

The Spirit of the Lord is upon us
January 24, 2016

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

LOOK

Annual meetings are a necessary part of parish life. They give us the opportunity to reflect on the health of our community, appreciate the work of the previous year and elect leadership for the new year.

1. What accomplishments or activities of the past year at St. Tim's are you especially grateful for?
2. How have you experienced the power of the spirit moving at St. Tim's?

BOOK

Luke 4:14-21

Having survived the wilderness temptations, Jesus begins his ministry in Galilee and then returns to teach in the synagogue of his hometown in Nazareth.

1. How does Luke describe the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in Galilee?
2. Reread the Isaiah passage. Why do you think Jesus chose this particular passage?
3. You can imagine the mixed feelings in the room when Jesus announced that the scriptures had been fulfilled that day. How would you feel if Jesus walked into our service and made a similar pronouncement?

TOOK

Reread the Isaiah passage one more time substituting the word "me" with "us" (the St. Tim's community).

1. How does this change the meaning for you?
2. Do you believe this is the work God is calling us to do?
3. How will this be the year of the Lord's favor at St. Tim's?