



# HOLY CROSS COMMUNITY

Stonington & North Stonington, Connecticut

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022

## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free.  
- Lk 4:18*



# SUNDAY'S READINGS

## FIRST READING:

Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God,  
interpreting it so that all could understand what was read.  
(Neh 8:8)

## PSALM:

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

## SECOND READING:

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body,  
whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons,  
and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. (1 Cor 12:12)

## GOSPEL:

He said to them,  
"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."  
(Lk 1:21)

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2021

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30  
or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21  
Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30  
Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18  
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/  
Mk 4:1-20  
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/  
Mk 4:21-25  
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7,  
10-11/Mk 4:26-34  
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/  
Mk 4:35-41  
Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/  
1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

## LIVE-STREAM MASS FROM THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PATRICK

The 9:00 am Sunday Mass is live-streamed from the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on their webpage:  
[www.cathedralofsaintpatrick.org/Resources/Live-Stream](http://www.cathedralofsaintpatrick.org/Resources/Live-Stream)



THE CONVERSION OF  
**ST. PAUL**  
THE APOSTLE

## REFLECT

### FIRST READING

Ezra and Nehemiah were the religious and political leaders of Judah in the mid-5<sup>th</sup> century BC. They grounded their leadership in Scripture ("the book of the law.") What role does sacred Scripture have in guiding your life?

### SECOND READING

Paul used the human body as an analogy for the "many parts" of the Christian community in Corinth that should unite as the "one body" of Christ. In what ways do you find this a challenging vision for community?

### GOSPEL

Today's reading contains both the opening prologue to the Gospel of Luke and the initial reaction to Jesus' return to his hometown of Nazareth. Luke is the only Evangelist to provide us with a prologue outlining his motivation to write his Gospel. What details do you find most interesting from Luke's prologue?

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### JANUARY 22—VIGIL: THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 4:00 pm St. Michael: † Rose Shea  
*Requested by her daughter*
- 5:00 pm St. Patrick: † Bill and Jean Corkhill  
*Requested by Charlene Corkhill*
- St. Thomas More: † Patrick and Gertrude McGrath  
*Requested by Maureen Karsten*
- 5:30 pm St. Mary: † Charlie Chiappone  
*Requested by family*

### JANUARY 23—THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:00 am St. Michael: Parishioners
- 8:00 am St. Mary: † TBD
- 8:30 am St. Michael: † The Guido and DeGiadomo Families  
*Requested by family*
- St. Patrick: † Charles and Anna Burscz  
*Requested by Charlene Corkhill*
- 10:00 am St. Michael: † Lucille Hall  
*Requested by Joan Pengel*
- 10:15 am St. Patrick: Parishioners
- 11:45 am St. Michael—High Mass (*Latin*): † Thomas Gaetano Ferraiolo  
*Requested by Melita Ferraiolo*

### JANUARY 24—MONDAY: ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Mike Lloyd  
*Requested by the Kapolowicz family*
- 8:00 am St. Mary: † Souls in Purgatory  
*Requested by a parishioner*
- 12:05pm St. Patrick: † Elizabeth Mazewski  
*Requested by Jim Mendolia and family*

### JANUARY 25—TUESDAY: THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † John “Jack” Donohue  
*Requested by David and Marcia Erskine*
- 8:00 am St. Mary: † TBD
- 12:05 pm St. Patrick: † Mr. Kennedy  
*Requested Brian Day, Kristen Morgan and David Pellegrini*

### JANUARY 26—WEDNESDAY: WEEKDAY

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Owen and Mary Sherry
- 8:00 am St. Mary: † Dee Mooney  
*Requested by a parishioner*
- 12:05 pm St. Patrick: † Betty Ward  
*Requested by Kathleen*

### JANUARY 27—THURSDAY: WEEKDAY

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Ellery Burdick  
*Requested by his daughters*

### JANUARY 28—FRIDAY: ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Kevin Grills  
*Requested by his family*
- 8:00 am St. Mary: † Edward Coristine  
*Requested by a parishioner*
- 12:05 pm St. Patrick: † D. Holder  
*Requested by the Holder family*

### JANUARY 29—SATURDAY: WEEKDAY

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Richard Carrier  
*Requested by his family*

### JANUARY 29—VIGIL: FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 4:00 pm St. Michael: † Donald Allen  
*Requested by his family*
- 5:00 pm St. Patrick: Parishioners  
St. Thomas More: Parishioners
- 5:30 pm St. Mary: † TBD

### JANUARY 30—FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Richard “Dick” LeCour  
*Requested by his children*
- 8:00 am St. Mary: † Maria Gonsalves  
*Requested by Darcie Gonsalves and daughter*
- 8:30 am St. Michael: † Thomas and Florence Crowley  
*Requested by Ronnie and Thomas Crowley*
- St. Patrick: Intentions of the Daughters of Isabella
- 10:00 am St. Michael: † John and Judith Rane  
*Requested by their family*
- 10:15 am St. Patrick: † Fr. Leo Sutula  
*Requested by Charlene Corkhill*
- 11:45 am St. Michael—High Mass (*Latin*): † Fr. Joseph Finnerty  
*Requested by the Cunningham family*

*To schedule Mass intentions for Masses at St. Mary, St. Michael, and St. Thomas More, please contact Anita at the parish rectory at 860-599-5580 or by email at [akapolowicz@stmichaelpawcatuck.com](mailto:akapolowicz@stmichaelpawcatuck.com). To schedule Mass Intentions for Masses at St. Patrick, please contact Kim at the parish rectory at 860-536-1800 or by email at [secretary@saintpatrickmystic.org](mailto:secretary@saintpatrickmystic.org).*

**Saint Mary  
Stonington**

22 BROAD STREET

**Sunday Mass**

5:30 pm (Saturday), 8:00 am

**Weekday**

8:00 am Monday—Friday  
except Thursday



**Saint Michael  
Pawcatuck**

60 LIBERTY STREET

**Sunday Mass**

4:00 pm (Sat.), 7:00 am,  
8:30 am, 10:00 am, 11:45 am  
(Traditional Latin Mass)

**Weekday Mass**

7:00 am Monday—Saturday

**Confessions**

3:00—3:45 pm Saturday



**Saint Thomas More  
North Stonington**

87 MYSTIC ROAD

**Sunday Mass**

5:00 pm (Saturday)



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**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

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Robbie Damask, Douglas Delaney, Tom Dowling,  
Alfred Fratoni, John Fratoni, Barbara Fuller,  
Karen Hess, John Hesse, Margaret Hickey,  
Francesca Kinnecom, Martha Kowack, Paul Kowack,  
Helen Lauterio, Ledyard Lewis, Sean Madden,  
George McCullen, Joseph Pacheco, Nancy Pampel,  
Brenda Pavo, Michael Quick, Raoul Roy, Judy Schiller,  
Aborn Smith, III, Barbara Smith, Brandon Smith,  
Haley Smith, Jerome Ward, Margaret Ward

*Please pray for those who serve our country.*

**STEWARDSHIP**

**ST. MARY • ST. MICHAEL • ST. THOMAS MORE**

**January 16, 2022**

Weekly Offertory _____	\$	12,037.33
EFT _____	\$	975.43
Mortgage _____	\$	8,045.00
Fuel _____	\$	95.00
Christmas _____	\$	50.00

*Many thanks for your generous support.*

**Electronic Funds Transfer**

For your convenience, the churches of St. Mary, St. Michael and St. Thomas More offer the option of Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) for your weekly offering. For more info, contact Amy at [abennett@stmichaelpawcatuck.com](mailto:abennett@stmichaelpawcatuck.com).

**ST. MICHAEL CEMETERY**

Single graves, as well as 2, 3, and 4-grave lots are available in St. Michael Cemetery. Cost is \$1,400 per grave. For more information, please contact Fr. Perkins at: (860) 599-5580 or [frperkins@stmichaelpawcatuck.com](mailto:frperkins@stmichaelpawcatuck.com).



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Pawcatuck CT

## WEEKDAY MASSES/CONFESSIONS

The weekday Mass schedule is as follows:

**St. Mary's** Monday—Friday (except Thurs.) 8:00 am

**St. Michael's** Monday—Saturday 7:00 am

Confessions will be heard on Saturdays 3:00 - 3:45 pm in St. Michael Church.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Join us March 26, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. to noon for the **Virtual Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference**. Hear a special message from Bishop Cote, witness the naming of the 2022 Our Lady Queen of Hope Award recipient, and much more all from the comfort of your own home! The conference will last from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Our keynote speaker will be author, professor, and spiritual director Liz Kelly. Liz will present ideas from her latest book, "Love Like A Saint." Learn more about Liz at [www.lizk.org](http://www.lizk.org). For more information, please contact The Office of Faith Events at 860-848-2237 or email [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net).

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Can you help us help new parents who are struggling? Requests for our services continue to be overwhelming and we are quickly running out of resources for our Pregnancy/Parenting program. We are in need of diapers especially sizes 5 & 6, wipes, baby bottles, and baby toiletries. If you are in a position to help, you can drop off your donation at our locations in Norwich, New London, and Willimantic, or call 860-889-8346 for more information. Thank you for your prayers and support. Our clients thank you as well!; "I thank God for you all" —D. M.

## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

February 4, 2022 • 8:30 am—12:00 pm • St. Mary's

*"To converse with You, O King of glory, no third person is needed, You are always ready in the Sacrament of the Altar to give audience to all."*

—St. Teresa of Avila



Keep up to date with parish information through Flocknote.

To register **simply text MILO to 84576** or contact Anita in the parish office at [akapolowicz@stmichaelpawcatuck.com](mailto:akapolowicz@stmichaelpawcatuck.com) or 860-599-5580.

## CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE

AS OF JANUARY 14TH, WE HAVE RAISED \$50,000!

*An anonymous donor has put forth a fundraising challenge for the parish. All donations or new pledges to the Capital Campaign for the new St. Michael Church received between Christmas and February 28, 2022, will be matched up to a grand total of \$150,000. In a very short period of time the parish can raise upwards of \$300,000! The proceeds will be applied to the mortgage on the new church.*

*We are grateful to this generous donor for this challenge. Challenges such as this has helped propel the rebuilding of St. Michael's forward. The total cost for the reconstruction of the church was \$8,000,000. The balance on the mortgage is currently \$800,000.*

**With a successful Christmas Challenge, we can bring the balance to \$500,000!** We have been witnesses to truly miraculous things over these past 10 years!

## VIRTUAL MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

For Valentine's Day this year, give your spouse the gift of your time and re-energize your marriage by attending a virtual enrichment entitled **The Joy of Love** on Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022, from 10am to 2pm. Based on Chapter 4 of Pope Francis' **Amoris Laetitia: the Joy of Love**, the enrichment will feature four talks on Daily Love, Conjugal Love, Passionate Love and Transformation of Love. There is a \$15 fee that covers workbooks for each couple. Registration and payment are due by Feb. 1st. To register, send your names, address, telephone number, email address and check made payable to the Annual Catholic Appeal to Mary-Jo McLaughlin, Catholic Family Services, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06260 or call 860-848-2237, ext. 312, or email at [mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net).

## ALL ARE INVITED TO USE THE ST. MARY PRAYER TREE

All are invited to use the Prayer Tree in the rear of St. Mary Church in Our Lady of Fatima's room. The petitions are emailed weekly to a large group of parishioners who pray for the intentions.





## Saint Patrick Church

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### Sunday Mass:

5:00 pm (Sat. Vigil), 8:30 am and 10:15 am

### Weekday Mass:

12:05 pm Monday – Friday except Thursday

### Confessions:

4:00 pm – 4:45 pm Saturdays

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm First Tuesday of month

Rev. Kevin M. Reilly, Pastor

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Richard Georgetti, RCIA Coordinator

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Richard Schumacher, Choir Director

## STEWARDSHIP

### January 16, 2022

Offertory \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 4,917.00

EFT \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 1,299.00

Campaign Paid to Date \_\_\_\_\_ \$3,086,757.66

Pledge Total \_\_\_\_\_ \$3,368,415.46

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## DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

The next meeting of the Daughters of Isabella (D of I) will be Sunday, February 6th, at 1:00 pm in the Center. Please note the change from our usual evening meetings. JoAnn Correia is the February chair.

We will be donating to the New London Homeless Hospitality Center. The shelter has continual need of disposable cutlery (knives, forks, spoons) in addition to paper plates, bowls, cups and napkins. Travel sized toiletries are also continually needed. All women of the parish are welcome to join the D of I.

Any questions, please call/text Patricia Menno-Coveney at 860-287-7393.

## ST. PATRICK OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The St. Patrick Outreach committee cooks and serves a taco salad dinner at the New London Meal Center every third Wednesday of the month. They are now adding the months that have a 5th Thursday in them (March, June, September, and December) to serve a meal provided by the meal center. **If any parishioners (16+) would like to get involved please let Trina Vargas know at [vargas.trina@gmail.com](mailto:vargas.trina@gmail.com).**

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #1943 FOOD DRIVE & BLOOD DRIVE

### Leave No Neighbor Behind Food Drive

The Knights will be collecting non-perishable food items at their 43 Hatch Street location on Saturday, February 12th and March 12th, from 10 pm to 2 pm.

Just drive up and a knight will be available to assist you. You don't even need to leave your car.

All food collected will go to the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center.

### Blood Drive

A Blood Drive will be held at 43 Hatch Street on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, from 1 pm to 6 pm.

## TEACHING KINDNESS & COMPASSION

We spend a lot of time at St. Michael School talking about Virtues. We try many different ways to reinforce them with our students. Grade Five recently read the book *Wonder*. You may have heard of it, or the movie. It is a wonderful story of acceptance, kindness and compassion. A teacher in the book gives the students precepts to live by. He describes a precept as a “rule about something really important.”

As a final project, the students in Grade Five were asked to illustrate a precept to explain to other students the meaning behind the precept and what it means to the illustrator. They were then asked to answer the questions: *How is the precept demonstrated in the book? How does the precept apply to the world today? What does it mean to you?*

I think you can see from the pictures below, the students put a lot of thought and effort into their posters. These are just a few of the projects, but representative of all. It is important to have rules about things that are really important, and to choose to be kind and accepting of all.

*Doris Messina*



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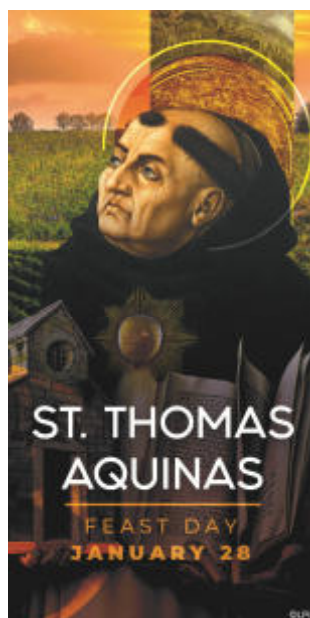


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## LIVE THE LITURGY SAINT OF THE WEEK

### St. Thomas Aquinas | Feast Day Jan. 28



People can easily lose a sense of the sacred and transcendent. When we lose a sense of God’s special presence, we need to be brought back. Ezra brought people back to the word of God and they realized what they were missing. Jesus proclaims God’s word in the synagogue with true conviction and tells those gathered that he is the fulfillment of all that Isaiah taught. Even though people get lost, distracted, discouraged, and often journey down the wrong path, God’s timeless law remains. When we allow ourselves to truly hear God’s word and act on it, that living word slowly, over time, changes us. It has the power to soften and mold us, creating within us a joyful spirit. We realize the truth in what God speaks and become open to God’s love. Gradually and gently God leads us back where we belong. We discover again the sacred character of life and the wonder of God’s power. It is no wonder that Luke addresses his remarks to Theophilus. It is a name that means “beloved of God,” a name that can be used by anyone who desires friendship with God. ©LPi

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, “*The Summa Theologiae*.” Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today. ©LPi

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### Plant Your Works in the Word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn’t even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate “listening attentively.” Whether it’s at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can’t quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We “clock in” with Bible reading instead of “diving in.”

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.

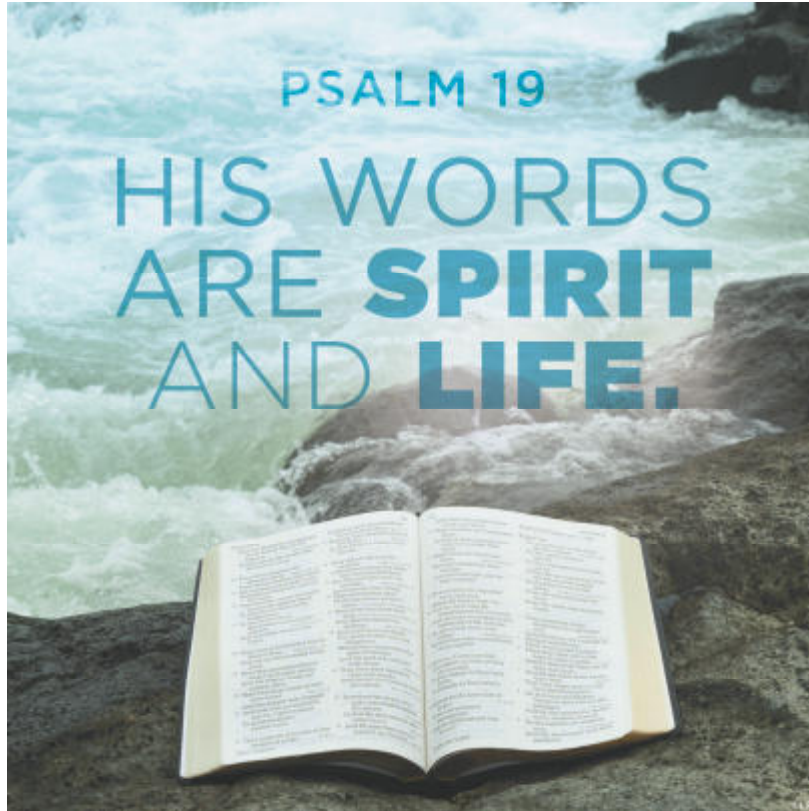


## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is—the God of our salvation history or the “gods” of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the

assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to



touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood

before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity

and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

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*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring glad tidings to the poor...  
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.”*

*—Lk 4:18a, 19*

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