



The Parish of Saints Philip and James
1 Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780
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May 10th, 2020
Fifth Sunday of Easter



*"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in
God; have faith also in me."*

John 14:1

*"With Philip & James we pray to live lives worthy of the call to be
Apostles of Hope"*

Daily Mass: 7:30am and 9:15 am
Saturday 5pm Sunday: 8am 10 am 12noon

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Open Monday, Tuesday Wednesday 9am-8pm

Open Thursday 9am-5pm

Open Saturday 10am-2pm

Closed Friday and Sunday

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Baptism— Celebrated twice per month. Parents are asked to register at the Pastoral Center for Pre-Baptism Program.

Marriage— Couples are asked to contact the Pastoral Center before visiting the reception hall. The Marriage Preparation process is nine months before your proposed wedding date.

Confirmation— Seventh and Eighth grade students are prepared to celebrate through Religious Ed or SSPJ School. Adults prepare through RCIA.

Reconciliation— Available Saturdays from 4:00pm-5:00pm in the Church or by contacting the Parish Center for an appointment.

Anointing of the Sick— In case of serious, unexpected illness, please contact the Parish Center office to arrange for a Priest to pray with the person who is ill. Anointing of the Sick is held on the first Sunday of the month following the 8:00am mass please see the Sacristan before mass.

R.C.I.A.— Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (non-Catholic adults desiring to become Catholic) are asked to contact the Parish Center Office.

Eucharistic Adoration In The Church— Thursday 2-4pm
Friday 8-9pm

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVE FOR US IN YOUR PRAYERS



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Financial Support Needed weekly to meet Parish budget:

Weekly Collection: Sunday, May 3rd, 2020

Mother's Day:

Early Collections: 5/10-31:

Ascension :

Faith Direct :

\$ 8,759.

1,026.

1,010.

105.

2,902.

\$17,800.

Total Weekly Collection:

\$13,802.

Father Tom's Letter

Dear Friends,

Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me.

In today's gospel, Jesus speaks these words not only to the disciples surrounding him at that time, but to all of us disciples. It's meant to be reassuring - and it is. Yet, in the midst of this pandemic, our troubled hearts yearn for even stronger faith, for clear directions, for the wisdom of Jesus, our way, our truth and our life. Let's pray with Anne Osdieck,

*Jesus, like your disciples, our hearts are troubled.
Is there an escape, we ask, from this pandemic?
Be with us now, please.
To know you is to know and love the Father and the Spirit.
That is everything. No fear there.
You are our way, our truth, and our life.
Wherever you abide, that is the place we always want to be
—circling in eternal, self-giving love,
with you, the Father, and your Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, mothers-to-be and all who have loved and guided us with a mother's love. Mother's Day celebrations may be quite different this year. Perhaps virtual visits, or greetings from 6 feet away. Whatever form our remembrance takes, let's pray in thanksgiving and with hope for all mothers. May is a month traditionally focused on Mary, the Mother of our Lord. Let's continue to pray that Mary, Blessed Mother and Queen of Peace, will guide us to be peacemakers in our families, our communities and our world.

I came across a reflection by Sister Patricia Bruno, OP, who writes monthly about "Stories Seldom Heard". Her focus this month not surprisingly is on the coronavirus pandemic affecting our world. She notes:

As Catholics, we miss the physical presence of our daily/weekly church community. Not being able to be physically present to celebrate the Eucharist together and receive the Body and Blood of Christ; not being able to visit with friends and chat about the activities of our days; and not being able to plan or evaluate the successes of our parish education programs and events, have deepened our appreciation of community. For many people these voids have awakened or reignited a deep hunger for the sacraments. They also make us poignantly aware of how privileged we are. I say "privileged" because often, we take for granted the ease with which we can gather in prayer and celebrate the sacraments in our local parishes...

Our isolation has not only deepened our gratitude for the many gifts of life we experience every day, but also has opened our minds and hearts to those who are in need of daily bread to feed their families. Each day we hear of creative and conscientious business owners and ordinary people like ourselves who have pledged resources to help the larger community. Yesterday, today and tomorrow we must continue to fill our parish food pantries, send dinners to our first responders and make regular phone calls to those who are living alone or ill. These are practical ways to nourish others and participate in the healing of those who are suffering as a result of our present situation. In a very real way, we become daily bread for others. Our actions and prayers become the bread that enables people to face each day.

I am grateful to all in our parish who have come forth in so many ways to continue to nurture community at SSPJ. The prayers, the emails, the donations to outreach, the creative efforts to enable our livestreamed Masses and our Facebook page, and so much more. As Sr. Pat says, our isolation has deepened our gratitude and opened minds and hearts. In these troubling times, we have faith in Jesus, and in Jesus' presence in each one of us.

And, sometimes a little humor can help - maybe...

Never in my whole life would I imagine my hands would consume more alcohol than my mouth.

I'm so excited it's time to take the garbage out. I wonder what I should wear?

Now everyone wants to know what introverts do for fun.

Peace,

Father Tom

Apostles: We Who Are Sent...Hope: God's constant gift of new possibilities

A Note to Our Parish Family

As you know our parish runs on donations, contributions and offerings made through the generosity of our parishioners. If you are able to continue financial support, offerings may be mailed to SSPJ - 1 Carow Place. They may also be dropped into the mail slot at the side of the office entrance door. You may choose to sign-up with Faith Direct, there is a link on our opening webpage. The Diocese of Rockville Centre has established a Text-to-Give program as an alternative way to financially support your parish. You may choose this option for a one-time payment or set a schedule.

TEXT TO GIVE PROGRAM:
ONLINE OFFERTORY GIVING
TEXT: 148parishssphilipandjames
TO: 516-271-3338

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CLICK ON THE FAITH DIRECT ICON

Creating a Faith Direct account is easy, just click on the Faith Direct logo, and use Parish of Saints Philip and James account code NY232 when signing up

We remain grateful for your generosity and support



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We invite ALL parishioners to join Flocknote – there is no charge to the parishioner.

This is a quick and efficient means of communication for our Pastor, Fr. Tom, and our parish staff to Get messages and updates out to you as efficiently as possible.

Your information is secure and will never be shared with anyone.

We have been trying to keep open communication via our website, our bulletin and our facebook page. This is another means of communication. We can communicate via Text messaging.

We have been using it with our Religious Ed families and can notify them (all 900 of them) within minutes of a change in schedule, a cancellation of a particular class, a friendly reminder of upcoming events or share vital information with them - All in a stroke on the keyboard.

Please text “SSPJParish” to 84576 - you will automatically be registered as an SSPJ parishioner – please follow the prompts to complete the sign-up.

During this uncertain time of COVID-19 it is important for Fr. Tom and the parish to have a quick and efficient means to communicate with you.

Thank you for your assistance

Dear Parishioners,

Heartfelt thanks to all who are reaching out feeding our extended family...our hearts are filled with gratitude.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS THE FOLLOWING:

Honey Nut Cheerios
Healthy Snacks for Children
Boxed Juice Drinks
Gift Cards King Kullen, Stop & Shop
Gas Gift Cards

Any donations may be left in the Church Prayer Room or the St. Anthony's Bread Closet.

As always, thank you and God bless you for your generous response.

CFL and LED bulbs can emit 25-80% less energy than traditional incandescent, plus they last longer! Consider this greener alternative when it comes time to replenishing those bulbs

A Prayer for spring, even now

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*In the sparrow nesting in the tree
We thank you for reminding us
Our worries are held by a Maker who counts
each feather*

*In the children scrambling underfoot
We thank you for reminding us
That joy is to be found in being banded together*

*In the lilies peeking from the earth
We thank you for reminding us
Of new life springing forth—a glimpse of
something better*

*In the sun rising over the trees and buildings
We thank you for reminding us
Our hope will be renewed and darkness will not
last forever*

*In a time that feels hopeless, root us in Your
presence
And let us remind our children that You are here
Immanuel, God with us
In the nest and the laughs and the dirt and the
sky*

by Kayla Craig, [Modern Liturgies for Parents](#)

Our Pro Life Rose

For the Week of May 10th, 2020

Is Dedicated in Loving Memory of My Husband,

Leon Peter Heffron

On May 15, 1982

When Pastor Tom Blessed Our Marriage

Forever & Always,

Carol

Our Sanctuary Lamp

For the Week of May 10th, 2020

Is Illuminating in Thanksgiving for;

Deacon Ken Maher ~ Ordained: May 7, 1988

Deacon John Keenan ~ Ordained ~ May 23, 1998

Deacon Ron Blasius ~ Ordained ~ May 17, 2003

***Your Parish Family is ever grateful for your presence
and gifts of faith, hope and grace...***

Mass Intentions, For the week of May 10th, 2020

Saturday, May 9th, 2020
5:00pm *No Intentions*

Sunday, May 10th, 2020
8:00am *Mother's Day Novena*
10:00am *For the People of SSPJ*
12:00Noon *Collective Mass:*
No Intentions

Monday, May 11th, 2020
7:30am *Mother's Day Novena*
9:15am *Douglas DeWeerd*

Tuesday, Wednesday, May 12th, 2020~Sts Nereus and Achilleus
7:30am *Mother's Day Novena*
9:15am *Jakob M. Sehne*

Wednesday, May 13th, 2020~Our Lady of Fatima
7:30am *Mother's Day Novena*
9:15am *Peter T. Reinke*

Thursday, May 14th, 2020~St. Matthias, Apostle
7:30am *Mother's Day Novena*
9:15am *Collective Mass:*
Peter James Hofmann

Friday, May 15th, 2020~St. Isidore
7:30am *Mother's Day Novena*
9:15am

Saturday, May 16th, 2020
9:15am *Mother's Day Novena*
5:00pm *Carol Hauser*

Sunday, May 17th, 2020
8:00am *Mother's Day Novena*
10:00am *For the People of SSPJ*
12:00Noon *Collective Mass:*
Reverend Charles Murphy
Joan Innes
Philip Innes
Sally Ann Stockey

Remembering in Our Prayers~

We remember...

Steve Rannazzisi
Mary Di Pardo

Safely Home...

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You

are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment

receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself

wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Adrian Erias
Angela Amoroso
Arthur Gureck
Anna Capizzio
Barbara Bombace
Baby Mattia Rose Lubrano
Belinda Groneman
Belinda Vega
Bob Keenan
Claudia Chandler
Daniel Radice
Deirdre W.
Diana C.
Dorothy E. Mitchell
Donalea Donach
Ellie Walsh
Frank Cotoia
Gladys Blake
Gregory Parker
Joan Kranz
Jim McLean
John DeStefano
J.C.

And for all the prayers
intentions in our hearts

Joseph S.
Joseph G.
Joyce Wiggins
Judy Contrino
Kathleen N.
Kitty Cronin
Leon Donach
Maria Clark
Matthew Parrella
Melissa C.
Michael Fisher
Mike Lofaro
Patricia Acker
Peter Donach
P.I.
Philip G
Ricardo Buffit
Richard Cembrale
Sara Jean Andersen

Tim Cavooris
Vivien Cordes
Vicki Archdeacon
William Quinn

For our Nation in time of
crisis

Prayer for the Sick

God of love, ever caring, ever strong stand by us in our
time of need.

Watch over your children who are sick.

Look after them in every danger.

And grant them your healing and peace. Amen

Welcome to the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Today's Gospel comes from John 14:1-12

Jesus tells his disciples, "I am the way and the truth and the life."

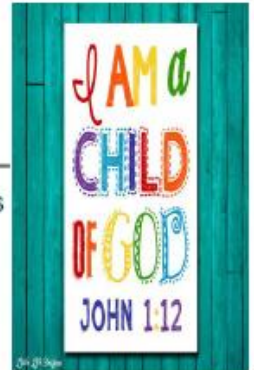
The more time we spend with someone, the more like that person we become. This can be observed in relationships among family members and friends, and it can help us to lead young people into a deeper understanding of the mystery of the union

between Jesus and his Father.

Jesus says that those who have seen and known him have also seen and known promises that those who share this faith will be able to do the work that he did and more.

Finding the Way

Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.



"Do not let your _____ be troubled. _____ in God; trust also in me. In my Father's _____ are many _____; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to _____ a _____ for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

Jesus answered, "I am the _____ and the _____ and the _____. No one comes to the _____ except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

John 14:1-6 (NIV)

Father	house	place	rooms	truth
hearts	life	prepare	Trust	way

Dear Jesus,

Sometimes I am scared or worried about things I don't understand, or things that I don't have an answer for. During these times, please remind me of your message, "Do not let your heart be troubled; just trust in God and trust in me." Help me to speak to you when I feel sad and especially when I feel happy. I know you are with me always. Amen

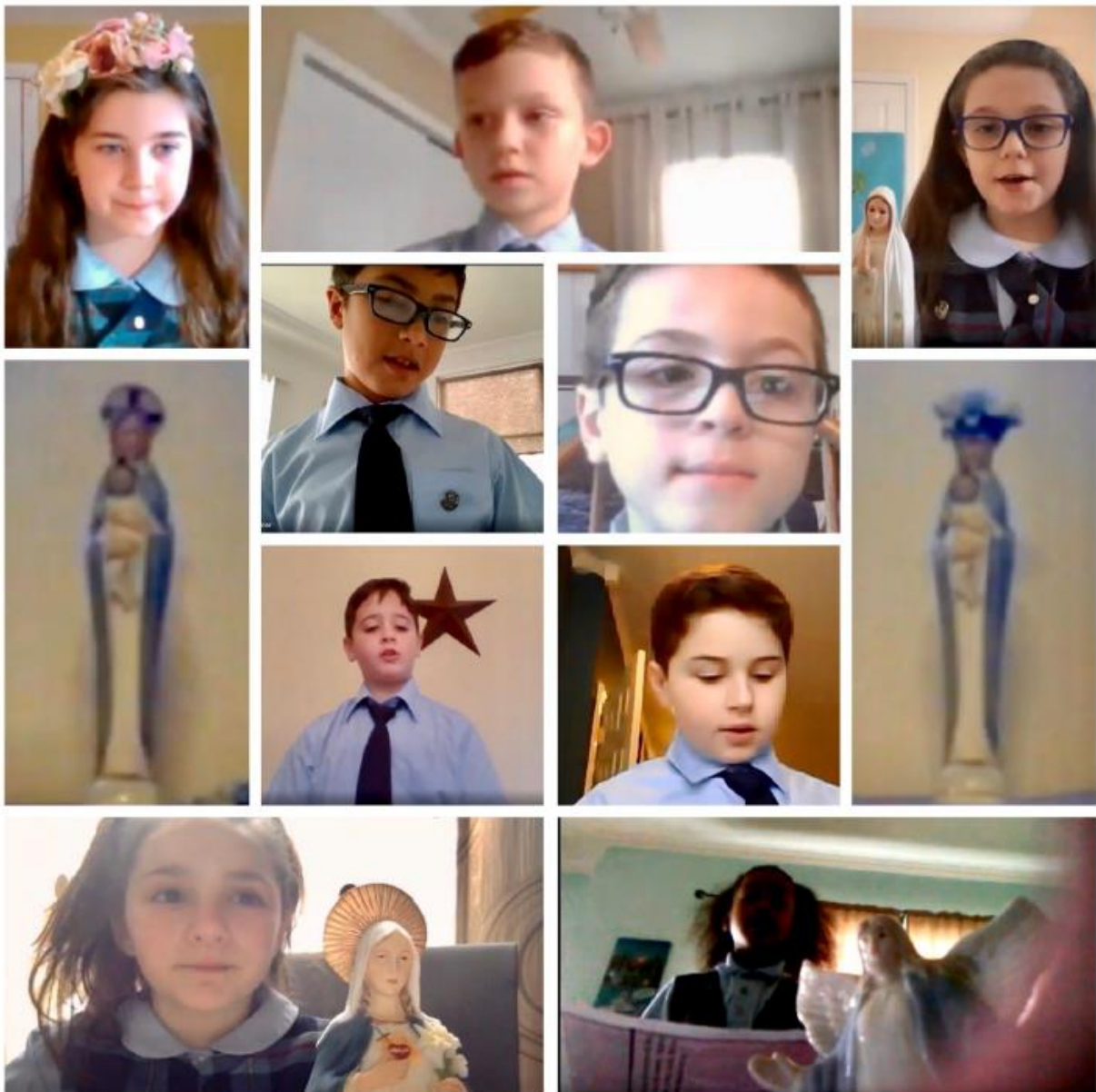
The Good News at SSPJ School!

May is a Month Dedicated to Mary!

Thank you to the students in Mrs. Fitmaurice's second grade class for the beautiful virtual May Crowning ceremony.

God Bless all the boys and girls as they await the rescheduling of their
First Holy Communion.

Hope is alive. Faith is alive. We are Blessed.



Hail Mary Full of Grace the Lord is with thee

Preparing for the Sixth Sunday of Easter (next week)

May 17, 2020 • 6th Sunday of Easter • Year A

The Spirit Disguised

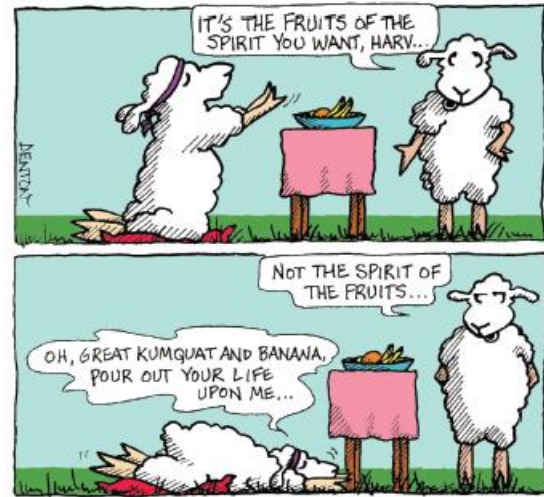
This Week's Readings at Mass

- Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 - Philip in Samaria
- 1 Peter 3:15-18 - On Christian suffering
- John 14:15-21 - Promise of the Paraclete

While much of the book of the Acts of the Apostles follows the work and travels of Peter and Paul, today's passage tells us that other believers were doing healing work in Jesus' name too. In this case, Philip ventured out of the Jewish crowds to go to the city of Samaria, a place that historically many Jews avoided. Samaritans shared some of the history and beliefs of the Jews but were seen as traitors to the faith, partly because they refused to go to Jerusalem for worship. That didn't phase Philip or slow God's work, though, because the Samaritans eagerly received "the word of God" and became believers in Christ too. The story has echoes of the Samaritans who quickly came to believe in Jesus after the woman at the well introduced them to him.

This Gospel reading picks up just a few verses after last week's Gospel left off. Jesus is still speaking to the disciples on the night before he dies. The disciples are still worried and concerned by Jesus' predictions of betrayal and denial. Jesus continues to reassure them, now introducing the promise of the Holy Spirit, sometimes called the "Advocate" or the "Paraclete."

Just as Jesus explained to Philip in last Sunday's Gospel reading (that Philip already knew the Father because Philip knew Jesus), he explains that the apostles also already know the Spirit. Like those confused disciples, we might first protest that we don't know the Spirit either. If we pay attention to our experiences, though, and think back to times when we have instinctively known the truth or what was the right thing to do, we can spot how the Spirit was



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"He will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth."

Sheepish Question:

As you pray to the Holy Spirit, are you more attentive to the gifts you receive or to the giver?

with us. Maybe we had a flash of insight, or someone said something that we instantly recognized as right for us, or we had an unexplained experience of comfort or strength in a difficult situation. Those experiences are experiences of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, present and working within us.

Questions of the Week

- 1 When have you had an experience of the Holy Spirit's presence or guidance, even if you didn't recognize it at the time?
- 2 When have you had an experience of feeling peace, comfort, or strength despite an outward struggle you were experiencing?

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Fever

John Updike, after recovering from a serious illness, wrote a poem he called, *Fever*. It ends this way: *But it is a truth long known that some secrets are hidden from health.*

Deep down we already know this, but as a personal truth this is not something we appropriate in a classroom, from parents or mentors, or even from religious teaching. These just tell us that this is true, but knowing it does not itself impart wisdom. Wisdom is acquired, as Updike says, through a personal experience of serious illness, serious loss, or serious humiliation.

The late James Hillman, writing as an agnostic, came to the same conclusion. I remember hearing him at a large conference where, at point in his talk, he challenged his audience with words to this effect: Think back, honestly and with courage, and ask yourself: What are the experiences in your life that have made you deep, that have given you character? In almost every case, you will have to admit that it was some humiliation or abuse you had to endure, some experience of powerlessness, helplessness, frustration, illness, or exclusion. It is not the things that brought glory or adulation into your life that gave you depth and character, the time you were the valedictorian for your class or the time you were the star athlete. These did not bring you depth. Rather the experience of powerlessness, inferiority, is what made you wise.

I recall too as a graduate student sitting in on a series of lectures by the renowned Polish psychiatrist, Kasmir Dabrowski who had written a number of books around a concept he termed, "positive disintegration". His essential thesis was that it is only by falling apart that we ever grow to higher levels of maturity and wisdom. Once, during a lecture, he was asked: "Why do we grow through the disintegrating experiences such as falling ill, falling apart, or being humiliated? Would it not be more logical to grow through the positive experiences of being loved, being affirmed, being successful, being healthy, and being admired? Shouldn't that fire gratitude inside us and, acting out of that gratitude, we should become more generous and wise?"

He gave this response: Ideally, maturity and wisdom should grow out of experiences of strength and success; and maybe in some instances they do. However, as a psychiatrist, all I can say is that in forty years of clinical practice I have never seen it. I have only seen people transformed to higher levels of maturity through the experience of breaking down.

Jesus, it would seem, agrees. Take, for example, the incident in the Gospels where James and John come and ask whether they might be given the seats at his right hand and left hand when he comes into his glory. It is significant that he takes their question seriously. He does not (in this instance) chide them for seeking their own glory; what he does instead is redefine glory and the route to it. He asks them: "Can you drink the cup?" They, naïve as to what is being asked of them, responded: "Yes, we can!" Jesus then tells them something to which they are even more naïve. He assures them that they will drink the cup, since eventually everyone will, but tells them that they still might not receive the glory because being seated in glory is still contingent upon something else.

What? What is "the cup"? How is drinking it the route to glory? And why might we not receive the glory even if we do drink the cup?

The cup, as is revealed later, is the cup of suffering and humiliation, the one Jesus has to drink during his passion and dying, the cup he asks his Father to spare him from when in Gethsemane he prays in agony: "Let this cup pass from me!"

In essence, what Jesus is telling James and John is this: *There is no route to Easter Sunday except through Good Friday*. There is no route to depth and wisdom except through suffering and humiliation. The connection is intrinsic, like the pain and groans of a woman are necessary to her when giving birth to a child. Further still, Jesus is also saying that deep suffering will not automatically bring wisdom. Why not? Because, while there is an intrinsic connection between deep suffering and greater depth in our lives, the catch is that bitter suffering can make us deep in bitterness, anger, envy, and hatred just as easily as it can make us deep in compassion, forgiveness, empathy, and wisdom. We can have the pain, and not get the wisdom.

Fever! The primary symptom of being infected with the coronavirus, *Covid-19*, is a high fever. Fever has now beset our world. The hope is that, after it so dangerously raises both our bodily and psychic temperatures, it will also reveal to us some of the secrets that are hidden from health. What are they? We don't know yet. They will only be revealed inside the fever.