

SS. PHILIP
& JAMES

CATHOLIC PARISH

1 Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780

(631) 584-5454

August 31, 2025

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Salome Receives the Head of John the Baptist, Caravaggio, c. 1609-10. The National Gallery, London, 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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 1 – 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. 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
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bluna@sspj.org
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Phone Number (631) 584-7896
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Nancy Sanders Matthew Carey
Sheila Cavouris

*Thank you for your generosity
Financial Support Needed Weekly
to Meet Parish Budget: \$16,700
Weekly Collection -
Sunday, August 24, 2025:*

Collections From Weekend Masses: \$12,224.00

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

Total Collection: \$15,598.00

Additional Feast of the Assumption : \$ 115.00

*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
 Airman John Capizzi, USAF | 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
 Lt. Erin Nicastro, USMC | MIDN 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,

On Monday, 8/25, the Responsorial Psalm was, “The Lord takes delight in his people.” When you hear those words, what does that illicit inside of you? What emotions does it stir up? People often speak to me of the difficulty they face in believing that the Father delights in them.

Because of sin — whether the sins of others or our own — we don’t view ourselves the way God sees us. We hyperfocus on our flaws and shortcomings, believing the lie that we are unlovable. How do we counteract these lies? If we have experienced psychological trauma, then seeking counseling from a mental health professional may be helpful. Sometimes the issue is more than just a spiritual one.

From a spiritual perspective, however, we want to spend time with the Lord. Reading Scripture is helpful, particularly the Gospel. We see how Jesus speaks, and as a result, it becomes easier to identify the lies. Spending time in prayer is also essential, particularly in Eucharistic Adoration. When we are in Adoration, we allow Jesus to delight in us as we sit before Him. When we spend time with the Lord, we begin to encounter and experience His delight slowly. We can also ask Him to reveal His love for us to us. The more we discover the love of God, the more we believe it.

I want to conclude with a painting that someone showed me a few years ago. It is titled “Father and Son” by John Koch. Here, we see a father, who appears to be a professional painter, stop what he is doing to look at his son, who is drawing on the floor. Their skills don’t match, and what the son is drawing isn’t as good as the painting his father is making, but the professional painter delights in his son anyway. Let’s use this image to help us understand God’s love.



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, Peter

<i>Saturday, August 30th</i>	Reconciliation 4:00-5:00pm Lector: Hurlbert/Doran EMs: Byrne/Drechsler/Ruggieri/Toto/Duffy	9:15am 5:00pm	Alan Evans Martin Caltabiano
<i>Sunday, August 31st</i>	Lector: Sehne/Farrell EMs: Dervan/Koke/Portanova/Sehne/Ramos Lector: Zahordny/Scott EMs: Napolitano/Conti/Parish/Consenz/Calderone/Rapp Lector: Rubano/Suski EMs: Latino/Rubano/Rubano/Chilton	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	For the People of the Parish Michael & Denise Davis <u>Collective Mass</u> Michael Colletta, Jennifer Zeman (Living), James B. Leary, Maria Angelica Hernandez, Geraldine Pina
<i>Monday, September 1st</i>	Adoration 1:00-7:00pm In the Church	7:30am 9:15am	Pat & Peter O'Hara (Living) Tom & Hannah Chura
<i>Tuesday, September 2nd</i>		7:30am 9:15am	Robert Coles Carma Cain
<i>Wednesday, September 3rd</i>		7:30am 9:15am	Maria Angelica Hernandez Diane Corey
<i>Thursday, September 4th</i>		7:30am 9:15am	For the Souls in Purgatory For the Pope
<i>Friday, September 5th</i>		7:30am 9:15am	For the Bishop Scott M. Hnis
<i>Saturday, September 6th</i>	Reconciliation 4:00-5:00pm EMs: Mantia/Sisti/Lombardi/Ruggieri/Byrne	9:15am 5:00pm	Rosa Asaro Anthony J. Sisti
<i>Sunday, September 7th</i>	EMs: Kenney/Dervan/Diaz/McGrath/La Serra EMs: McKie/Calderone/Consenz/Amen/Luna/Sotomayer EMs: Suski/Chilton/Stack/Settineri	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	For the People of the Parish Dahlia G. O'Connor <u>Collective Mass</u> Toni Lamberti, Michael Colletta, and Nicholas Busa

SSPJ YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

Fall 2025

09/13

**Fall Garden Clean Up
3:30pm-5pm**

10/04

**Wash Kit Assembly for
Pax Christi
3:30pm-5pm**

10/25

**PB& J Gang
3:30pm-5pm**



All Youth Group events are open to students in grades 6-10.
Please email Sandy Rago at srago@sspj.org for more information.

Parish Social Ministry

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

Geraldine B. Pina
Frances Bossoreale
George B. Tyminski

THANKS

Parish Social Ministry acknowledges with great love, Frank Cafaro's contribution in memory of his beloved Tina. Tina's ministry and service to SSPJ for more than 50 years was an inspiration to those who knew her. Her love of God, her compassion, understanding, knowledge, and counseling drew many souls to Jesus in a dynamic way. She is greatly missed but always remembered with love.

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God speaks through all Creation. Our challenge is to learn how to listen – and to respond with a resounding "Yes."

PRAYER BLANKETS

Prayer Blankets will be blessed on September 7 at the 12 Noon Mass. If you have a family member or friend in need of the love and prayer support of the SSPJ Family, please take one to them.



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:

Facial Tissues

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 with the name of the book purchased and slide this info in the payment slot.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Our school supply collection has ended. Thank you for your generosity in preparing children with necessary items for the upcoming school year.

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.

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.

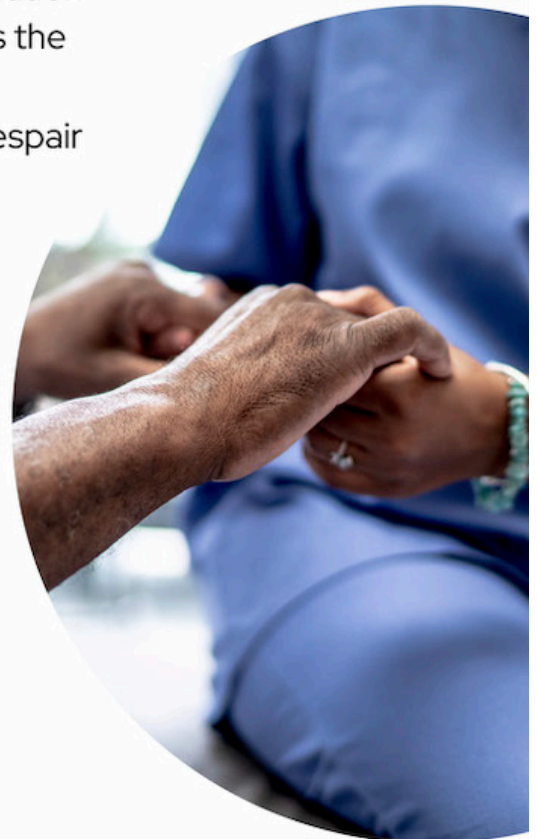
This bill would allow doctors to prescribe lethal medication with the sole purpose of ending a patient's life. It puts the most vulnerable among us – the elderly, people with disabilities, and those facing emotional or financial despair – at even greater risk. **Suicide is not healthcare.**

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

Happy Labor Day Weekend!

Wisdom and humility of Jesus. We are invited to the great banquet. We live in humble, simple service to Jesus.

Music: “Gather Your People”, “Lord of All Hopefulness”, “One Love Released”, and “America the Beautiful” are our hymns this weekend.

The Chords of Faith - Teen Choir, is for teens in Grades 7-12. They rehearse on Tuesdays 7pm - 8pm in the Church, and sing for the 5pm Mass on Saturdays, starting September 9, 2025.

We are currently in GREAT NEED of singers only. We are down to just 5 members! Please consider joining, we have fun while praising God through music!

Knights of Columbus Scholarship Winner!

Connor Cassidy, a 2025 graduate of Sts. Philip and James School, was awarded a high school scholarship from the Suffolk County Chapter of the Knights of Columbus. Connor will attend Chaminade High School this Fall.

The Knights of Columbus offer Scholarships each Spring, based on scholastic aptitude and the student’s activity within the church and community. The scholarships are rewarded without consideration of financial need. The Knights also offer grants based on the family’s financial need. For scholarships or grants, the recipient must be the son, daughter, grandchild, or legal ward of a Knight of Columbus in good standing.



Congratulations, Connor!

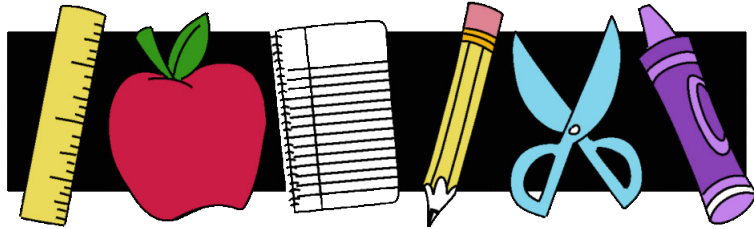
ParishSOFT®

We’re excited to share that Faith Direct will soon be upgrading to ParishSOFT Giving - our new, secure giving platform. This upgrade will happen automatically and securely. No action is required from you - your gift schedules and payment details will carry over seamlessly.

- **Weekly Giving:** If you selected weekly giving, your gifts will now be deducted each week instead of in one monthly batch.
 - **More Flexibility:** Adjust your giving schedule to any date that works for you - not just the 4th or 15th.
 - **More Ways to Give:** Now you can donate using PayPal, Venmo, Apple Pay, or Google Pay.
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



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

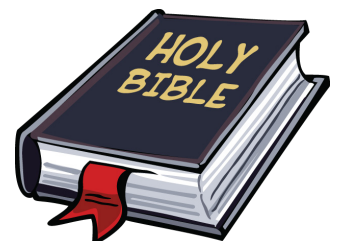
In order to register please go to our website – www.sspj.org and look for Religious Education on the top bar. Click on that and “**Registration**” will be the first choice. Please read the “**Registration Checklist**” first as it lists all the forms that must be filled out. For payment, there is a direct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

Religious Education Parent Meetings for all grades will be held directly after all the masses (5pm, 8am, 10am, 12 pm) on the weekend of Sept. 13/14. The meetings will last approx. 30 minutes. Please plan to attend as we have some new items to share. See you then!

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 either 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: _____

monthly holy hour | confessions | social

Nightwatch

2025-2026 dates

FRIDAYS | DOORS 7PM | STARTS 7:30PM

September 19

October 17

November 21

January 16

February 27

March 20

April 17

May 15



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Te Deum

"Thee, O God, we praise"

Sunday
November 2
2025



Vespers
at 4 pm
Reception to Follow

A Celebration of Priesthood

honoring

The Most Reverend
Richard G. Henning, S.T.D.
Archbishop of Boston



Sponsorship, journal, reservations:

[Ticket - \$150; Clergy Ticket - \$100]

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2025 AT 7:00 P.M.

Saint Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church
20 Cheshire Place, East Northport, New York 11731

Free-Will Offering: Suggested Donation \$20

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FOR YOUNG ADULTS 21+

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UPCOMING EVENTS



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U6NKDHATL2NWAB](https://lu.ma/calendar/cal-u6nkdhatl2nwab)

Gospel Reflection

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

September 7, 2025

Gospel - Luke 14: 25-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them,
“If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother,
wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life,
he cannot be my disciple.

Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me
cannot be my disciple.

Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate
the cost to see if there is enough for its completion?

Otherwise, after laying the foundation
and finding himself unable to finish the work
the onlookers should laugh at him and say,
“This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.”

Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down
and decide whether with ten thousand troops

he can successfully oppose another king
advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops?

But if not, while he is still far away,
he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms.

In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his
Possessions cannot be my disciple.”

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.