

The Parish of Saints Philip and James

1 Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780

631-584-5454

January 19, 2025 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Wedding at Cana, Paolo Veronese, 16th Century, Rmn-Grand Palais, Paris, France, France.

Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." - John 14:8

MASS TIMES

Weekday 7:30 AM, 9:15 AM
Saturday 9:15 AM , 5 PM (Vigil)
Sunday 8 AM (Live-streaming via Facebook), 10:00 AM, 12 NOON

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4 – 5 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 1:30 – 7 PM

The Parish Directory

Parish Information



GENERAL INFORMATION

Phone Number (631) 584-5454
 Parish Fax 631-862-9675
 Website www.sspj.org
 Address 1 Carow Place,
 St. James, NY
 11780
 Office Hours Monday, Tuesday &
 Wednesday 9 AM-6 PM
 Thursday 9 AM - 6 PM

CLERGY

Pastor Rev. Sean Magaldi
 Associate Pastor Rev. Joe Lobo
 Associate Pastor Rev. Dennis Gannon
 Deacon John Keenan

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Sr. Theresita Donach, CSFN

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 cczujko@sspj.org
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*Thanking you for your generosity
 Financial Support Needed weekly to
 meet Parish budget: \$16,700*

Weekly Collection: Sunday, January 12th, 2025:

Collections from Weekend masses: \$12,686.00

Faith Direct
 (126 Participants Weekly): \$ 3,374.00

Total Collection: \$16,060.00

FAITH DIRECT:
 VISIT SSPJ.ORG CLICK ON FAITH DIRECT ICON
 USING SSPJ PARISH CODE:
 NY232

Sacraments and Sacramentals

SACRAMENTAL RECORDS

To request a copy of your certificate of Baptism, Marriage, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation please call the rectory.

OCIA

For adults looking to become Catholic or receive Confirmation, email Sister Theresita at srtheresita@sspj.org to ask about our OCIA program. Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (non-Catholic adults desiring to become Catholic) are asked to contact the Parish Center Office.



BAPTISM

Celebrated twice per month. Parents are asked to contact Sister Theresita at srtheresita@sspj.org for a Pre-Baptism Program.

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.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

For First Holy Communion Second grade students are prepared to celebrate through Religious Ed or SSPJ School. For Confirmation Seventh and Eighth grade students are prepared to celebrate through Religious Ed or SSPJ School. Adults prepare for both sacraments through RCIA.

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.

Please Remember Those Who Serve For Us In Your Prayers



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The Pastoral Letter from Rev. Sean Magaldi

My Dear Friends in Jesus Christ and Our Blessed Mother,

When I was in the seminary, everything seemed to frustrate me. The frustration lasted for a few months. I found myself becoming increasingly impatient, and my friends started to notice. We watched a movie together one night, and I snapped at one friend. Later that evening, another buddy pulled me aside and asked what was wrong. I couldn't articulate what was bothering me.

After talking for a while, my buddy looked at me and said, "I don't know what is going on, but you have to dig deep and figure out what is happening." I took it to prayer and brought it before the Lord. What was bothering me became more apparent, which was the beginning of letting it go. It wasn't necessarily one big thing, but many little things were building up. I was so frustrated that I couldn't see what was happening.

As people, we often have blind spots, things we can't perceive ourselves. For this reason, when we pray, we should bring our thoughts, feelings, and desires to the Lord. It is in prayer that we're able to let God in. By bringing our thoughts, feelings, and desires to the Lord, we begin to get clarity and healing.

Humans can tend to ruminate, and when that happens, we get trapped in our thoughts. We become trapped in our minds and forget that reality exists outside our thoughts and perceptions. By bringing these thoughts to God, it helps us to get out of our heads. He helps us know that He is with us and loves us. We can get stuck in a rut at times. Whether it is frustration, sadness, loneliness, etc., we always want to bring these thoughts to God and not just ruminate on them. He loves us and wants to help.

**In Christ,
Fr. Sean**

Altar Memorials, Prayer Intentions, Mass Intentions and Schedule

THE BREAD AND WINE ARE OFFERED IN MEMORY OF

Please contact the rectory at (631) 584-5454 to request a memorial.

THE PRO-LIFE ROSE IS DEDICATED TO

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WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Please contact the Office of Parish Social ministry, (631) 584-5454, to include the name of a brother or sister in need of prayer.

Louis Fabiano, Maria Lee, Margaret Remhild, Samya Salama Barbara Hobbes, Ann Bayard Michael Mattia, Michael Scorca Grayson Danielski, Alan Piscak, Ann Marie, Amanda Rose Critella, Amanda Cacoperdo Benito Fernandez, Brenden Toomey Carmela Montesano, Donna Fabrizio David Beleck, Brittany Lundberg Ed Ceraso, Edward Luna, Jessie Lokai John V Leone, Kathleen Martin, Kerry Larry Baldwin, Mia Mednick Patrice Henry Rose Bruno, Rob Remhild Ronnie Reichert, Raymond Grayson Stephanie Seban, Tina Cafaro, Tonia Perdue, Joan Cooper, Tim Tippet, Baby Luca, Madeline Kelley, Diane Toto

THE ALTAR CANDLES ARE LIT IN MEMORY OF

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THE SANCTURARY LAMP IS LIT IN MEMORY OF

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<i>Saturday, January 18th</i>	Reconciliation 4:00-5:00pm Cantor: Feeney Lector: Healy/Student Lector EMs: Taurassi/Mantia/Anderson/Damato/Urce	9:15am 5:00pm	Anthony Hurtado Patrick Jameson Kelly
<i>Sunday, January 19th</i>	Cantor: Lohmann Lector: Czujko/O'Connor EMs: Dervan/Diaz/Licari/Sica/Tully Cantor: Meringolo Lector: Zahorodny/Franco EMs: Amen/Parish/Clarke/Czujko/Licari/McKie Cantor: Cazzaniga Lector: Kollmer/Dias EMs: Kalcita Jr./Rubano/Rubano/Margaret	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	For the People of SSPJ Parish Geraldine Szymanski <u>Collective Mass</u> Mary Castiglie Anderson, Margaret Olsen, Otto Schindlar, Debra Santiago, Robert Gallagher
<i>Monday, January 20th</i>	Adoration 1:30-7:00pm In the Church	7:30am	Kenneth Maher Jr.
<i>Tuesday, January 21st</i>		9:15pm 7:30am	Andrew Dunn Thomas Drechsler
<i>Wednesday, January 22nd</i>		9:15pm 7:30am	Kenneth Maher Jr. Patricia Ryan
<i>Thursday, January 23rd</i>		9:15pm 7:30am	Doreen Romano Mary Aiello
<i>Friday, January 24th</i>		9:15pm 7:30am	Thomas Ficht Tommy Drechsler
<i>Saturday, January 25th</i>	Reconciliation 4:00-5:00pm Cantor: Murtha Lector: Morosky/Student Lector EMs: Rapp/Duffy/Sisti/Byrne/Toto	9:15am 5:00pm	Glenn Kirk Tara Routi Ronald Redmond
<i>Sunday, January 26th</i>	Cantor: Stefanowski Lector: Dervan/White EMs: Czujko/Kenney/Koke/La Serra/Tully Cantor: Hill Lector: Student Lector/Student Lector EMs: Luna/McKie/Clarke/Keane/Amen/Sotomayer Cantor: Lohmann Lector: Hoffmann/Hurlbert EMs: Latino/Stack/Bleggi/Kalcita Jr.	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	For the People of SSPJ Parish Thomas Focone <u>Collective Mass</u> Dolly Passaro, Joseph Wilk, Dcn. Ron Blasius, Richard Lutjen, Lauren Orlando, Richard Cooper

A Reflection from Sr. Theresita Donach, CSFN on Her Travels to Rome for the 150th Anniversary of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth and the Church Jubilee Year.

Dear Parishioners of Saints Philip and James,

Thank you for your warm welcome back! (Even though it was freezing outside). I also want to thank you for all your prayers and good wishes for me as I traveled to Rome to continue the celebration of our 150 Years Anniversary as a religious community. The program I attended with my sisters from around the world, Poland, Italy, Australia, the Philippines and United states was a wonderful experience. The time there was also blessed by experiencing the opening of the Holy Door for this Church Jubilee year. Getting to go through the door twice and once at the Basilica of Mary Major was a pure blessing.

Know that all of you were kept in my prayer while I visited the Holy Places and during our community prayers. I am sharing with you a picture of me praying for you at the Holy Door at St. Peter's and then a picture of the Basilica of Mary Major. Thank you again and may your holy Year be filled with Hope!

Sister Theresita



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

BEHOLD 2025

**PENTECOST
SUNDAY**

LOCATION

ST. ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL
SOUTH HUNTINGTON, NY

JUNE 8



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Scout Sunday

Scout Sunday is being celebrated
Feb 9th
at the 10am Mass at SSPJ.

This will be for local BSA cub scout
packs and troops.

Scouts should come dressed in
class A uniform.



5 STEPS SAFE ADULTS CAN TAKE TO PROTECT YOUTH ONLINE



1 Maintain open and ongoing
communication about social media
and online interactions

2 Monitor technology use
(trust but verify)

3 Set and enforce
boundaries for utilization
of social media and tech

4 Educate yourself on the
latest trends and potential
risks

5 Inform children and youth they
can always tell you if someone
makes them feel scared,
uncomfortable or unsafe online



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A Weekly Reflection from Sr. Theresita Donach, CSFN

Dear Friends,

We are now entering into the ordinary time of the Church, but we would be remiss if we forgot all the Extra-Ordinary events that have taken place these past few weeks. The wonderful feast of Christmas, the Incarnation; the New Year, with the celebration of the Church's Jubilee Year; my wonderful journey to Rome for the Return to the Roots program sponsored by our sisters; Feast of the Holy Family, the Feast of the Epiphany and the Baptism of Jesus, whew!

Wow, I didn't realize how long the list was and now... time to catch our breath! The seasons as well as the Church know that we need some down time and so hopefully in the quiet moments of our day we can spend time thank God for all the blessings we have received and those that are to come.

Normally we tend to move from one event to another without truly appreciating it. This ordinary time allows us to stop and consider all the extraordinary gifts that have come our way. Stopping allows us to recognize even the smallest blessing. I know this for a fact as when I was offered the opportunity to be with our sisters in Rome, we had time to stop and reflect, to pray together and to enjoy just being with one another. It helps one realize that blessings come in all sorts of sizes and shapes.

During this coming week take the time to revisit the past events you've experienced and thank God for all that has been (even if there have been some challenges) as well as all that is to come. Don't let the Extra-Ordinary slip away without appreciating all it has to offer you. God fills our life with wonder – Enjoy it!

Till next week,

Sister Theresita



Parish Social Ministry

WE REMEMBER, ALL THOSE WHO ARE SAFELY HOME IN THE ARMS OF JESUS

Please contact the Office of Parish Social ministry, (631) 584-5454 to request a memorial.

Anthony Cambria, Robert Craine



MARCH FOR LIFE

THE RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

The Respect Life Committee invites all to join us in praying the rosary at 8 AM, M-F, in the prayer room of the Church.

Annual MARCH FOR LIFE in Wash. D.C. is Friday Jan. 24th. The following is a list of contacts if you are looking for a bus to the March.

St. Agnes Rockville Center **516-766-0205**,
Notre Dame New Hyde Park **516-248-8284**,
K of C bus pick up LIE exits 49 and 63. leave a message with your name and phone number.
You can also call the diocesan Office of Evangelization **516-678-5800 Ext. 212** or their office cell **516-406-2934**.

Sts. Philip and James will have a prayer service to pray for the success of the march and safety of all who stand up for life on Thurs. Jan 23rd from 5PM to 7PM in the main church. Please join us for as much time as you can.



Katie's Way

Collecting new and gently used baby items and delivering them to the Life Center of Long Island. These items benefit mothers, children, and expectant mothers in need. Your donations build a community that supports mothers who choose life for their unborn children under difficult circumstances. Suggested donation items: Diapers, wipes, bottles. Gently used baby and toddler items such as car seats, high chairs, strollers, clothing, toys, etc. New baby and toddler items, including diapers, wipes, formula, baby food, clothing, etc.

PLEASE DROP OFF AT:

56 TILLOTSON AVENUE, ST. JAMES, NY

OUR FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

Canned Corned Beef (Not Hash)
Canned Cannelloni Beans
Canned Chickpeas
Prego Sauce



CARE FOR CREATION

Having just celebrated the Baptism of the Lord, we hope to renew our own Baptismal call to care and sustain an ecological turning, so that life may thrive, and all creatures may find their place to flourish in our common home.

HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

You are never alone

AA 24 Hour Hotline	631-669-1124
Al-Anon	631-669-2827
Birtheright	631-821-9727
Child Abuse	800-342-3720
Dept. of Social Services	631-854-2300
Domestic Violence (Brighter Tomorrow)	631-395-1800
(Vibes)	631-360-3607
(The Retreat)	631-329-2200
LI Against Domestic Violence	631-666-8833
Elder Abuse	631-761-7470
Food Stamps	631-789-9546
Gamblers Anonymous	855-222-5542
Good Shepherd Hospice	631-376-3758
Mental Health Emergency	631-952-3333
Narcotics Anonymous	631-689-6262
Nassau/Suffolk Law	631-232-2400
Poison Control	516-542-2323
Hope House	631-473-6030
Office for the Aging	631-853-8200
Overeaters Anonymous	631-260-6615
Rachel's Hope-Post Abortion	888-456-4673
Suicide Hotline	631-751-7500



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 26, 2025
Catholic Schools Week

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each year, the Church across the United States joyfully celebrates the gift of Catholic Education during Catholic Schools Week, which begins today and concludes on February 1, 2025. The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2025 is, *United in Faith and Community*. As Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, I am profoundly proud of how our Catholic Schools on Long Island continue to evangelize our young Catholics with dedication and love.

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis highlights that “Catholic schools, which always strive to join their work of education with the explicit proclamation of the Gospel, are a most valuable resource for the evangelization of culture” (§134). This mission-driven approach is particularly timely in our Diocese. This year, as the capstone to our local Eucharistic Revival efforts, we are preparing for our significant Eucharistic Congress on June 8, 2025, accompanied by Eucharistic Pilgrimages that will traverse across Long Island, leading up to this transformative event. The mission of these initiatives is woven into the very fabric of Catholic Education, aiming to deepen our students' love for Jesus through the transformative power of the Eucharist and to empower them to evangelize their families and communities.

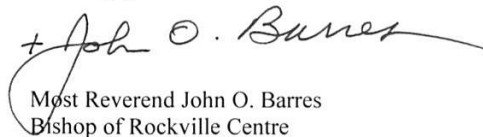
As our schools celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2025 with Masses, open houses, and various activities, we give thanks to the Lord for all who make Catholic Education possible. To our dedicated administrators, teachers, and staff members: thank you for tirelessly advancing the Church's mission by sharing your love for Christ and nurturing His presence in the lives of His children. To the parents and guardians who generously contribute your time and talents: your love for Christ and His Church is inspiring, and your dedication is deeply appreciated.

To all our faithful parishioners, I warmly invite you to visit our schools during this special week. Attend an open house, meet our educators, and witness firsthand the vibrant communities of faith and learning that thrive within our Catholic Schools. Your support and presence affirm the vital role of Catholic Education in forming future generations rooted in faith.

St. John Bosco, a patron saint of school children, captured the essence of Catholic Education when he said, “If we want to have a good society, we must concentrate all our forces on the Christian education of the young.” The incredible work being accomplished in our Catholic Schools fills me with great hope for the future of our society on Long Island—a future bright with young Catholics who are on fire for Jesus Christ and His Church.

Through the intercession of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, the patron saint of Catholic Education, Saint John Bosco, and Mary, Star of Evangelization, may the Lord continue to bless our Catholic Schools and all those involved in Catholic Education on Long Island, especially our students!

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre



STS. PHILIP AND JAMES SCHOOL & ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025
11AM – 1:30PM

WHY SSPJ?

- For over 100 years, SSPJ has offered academic excellence, which fosters individual growth and development according to time-tested, Catholic faith-based models of teaching and learning.
- SSPJ's primary commitment is to integrate the Gospel message with the spiritual, intellectual, emotional, social, and physical development of students, enabling them to become the leaders of tomorrow.
- SSPJ cultivates a robust Catholic culture and safe community, centered on the spiritual, intellectual, sacramental, and liturgical life of the Church.



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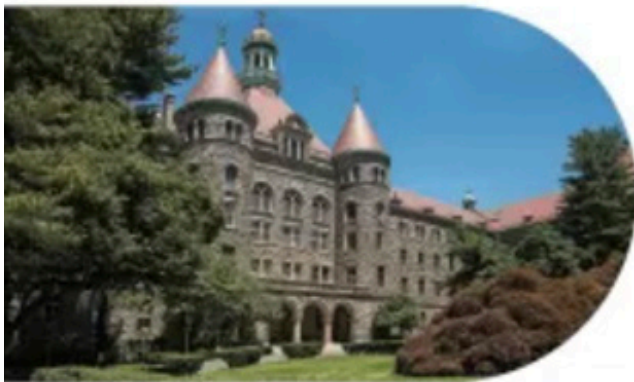
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RESISTING PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE

Insights from the Saints and the Monks



St. Joseph's Seminary and College

SPRING 2025 ACADEMIC LECTURE

Thursday, February 20

Lecture begins at 7:00 PM

Tickets: \$25 per person (plus event fee)

Attend at St. Joseph's historic campus or online via Zoom

SPEAKER: DR. CHARLES CAMOSY, PhD

Msgr. Michael J. Curran Fellow in Moral Theology, St. Joseph's Seminary

Discussion of relevant topics often involves grappling with emotional issues – join us this spring as Dr. Charles Camosy explores the topic of assisted suicide, looking at the sanctity and dignity of human life through the lens of some of our most beloved saints and monks.



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— SEMINARY AND COLLEGE —

Register at: [SJSSpring2025AcademicLecture.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sjsspring2025academiclecture)

Questions? Contact Joan Brissen at:

sjsacademics@dureswoodie.edu | 914-968-6200 x8145

Music Ministry

WEEKLY REFLECTION FROM MUSIC DIRECTOR MARGARET ADAMS

Jesus performed his first miracle at the wedding in Cana. All the hymns this weekend reflect praise of Jesus beginning his ministry at a wedding. Jesus made extraordinary wine. He shows how we are made extraordinary by his grace for the heavenly feast. Jesus is our gift.

We need more choir members! Our numbers are low. Please consider joining the Chords of Faith, Teen Choir, or the adult choir.

Call the Music office for more information.

SSPJ Faith Sharing Group



Would you like to experience a more peaceful, joyful, and meaningful Advent than you have before?

Join us as we journey through the season, exploring scripture with engaging videos, readings, prayer, and discussion. We will be using the book *Rejoice! An Advent Pilgrimage into the Heart of Scripture* by Fr. Mark Toups. It follows the Sunday scripture readings with short daily reflections, prayers, and space for you to record your own thoughts. Books are available (\$10) from Sr. Theresita at the parish center office; call 631-584-5454 with any questions.

New and returning members are welcome to join us on Wednesday mornings in the Bethany Center from 10:00 - 11:00.



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Academics



Values



Excellence



Family



Friends

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My Weekly Gospel Reflection for Grades 1-3

MY NAME IS _____ MY GRADE IS _____ SSPJ SCHOOL _____

Please bring this to mass with you next weekend.

Jesus Turns Water Into Wine

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



One day there was a _____ in the village of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there. Jesus and his disciples were guests also. When they started to run out of _____ at the wedding banquet, his mother told him, "They're just about out of wine." She then told the _____ to do whatever Jesus told them to do.

There were some water _____ there which held about twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told the servants. "Fill the pots with _____." And they filled them to the brim.

"Now fill your pitchers and take them to the master of the banquet," Jesus said.

When the master of the banquet tasted it, the water had been _____ to wine. He was amazed at how good it tasted. "Most people serve the _____ wine first and when the guests have had to much to drink, they bring out the _____ wine; but you have saved the best until last!"

John 2:1-11 (Paraphrased)

best	cheap	servants	wedding
changed	pots	water	wine

My Weekly Gospel Reflection for Grades 4-6

MY NAME IS _____ MY GRADE IS _____ SSPJ SCHOOL _____

Please bring this to mass with you next weekend.

Jesus Turns Water Into Wine

"Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." John 2:10 (NIV)

Choose the word that best matches the definition.



- ___ 1. A ceremony joining a man and woman as husband and wife
A. taste B. cheap C. wedding D. wine
- ___ 2. A beverage made of the fermented juice of grapes
A. miracle B. servant C. wine D. best
- ___ 3. An event that cannot be explained by the laws of nature
A. best B. wedding C. servant D. miracle
- ___ 4. One who is employed to perform services for someone else
A. wine B. servant C. water D. taste
- ___ 5. To eat or drink a small amount
A. wine B. miracle C. cheap D. taste
- ___ 6. A clear, colorless, odorless, and tasteless liquid, H₂O
A. taste B. water C. best D. servant
- ___ 7. Low in cost; of poor quality; inferior
A. servant B. water C. cheap D. wedding
- ___ 8. Of the highest quality; One that surpasses all others
A. best B. wine C. wedding D. water

My Weekly Gospel Reflection for Grades 7-8

MY NAME IS _____ MY GRADE IS _____ SSPJ SCHOOL _____

Please bring this to mass with you next weekend.

Jesus Turns Water Into Wine

"Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." John 2:10 (NIV)

Match the words in the box with the correct definition.



1. _____ One who is employed to perform services for someone else
2. _____ A clear, colorless, odorless, and tasteless liquid, H₂O
3. _____ A ceremony joining a man and woman as husband and wife
4. _____ An event that cannot be explained by the laws of nature
5. _____ A beverage made of the fermented juice of grapes
6. _____ To eat or drink a small amount
7. _____ Low in cost; of poor quality; inferior
8. _____ Of the highest quality; One that surpasses all others

wedding	miracle	taste	cheap
wine	servant	water	best

Gospel Reflection

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

January 26, 2025

Gospel - Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received.

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all.

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:
*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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Reflection Process

- ◆ Pray to the Holy Spirit.
- ◆ Reads the Gospel.
- ◆ Choose an echo (a phrase that calls your attention or speaks to the heart).
- ◆ Think of a story or an experience of why you chose that echo.
- ◆ Make a short prayer of promise (something practical you are going to do as a result of reflecting on this Gospel.)