

"THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME,  
BECAUSE HE HAS ANOINTED ME  
TO BRING GLAD TIDINGS TO THE POOR."  
{ LUKE 4:18 }



Recently you received a letter from Archbishop Naumann asking for your generous support of the Archbishop's Call to Share. The 2016 ACTS theme "Rich in Mercy" reminds us that the "balm of mercy" is for everyone to share. Once we have been blessed, we must extend this compassion and mercy to others. Your gift to the Archbishop's Call to Share is such an act, and helps bring the mercy of Jesus to every corner of Northeast Kansas. Please give prayerful consideration to how you can respond as Jesus' disciple by filling out your pledge card and returning it to the collection next weekend.



**Weekend Mass Schedule:** Saturday 4:30pm; Sunday 7:00am, 8:30am, 11:00am, 2:00pm (Spanish Mass), 5:00pm. **Website:** [www.saint-johns.net](http://www.saint-johns.net)  
**Weekday Mass Schedule:** Monday-Friday 7:30am; Saturday 8:00am. **Reconciliation:** Wednesday 11:00am-12:00pm, 7:00-8:00pm; Saturday 3:00-4:00pm.

# BREAD to Offer



## SOME THOUGHTS ON THE UPCOMING MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON D.C.

By Fr. Barnabas Eichor, OFM, Cap.

On Wednesday, January 20, I will be joining Jen Meitl Conrad, the head of our youth ministry program, and members of the St. John Youth Group on a pilgrimage to Washington D.C. to take part in the annual March For Life. This will be the first time I have been able to join the thousands of people who march every year asking our country to respect and honor life from conception to death. I am very excited to finally be able to join in and add my voice to those of others in Washington D.C.

One might ask what good such a march does when it seems to have so little effect on changing our country's laws in a way as to be more respectful of dignity of the human person? In fact, this march—and the many other marches in cities across the country—have made a significant difference. There are fewer abortions performed now than in the past. More Americans than ever agree that abortions should be limited in most cases.

But the most important accomplishment of the March For Life is that it is demonstrating very clearly that the hearts and minds of young people in this country are being reached by the pro-life movement. More and more young people from all walks of life are joining in, in greater numbers, every year. They are marching for the unalienable "Right to Life" —a right without which no other rights are secure—of the preborn who have no voice of their own. These young people also understand that being truly pro-life also means helping and supporting those women who are facing difficult life situations. These young people understand that a truly pro-life culture includes both changing laws and loving and helping those women who are pregnant and in need of the help of others.

Our nation is indeed moving in the right direction but there is much more work that needs to be done, on all fronts, to make ours a truly pro-life society and culture. Let us pray that it continues.

—Fr. Barnabas

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN THE PADRE PIO CHAPEL

Eucharistic Adoration is one-on-one time with the One we love the most! A time to further that personal friendship and devotion to Jesus, present in the Eucharist and displayed before us for us to adore. How fortunate and blessed we are!

Adoration is available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 6:00 a.m. till 10:00 p.m. each day in the Padre Pio Chapel. Our goal is to have someone present with the Eucharist at all times during these hours. We currently need volunteers to cover the following hours (starting times listed):

**Monday: 7am, 8am, 1pm, 3pm, 4pm, 7pm, 9pm**

**Tuesday: 7am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 4pm, 5pm, 9pm**

**Thursday: 7am, 10am**

**Friday: 7am, 11am, 4pm, 7pm, 9pm**

You may come adore at any time (you do not have to sign up for a time slot ahead of time), but scheduling an hour a week helps us ensure that someone is present in the chapel at all times. If you have questions, want to sign up for an hour, or would like to sign up as a substitute, please contact Brandon Volz: [mrbrandonvolz@gmail.com](mailto:mrbrandonvolz@gmail.com)

## REDISCOVER JESUS: WEEKLY REFLECTION

Each week we will be posting the reflection items from a chapter of the book *Rediscover Jesus* here, on our website, and on our Facebook page. Bear these items in mind as you go through your week!

(If you do not have a copy of the book, you can pick one up for free at the parish office.)

**Point to Ponder:** Jesus wants to have a deep, dynamic, personal relationship with you.

**Verse to Live:** "I am the Good Shepherd." {Jn 10:11}

**Question to Consider:** How well do you really know Jesus?

**Prayer:** Jesus, open my heart and my mind so that I can get to know you as you really are.

## A NEW CLASS WITH FR. BARNABAS

### How to Share and Explain Your Faith with Family, Friends, and Others

Please join Fr. Barnabas for this free, ongoing class throughout the spring season. Classes meet from 7:00—8:30 p.m. in the church basement on the following Tuesday evenings:

**February 9 & 23 , March 8**

**April 12 & 26, May 10**

The book for this class, *Catholic Answers to Protestant Questions*, by Father John J. Pasquini is available at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).

If you buy online, you can support St. John School (for free!) by buying through [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and designating St. John School as your organization. The school will receive 5% back on any purchases you make!

*You are cordially invited to the*  
**ST. JOHN VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION**  
*Mass and Dinner*

**When:** February 13, 2016

**Where:** St. John School lower level Bosco Room

**What time:** Dinner immediately following the 4:30 p.m. Mass, which will have a special blessing for our volunteers!

**Who is invited:** Anyone who is involved with any of our ministries or who has helped our school or parish!

Please join us for dinner, drinks, and time with your fellow parish family members as we celebrate you and all you do for our parish community.

RSVP to Samantha Romero at [sromero@saint-johns.net](mailto:sromero@saint-johns.net) or (785) 843-0109 by February 9, 2016.

## UPCOMING SCOUT MASS

We will be celebrating Scout Sunday on **February 7th** at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. All scouts are encouraged to attend!

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a blood drive for the Community Blood Center on **Saturday, February 6**, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the St. John Church Basement.

Our goal: **25 PINTS**

But we have room for up to: **44 DONORS**

Please help us meet and exceed our goal on Saturday, February 6!

## VIRTUS TRAINING

Virtus, the awareness session of the Archdiocese's child abuse program Protecting God's Children, is required training for all adults who work with the children/youth of our parish.

Who should attend this training session? All parents, grandparents, anyone who plans to assist/teach in any of the parish Religious Education programs, coach any of the CYO sports and parents who want to volunteer in the school or with school activities. The material presented is good information for all parishioners.

The next Virtus session hosted at St. John Church will be held, in the church basement, **Thursday, January 28, 2016** from 6:30 p.m. to approximately 9:30 p.m. To register for this session - please visit the Virtus website: [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). Select "registration" on the left hand side of the page and follow the prompts.

If you have any questions or need assistance with registration, please contact Lois at [lmersmann@saint-johns.net](mailto:lmersmann@saint-johns.net) or (785) 843-0109.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

**January 31 through February 5**

Help us celebrate Catholic Schools week by joining us for the following:

**Bingo Night: Friday, January 29th**

Bingo and Taco Dinner in the Church Basement for kids and adults!

5:30-6:15pm - Taco Dinner available to purchase. \$5.00/plate or \$20.00 per family.

6:15-7:15pm - Bingo for kids and adults.

**Parish Mass: Sunday, January 31**

St. John students will participate in the 11:00 parish Mass. We invite all school parents and friends to show your spirit by wearing St. John shirts.

**Open House and Science Fair - Thursday, February 4**

All are welcome to attend the St. John Open House and Science Fair. All the classrooms will be open for parents to view student work and projects.

Please invite your friends that are interested in enrolling at St. John!

## OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT ST. JOHN SCHOOL

**BoxTops for Education**

Thank you to everyone who saved BoxTops for Education for St. John. We received a check for \$2,949 for BoxTops collected this first semester. Please continue to save BoxTops!

**Dillon's Community Rewards Program**

For those of you who participate in the Dillon's Community Rewards Program you may receive an email to re-enroll. If you are already enrolled you simply click "Keep Current Organization" to continue to earn rewards for St. John School. Thank you for your support of our parish and school community!

## ST. JOHN CAFÉ

**St. John Café meets this Sunday from 9:30 until 10:45 a.m. in the St. Bosco Room of St. John School.**

St. John Café is an opportunity to have time in fellowship with your fellow parishioners in a relaxed environment with good coffee, pastries, and engaging conversation on the Catholic faith moderated by one of the parish priests.



## PRO-LIFE BABY SHOWER

**North Entrance of the Church**

The Knights of Columbus will again be hosting a pro-life baby shower at St. John during the months of January and February.

You can help by bringing baby related items to place in the baby crib at the north entrance to the church. Please also pray for those families who might use those items.

**Items we will graciously accept:**

- Diapers sizes newborn, 4 to 6
- Baby Shampoo and Baby Wash
- Diaper Rash ointment
- Baby Tylenol, Ibuprofen
- Baby wipes
- Similac advanced (blue) and sensitive (orange) formula
- Quality, gently used children's books and toys
- Gift cards or money to purchase cribs and baby mattress (Due to liability we are unable to donate these items directly) (Cribs cost \$125.00 and mattresses cost \$40.00)

**General Office Supplies Needed:**

- Stamps
- Toilet Paper
- Kleenex
- Paper clips
- 40 gallon and 13 gallon trash bags
- Copy Paper
- Paper Towels
- Liquid dish soap
- Bottled water

**Thanks to your generosity, we are overstocked on the following:**

- Maternity clothes and shoes
- Stuffed Animals

# CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH AT ST. JOHN CHURCH

**This is your invitation!**

Mark which retreat you want to attend:  Men's Retreat (February 27-28, 2016)  Women's Retreat (March 5-6, 2016)

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname (for name tag): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a registered member of St. John? (circle one) No Yes

Do you have food allergies or special dietary needs? (circle one) No Yes, they are: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you require any other special accommodations? (circle one) No Yes, they are: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact #1 Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact #2 Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions or Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Return form to the collection plate or mail/return to parish office: **St. John Church, 1229 Vermont St., Lawrence, KS 66044.**

First come, first serve. Only 25 spaces available, so register soon!

Please contact Cris Denning with any questions: [cdenning@saint-johns.net](mailto:cdenning@saint-johns.net), (785) 843-0109.

## For Office Use Only:

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ # for desired retreat \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmed Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Confirm Letter \_\_\_\_\_

### Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What is CRHP? "Christ Renews His Parish" is a spiritual renewal process which calls together the members of the parish – priests, religious, laity – to experience personal conversion and Christian community in the environment of their own parish. It is completely oriented to the parish in order to give both the individual and the parish an opportunity for renewal and growth in the spiritual life. It is led by a team of parishioners properly formed in prayer and love and instructed in the content of the total process. It was developed in 1969 and has been experienced by hundreds of parishes across the country.

2. What happens during the weekend? Most say, "You can't explain what happens; you have to experience it." This is your invitation to the experience. You will enjoy the 30-hour Christ Renews His Parish Weekend. This includes group activities and discussions, prayer and sacraments together, and reflections by fellow parishioners on such subjects as: Father's loving care for us, Renewal, Scripture, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Discipleship, and what Christian Life is all about.

3. Where and when is the retreat weekend? There are retreats for Men and retreats for Women on different weekends.

4. How long will it last? Begins 7:30am on Saturday and ends Sunday by 5pm.

5. Who may come? Anyone 19 years or older, Catholic, and who is a registered member of St. John Church is invited.

6. I'm doubtful. Who will invite me? This is your invitation. It is up to you to make up your own mind. You are not being pressured. Praying for guidance is important. If you feel that Christ, through the Holy Spirit is calling you, COME!

7. What about Confession? There is a Reconciliation Service that concludes with confession for those who desire it.

8. What about Mass? The Eucharistic Celebration is in the church, which is reserved for the participants of the weekend.

9. Where do people sleep? Sleeping accommodations are at St. John Catholic School. It is recommended that you bring a air mattress. Service is excellent, since you make your own bed and provide whatever linens, pillows, blankets, sleeping bags etc.

10. What about meals? Hot meals are served. The food is excellent and the portions ample.

11. What is the uniform of the day? Casual and comfortable clothes. Blue jeans and track suits are the usual. No extra "Sunday best" attire is expected.

12. Can I afford the price of the weekend? Suggested donation \$35.

13. I'd like to attend the weekend, but I have a health problem. Mention that you have a special need on this form. A person from the Retreat Team will contact you.

14. I can't get up and talk in front of people. Will I have to? You will not be asked to get up and talk.

15. I'm still not sure. How do I know if I need renewal? As Christians we are called to continually renew our faith and our relationship with Christ. As a parish we are called to continually renew our community, to experience "being church for others". Do not worry about your preconceived reluctance to participate. Come and see. What do you have to lose?

16. How do I register? Invitation Registration forms are available at the back of Church and in the Parish Office. Applications are accepted on a "first come, first served" basis.



## PALM BURNING FOR ASHES

Bring in your old palms today!

Ash Wednesday is approaching, and we will use your old palms to make ashes for this year's Masses. Please leave your old palms on the tables in the main entrance of the church. Palm burning will take place on **Monday, February 8**, so be sure to bring any palms before then.

Thank you!

## ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

Wednesday, February 10

7:00 a.m.

12:10 p.m.

5:15 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

## PRAYER LIST

The "Prayer List" includes the most recent information that the Simon Parish Center has about a parishioner and/or their family member. Contact the Simon Parish Center to request someone for the "Prayer List" and be sure to update the Parish Center monthly regarding their condition or the name will be removed.

**Matthew Arellano**

**Remi Brown**

**Dale Brueggeman**, husband of Debbie Filkins

**Elaine Gallart**, mother of Dorothy Malsbury

**Pam Hadl**

**Jenny Hernandez**

**Bob Holek**

**Nancy Hubble**, wife of Tom Kellogg

**Susan Jones**, sister of Patti Fisher

**Julie Patterson**, niece of Norb & Jeanette Otter

**Max Polson**

**Marlene Richard**

**Eli Rohrbaugh**

**Teresa Schwartz**

**Mary Kay Seidl**

## MINISTERS: JANUARY 30-31

### Lectors

#### Saturday

4:30pm .....L1: P Graves; L2: M D'Souza

#### Sunday

7am ..... L1: C Winkelbauer; L2: C Zebas

8:30am ..... L1: J Wyatt; L2: E Dvorske

11:00am ..... L1: C Bial; L2: S Tabor

5pm ..... L1: B Walter; L2: R Bunner

### Cantors

#### Saturday

4:30pm ..... L Koster

#### Sunday

7am ..... M Steichen

8:30am ..... K Gibb

### Eucharistic Ministers

#### Saturday

4:30pm ..... D Depenbusch, D Guth, K Guth

..... J Halderman, L Heiserman, A Hewitt

#### Sunday

7am ..... L Wustefeld, S&J Grzymala-Busse

8:30am ..... E Grob-Creasey, D Hoss, J Huss

..... M Ice, S Jahn, C Johnson, T Kempf

11:00am ..... N Allensworth, B Baska

..... B Bermudez, C Bial, D Bradley

..... A Brill, C Buchheister

5pm ..... L&J Weeks, D Wulf-Walter

..... N Albrecht, L Brey, S File

### Altar Servers

#### Saturday

4:30pm ..... E Fair, L Fair

#### Sunday

7am ..... Volunteers

8:30am ..... C Stone, T Kempf

11:00am ..... Catholic Schools Week

5pm ..... L Schmidt, O Schmidt

## MASSSES: JANUARY 25-31

### Monday

7:30am.....Dan Menket

### Tuesday

7:30am..... Sally Rowell†

### Wednesday

7:30am..... Jon Wernette†

### Thursday

7:30am..... Sally Rowell†

### Friday

7:30am..... Hurting Families

### Saturday

8:00am.....Fr. Vincent Chu†

4:30pm ..... Connie Simon†

### Sunday

7:00am.....Keith Garcia†

8:30am..... St. John Parish

11:00am.....The Intentions of Pope Francis

2:00pm (Spanish) ..... Demetrio Trujillo†

5:00pm ..... for Peace

## WEEKLY GIVING

Our fiscal year is July 1, 2015  
through June 30, 2016

Information below  
reflects donations received

July 1, 2015 through January 17, 2016.

Budgeted weekly amount ..... \$30,692.31

Average weekly amount..... **\$29,265.21**

Budgeted YTD..... \$859,384.68

Actual YTD ..... **\$819,426.15**

Net Shortage ..... \$39,958.53

## RESERVING SPACE

Parishioners, if you would like to reserve a location on the St. John Church for an event or meeting, you must contact Ellen Sickinger:

(785) 843-0109 [esickinger@saint-johns.net](mailto:esickinger@saint-johns.net)

To inquire about space in St. John School, contact Linda Alexander:

(785) 843-9511 [alexander@saint-johns.net](mailto:alexander@saint-johns.net)

## MEALS FOR THE FRIARS

The Capuchins are looking for volunteers who can cook meals for the six friars in Lawrence. If interested, please contact Veronica Hamer at (785) 843-0109. Meals needed for Wednesdays in January!

Bring meals to the Simon Parish Center at St. John by 4:00pm. Fr. Jeff will take the dinner home to the friary.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The next Knights of Columbus Meeting will be Thursday, February 11. Social and dinner, provided by the Knights, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. Location is the basement of St. John Church. Our council meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month.

Anybody interested in becoming a Knight should contact Grand Knight Kevin Oneslager at (785) 840-9406.

On the first Friday of each month, the Knights host a rosary in St. John Church at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to attend! The Knights are also currently hosting a pro-life baby shower in the north entrance of the church. Please bring donations of baby items to help families in need!



24 de enero de 2016

### 3er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Hace más de dos mil años que Jesús pronunció las siguientes palabras: "Hoy mismo se ha cumplido este pasaje de la Escritura que acaban de oír" (Lc 4, 20). Ojalá que este 2016, y en esta comunidad parroquial, también se cumpla en nosotros este pasaje del Evangelio y tal como Jesús lo hizo: llevemos a los pobres, a los necesitados de alguna palabra de aliento y de amor, la Buena Nueva. Éste es el tema central que hoy escuchamos, la palabra de Dios proclamada a todos nosotros. En la primera lectura Esdras reorganiza a la comunidad israelita después del destierro y públicamente anunció la ley de Dios. San Pablo explica cómo la palabra de Dios se hace realidad en Cristo y se manifiesta en los diferentes carismas que Dios ofrece a las personas. Jesús comienza su actividad pública comentando la sagrada Escritura en la sinagoga de su pueblo Nazaret.

¿Crees tú que la palabra de Jesús se ha perdido en la actualidad? ¿Crees que ya no es necesario anunciar el bien y denunciar el mal? Todavía Jesús es el Mesías, el que libera de toda atadura, el que brinda la paz. Cada vez que asistimos a la Eucaristía dominical es como si estuviéramos en la sinagoga escuchando a Jesús mismo. Deberíamos salir de ahí con un compromiso auténtico y único de llevar la Buena Nueva y de ser la buena noticia para los que nos rodean. Las sugerencias son muchas, pero una es la que nos lleva a ser mejores en esto de ser heraldos de esperanza y es ser coherentes con nuestros hechos y palabras.

### 3er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

En el 2013 los Evangelios del domingo casi todos serán de Lucas. La primera parte del texto de hoy es el prefacio del Evangelio, en el cual se explica cómo y por qué Lucas escribió este Evangelio. El Evangelista procura proveer un resumen en orden basado en las tradiciones sobre el nacimiento de Jesús, sus enseñanzas y otras actividades de su ministerio público, su pasión, muerte y resurrección. Su meta fue la de confirmar y confiar las instrucciones a su lector, Teófilo. "Yo también, ilustre Teófilo, después de haberme informado minuciosamente de todo, desde sus principios, pensé escribírtelo por orden, para que veas la verdad de lo que se te ha enseñado".

En la segunda parte Lucas describe un prefacio acerca del ministerio público de Jesús. El pasaje describe a Jesús como el Profeta de Dios, ungido por el Espíritu Santo en su ministerio público, clave momento para la salvación de la historia. De acuerdo a la narración de Lucas la primera aparición pública de Jesús toma lugar en la sinagoga de Nazaret. Fijémonos que uno de los títulos que Lucas da a Jesús es el de profeta. En el Antiguo Testamento un profeta era enviado por Dios para proclamar anunciar la paz y la justicia. Como Profeta de Dios, Jesús anuncia las buenas noticias a los pobres, y dará libertad a los cautivos. Otro aspecto que Lucas nos hace notar en este Evangelio es la palabra "Hoy" es el tiempo del ministerio público de Jesús. En este tiempo todo el enfoque del Espíritu Santo está manifestado en Jesús como Profeta de Dios por excelencia. Como miembros del Cuerpo de Cristo ¿de qué forma podremos llevar a cabo el trabajo de Jesús como profeta?



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## PRÓXIMO RETIRO DE CONVALIDACIÓN

Marzo 5-6, 2016 en el Ministerio Hispano. Por favor registrar las parejas con la forma apropiada en español y pagar los \$60 una semana antes del retiro.

## RECICLAGE

Trae tus latas de aluminio y ayuda a tu Parroquia, por un mundo mas limpio, déjalas atrás de la oficina y ponle para María Mota. Gracias.

## MUSICA, CORO, MUSICA

¿Te gusta cantar? ¿Tocas algún instrumento musical, o te gustaría aprender? Ven a practicar con nosotros, comunícate al (785) 218-1511.

## CADA LUNES EN TODO EL AÑO

A las 8 de la noche rezamos el Santo Rosario, para pedir por nuestras necesidades y por los que amamos; también si alguno de sus parientes fallece podemos hacer el novenario, nos vemos los lunes en LA CAPILLA DEL PADRE PIO, frente a las veladoras.

## PLATICAS PARA BAUTIZAR

Cada primer sábado del mes de 6:00 a 9:00 de la noche, sin niños, llamar antes para anotar su asistencia.

RECICLAGE. Trae tus latas de aluminio y ayuda a tu Parroquia, por un mundo mas limpio, déjalas atrás de la oficina y ponle para María Mota.

### Las lecturas de la semana del 24 de enero de 2016

Domingo: Neh 8, 2-4. 5-6. 8-10/Sal 19, 8-10. 15/1 Cor 12, 12-30 o 12, 12-14. 27/Lc 1, 1-4; 4, 14-21

Lunes: Hch 22, 3-16 o 9, 1-22/Sal 117, 1-2/Mc 16, 15-18

Martes: 2 Tim 1, 1-8 o Tit 1, 1-5/Sal 96, 1-3. 7-8. 10/Mc 3, 31-35

Miércoles: 2 Sm 7, 4-17/Sal 89, 4-5. 27-30/Mc 4, 1-20

Jueves: 2 Sm 7, 18-19. 24-29/Sal 132, 1-5. 11-14/Mc 4, 21-25

Viernes: 2 Sm 11, 1-4. 5-10. 13-17/Sal 51, 3-7. 10-11/Mc 4, 26-34

Sábado: 2 Sm 12, 1-7. 10-17/Sal 51, 12-17/Mc 4, 35-41

Domingo siguiente: Jr 1, 4-5. 17-19/Sal 71, 1-6. 15-17/1 Cor 12, 31--13, 13 o 13, 4-13/Lc 4, 21-30