

## Enthused by the Gospel

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)*

*Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. [Luke 4:14–15](#)*

This Gospel passage reveals to us the very beginnings of Jesus' public ministry. He began His public ministry immediately after spending forty days in the desert being tempted by the devil. As He began, He went to Galilee "in the power of the Spirit." Many people heard about Him and welcomed Him with much enthusiasm.

Though Jesus was initially welcomed with praise, we know that things quickly changed. Some eventually became so hostile that they put Jesus to death, but it's useful to ponder the initial response He received. This initial response is one that must become continuously new in our lives. The initial response was that He "was praised by all."

Jesus would later teach about this initial experience many would have toward the Gospel when He taught the Parable of the Sower. Recall that the seed that was sown on rocky ground, that fell among thorns, and that was sown in good soil all began to grow. Only that which was sown on the path failed to grow, because the birds came and ate it up. This latter case describes those who are completely indifferent to the Gospel. But in today's Gospel, the "all" are those who at least paid attention and initially responded with enthusiasm. The seed began to grow in these three scenarios—but, of course, in only one of those cases did the seed ultimately bear good fruit.

Another way to look at this initial encounter with the Gospel is to consider a child. In almost every case, when a child is presented with the Gospel, they will begin to respond and even find excitement in the faith. But, as many parents have seen, this initial welcome is sometimes followed by a rejection of the Gospel later in life.

When did you initially encounter the Gospel? For some it was during childhood. For others, there was a powerful experience of conversion later in life. Think of that initial encounter you had and the ways that you were excited by your newfound faith. Has that experience continued and grown in your life? Or has your initial praise of God and enthusiasm dwindled or even died?

Reflect, today, upon the fact that God wants us to continuously experience the Gospel as something new and transforming. The newness of the life of grace must never wear off. Ponder this experience in your life and try to see yourself as one of the people in today's Gospel who heard Jesus for the first time. Ponder their enthusiasm and join in their praise of our Lord so that you will be motivated to let God and the preaching of His holy Word continuously transform you.

# Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish

January 26, 2025

## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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### Holy Mass and Sacraments Schedule

**Sunday Mass:** 10:30 am

12:30 pm English Mass

**Reconciliation:** Sundays at 10:00 am

### **Baptism and Holy Matrimony:**

The family should be registered and active members at Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish for a least three months prior to Baptism or Holy Matrimony. Couples are engaged to marry need to contact Fr. Ishida at least four months prior to the wedding date for marriage preparation.

### **Anointing of the Sick:**

Please contact Father Ishida.

### **Parish Office:**

Please email or leave voice message.

### **FORMED.org—“The Catholic NetFlicks**

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Step 2. Then enter your name and create a password.

welcome

to our parish

### 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectionary #69C- Liturgical color: green

1st Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Responsorial: Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

The Gloria and the Creed  
Catholic Schools Week

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*Continued from the back ...*

*Glorious Word of God, You have come to set us free by revealing to us Your love and mercy and by bestowing that grace upon us. Please open my mind and heart to Your holy Word so that I will be driven by a holy love to serve and follow You all the days of my life. Jesus, I trust in You.*

### Catholic School Collection

kicks-off this Sunday, January 26th, which coincides with the first day of Catholic Schools Week.

A letter from Bishop Daly was sent out to all parishioners inviting them to participate in this year's collection. This year's collection will be used for tuition assistance in our K-8 Catholic schools. All contributions, no matter the amount, will help to shape future leaders of the Church.

A remittance envelope was also included with the letter from Bishop Daly. Extra envelopes can be found (e.g., in the pews, near the entrance of the Church, in the vestibule).

Please prayerfully consider a financial contribution to this year's Catholic School Collection. Thank you.



Catholic Schools  
United in Faith and Community



**Welcome to Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish** To all visitors who are joining us for worship today. May your time with us be grace-filled and may the Lord Jesus bless you and your loved ones today and every day.

### Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish

#### Weekend Mass Schedule:

Sundays @ 10:30 am - confession @ 10:00 am  
12:30 pm - English Mass



### Beeswax Candles for sale!

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RoachSavannah98@gmail.com  
or call 509-671-5656

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Parishioner of Mary, Queen of Heaven



### 2024 ACA Parish Goals

Mary, Queen of Heaven,  
Sprague \$5,759

We have currently received  
\$5,470—94.98% of our goal.

*Thank you to all who have donated.*

### Seven Sisters Apostolate

**That our prayers  
may find the heart  
of every priest and  
bishop.**



*A call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop—a "holy wasting" (cf. Mt. 26:10) or lavishing of prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ.*

**Please contact Linda Pearson if you are interested in joining her at 509-879-0753 or email [sookiesue@msn.com](mailto:sookiesue@msn.com)**

**Seven Sisters Apostolate** meet after 9:00 am Mass at **St. Anne Parish, Medical Lake**. For all those interested—**Please join us in the Church.**

**Please note:** Mass Intensions take approximately 2 weeks to get processed and on the calendar. Please note this when giving your stipends for Intensions.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

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| 12 | Sunday    | Pro Populo |
| 13 | Monday    |            |
| 14 | Tuesday   |            |
| 15 | Wednesday |            |
| 16 | Thursday  |            |
| 17 | Friday    |            |
| 18 | Saturday  |            |
| 19 | Sunday    | Pro Populo |

*Mary, Queen of Heaven ... Pray for us!  
St. Anne ... Pray for us!*



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of the heart of Jesus."*

St. John Vianney