4603**

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: www.holytrinitycatholic.school

Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011

Hollidaysburg Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 695-6112

Middle School Campus (Grades 5 thru 8) - 942-7835

BISHOP GUILFOYLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Web: www.bishopguilfoyle.org - 944-4014

DIRECTORS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Chris Laraia - Pre-K thru 8 - 312-7317

Jean Koury - 9 thru 12 - 949-2777

Religious Education Office: Sundays - 943-7424

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 3, 2019

Readings: Jer 1:4-5,17-19; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 4:21-30

MASS INTENTIONS

February 4, Monday: Weekday

Readings: Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20

6:45 AM Prayer and Thanksgiving (Grove Family)
8:00 AM Billie Baker (Bob and Judy Baker)
12:00 PM John Bauer (Wife)

February 5, Tuesday: Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

Readings: Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43

6:45 AM Janet Tomlinson (Daniel)
8:00 AM Msgr. Paul Panza (Marge Dennis)
12:00 PM Madeline Vogel (Cathedral Christian Mothers)

February 6, Wednesday: St. Paul Miki and Comp, Martyrs

Readings: Heb 12:4-7,11-15; Mk 6:1-6

6:45 AM Maureen Wood (Cathedral Parish)
8:00 AM Julianne Seidel (Michael Austin and Family)
12:00 PM Wanda Watkins (Elizabeth and Neil Heverly)

February 7, Thursday: Weekday

Readings: Heb 12:18-19,21-24; Mk 6:7-13

6:45 AM In Thanksgiving & Remem. (Kling & Weaver Fam.)
8:00 AM Cynthia Corbo (Janet and Michele Belsey)
12:00 PM Tim Nagle (McNelis Teachers)

February 8, Friday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita

Readings: Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29

6:45 AM Barbara Byers (Mark and SueThur)
8:00 AM Angela Cronin Chadwick (Skip Cowan)
12:00 PM Alice Winkler (Mary Gene & Maureen Vogel)

February 9, Saturday: Weekday

Readings: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34

8:00 AM Audrey Kenny, Birthday (Karen Querry)
12:00 PM Msgr. Roy Kline (Cathedral Parish)
Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Is 6:1-2, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

5:00 PM Michael Dionis, Anniversary (Mom and Dad)

Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group

The Cathedral Prayer Group will meet this Monday, February 4, at 7:00 PM, here at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. "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.

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 honorees will have their names included on one plaque placed adjacent to the Stations of the Cross.

Religious Education Community Service Project

Cathedral Parish Religious Education Program is offering a service opportunity to make lap quilts for the Residents at Garvey Manor in Hollidaysburg. 30 quilts are needed. You can bring one home to make, or come in between Religious Education Sunday class and the 10:00 AM Mass. The fleece fabric and instructions will be provided. If you would like to help, please contact Chris Laraia at 312-7317 or Jeanne Thompson at 934-2510. If you would like to help by making an \$8.50 donation to defray the cost of the fabric for a quilt that would be greatly appreciated too!

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, January 27, 2019 - \$8,580.00

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, 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 heard following practice. Group and individual pictures will be taken after the 10:00 AM First Communion Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration This Week

Eucharistic Adoration will be this Wednesday, **February 6** from 12:30 PM until 8:00 PM. Please note this in your schedules and plan to spend some quality time in prayer before the Sacrament in exposition. Please remember to pray for vocations to the priesthood during your time before the Blessed Sacrament. A sign-up sheet is on the table at the cross aisle.

Basket Bingo Meeting and Contributions

The next Basket Bingo meeting will be held on February 7, at 6:30 PM in the Cathedral Hall. Also, we are now collecting items for the Basket Bingo. Contact Lorraine Beck at 942-7774.

Prayers Shawls

If anyone needs Prayer Shawls, 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 disorder, 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 priest 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 Sunday, February 10 in the Cathedral Hall from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM.

Parish Liturgy Committee meeting

The Parish Liturgy Committee will meet on February 5 at 12:45 PM in the Seton Suite.

EUCCHARISTIC

ADORATION

Liturgical Reflection ...

The primary and original reason for reservation of the Eucharist outside Mass is the administration of viaticum. The secondary reasons are the giving of communion to the sick and the adoration of our Lord Jesus Christ present in the Sacrament. The reservation of the Sacrament for the sick leads to the praiseworthy practice of adoring the heavenly Food that is reserved in churches. This cult of adoration has a sound and firm foundation, especially since faith in the real presence of the Lord has as its natural consequence the outward, public manifestation of belief in the real presence of the Lord found in the consecrated elements.

Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside Mass, 1975, Number 5.

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