

Pope Francis issued the apostolic letter entitled, "Instituting the "Sunday of the Word of God: for all dioceses and churches throughout the world" on September 30 of 2019.

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time - The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.

The foundation of our faith is Scripture. God's Word through which God reveals himself to us and by which we come to know the depth of God's love for us. The Gospel is the highpoint of the Liturgy of the Word. The readings from the Old Testament tell us of God's promises and his preparation of his people for the coming of his Son; the Epistles and other pre-Gospel New Testament readings offer the reflections of St. Paul and other contemporaries of the Lord on the life and message of Christ; in the Acts of the Apostles we have a history of the early Church. We believe that all Scripture, the Old and New Testaments, is inspired by the Holy Spirit, but the Church has always given special honor to the Gospel because in the Gospel we have the words and deeds of Christ himself. (USCCB, Hearing the Word of God).

In today's Gospel, Jesus reads Scripture from the Prophet Isaiah, revealing to the people of his time and to us now the fulfillment of the Old Testament: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

We hear these words today knowing Jesus is with us today, in the Word of God and in the Eucharist, and we, through our baptism, have also been anointed to continue the mission of Jesus.

As we celebrate also today Word of God Sunday, let us be reminded of Jesus' revelation of salvation given to us out of his Divine Love.



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[YouTube](#) - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

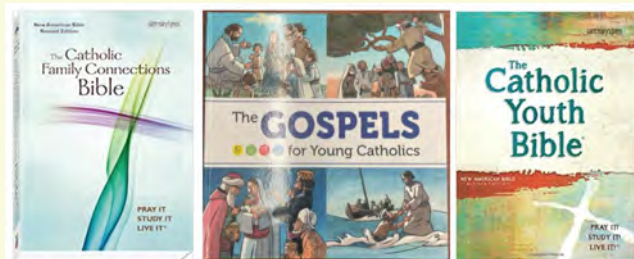


St. Marianne Cope Began her ministry in Syracuse, but was called to work with the lepers in Hawaii where she lived until her death. In Hawaiian culture, the pineapple symbolizes welcome, happiness, and the relaxed hospitality that the islands are well known for. In Hawaii, the pineapple is often used in both sweet and savory cooking, and forms an important part of the cuisine. Celebrate St. Marianne Cope's feast day With you family, try one of these pineapple recipes:

[Pineapple upside down Cake](#)

[Pineapple Salsa](#)

[Pineapple crisp](#)



How is the Word of God to become "living and effective" in our homes, in our families, in our professional and social relationships? Break open God's Word in your home by dedicating some family time each week for a brief reading of a Scripture passage, perhaps the Sunday Gospel. Given the hectic and stressed pace of life and our typically overworked schedules, making family time for the Bible reminds us of the need to put God first. Gathering around the table of God's Word enriches and strengthens the experience of family as a "domestic Church." Don't have a Bible? The Office of Catechesis is raffling 4 Children's Word of God and 3 Catholic Youth Bibles and 3 Catholic Family Connections Bibles.

Enter here: [RAFFLE ENTRY LINK](#)

Links for More Ideas & Activities

[Word-sunday.com](#) - 3rd Sunday Year C Bible Prayer Corner (Family Faith Builder)

[catholiccycc.ca](#) - Enthroned the Bible in your home (Family Faith Builder)

[Catholicicing.com](#) - Reading The Bible As A Family: 5 Steps To Get Started (Family Faith Builder)

New Year's Resolutions slipping? Try one of these to deepen your faith this year!

[media.ascensionpress.com](#) - Bible in a Year with Fr. Schmidts - (Family Faith Builder)

[Aleteia.org](#) - 9 New Year's Resolutions for Catholics (Adult Faith Builder)

St. Marianne Cope - January 23 - A Syracuse Saint

Did you know that Sr. Marianne in 1869, Sr. Marianne became a founding leader of St. Joseph's Hospital, the first hospital opened to the public in the City of Syracuse? Learn more at:

[Sjhsyr.org](#) - St. Joseph Health Center- St. Marianne Cope (Family Faith Builder)

[Syracusediocese.org](#) - St. Marianne Cope (several resources! (Family Faith Builder)