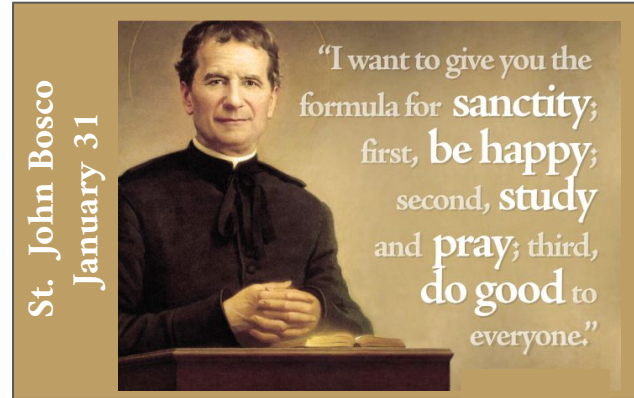


1st Reading: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19
Responsorial: Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17
2nd Reading: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13
Gospel: Lk 4:21-30

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Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Last Sunday, our reading ended with, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (Lk 4:21) This week, the Gospel reading begins with the same verse and then hear the rest of the story. This event of Jesus's preaching and rejection in his hometown of Nazareth is found in each of the synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark & Luke). However, only in Luke's Gospel do we hear the details of the preaching telling us that Jesus read from the book of the prophet Isaiah in the synagogue. Luke's Gospel also differs from Mark and Matthew in the way the crowds react. In Mark and Matthew, the crowd immediately dismisses Jesus's revelation and Jesus was unable to perform any miracles as there were no believers. In Luke's Gospel, the crowd was at first amazed by his words, but then not only dismissed his words, but became so angry they wanted to kill him by throwing him over a cliff. Luke says that Jesus walks away from the crowd that intended to kill him; it is not yet his time. The animosity of the people of Nazareth prefigures and prepares the reader of Luke's Gospel for the cross. Luke wants all to understand that it is through his death on the cross that Jesus offers God's salvation to all. (adapted from [Sunday Connection, Loyola Press](#))



St. John Bosco
January 31

Learning with Phil: February 2



Guess if the Groundhog will see his shadow! Use the link below to vote and learn more about this day and the Catholic celebrations that falls 40 days after Christmas!

[LINK](#)

The Three Theological Virtues - Faith, Hope and Love.

Faith, hope, and love are known in Catholic tradition as the "theological virtues." But which is the greatest? 1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13, we hear what is known as the "hymn of love". It tells us what love is and what love is not. It also touches on the virtues of faith, hope and love, but tells us the greatest of these virtues is love. Why is love the greatest? Pope Benedict in 2010 said, "Love is the 'greatest' gift, that gives value to all the others." Love is the heart of the Gospel, and the story of the Lord's love for us is told throughout the pages of scripture and human history. Love is relationship, and the fullness of love is directed toward union, toward communion. "We love because God has loved us first" (1 John 4:19)

So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. (1Cor 13:13)

Family Discussion Questions

What is a way you show members of your family your love for them?

What ways do you show Jesus your love for him?

Test your knowledge: Try this quizziz game on the theological virtues:

Go to joinmyquiz.com and enter the code 4857 1753 (Fun for everyone!)

FAITH
The virtue by which we believe in God and in all that He has revealed to us.



HOPE
The virtue by which we trust God will fulfill his promises and look forward to eternal life.



CHARITY
The virtue by which we love God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves.





Links for More Ideas & Activities

thecatholicthing.org - Love as a Virtue (Adult Faith Builder)

tomperna.org - 10 Sayings from the Great Master of Youth – St. John Bosco (Teens Faith Builder)

Catholicsaintsonline.files.wordpress.com - St. John Bosco (Teens Faith Builder) infographic

youtube.com - The Christian Origin of Groundhog Day (Catholic Candlemas) with Jared Dees (all ages)

Catholicicing.com How To Celebrate Candlemas With Catholic Children (Family Faith Builder) TONS OF IDEAS HERE!!

February 3- St. Blaise's Feast Day

Teachingcatholickids.com - St. Blaise's story (Kids Faith Builder)

Showerofrosesblog.com - St. Blaise cookies (Family Faith Builder)

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Catholicculture.com - Catholic Prayer: February Devotion: The Holy Family

Aleteia.org - 12 Ways to Honor the Holy Family this February



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