

SS. PHILIP
& JAMES

CATHOLIC PARISH

1 Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780

(631) 584-5454

July 6, 2025

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Adoration of the Trinity (Landauer Altar), Albrecht Dürer, 1511. Kunsthistorisches Museum Wien, Wien, Austria.

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

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

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 Associate Pastor Rev. Martin Adu Gyamfi
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*Thank you for your generosity
 Financial Support Needed Weekly
 to meet Parish budget: \$16,700*

Weekly Collection - Sunday, June 29, 2025:

Collections from Weekend masses: \$10,921.00
 Faith Direct
 (126 Participants Weekly): \$ 3,374.00
Total Collection: \$14,295.00

Collections for Peter's Pence: \$2,690.00
 Faith Direct
 (Peter's Pence): \$ 345.00
Total Collection for Peter's Pence: \$3,035.00

Addl. Air Conditioning: \$305.00

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



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 2LT James A Koester -ARMY | Maj Brendan Johnston -USAF | Lt Connor Toomey -USMC
 Dakota Barnett -2ND Class USN | Erin Morphey -2ND Class USN | Richard Wulforst, III -USA ANG

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, Samantha Misurda, John Vincent Leone, Roger, Thomas Brick, Mariella Rooney

<i>Saturday, July 5th</i>	Reconciliation 4:00-5:00pm Cantor: LoCastro Lector: Thomasino/Doran EMs: Mantia/Sisti/Lombardi/Ruggieri/Byrne	9:15am 5:00pm	Yvonne M. Knudsen Anna Maria Nawrocka
<i>Sunday, July 6th</i>	Cantor: Feeney Lector: Cavooris/Dervan EMs: Kenney/Dervan/Diaz/McGrath/La Serra Cantor: Stefanowski Lector: Schne/Hoffman EMs: Rizzo/Calderone/Consenz/Amen/Luna/Sotomayer Cantor: Hill Lector: Rubano/Just EMs: Suski/Chilton/Stack/Settineri	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	For the People of the Parish John DeLorenzo <u>Collective Mass</u> Rev. William Duhigg, Michael Colletta, Sonia Santos Salerni, John DeLorenzo, and Mary Ann Sarris
<i>Monday, July 7th</i>	Adoration 1:30-7:00pm In the Church	7:30am	Dr. Frank Blazich
<i>Tuesday, July 8th</i>		9:15am 7:30am	Lorie Frasier Nancy Bracco
<i>Wednesday, July 9th</i>		9:15am 7:30am	Jack Duffy Jose Fernando Sanchez
<i>Thursday, July 10th</i>		9:15am 7:30am	Dorothy Coyle For the Pope
<i>Friday, July 11th</i>		9:15am 7:30am	For the Sanctity of Priests For the Bishop
<i>Saturday, July 12th</i>	Reconciliation 4:00-5:00pm Cantor: Feeney Lector: Grimaldi/Waldmann EMs: Damato/Drechsler/Licari/Toto/Duffy	7:30am 9:15am 5:00pm	Kenneth J. Maher Jr. Patricia Thompson Thomas Barry
<i>Sunday, July 13th</i>	Cantor: Lohmann Lector: Carey/White EMs: Rizzo/Ramos/Sica/Tully/Tully Cantor: Hill Lector: Suski/Hurlbert EMs: Suski/Kean/Luna/Conti/Napolitano/Mulhall Cantor: Meringolo Lector: Connor/Morosky EMs: Samson/Latino/Bleggi/Orlando	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	For the People of the Parish Maria Fazio <u>Collective Mass</u> Theodora Ryan, Michael Colletta, Michael & Denise Davis, William C. Maccaro, Derrick Fichera

An Introductory Letter from Rev. Martin Adu Gyamfi

My dear family in Christ,

My name is Reverend Father Martin Adu Gyamfi. I was born on November 11th to a non-Catholic parent, Helina Monica and Alex, at Fawoade-Ghana in West Africa. I am a priest from the Catholic Diocese of Konongo-Mampong and the first Roman Catholic priest from Fawoade. I come from a family of five; I have a brother and three sisters and all of them are in Ghana, West Africa.

My ordination motto is from Luke 4:18, “The Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor and to set the oppressed free.” I was ordained a priest on July 26, 2014, on the feast day of Saints Joachim and Anne, the parents of the Virgin Mary and the grandparents of Jesus.

I have a bachelor’s degree in Sociology and the study of Religions from the University of Ghana, B. A. in Theology from the Pontifical Urban University in Rome and St. Peter’s Regional Seminary in Ghana, M.A., in Jewish Christian Studies/Scripture from Seton Hall University in New Jersey, Certificates in Catholic Bioethics, Development of Doctrines, Catholic Political Thought, The Cardinal Virtues, Christian Prayer, Introduction to the Epistles of Saint Paul, Fundamentals of Catholic Doctrine, and Introduction to the New Testament.

After my priestly ordination, I have held the following offices: Assistant Cathedral Administrator (St. Gabriel Co-Cathedral, Konongo, Ghana), Teacher and Chaplain (St. Mary Girls High School, and St. Sebastian High School, Assistant Secretary First Diocesan Synod - Konongo Mampong, Chaplain to Diocesan St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Society, Youth Chaplain for Konongo Deanery, Diocesan Master of Ceremony for Konongo -Mampong Diocese, Pastor of St. Henry Parish in Ghana, Pastoral work at St. Joseph Parish in East Orange, New Jersey, Pastoral work at our Lady of Sorrows Parish , South Orange, New Jersey, Associate Pastor of Sacred Heart Church in North Merrick, New York, Our Lady of Grace in West Babylon, New York and now at SS Philip and James in Saint James, New York.

I already feel at home. I feel like I have been part of this family for many years. I am extremely excited to be part of this wonderful family at St. James, and I am very grateful to Fr. Sean, Fr. Gannon, Deacon John, the staff, and the family of SS Philip & James for accepting me to be part of this family and to work with me.

May God bless you all. Please pray for me and be assured of my continuous prayers for you.

May Saints Philip and James and the Virgin Mary intercede for us all. Amen.

Fr. Martin



**STS. PHILIP & JAMES COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS PRESENTS THE MID-SUMMER GOLF**

MID-SUMMER GOLF CLASSIC

JULY 9, 2025

CRAB MEADOW GOLF COURSE. NORTHPORT

REGISTRATION 12:00PM-SHOTGUN START 1:30PM

LUNCH, DINNER, BEER, WINE, *RAFFLE PRIZES*



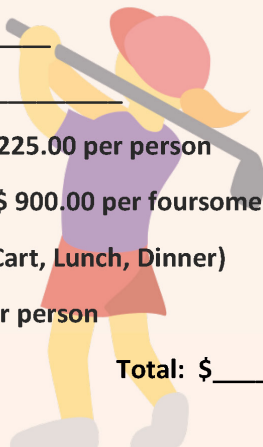
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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**CONTACT: Stephen Yazulla (631)806-5534
syazulla@gmail.com**



SSPJ Youth Group

ON SATURDAY JUNE 28TH, WE MET TO PRAY, MAKE BASKETS FOR KATIE'S WAY, AND PLAY SOME GA GA BALL.

WE WILL BE MEETING OVER THE SUMMER, CONTACT SANDY AT SRAGO@SSPJ.ORG FOR MORE INFO.



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 who has passed.

SENIORS

The next meeting of the Seniors will be held on July 14, 2025 from 1:30-3:30 in the Sts. Philip & James Room. Please join us for an afternoon of faith, fun, and friendship!

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.

Quick reminder: if you have not called Gov. Hochul's office to tell her to veto the Physician Assisted suicide bill, please do so right away.

Suicide is not health care!

Call 518-474-8390 or visit bit.ly/veto-pas

We need more prayer worriers! If we want peace we need to go to Mary! Join us each morning Mon-Fri at 8AM in the prayer room!



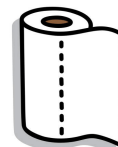
Katie's Way

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:

Paper towels
Paper bathroom tissue
Facial tissues



PLEASE NOTE: When donating food items kindly check the dates – we are **UNABLE AND WILL NOT** distribute food that has expired or has been opened. Thank you for your cooperation.

LAUDATO SI

In his still early papacy, Leo has referenced Laudato Si on several occasions. In marking the 10th Anniversary, he said on May 25, "It has had an extraordinary impact, inspiring countless initiatives and teaching everyone to listen to the two fold cry of the Earth and of the poor."



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.

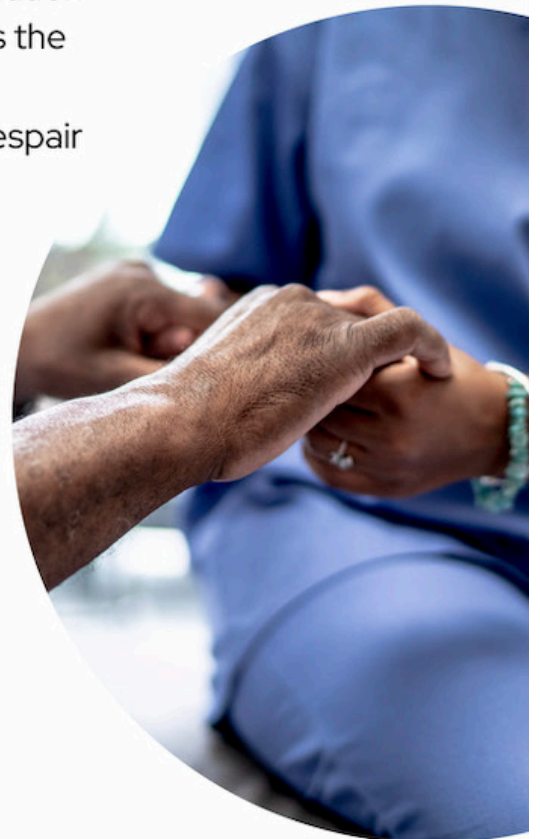
This bill would allow doctors to prescribe lethal medication with the sole purpose of ending a patient's life. It puts the most vulnerable among us – the elderly, people with disabilities, and those facing emotional or financial despair – at even greater risk. **Suicide is not healthcare.**

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

Music Ministry

WEEKLY REFLECTION FROM MUSIC DIRECTOR MARGARET ADAMS

God's reign of justice and peace are at hand. God is right all the time.

We, with God's help, strive to see wisely with His eyes.

All the songs this weekend; "We Gather Together", "The Summons", "Whatsoever You Do", "Lift High The Cross", reflect this weekend's theme.

This is the first weekend without the Adult and Teen Choirs. They are off during the summer for a much-needed rest. They return in September. Music, however, continues with the dedication of the cantors, who are volunteers. We thank them for their continued service to this parish, both Adult and Teen cantors.

You may have noticed the "Gloria" is not being sung. The singing of the "Gloria" will return at Christmas Time and the Mass Parts changed to Mass of Resurrection.

The Heritage Mass will return in September. Mass parts change according to the time of the year, Ordinary, Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter.

Happy Summer!

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/msgmcmnamara/jubilee.



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: _____



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!!

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.





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God's Gift of Forgiveness

A Pastoral Exhortation on the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

"Peace be with you!" With these words, the Risen Lord greeted his frightened Apostles in the Upper Room on the day of his Resurrection. They were troubled, anxious, and fearful—much like each one of us at some point in our lives. Christ repeated the words, "Peace be with you." But then he added, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them" (Jn 20:19-23).

What an extraordinary gift! The Risen Lord was proclaiming that all the suffering he had just endured was in order to make available the gifts of salvation and forgiveness. He wanted the Apostles to receive these gifts. He wanted them to become apostles of this forgiveness to others.

In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, also called confession, we meet the Lord, who wants to grant forgiveness and the grace to live a renewed life in him. In this sacrament, he prepares us to receive him free from serious sin, with a lively faith, earnest hope, and sacrificial love in the Eucharist. The Church sees confession as so important that she requires that every Catholic go at least once a year.¹ The Church also encourages frequent confession in order to grow closer to Christ Jesus and his Body, the Church. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, we seek forgiveness and repentance, let go of patterns

of sin, grow in the life of virtue, and witness to a joyful conversion. Since the graces of the sacrament are so similar to the purpose of the New Evangelization, Pope Benedict XVI has said, "The New Evangelization . . . begins in the confessional!"²

We bishops and priests are eager to help you if you experience difficulty, hesitation, or uncertainty about approaching the Lord in this sacrament. If you have not received this healing sacrament in a long time, we are ready to



"He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'" (Lk 15: 31-32)

welcome you. We, whom Christ has ordained to minister this forgiveness in his name, are also approaching this sacrament, as both penitents and ministers, throughout our lives and at this special moment of grace during Lent. We want to offer ourselves to you as forgiven sinners seeking to serve in the Lord's name.

During Lent—in addition to the various penitential services during which individual confession takes place—we bishops and priests will be making ourselves available often for the individual celebration of this sacrament. We pray that through the work of the Holy Spirit, all Catholics—clergy and laity—will respond to the call of the New Evangelization to encounter Christ in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Come to the Lord and experience the extraordinary grace of his forgiveness!

FAITH
WORSHIP
WITNESS



JOURNEY
WITH CHRIST

¹ *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 1457-1458.

² Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Annual Course on the Internal Forum Organized by the Apostolic Penitentiary, www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/speeches/2012/march/documents/hf_ben-xvi_spe_20120309_penitenzieria-apostolica_en.html.

How to Go to Confession...

May the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all
the saints,
whatever good you do and suffering you endure,
heal your sins,
help you grow in holiness,
and reward you with eternal life.
Go in peace.

—*Rite of Penance*, no. 93

- 1 PREPARATION:** Before going to confession, take some time to prepare. Begin with prayer, and reflect on your life since your last confession. How have you—in your thoughts, words, and actions—neglected to live Christ’s commands to “love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind,” and to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Mt 22:37, 39)? As a help with this “examination of conscience,” you might review the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes (Ex 20:2-17; Dt 5:6-21; Mt 5:3-10; or Lk 6:20-26).
- 2 GREETING:** The priest will welcome you; he may say a short blessing or read a Scripture passage.
- 3 THE SIGN OF THE CROSS:** Together, you and the priest will make the Sign of the Cross. You may then begin your confession with these or similar words: “Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been [*give days, months, or years*] since my last confession.”
- 4 CONFESSION:** Confess all your sins to the priest. If you are unsure what to say, ask the priest for help. When you are finished, conclude with these or similar words: “I am sorry for these and all my sins.”
- 5 PENANCE:** The priest will propose an act of penance. The penance might be prayer, a work of mercy, or an act of charity. He might also counsel you on how to better live a Christian life.

- 6 ACT OF CONTRITION:** After the priest has conferred your penance, pray an Act of Contrition, expressing sorrow for your sins and resolving to sin no more. A suggested Act of Contrition is:

My God,
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong
and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you
whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help,
to do penance,
to sin no more,
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ
suffered and died for us.
In his name, my God, have mercy.
(*Rite of Penance*, no. 45)

- 7 ABSOLUTION:** The priest will extend his hands over your head and pronounce the words of absolution. You respond, “Amen.”
- 8 PRAISE:** The priest will usually praise the mercy of God and will invite you to do the same. For example, the priest may say, “Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.” And your response would be, “His mercy endures for ever” (*Rite of Penance*, no. 47).
- 9 DISMISSAL:** The priest will conclude the sacrament, often saying, “Go in peace.”

If it has been a while since your last confession, remember, “Do not fear” (Is 41:10). The priest will help guide you. And feel free to take this how-to guide with you! (For more information, visit www.usccb.org/confession.)

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Gospel Reflection

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

July 13, 2025

Gospel - Luke 10: 25-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test Jesus and said,

"Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law?

How do you read it?"

He said in reply,

"You shall love the Lord, your God,

with all your heart,

with all your being,

with all your strength,

and with all your mind,

and your neighbor as yourself."

He replied to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live."

But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus,

"And who is my neighbor?"

Jesus replied,

"A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho.

They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead.

A priest happened to be going down that road,

but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side.

Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side.

But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight.

He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them.

Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn, and cared for him.

The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction,

"Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you,

I shall repay you on my way back.' Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the

robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy."

Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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.