

SS. PHILIP
& JAMES

CATHOLIC PARISH

1 Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780

(631) 584-5454

August 17, 2025

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our Lady of the Sign Icon, Josephine Richards, 2018-01-01/2018-05-31. The Prince's Foundation, London, United Kingdom.

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 AM, 12 NOON

RECONCILIATION

Saturday	4 – 5 PM
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday	1 – 7 PM
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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 Mon. & Thu. 9:30 AM - 5 PM
Tue. & Wed. 9:30 AM - 8 PM
Fri. 9:30 AM - 1 PM

CLERGY

Pastor Rev. Sean Magaldi
Associate Pastor Rev. Dennis Gannon
Associate Pastor Rev. Martin Adu Gyamfi
Deacon John Keenan

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Phone Number (631) 584-3204

GRADE LEVEL COORDINATORS

Grades 1-3 Charlotte Czujko
cczujko@sspj.org
Grades 4-6 Barbara Luna
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Grades 7-8 Dominick Avento
davento@sspj.org

MUSIC DIRECTOR

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DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY

Sandra Rago

DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES

John Cordes

SSPJ SCHOOL

Principal William Biangasso
Phone Number (631) 584-7896
School Fax (631) 584-3258

TRUSTEES

Brendan McGovern
Jennine Cullen

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Michael Sharkey Lou Guerra
Cynthia Lombardi Paul Damato
Lisa Keane Maureen Burke
Nancy Sanders Matthew Carey
Sheila Cavooris

*Thank you for your generosity
Financial Support Needed Weekly
to Meet Parish Budget: \$16,700*

*Weekly Collection -
Sunday, August 10, 2025:*

Collections From Weekend Masses: \$12,272.00

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

Total Collection: \$15,546.00

*Faith Direct:
Visit sspj.org and Click on the Faith Direct Icon.
Use 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, please call the rectory to ask about our OCIA program.



BAPTISM

Celebrated twice per month. Parents are asked to contact the rectory for a Pre-Baptism Program.

RECONCILIATION

Available Saturdays from 4 - 5 pm in the Church or by contacting the rectory for an appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

In case of serious, unexpected illness, please contact the rectory 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 OCIA.

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



LCDR Megan M. Shutka-Vik -USN | CAPT Wilson Marks -USN | CPT Michael T. Dolan Jr. -D.O, ARMY
 Sgt Cory O'hara -USMC | Lt Col John Kaires | SGM Michael P. Borrelli -ARMY
 CAPT John Tully -USN | LTC James Tully -ARMY | Joseph Saggio -USNC | Richard Sotomayer -USAF
 SSgt Michael Longhenry | Lt Col Paul T. Jackson | SSgt Alexander Parrella -USAF
 Christopher A. Hionidis -USAF | Sgt Connor F. Scott -USMC | PFC Charles Christopher Howell
 Hank Moloney -USAF | Steven Cava -USN | Emmett Moloney -USN | CW2 Natasha Wortman
 LT Kyle Melvin -USN | LT Jillian Melvin -USN | Cpl James T. Casey -USMC | Glen Crima -ARMY
 SGT Joshua Mahoney -ARMY | Spc Nicole A. Cannon | 2LT Dillon Reynolds -USAF
 Private Joshua Olsen -USARNG | Mario Catania -USMC | Cpl Larissa Dorrian -USMC
 Ryan Anthony Nascimento -USMC | Kyle Anthony Nascimento -ARMY | ENS Ryan M. Shows -USN
 SSgt. Ryan Rexrode -USMC | Dr. Kara Vandekieft, Col -USAF | Sgt Stephen D. Outcault -USMC
 Paul Mumolo -USN | Victoria Zeman -USCG | Kyle J. Gruner -ARMY | Mark Giordano -USCG
 Lt Kelli McLaughlin -USANG | 1LT Michael J Bang -Military Intelligence ARMY | Richard Wulforst, III -USA ANG
 Captain Paul Willms Kevin Jones -USCG | Michael Hionidis -USMC | Elizabeth C. Oliver -QM 2ND Class SW USN
 CW2 Chris Munz | Carl Josephson -USAF | Daniel Josephson -USAF | Samantha Josephson -USAF
 MIDN Erin Nicastro -USNA | MLDN Kate Nicastro -USNA | Justene Patch -2ND Class USN
 Matthew Patrick Gallagher -ARMY | LT Commander Christopher Shank MD | Eric Seelin -USMC
 2LT James A Koester -ARMY | Maj Brendan Johnston -USAF | Lt Connor Toomey -USMC
 Dakota Barnett -2ND Class USN | Erin Morpheyy -2ND Class USN | Peter Fortunato -QM 2nd Class USN

The Pastoral Letter from Rev. Sean Magaldi

My Dear Friends in Jesus Christ and Our Blessed Mother,

Today's Gospel is one that often seems contradictory to people. We know Jesus as the Prince of Peace, and yet He says He has come to sow division. There are many interpretations of this passage. I want to offer one: the division between choosing to follow God or to follow our ego.

As humans, we suffer from what's called concupiscence, or the inclination to sin. Concupiscence is a direct result of original sin. Although baptism washes away original sin, the tendency to sin remains. St. Paul writes, "For I do not do the good I want, but I do the evil I do not want" (Rom 7:19). In a sense, we are at war with ourselves. We fight this war so we may die to ourselves and live for Christ.

We decide to be disciples of Christ, but there can often be distractions. Are our hearts on fire for Him? We don't have the luxury of being lukewarm. We cannot be half disciples of Jesus; He is calling us to be all in. The peace He offers us is not earthly peace but a peace that comes from living a life in divine intimacy with the Trinity. He desires us to be in relationship with Him, the Father, and the Holy Spirit.

If we are too concerned with earthly things, our hearts become divided. We can ask ourselves a few questions. What distracts my heart? What are the moments I decide to follow my own will? What are the moments I choose to follow the Father's will? Are there earthly desires I prefer more than heavenly desires? Until we are in heaven, we will always have a divided heart; however, on our journey, we can make choices to give our hearts more and more to the Lord.

In Christ,
Fr. Sean



SS. Philip & James Adoration

“Could You Not Keep Watch with Me for One Hour?” (Matthew 26:40)

Monday’s 1PM – 7PM

<https://stsphilipjames.weadorehim.com/en/signup>

EUCCHARISTIC
Adoration



If you would like to serve as a weekly Adorer for Monday Exposition,
you can sign up by scanning the QR code above,
contacting an Adoration Coordinator or by visiting:

<https://stsphilipjames.weadorehim.com/en/signup>

Adoration Coordinator’s

Bill Toscano – 631-312-2172

Sarolta Toscano – 646-287-0661

Email: stsphilipjames@sites.weadorehim.com

SS. Philip and James Catholic Parish

One Carow Place

St. James, New York 11780

Altar Memorials, Prayer Intentions, Mass Intentions and Schedule

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



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, Michael Mattia, Michael Scorca, Grayson Danielski, Ann Marie, Amanda Rose Critella, Amanda Cacoperdo, Carmela Montesano, Donna Fabrizio, David Beleck, Brittany Lundberg, Ed Ceraso, Edward Luna, Jessie Lokai, John V Leone, Kathleen Martin, Kerry Larry, Mia Mednick, Patrice Henry, Rob Remhild, Ronnie Reichert, Stephanie Seban, Tonia Perdue, Joan Cooper, Tim Tippet, Madeline Kelley, Diane Toto, Phillip Giarrupeto, Judy Hanrahan, Patricia Schecher, Nora Danko, Joanna Szymanski, Luke Salvatore Montesano, Anthony D'Angelis, Katie Hobbes, Leon Donach, Paul Robertelli, Donna Belulloovich, Theresa Quinn, Janet Ocasio, Stephanie Eagle, Baby Brooks, Anna Marie, Matthew Cooke, Brian Stewart, Sheila Eith, Samantha Misurda, John Vincent Leone, Roger, Thomas Brick, Mariella Rooney, Bella Rigogliosi, Rob Remhild

<i>Saturday, August 16th</i>	Reconciliation 4:00-5:00pm	9:15am	Lois Gorham
	Lector: Smith/Healy EMs: Damato/Mantia/Sisti/Drechsler/Ruggieri	5:00pm	Kenneth Maher Jr.
<i>Sunday, August 17th</i>	Lector: Czujko/Carey EMs: Koke/Portanova/Ramos/Sehne/Tully	8:00am	For the People of the Parish
	Lector: Luna/Dias EMs: Calderone/Luna/Lombardi/Mulhall/Orlando/Sotomayer	10:00am	Alfred Fox
	Lector: Kenton/Rubano EMs: Rubano/Settinieri/Consenz/Rubano	12:00pm	<u>Collective Mass</u> Patty Tobin, Michael Colletta, Leonard J. Henderson, Remhild Family (Living)
<i>Monday, August 18th</i>	Adoration 1:00-7:00pm In the Church	7:30am	Valerie Walsh
		9:15am	Ann M. Olivari
<i>Tuesday, August 19th</i>		7:30am	Paul J. Czujko
		9:15am	Antoinette Lamberti
<i>Wednesday, August 20th</i>		7:30am	Mary Pinatta (Living)
		9:15am	James Giordano
<i>Thursday, August 21st</i>		7:30am	Paolo Schifillitti (Living)
		9:15am	For the Pope
<i>Friday, August 22nd</i>		7:30am	Maureen E. Hearney
		9:15am	Gregory Mattia
<i>Saturday, August 23rd</i>	Reconciliation 4:00-5:00pm	9:15am	Maximo Collado
	Lector: Drechsler/Kollmer EMs: Rapp/Duffy/Taurassi/Mantia/Suski	5:00pm	Patti Rowland
<i>Sunday, August 24th</i>	Lector: Marino/Cavooris EMs: Dunn/Diaz/McGrath/Sica/Portanova	8:00am	For the People of the Parish
	Lector: Dobres/Kieran EMs: Lombardi/Licari/McKie/Rizzo/Mulhall/Amen	10:00am	Thomas Focone
	Lector: Geier/Latino EMs: Margaret/Consenz/Stack/Bleggi	12:00pm	<u>Collective Mass</u> Toni Lamberti, Michael Colletta, Michael Corey, Fran Settoducato, Irene Kreisher

Congratulations to Our Newly Baptized Catholics!



Daphne Hughes with
parents, and celebrant
Rev. Dennis Gannon,
Baptized on August 10, 2025.



Capri and Melia McEnroe with
parents, and celebrant
Rev. Dennis Gannon,
Baptized on August 10, 2025.



Cameron Duffy
with parents, and celebrant
Rev. Sean Magaldi
Baptized on July 27, 2025.



Sophia Loccisano
with parents, and celebrant
Rev. Sean Magaldi
Baptized on July 27, 2025.

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 include the name of a brother or sister.

BOOK KIOSK NEWS

If you write a check for a book, please make sure you put the name of the book on the message line of the check! *If you have already submitted a check, please place your name on a piece of paper (from the note pad) with the name of the book you purchased and slide it into the payment slot.* Check out our books on the lives of the patron saints of mothers and grandmothers. More books are coming soon!

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We have a unique opportunity to renew our vocation to become stewards of God's creation. Our commitment to the care of our common home is not some kind of add-on to our faith or optional extra. Instead, it is supposed to be at the center of our call as Christians.

THE RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

The Respect Life Committee invites all to join in praying the rosary at 8 AM, M-F, in the prayer room of the church. We pray to respect life in all stages from conception to death.



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:

Fully stocked, thank you!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Once again, it is time for our school supplies collection. We have children in our community in need of teacher mandated items. If you can help, kindly take a school supply card from the baskets in the back of the Church. You may return your **UNWRAPPED** donation, along with the card to the parish office during the week, or place in the St. Anthony's Bread closet in the back of the Church. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted. As always, thank you for all you do! **Our school supply collection will be ending on August 22. This is to allow time for sorting, packing backpacks, and distributing them before school starts.**



HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS: You are never alone

AA 24 Hour Hotline	(631) 669-1124
Al-Anon	(631) 669-2827
Birthingright	(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
	(631) 751-7500
Suicide Hotline (Services in English and Spanish)	
Catholic Charities Mental Health Clinics:	
Medford	(631) 654-1919
Bay Shore	(631) 665-6707

NYS Catholic Conference



Stop Physician-Assisted Suicide in New York

New York is on the brink of legalizing physician-assisted suicide. Bill A136 has already passed the Senate and Assembly. The only thing standing in its way is Governor Hochul's veto – and she needs to hear from you.

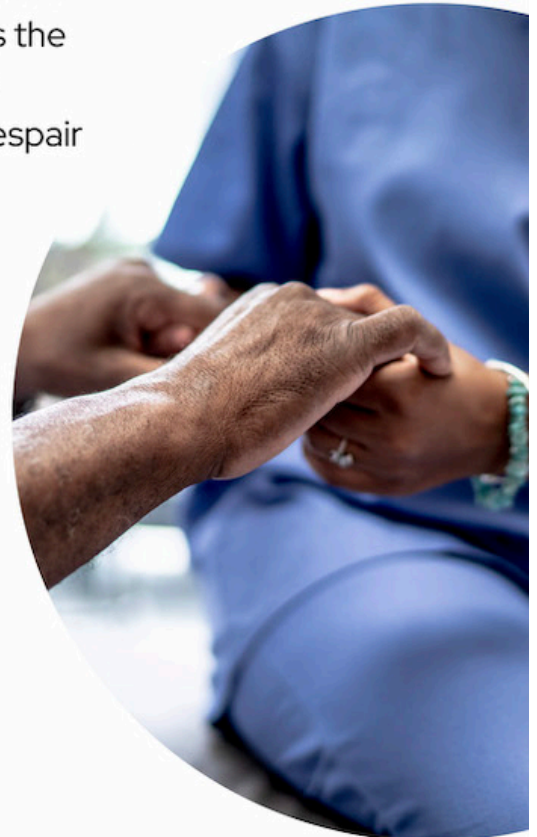
This bill would allow doctors to prescribe lethal medication with the sole purpose of ending a patient's life. It puts the most vulnerable among us – the elderly, people with disabilities, and those facing emotional or financial despair – at even greater risk. **Suicide is not healthcare.**

We must speak out to protect the dignity of every human life. Assisted suicide is a dangerous and deadly path – one we must not go down.

Take Action!



Contact the Governor's office now to oppose this deadly practice! Visit bit.ly/veto-pas or use the QR code.



The New York State Catholic Conference represents the Bishops of New York State in public policy matters.
www.nyscatholic.org • 518-434-6195 • info@nyscatholic.org

TELL A NEIGHBOR - TELL A FRIEND

OCIA PROGRAM STARTS IN SEPTEMBER

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly RCIA) is the process by which adults are gradually introduced to the Catholic faith and sacramental life.

This process is intended for:

- **Unbaptized adults who seek to receive the Sacraments of Initiation:**

Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist.

- **Baptized non-Catholic Christians, who desire to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.**

- **Baptized Catholics, who have not yet completed their sacraments of initiation (Confirmation and/or First Holy Communion).**

Here at Saints Philip and James, the OCIA process begins in September and culminates at the Easter Vigil on April 4, 2026. If you know anyone —be it a neighbor, a friend, or a family member—who may be interested in this process, please share the program with them and ask them to **call the Parish Center at 631-584-5454** for more information. You may be doing them the greatest favor they have ever received.



FATHER SEAN BAPTIZING
KATIE KIRK
AT THE EASTER VIGIL
2025.



THE OCIA CANDIDATES AND
THEIR SPONSORS AT THE
EASTER VIGIL 2025



FATHER SEAN
ADMINISTERING
CONFIRMATION TO
SUSAN CORWIN
AT THE EASTER VIGIL 2025

Music Ministry

WEEKLY REFLECTION FROM MUSIC DIRECTOR MARGARET ADAMS

Cheer each other on. Songs this weekend, “River of Glory”, “Lift High The Cross”, the love of God proclaim till all the world adores His sacred name.

I hope you are enjoying the summer. We can also cheer each other on in the music ministry. Singing together, music for Jesus. How great is that? I know you really want to be a part of it!

September is around the corner, join the music ministry.

Sing a hymn to Him!!

Calling All Pilgrims!

Msgr. Brian McNamara, along with Fr. Louis Cona, is hosting a pilgrimage to Rome/Loreto/Cascia/Orvieto and Assisi from November 3 to November 12, 2025, during the Jubilee year. We will see Pope Leo XIV at the General Audience and visit the main shrines and basilicas, with daily Masses at the shrines and basilicas as well. For more information, check the St. Patrick (Smithtown) bulletin OR check the pilgrimage website: www.206tours.com/msgrmcnamara/jubilee.



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Registration is now open for the
2025-2026 Religious Education year!

In order to register please go to our website – www.sspj.org and look for Religious Education on the top bar. Click on that and “**Registration**” will be the first choice. Please read the “**Registration Checklist**” first as it lists all the forms that must be filled out. For payment, there is a direct link to Faith Direct.

Religion Books for the 2025-26 calendar year will be distributed for grades 1-7 on the following dates:

August 13: from 9 am – 12 pm, in the Bethany Center

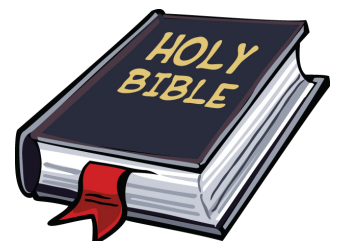
August 14: from 2 pm – 5 pm, in the Bethany Center

August 19: from 5 pm – 7 pm, in the Bethany Center

All returning 8th graders should already have their Decision Point books! Looking forward to seeing everyone!



PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!!



No One's Alone

**Our Community Commitment To You Is
That No One Feels That They Are Alone**

If you are an individual who lives alone without local family or friends to support your well being, we would like to hear from you!

Our New Ministry is all about sharing our Christian love by making a weekly phone call to reach out to you and check on your well-being. Life Alert Systems are greatly encouraged. However, loneliness, not feeling needed adds to accidents. A friendly weekly call will give you something to look forward to, and we want to do just that!

Sign up now by filling out the attached form, and place it in the collection basket, bring the completed form to our office, or call Parish Social Ministry. It's as simple as that, and you will receive a weekly call to brighten your day!

Release Form

No One's Alone Ministry:

In signing this form, I am asking for a member of my church community to call me to check on my well-being and/or visit me with a house call either to check on my well-being and/or bring me communion.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Name & Number: _____

Signature for phone call or house visit: _____

Date: _____

SSPJ Youth Group



ON WEDNESDAY JULY 16TH WE HAD OUR FIRST SUMMER FAITH AND SPORTS NIGHT.

OUR NEXT FAITH AND SPORTS NIGHT WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20TH FROM 7:00PM-8:30PM.

ALL 7TH -10TH GRADERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.



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NORTH SHORE YOUNG ADULT CATHOLICS

COMMUNITY, PRAYER, AND EDUCATION
FOR YOUNG ADULTS 21+

SCAN TO VIEW OUR
UPCOMING EVENTS



CONTACT US:
BLAISECATHOLICS@GMAIL.COM

VIEW OUR EVENTS:
[HTTPS://LU.MA/CALENDAR/CAL-
U6NKDHATL2NWAB](https://lu.ma/calendar/cal-u6nkdhatl2nwab)



OPERATION ANDREW

An evening of prayer, fellowship,
and discernment for men (18+),
with **evening prayer and dinner.**

AUGUST 20, 2025

BEGINS AT 6:00 PM

LOCATION:

The Cathedral of St. Agnes

in ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY



TO REGISTER

Please visit:

drvcvocations.com/andrew



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Gospel Reflection

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

August 24, 2025

Gospel - Luke 13: 22-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus passed through towns and villages,
teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem.
Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?"
He answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate,
for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter
but will not be strong enough.
After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door,
then will you stand outside knocking and saying,
'Lord, open the door for us.'
He will say to you in reply, 'I do not know where you are from.'
And you will say, 'We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.'
Then he will say to you, 'I do not know where you are from.
Depart from me, all you evildoers!'
And there will be wailing and grinding of teeth
when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob
and all the prophets in the kingdom of God
and you yourselves cast out.
And people will come from the east and the west
and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God.
For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Reflection Process

- ♦ **Pray** a simple prayer to the Holy Spirit: "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."
- ♦ **Read** the passage slowly. As you listen, ask in silence, "Lord, what are you saying to me in this passage?"
- ♦ **Listen** for a word or phrase that calls your attention or touches your heart.
- ♦ **Share** a brief story or experience of how the word or phrase connects to your life at this moment.
- ♦ **Ask** in silence, "Lord, what do you want me to do?" Share what Jesus is inviting you to do.