Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Gospel text (*Lk* Lk 4:21-30): Jesus began speaking in the synagogue, saying: “Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.” (…). They also asked, “Isn’t this the son of Joseph?” He said to them, “Surely you will quote me this proverb, ‘Physician, cure yourself,’ and say, ‘Do here in your native place the things that we heard were done in Capernaum.’” And he said, “Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place (…).″ When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town (…).

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Today, the astonishment of Jesus’ fellow townspeople is matched by his own surprise. Although he knows that no prophet is well accepted in his homeland, the closed heart of his people was nevertheless obscure and impenetrable to him: Why did they not open themselves to the goodness of God who deigned to share in our humanity?

Effectively Jesus of Nazareth the man is the "transparency" of God, in him God dwells fully. And while we are constantly seeking other signs, other miracles, we do not realize that he is the true Sign, God made flesh: the whole of God’s love contained in a human heart.

—The One who fully understood this reality was the Virgin Mary, who is blessed because she believed. Mary was not shocked by her Son: her wonder for him was full of faith, full of love and joy, in seeing him so human and at the same time so divine. Let us therefore learn from her, our Mother in faith, to recognize in the humanity of Christ the perfect revelation of God.