

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time C

Today is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

Holiness of Ordinary Time

– the day to day living of life where rubber meets the road

I think it's why we wear green – color of life

Two Pearls – 1<sup>st</sup>:

- ❖ What's interesting about this reading is that it follows temptation in desert - it says:
- ❖ “Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Holy Spirit”
- ❖ The power of HS is the fruit of confronting temptation and being victorious  
HINGHAM RETREAT – Turning point  
Power of HS in defeating evil is real – Jesus brings that experience to synagogue

Second & this is the key one:

“Jesus came to Nazareth – where he grew up”

“and went into the Synagogue as was his custom” it was ordinary 2x Here  
Mt of Olives  
(paraphrase)

Both times it deals with prayer –

Synagogue – Public Prayer

Mt. of Olives – Private Prayer

“As is our custom”, we bring our private prayer here → into community.

Our relationship with God is both private and communal

And just like Jesus – we gain strength to deal with temptation by coming in community.

Jesus' ability to deal in desert, was fed by being uplifted in community YING YANG

Day by day – importance of daily prayer life.

It is in Prayer – as is OUR custom – we can say with Jesus:

“The spirit of the Lord is upon US

Because he has anointed US to bring glad tidings to the poor

He has sent US to proclaim liberty to the captives ...”

Growing our private and communal relationship with God should be our custom

Many public expression of private faith:

Food Pantry      Pine Street      St. Francis House      Religious Ed Teachers

**Look into your hearts – where is your private faith made public.**

- Each one of us – should be empowered to take our private relationship with God public. (feeding poor, pro-life march, same sex marriage).
- TO GLORIFY GOD – this is the goal of prayer – AND of food pantry, all else
  - o By faith we glorify God. In prayer, we glorify God → in action, we ...
  - o Private faith of day to day ordinary time requires a public expression
- He has called “US to proclaim liberty to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free”