

LIVING FAITH

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY

Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

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, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘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, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

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. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

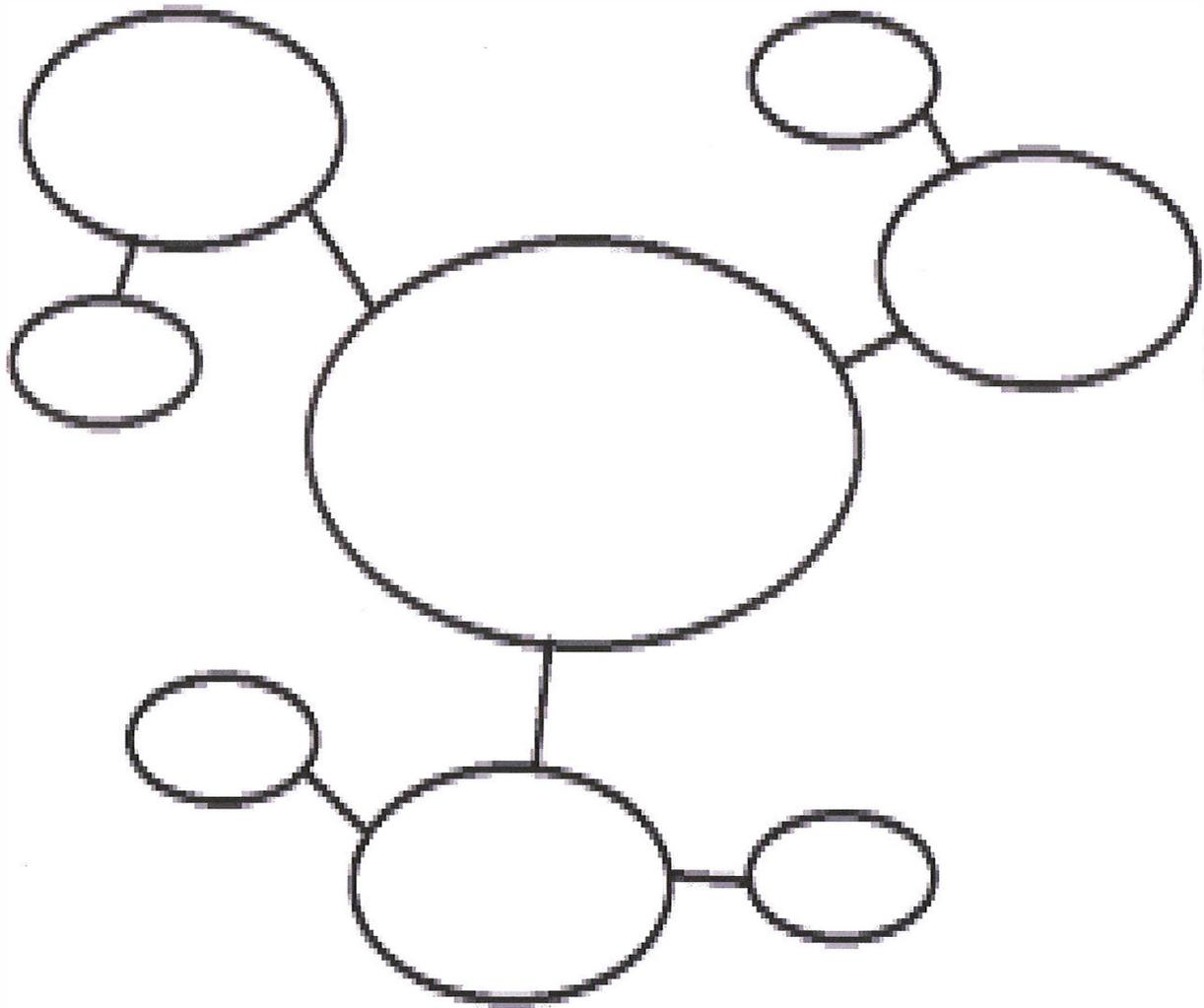
TAKING THE GOSPEL HOME

In today’s Gospel, right at the outset of his public ministry, Jesus sets the tone for the next three years by reading from the scroll of the Prophet Isaiah, announcing what his ministry would be about-- bringing good news to the poor, proclaiming release to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, setting the oppressed free, and proclaiming the year of the Lord’s favour.

PONDER AND DISCUSS

- What about you? If you had to put into two or three sentences what your life is about, what would you say?

Family Activity: Name and write down some key family values we cherish. Give examples of how these are seen in our Family Life each day.



This week we welcome our newly appointed Archbishop.

Invitation:

The Archdiocese of St. John's Cordially invites you to attend the Mass of Installation of the Most Rev. Peter Joseph Hundt as the Eighth Archbishop and Fourteenth Bishop of the Archdiocese of St. John's

*January 29, 2019, at 7pm
Basilica-Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
200 Military Rd, St. John's*



THE CHURCH TEACHES

The Synod on Young People: What does the Final Document Say?

Part Two: “Their eyes were opened”

The Synod Document calls young people one of the “theological places” in which the Lord makes himself present. Thanks to them, it says, the Church can renew herself, shaking off its “heaviness and slowness”. Mission, it says is a “sure compass” for youth since it is the gift of self that brings an authentic and lasting happiness. Closely connected with the concept of mission is vocation. Every baptismal vocation is a call to holiness.

Two other aspects covered in part two that aid in the development of the mission and vocation of young people are that of accompaniment and discernment.



View some video of World Youth Day 2019 Panama here: <https://youtu.be/99f41gduDo>

FEASTS THIS WEEK

ST. JOHN BOSCO, FRIEND AND TEACHER OF YOUTH

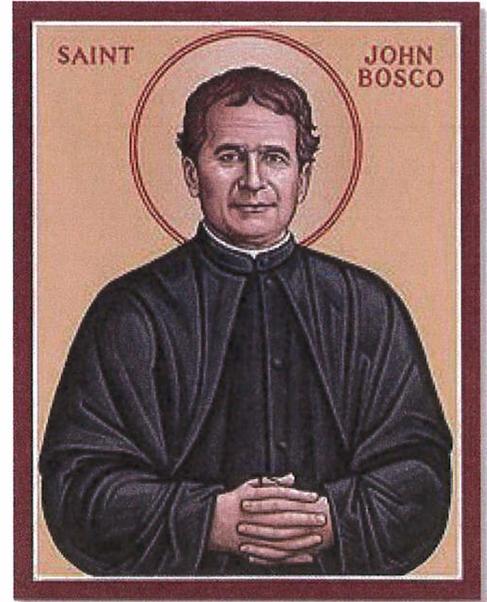
John Bosco, also known as Giovanni Melchiorre Bosco and Don Bosco, was born in Becchi, Italy, on August 16, 1815. At the age of two, John lost his father, leaving him and his two older brothers to be raised by his mother, Margherita. His "Mama Margherita Occhiena" would herself be declared venerable by the Church in 2006.

Raised primarily by his mother, John attended church and became very devout. They were very poor, but despite their poverty his mother also found enough to share with the homeless who sometimes came to the door seeking food, shelter or clothing. John entered the seminary and following six years of study and preparation, he was ordained a priest in 1841.

While visiting the prisons, Fr. Bosco noticed a large number of boys, between the ages of 12 and 18, inside. The conditions were deplorable, and he felt moved to do more to help other boys from ending up there. He went into the streets and started to meet young men and boys where they worked and played. He used his talents as a performer, doing tricks to capture attention, then sharing with the children his message for the day.

When he was not preaching, Fr. Bosco worked tirelessly seeking work for boys who needed it, and searching for lodgings for others. His mother began to help him, and she became known as "Mamma Margherita." By the 1860s, Fr. Bosco and his mother were responsible for lodging 800 boys.

Fr. Bosco also negotiated new rights for boys who were employed as apprentices. In 1859, Fr. Bosco established the Society of St. Francis de Sales. Fr. Bosco died on January 31, 1888. St. John Bosco was canonized on Easter Sunday, 1934 and he was given the title, "Father and Teacher of Youth."



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