



Essential Evangelization

Jesus, the First Evangelizer

Our St. Thomas a Becket Parish is challenged to focus on the mission of Jesus, that is, evangelization, in order that the Good News might have a transforming effect on all of us. Only when our parishes become the light, salt and leaven that Jesus speaks of in Scripture will we be changed and transformed.

“I must proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom of God,” sums up the whole mission of Jesus, for “...that is why I was sent” (Lk 4:43). As the first and greatest Evangelizer, Christ proclaims the perfect Kingdom of God. His appointment to evangelize is prophesized in the Book of Isaiah, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; therefore, he has appointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind and release to prisoners” (Lk 4:18). As Jesus evangelized, he told his followers, “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing” (Lk 4:21).

In this holy Lenten season, are we a reflection of His light, and do we proclaim His Good News to those in most need of this most important message?

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