



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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection – Asia

The mission of Jesus, the same mission we are called to. In today's Gospel, St. Luke narrated that Jesus returned to Galilee filled with the Holy Spirit, taught in synagogues and glorified by all. Jesus' work is guided and accompanied by the Holy Spirit. It is the same Spirit that directs, fills, and empowers for prophetic work; to illumine the present situation, to vivify hopelessness for it is a life-giving Spirit (1Cor.15:45) as it says in Romans 5:5 "hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has given to us. A Spirit that commissioned and send us to create communion, to be proclaimers of the Word and the beauty of every human being, to carry out a liberating and healing service for the wounded Body of the Church and make us in total availability to listen and respond the cry and clamor of our brothers and sisters, especially of those at the bottom of the society (the disadvantaged, marginalized, prisoners, blind, the oppressed, and the most vulnerable) which are the chosen recipients of the Good News. As Jesus said: "El Espíritu del Señor esta sobre mí, porque él me ha ungido. Me ha enviado a evangelizar a los pobres, a proclamar a los cautivos la libertad, y a los ciegos, la vista; a poner en libertad a los oprimidos; a proclamar el año de gracia del Señor" (Luke 4:18-19).

Evangelizing the poor is Jesus' mission, also the mission of the Church and of every baptized. We are all called to proclaim the Good News to all and spread the Spirit of love, joy and peace which are the fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22), excluding no one, with preference to those who are distant, suffering and cast out by society. Today, let us beg the Holy Spirit "to open our hearts that we may know Jesus" as St. Paul said. So, we can be genuine bearers of the Risen Christ, especially in this trying time, whereas all seems dark and uncertain. Let us invoke the Spirit of Love (Romans 5:5) which allows us to love our brothers and sisters with Christ own love. A love that always draw close to the object of love (which is the Church – God and neighbors) and with joy of serving them.