

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We remember in our prayers Darlene Kopka, Joe & Jane Pelland, Edmond Bresh, Walter Isaacs, Tom Milos, Annette Krietler, Wendell Barry, Helen Reynolds, Helen Popp, Irene Smith, Florence Rasmussen, Judy DiLorenzo.

We pray for the safety and wellbeing of all those affected by the Coronavirus.

A SURVEY OF THE BIBLE – THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Luke addresses Theophilus in the opening verses of the Gospel. The name Theophilus literally means, “friend of God.” Luke states his reason for writing the Gospel. That after investigating everything accurately, he would write it down in an orderly sequence, so that Theophilus may realize the certainty of the teachings. Tradition tells us that Luke was a physician, so it is within character that he would take a scientific approach. Most scholars agree that Luke’s Gospel was written around A.D. 80-85, with material sourced from the Gospel of Mark.

Luke’s emphasis on chronical and historical details makes this the most comprehensive of the four gospels. This is the longest and most literary of the Gospels. Jesus is presented as the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy. In his person and his preaching, a new age has dawned. He brings release, sight, and liberty to all.

Luke’s Gospel can be divided as follows: prologue and infancy narrative (1:1-2:52); preparation for the public ministry (3:1-4:13); the Galilean ministry (4:14-9:50); the journey to Jerusalem (9:51-19:27); the Jerusalem ministry (19:28-21:38); and the Passion-Resurrection narratives (22:1-24:53)

PARISH CALENDAR

By the Week: All activities suspended until further notice.

Saturdays: Stepping Class with Mercy Tabernacle
10:00 am-12:00 pm

Sundays: Mercy Tabernacle Church
12:30 - 2:30 pm
Cub Scouts 5:45-7:30 pm

Mondays: Scouts 7:00-8:30 pm

Tuesdays: Mercy Tabernacle Church
6:00 - 8:00 pm

Wednesdays: Mass for Healing, 9:00am
AA Meeting 12:00 pm

Thursdays: AA Men’s Meeting 7:30 pm

Readers Roster:

The roster will be updated when services resume.

We celebrate the Contemporary Rite of the Mass, which begins on page 63 of the pew missal.

National Catholic Church



December 27, 2020 – Solemnity of Humble Shepherds

Dear Parishioners,

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It is during the holiday season that we focus on gifts. Gifts we need to purchase for others, and for some the gifts we will receive. I fall in the latter category! Today's second reading from St. Paul's letter to Titus (Titus 3:4-7) focuses on gifts as well. *"when the kindness and generous love of God our Savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we have done but because of his mercy, he saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit"*. I can say with confidence that is one gift I will not be exchanging or regifting!

Grace and peace,
Fr. Tom

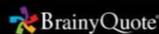
Mass Times

Mass celebrations are Saturday Vigil at 4:00pm & Sunday Morning at 10:00am

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**Blessed are they who see
beautiful things in humble places
where other people see nothing.**

Camille Pissarro



St. Joseph of Stratford