

SS. PHILIP
& JAMES

CATHOLIC PARISH

1 Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780

631-584-5454

February 16, 2025 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Second Polichrome, Portico of Glory, Master Mateoca, 1520-1521,
The Cathedral de Santiago Foundation, Santiago de Compostela, Spain.*

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

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Sr. Theresita Donach, CSFN

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Sheila Cavooris

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

Weekly Collection: Sunday, February 9th, 2025:

Collections from Weekend masses: \$8,906.05

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

Total Collection: \$12,280.05

Collection for a Church in Need: \$70.00

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 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



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The Pastoral Letter from Rev. Sean Magaldi

My Dear Friends in Jesus Christ and Our Blessed Mother,

Spring Training has officially begun, which means baseball season is approaching. As we get bombarded with snow, Spring Training reminds us that winter is slowly ending. We can track the seasons with a calendar, so we know how long we have to wait. In our lives, we can experience periods of difficulty that can feel like a never-ending winter. Spiritual difficulty often accompanies difficult periods in our lives. We can call these periods desolation.

We don't always know when spiritual desolation may end, and that can lead to hopelessness and despair. St. Ignatius of Loyola has given us the rules for spiritual discernment to help us understand desolation. He provides instructions on how to deal with desolation. He writes, "Let him who is in desolation consider how the Lord has left him in trial in his natural powers, in order to resist the different agitations and temptations of the enemy; since he can with the Divine help, which always remains to him, though he does not clearly perceive it: because the Lord has taken from him his great fervor, great love and intense grace, leaving him, however, grace enough for eternal salvation." St. Ignatius reminds us that God helps us in our desolation, even if we don't feel it.

We don't always see the light at the end of the tunnel, like we do with the natural seasons, as a result, we remind ourselves that only God will get us out of the difficulty. In periods of pain and suffering, the Lord may seem distant, but we remember that the feeling of distance doesn't mean He's far away. He will give us everything we need; therefore, we need not do anything other than stay close to Him. As spring training begins, let it be a sign that winter always comes to an end.

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

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, 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, Phillip Giarrupeto, Judy Hanrahan

THE ALTAR CANDLES ARE BURNING IN MEMORY OF

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THE SANCTURARY LAMP IS LIT IN MEMORY OF

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<i>Saturday, February 15th</i>	Reconciliation 4:00-5:00pm Cantor: LoCastro Lector: Dias/Student Lector EMs: Damato/Mantia/Sisti/Drechsler/Urce	9:15am 5:00pm	Conrad Pohlman John Joseph Browne, Jr. & Sr.
<i>Sunday, February 16th</i>	Cantor: Hill Lector: Cullen/White EMs: Koke/Portanova/Ramos/Sehne/Tully Cantor: Cazzaniga Lector: Morosky/DeRosa EMs: Calderone/Luna/McKie/Mulhall/Orlando/Sotomayer Cantor: Lupinacci Lector: Rubano/Smith EMs: Rubano/Bleggi/Chilton/Rubano	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	For the People of SSPJ Parish Robert Joseph DeMayo <u>Collective Mass</u> Dahlia G. O'Connor, Kenneth Maher, Jr., Ronald Bohlen, Patrick O'Donnell, Ronald Ruggiero
<i>Monday, February 17th</i>	Adoration 1:30-7:00pm In the Church	7:30am 9:15am	Robert Koke Kenneth Maher, Jr.
<i>Tuesday, February 18th</i>		7:30am 9:15am	Kenny Maher Diego R. Stincone
<i>Wednesday, February 19th</i>		7:30am 9:15am	Fran & Jim Serra John Muller
<i>Thursday, February 20th</i>		7:30am 9:15am	Donna Autauri <u>Collective Mass</u> Joan Cooper (Living), Mary Pinnata (Living)
<i>Friday, February 21st</i>		7:30am 9:15am	Anthony Hurtado Antoinette Lauto
<i>Saturday, February 22nd</i>	Reconciliation 4:00-5:00pm Cantor: Feeney Lector: Thompson/O'Connor EMs: Byrne/Drechsler/Taurassi/Toto/Anderson	9:15am 5:00pm	Debbie Grimes Marie Leone
<i>Sunday, February 23rd</i>	Cantor: Meringolo Lector: Carey/Dervan EMs: Dervan/Koke/Portanova/Sehne/Sica Cantor: Meringolo Lector: Kollmer/Franco EMs: Napolitano/Conti/Parish/Consenz/Suski/McKie Cantor: Please Lohmann Lector: Waldmann/Hurlbert EMs: Latino/Rubano/Rubano/Kaleita Jr.	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	For the People of SSPJ Parish Thomas Focone <u>Collective Mass</u> Charles Ruf, Ronald Ruggiero, Allen Seekey, Donald Mahoney, Charles DiBenedetto



A Weekly Reflection from
SR. THERESITA DONACH, CSFN

Dear Friends,

Everywhere I turn there are beautiful Valentine Decorations. And everything I have been reading is quoting or talking about Love, from the Pope to Vincent Van Gogh to David Benner. Having experienced some ministry At Northwestern in Chicago I receive notes from their Campus Ministry office and it was there that I read this quote from David Benner's book "The Gift of Being Yourself". Allow me to share it with you.

"Christians affirm a foundation of identity that is absolutely unique in the marketplace of spiritualities. Whether we realize it or not, our being is grounded in God's love. The generative love of God was our origin. The embracing love of God sustains our existence. The inextinguishable love of God is the only hope for our fulfillment. Love is our identity and our calling, for we are children of Love. Created from love, of love, and for love, our existence makes no sense apart from Divine love."



Today, in February of 2025, I find this quote to be an enormously powerful Statement. I could be wrong, but I think people are searching for love in all the wrong places. (Wasn't there a song with that title?) To love is to be vulnerable, it is the opening of your heart. It is not secure, and real love is risky! To be secure in today's world one would need to remain behind the walls of a closed heart. The risk comes when we dare to move from behind the wall. Risky business!

Going back to Benner's quote, do we genuinely believe, "our being is grounded in God's love?" I seriously believe that although we may know many things in our head, it is hard to travel from the head down to the heart, where the action takes place. It would be a wise use of time if we all looked at our understanding of what love is. Do I truly love myself, my God, and my neighbor? We were created to love and be loved. How can we help bring more love into a world so in need of it? May you celebrate love with all the joy and wonder God created you with!

**Till next week,
 Sister Theresita**

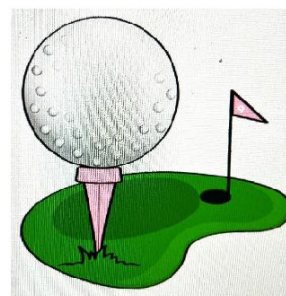
Happy Valentine's Day



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Sts. Philip and James Council #12839

Save The Date July 9th, 2025



The Annual KofC Charity Golf Outing at Crab Meadow Golf Course in Northport.

Our Pastor, Father Sean Magaldi is this year's Honoree.

Father Sean, from Albertson, Nassau County, graduated from Chaminade HS and Adelphi University. He entered the Seminary in 2010 and was ordained in June 2015. He was first assigned to St Patrick's Parish in Smithtown. Fr Sean was later appointed Vocations Director for the Diocese of Rockville Center. In 2021, he was appointed Chaplain at Stony Brook University and Director of Campus Ministry, while continuing as Vocations Director. Fr Sean was appointed as the 12th pastor of Sts Philip and James Parish in 2024 and remains Chaplain at SBU and Director of SBU Campus Ministry. Our Council welcomes Fr Sean as this year's Golf Outing Honoree.



All proceeds support local charities: Food Pantries, Food For Families, Coats For Kids, The Light House Mission, SSPJ Parish Outreach, Veterans, and more.

1:30 PM Shot Gun Start - \$225 per golfer. Come out and play a round for charity.

Golf, Cart, Driving Range, Lunch, Dinner, Beer, Wine, Soda, Dessert, Great Prizes, Raffles

T Sign Sponsors - \$100, **Lunch Sponsors** - \$1000, **Dinner Sponsor** - \$2000,

Sponsors for Beverages on the Course - \$1000.

Sponsor the Welcome Bags - promote your business with a donation to purchase or provide a bag, sleeve of golf balls, hat, towel, tees, etc., with your name/logo on them, given to each golfer.

Sponsor Golfing Prizes - closest to the pin, etc.; **Sponsor Prizes for the Silent Raffle.**

All Sponsors will be recognized by a sign on the Course, listed in the SSPJ Bulletin after the outing, and on our web site. *Sponsor donations are tax-deductible as advertising.*

Members and participants are strongly encouraged to patronize our business sponsors.

Amount of donation: _____ Business Name: _____

Name of Contact: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number / Email _____

Type of sponsorship _____

Content on sign: _____

For us to use your logo or business card, please enclose or send it to me as a pdf.

If you plan to play golf, please provide: Name – Phone – Email

Contact: Stephen Yazulla to discuss Outing and Sponsorship details.
631-806-5534; syazulla@gmail.com.

Please copy Stephen by email, send Checks and the completed Form to:

SSPJ KofC #12839 [Golf Outing]

P.O. Box 201,

St James, NY 11780



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.



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.

It is very evident now, and proven by science, that the child in the womb is as fully alive as the elderly person awaiting God's call to return home to Him. Won't you please join us in praying for the protection of all life. We meet in the prayer room at 8AM Mon. thru Fri. to pray for the protection of all life and any special intentions you may have.



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:

Chickpeas
Bumble Bee Pink Salmon



PRAYER BLANKETS

Prayer Blankets and Shawls will be blessed at the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, March 2, 2025. Please feel free to take one home for a family member or friend in need of the comfort, love, and prayers of the SSPJ Community.

LAUDATO SI

The human family must reduce its global consumption and waste, return to patterns of living compatible with Earth's resources and regenerative capacities, rethink what constitutes the good human life and how to reach it, and redistribute or redirect available wealth and resources to meet the basic needs of the whole human family, especially the poorest and most vulnerable.

HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

You are never alone

AA 24 Hour Hotline	631-669-1124
Al-Anon	631-669-2827
Birthright	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

Congratulations and
God Bless SSPJ's
Grade 4 newly
installed altar servers.
May your service
allow you to grow
deeper in your faith
and may you always
remember how much
God loves you.



SSPJ Family Fun Bingo! A fun filled night filled with lots of laughter, pizza
and delicious snacks from the Catholic Daughters' bake sale!



CFN TELETHON '25

The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) will continue our immense Telethon tradition this year! This exciting event will commence on **Saturday, February 22nd from 2 PM and continue through Monday, February 24th at 8:30 AM**. Guaranteed to be the most engaging telethon to date, the entertainment will continue with many surprise guests along with our on-air family that you have come to know. Please join the excitement and consider pledging! The process is easy, you can pledge securely online by visiting www.CFNtv.org or by scanning the QR Code below, using a smartphone or any smart device. We know we can continue to count on you, as we always have! CFN is available throughout the Tri-State Area on Optimum, channel 29/137; Verizon FiOS TV channel 296; Spectrum, channel 162/471. Additionally, you can tune in nationwide on the following streaming services – Amazon Fire TV, Samsung Smart TV, Roku, Android TV, and Apple TV.



Watch
live & on
demand.



www.cfntv.org



Liturgical Minister Training– Spring 2025

The Diocese of Rockville Center will offer training for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors. No walk-ins permitted, all participants must be registered in advance with a letter from their pastor.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Part A - This training is required for **all** those who are beginning as Ministers. This “BASIC” training is required for **all** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition to BASIC training. One **must** attend Part A training prior to Part B training. A **Lector Workshop** is available for both new and experienced lectors.

Dates and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training

- **Lector Workshop and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Part A:**
Saturday, March 29* - Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach - Parish Hall;
9 am – 12:00
Thursday, April 3 – St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Hall/RVC – Msgr. Kelly Parish Center;
7 pm – 10 pm
Tuesday, April 8 – St. Elizabeth /Melville – Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm – 10 pm

You may register for EITHER Lector OR Extraordinary Minister training at each session.

Doors open 30 minutes before the training start time.

End time is an estimate, session may end prior to 10 pm, please be prepared.

- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Part B** – presented in conjunction with Catholic Health
Sat., March 29* – Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach - Parish Hall; 1 – 4 pm
Tuesday, April 29 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm
Thursday, May 8 – St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Hall / RVC – Msgr. Kelly Parish Center;
7 pm – 10 pm

End time is an estimate, session may end prior to what is stated here, please be prepared.

*On **March 29**, we are offering Part A and Part B on the SAME day. Those who attend Part A in the morning are welcome to bring lunch or leave for lunch and return for the 1 pm Part B session. Please indicate if you are doing BOTH on your registration letter from your pastor.

A letter from your pastor will be required to reserve your space at any of these trainings and must be received at least five days prior to the session you wish to attend. To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact your rectory. Do not call the host parishes with questions. For questions, call Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850. Thank you for your interest.

Music Ministry

WEEKLY REFLECTION FROM MUSIC DIRECTOR MARGARET ADAMS

Today is the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time our theme Trust.

We trust in God that he will be there for us in good and bad times. Our Presentation, Lord of All Hopefulness, tells us that God is with us all through the day. Whatsoever you do, the Communion hymn, God says what you do to the least of my people you do unto him. We should help those in need. And we Praise God from whom all Blessings flow, the sending forth.

In the gospel this weekend we hear Luke's version of the beatitudes which is know as the Sermon on the Plains. We are called to discipleship and trust on what is required and expected of us as followers of Jesus.

How wonderful Music is that it can help us realize how magnificent God is by singing we pray twice.

Let us go forth this week with hopes and trust in the Lord.

SSPJ Faith Sharing Group



The Faith Sharing Group meets on Wednesday mornings in the Bethany Center from 10:00 - 11:00. We are a welcoming and open-hearted group whose purpose is to deepen faith and build community. For the next several weeks, in keeping with the church's Jubilee year, we will be focusing on the theme of **HOPE**. All are welcome. If you have any questions, contact the parish center office at 631-584-5454.

Scout Sunday



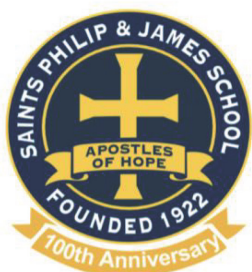
Congratulations to the Second Graders for Receiving their First Reconciliation on February 2nd!



What is a Holy Door?



One of the central components of the Jubilee are the Holy Doors and the 4 Papal Basilicas in Rome, which will be opened during this Jubilee year. When they are opened at the beginning of the year, “the Holy Door will become a Door of Mercy through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons, and instills hope” (MV, 3). Since each diocese will have the opportunity to open a Door of Mercy, all members of the faithful will have the opportunity to make a pilgrimage to their local Holy Door during the Jubilee. This pilgrimage is to be a journey of walking closer with God and discovering “moment[s] of grace and spiritual renewal” (MV, 3). These doors are symbols of God’s mercy, open to welcome everyone into the compassion of God’s love that Christ proclaimed.



Help us reach our Goal!
Donate today!



Sts. Philip & James School,
with humility and gratitude,
invites you to make a
donation to our annual
Giving Day 2025.



Our goal is to raise funds to purchase Chromebooks and sound equipment. These items will be used to equip our students with up-to-date technology, helping prepare them for a future of success.

2 Corinthians 9:11

You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God.

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.



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My Weekly Gospel Reflection for Grades 4-6

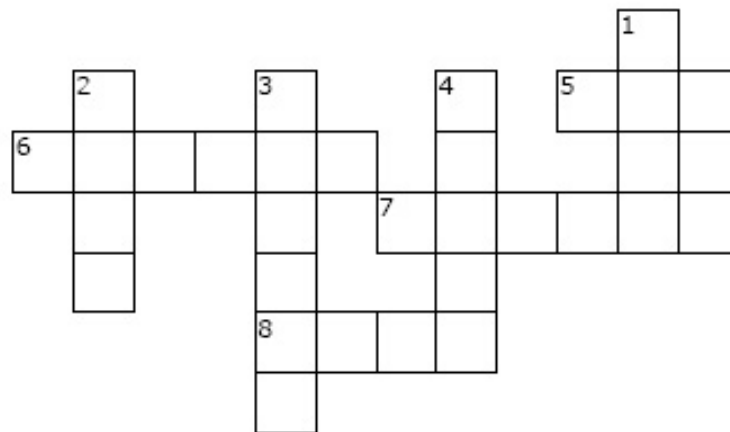
MY NAME IS _____ MY GRADE IS _____ SSPJ SCHOOL _____

Please bring this to mass with you next weekend.

The Sermon on the Plain

"Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their fathers treated the prophets. Luke 6:23 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 6:17-26 (NIV)



ACROSS

5. A feeling of great happiness
6. The home of God, the angels,
and those who have been saved
7. To have a desire or need for
food
8. Having a great amount of
money

DOWN

1. Having very little money or few
possessions
2. To shed tears
3. Something given or received in
return for good behavior
4. The sound which expresses
happiness or delight

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.

The Sermon on the Plain

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



Looking at his disciples, he said:

"Blessed are you who are _____,
for yours is the _____ of God.

Blessed are you who _____ now,
for you will be _____.

Blessed are you who _____ now,
for you will _____.

Blessed are you when men _____ you,
when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.

"Rejoice in that day and leap for _____, because _____ is
your _____ in _____. For that is how their fathers treated the
_____.

Luke 6:20-23 (NIV)

great	hunger	laugh	reward
hate	joy	poor	satisfied
heaven	kingdom	prophets	weep

Gospel Reflection

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

February 23, 2025

Gospel - Luke 6: 27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples:

"To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic.

Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back.

Do to others as you would have them do to you.

For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?

Even sinners love those who love them.

And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you?

Even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you?

Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount.

But rather, love your enemies and do good to them,

and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great

and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned.

Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and gifts will be given to you;

a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap.

For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Reflection Process

- ◆ Pray to the Holy Spirit.
- ◆ Read the Gospel.
- ◆ Choose an echo (a phrase that calls your attention or speaks to the heart).
- ◆ Think 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.)