



The Parish of Saints Philip and James  
1 Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780

631-584-5454

August 4th, 2024  
Eighteenth Sunday  
In Ordinary Time



“Amen, amen, I say to you,  
it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven;  
my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.  
For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven  
and gives life to the world.” John 6:35

“With Philip & James we pray to live lives worthy of the call to be  
Apostles of Hope”

Daily Mass: 7:30am and 9:15 am  
Saturday 5pm Sunday: 8am 10 am 12noon

## STS. PHILIP & JAMES PASTORAL STAFF

Parish Center Phone: 631-584-5454 Parish Fax: 631-862-9675

Website—www.sspj.org

### PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Open Monday, Tuesday Wednesday 9am-6pm

Open Thursday 9am-6pm

Closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday

### CLERGY

Father Sean Magaldi, Pastor

Father Joe Lobo-Associate Pastor

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### LIVE-STREAMING THE 8:00AM SUNDAY MASS

The Sunday at 8:am is available to view on our SSPJ Church Facebook page, while it is live at the 8am mass, it can be recalled at any time.

**Collections: ~7/21 collections: \$14,217  
Collection for Seminary in India~\$3,518.**

**Thanking you for your generosity**

**Financial Support Needed weekly to meet Parish budget:**

**\$16,700**

**Weekly Collection: Sunday, July 28th, 2024:**

Collections from Weekend masses: \$7,793.

Mail Collections: \$ 855

Faith Direct(126Participants) WEEKLY \$3,374.04.

**Total Collection: \$ 12,022.04**

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

### Sacraments

**Baptism**— Celebrated twice per month. Parents are asked to register at the Pastoral Center for Pre-Baptism Program.

**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.

**Confirmation**—Seventh and Eighth grade students are prepared to celebrate through Religious Ed or SSPJ School. Adults prepare through RCIA.

**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. Anointing of the Sick is held on the first Sunday of the month following the 8:00am mass please see the Sacristan before mass.

**R.C.I.A.**— Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (non-Catholic adults desiring to become Catholic) are asked to contact the Parish Center Office.

**Eucharistic Adoration In The Church**— Monday 1:30pm -7pm

### PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVE FOR US IN YOUR PRAYERS



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## *Father Sean's Letter*

My Dear Friends in Jesus Christ and our Blessed Mother,

On Monday, 7/29, we celebrated the Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. One possible Gospel for the day is Luke 10. In this Gospel passage, Martha is serving, and Mary is sitting at the feet of the Lord. Martha asks Jesus to tell Mary to help her, but Jesus tells Martha that she is anxious about many things and that Mary chose the better part.

In the spiritual life, there can sometimes be a temptation to do too much, resulting in a temptation to please God. We can believe the lie that our actions earn God's love. The Catholic writer Caryll Houslander writes, "In God's eyes, being something comes before doing something." As His children, we are called to be with Him. The way that we can do that is in prayer.

Mother Teresa, who served the poor so well, prayed for many hours at our Lord's feet. Her prayer life was not a separate aspect of her service, but an integral part of it. She would not have been able to do all of the good she did without being like Martha's sister, Mary. Prayer restores us and gives us strength, enabling us to serve others. With a prayer life, we can serve others effectively. Quiet time with God is a necessity in which everything else must flow.

In Catholicism, we often don't deal with either/or but rather both/and. We don't perform acts of service, or we pray; we both pray and do acts of service. We can be both Martha and Mary. We work to help those in need, but we must also take time to sit at the Lord's feet in prayer. Once again, I want to promote Eucharistic Adoration on Mondays between 1:30 pm and 7 pm. Adoration is a perfect time to sit at the feet of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

In Christ,

Fr. Sean

# Mass Intentions, For the week of August 4th, 2024



*We Pray for those who are ill...*

*All powerful God and ever living God, the lasting health of all who believe in your, hear us as we ask your loving help for the sick, restore their health, that they may again offer joyful thanks in your church.  
Amen*

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

*Alan Piscak*

*Amanda Rose Critella*

*Benito Fernandez*

*Bob Remhild & Family*

*Brenden Toomey*

*Brian Carr*

*Carmela Montesano*

*Donna Fabrizio*

*Ed Ceraso*

*Jessie Lokai*

*Kathleen Martin*

*Larry Baldwin*

*Mia Mednick*

*Patrice Henry*

*Peter Portanova*

*Rose Bruno*

*Tina Cafaro*

*Tonia Perdue*

*Tom Foccone*

<i>Saturday August 3rd Cantor: Feeny</i>	<i>Presider: Father Sean Lector:Thompson/O'Connor EM:Mantia/Duffy/ Drechsler/Toto/Urce</i>	<i>9:15am  5:00pm</i>	<i>Patrick Kelly  Jack Steele</i>
<i>Sunday August 4th Cantor: Stefanowski</i>	<i>Presider: Father Sean Lector:White/Dervan EM:Rizzo/Kenney/Koke/ Portanova/Ramos</i>	<i>8:00am</i>	<i>For the People of SSPJ Parish</i>
<i>Cantor Hill</i>	<i>Presider: Father Gannon Lector:Zahorodny/Franco EM:Luna/McKie/Mulhall/ Orlando/Parish/Amen</i>	<i>10:00am</i>	<i>William Olsen</i>
<i>Cantor: Lohmann</i>	<i><u>Collective Mass</u> Presider: Father Joe Lector:Tomasino/Just EM:Calderone/Margaret/ Bleggi/Rubano</i>	<i>12:00pm</i>	<i>Barbara Kemper Marie Melo Rose Keating Neil &amp; Mary Garguilo</i>
<i>Monday August 5th</i>	<i><b>Adoration</b> <b>1:30-7pm</b> <b>In the Church</b></i>	<i>7:30am  9:15am</i>	<i>Jack Halligan  Rose Keating</i>
<i>Tuesday August 6th</i>	<i><b>The Transfiguration of the Lord</b></i>	<i>7:30am  9:15am</i>	<i>Living~Peter &amp; Virginia Portanova Theodora Ryan</i>
<i>Wednesday August 7th</i>	<i><b>St. SixtusII</b> <b>St. Cajetan</b></i>	<i>7:30am  9:15am</i>	<i>Madelyn &amp; Gerard McNulty  Lillian Grace Nostramo</i>
<i>Thursday August 8th</i>	<i><b>St Dominic</b></i>	<i>7:30am  9:15am</i>	<i>Patricia McNulty <u>Collective Mass:</u></i>
<i>Friday August 9th</i>	<i><b>St. Teresa Benedicta</b></i>	<i>7:30am  9:15am</i>	<i>Paul J. Czujko  Suzanne Orlando</i>
<i>Saturday August 10th Cantor: Murtha <b>St. Lawrence</b></i>	<i>Presider: Father Joe Lector:Grimaldi/Piliero EM:Licari/Sisti/Anderson/ Damato/Drechsler</i>	<i>9:15am  5:00pm</i>	<i>Maryann Ladisheff  Jack Steele</i>
<i>Sunday August 11th Cantor: Meringolo</i>	<i>Presider: Father Lector:Marino/Czujko EM:Kenney/Czujko/Sehne/ M&amp;P Tully</i>	<i>8:00am</i>	<i>For the People of SSPJ Parish</i>
<i>Cantor: Cazziniga</i>	<i>Presider: Father Lector:Smith/DeRosa EM:Napolitano/Conti/ Parish/Mulhall/Orlando/ Sotomayer</i>	<i>10:00am</i>	<i>Catherine Smith</i>
<i>Cantor: Hill</i>	<i><u>Collective Mass</u> Presider: Father Lector: Suski/Geier EM:Consenz/Samson/ Stack/Settineri</i>	<i>12:00pm</i>	<i>Michael Anthony Prete Helen Oros Frank J. Polizzi</i>



**Dear brothers and sisters, may our holy father Ignatius help us to preserve discernment, our precious legacy, as an ever timely treasure to be poured out on the Church and on the world. For discernment enables us to “see anew all things in Christ”. Indeed, discernment is essential, so that, as Saint Peter Faber wrote, “the good that can be achieved, thought or organized, may be done with a good, not a malign, spirit”.**

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

*“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.”*

**Masses will be celebrated :**

**Wednesday, August 14th, 2024 at 5:00pm**

**Thursday, August 15th, 2024 at : 7:30am/ 9:15am  
7:00pm**

There will be a collection taken at each mass.



***A Note from Music Ministry***

Happy August!!

Hope your summer is going well. Thinking about joining the Music Ministry this September?

Parishioners have asked me how I select the music for Sunday Mass. The music for each Mass reflects the theme of that Sunday. I go to the readings of the day and choose songs that bring the out meaning of the readings, overall themes. Some weeks are easier than others. Some themes are very clear and others require a little more work to find a song connection. This weekend our focus is on the Bread of Life. God’s presence is shown through bread, Jesus, Bread of Life.

We Remember, the Communion hymn calls us to remember how God loves us. We bring bread and wine to share a meal, the presence of the Lord.

***FAITH SHARING GROUP!***

*Meets Wednesday mornings from 10 to 11 o’clock in the Philip and James room.*

*Beginning August 7th, we will be opening up the pages of Joyce Rupp’s book:  
The Cup of Life~ available on amazon for purchase*

*Our meeting on Wednesday, August 7th will be reflecting upon Week One of the Cup of Life.  
Any questions, please call the parish center office at 631-584-5454*

## *Sister T's Reflection for Us All This Week and Always...*

*Dear Friends,*

*Wasn't it just July 1<sup>st</sup> and now we are at the 31<sup>st</sup>? The older I get the faster time seems to go. Or am I just getting slower? Whatever the answer is we are now getting ready for August and half the summer is over. Treasure it.*

*A friend gave me a book to read, and it came at a great time. The book title is ALL THAT IS MADE (A Guide to Faith and the Creative Life) by ALABASTER CO. It begins with the question of What is Liturgy? My immediate response was WHAT? Patiently I read further and found this definition: "Taken from the Greek leitourgia, liturgy translates directly to 'work of the people'. Liturgy is our public work of faith."*

*This struck me for several reasons as we (at Saints Philip and James Parish) have been meeting with folks on Wednesday sharing our faith and seeing how we live it out. Secondly this third year of the Eucharistic Revival speaks of us going out and sharing our faith. So how do we do all of this. Well, it all takes time and intentionality. The book shares that a first step may be the need for silence.*

*Think about it, how many silent moments have you had during the month of July? Not counting sleeping! We lead busy lives, and our lives are bombarded with all sorts of noise. Have you ever been talking with someone and when you finish speaking with them, they pick up their phone and start texting or answering emails? I have. For some of us, putting our phone down or shutting off the news or music can be very challenging.*

*We have experienced the calming effect of silence on our souls. The presence of God's Spirit comes alive when we take the time to sit or walk in silence. How differently we create/act from a place of silence rather than from a place of panic. We need to create "from a deep stream of life that Jesus creates for us" (pg.12)*

*During this week try and spend some extra silent time with yourself and God. The picture with this reflection was taken by my friend Sister Brenda Whelan RSM, at Enders Island in Mystic, CT. Spend some time reflecting on its beauty and the wonder of God in this world and in your life! Notice how you feel and respond after having spent some time reflecting and being silent – all phones down as another friend would say. May your week find you joyfully living your 'public work of faith'.*

*Till next week,  
Sister Theresita*





SCAN ME!

REGISTRATION FOR OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**REGISTRATION ENDS ON SEPTEMBER 1ST 2024**

**KINDLY REGISTER NOW, SO THAT WE CAN ENSURE A GREAT BEGINNING TO OUR NEW YEAR AHEAD!!**

**CONTACT THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WITH ANY QUESTIONS 631-584-3204**

**THIS YEAR, FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, ALL GRADE LEVEL REGISTRATIONS, AS WELL AS PAYMENTS, WILL BE COMPLETED / SUBMITTED ON-LINE.**

Upon completion of the registration forms please click the “New” or “Renew” registration tab to submit payment via **Faith Direct**. While on-line registration is open 24/7, please direct any inquiries to the Religious Ed office during business hours.

Please note that our First Communion program is a two-year program...all first graders should register as soon as possible. First and Second Grade will continue to be taught on-site. All other grade levels will continue via Google Classroom.

Upon receipt of all completed forms and payment you will be notified of your child’s(ren) placement in a class (grades 1 & 2) or access to google classroom.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Please direct any concerns to the parish office, we will be happy to assist you.

We look forward to guiding your child(ren) in developing a relationship with Jesus and understanding of our faith. Wishing you all a fun-filled summer!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BOOK DISTRIBUTION DATES

**Aug. 14 (Wed) – 2 pm – 5 pm**

**Aug. 20 (Tuesday) – 5 pm – 7 pm**

**Aug. 22 (Thursday) - 9 am – noon**



**The books will be distributed from the Sts. Philip and James Room in the back of the Rectory**

# Parish Social Ministry

*We remember,*

*James Matthew Klouda*

*Safely home in the arms  
of Jesus*



## Our Food Pantry Needs:

**Facial Tissues, Napkins  
Chef Boyardee Beef Ravioli**

**Thank you for your kindness and  
generosity**



## Laudato Si Ministry

*IT'S EASY TO MAKE CHANGES*

*Car Travel – Rather than bicycle, walk, carpool,  
or use public transport, we hop in the car even  
for short trips, wasting fossil fuels and adding  
to pollution. The solution, of course, is to  
leave the car in the garage as often as  
possible.*

## SSPJ SENIORS

The next meeting of the Seniors will be on  
Monday, August 12. We meet from 1:30 to 3:30  
in the Sts. Philip & James Room. This month  
there will be a guest speaker from Catholic  
Health Outreach.

Please join us for an afternoon of faith,  
friendship, and fun.

## THE RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE...

*Won't you join us to say the rosary for your  
special  
intentions, for all life, and for the mothers in  
crisis  
pregnancies? God hears all our prayers.  
Come Mon. thru Fri. 8 AM in the prayer room.*

## Helpful Phone Numbers~ YOU ARE NEVER ALONE

Dept. of Social Services: 631-854-2300  
Alcoholics Anonymous 24-Hour Hotline: 631-669-1124  
Al-Anon Suffolk County: 631-669-2827  
Alzheimer's Disease: 631-954-2323  
American Red Cross L.I.: 516-747-3500  
Birthright (Pregnancy Support): 631-821-9727 or 1-800-550-4900  
Brighter Tomorrow (Domestic Violence): 631-395-1800  
Brookhaven Youth Counseling: 631-451-8011  
Catholic Charities (Food Stamp Info): 631-789-9546  
Child Advocacy Center (CAC) (Child Abuse): 631-439-0480  
Children's Community: 631-585-2020, 631-476-9698  
[www.childrenscommunityhs.org](http://www.childrenscommunityhs.org)  
Domestic Violence Hotline (Vibes): 631-360-3607  
Elder Abuse: 631-761-7470  
Fidelis Insurance (Family Health Plus): 1-888-343-3547  
Gamblers Anonymous Hotline: 1-855-222-5542  
Good Shepherd Hospice: 631-376-3758  
Hope House Ministries: 631-473-6030  
In Home Care- Home Instead: 631-724-2273  
LI Against Domestic Violence: 631-666-8833  
LI Head Start: 631-732-7100  
L.I. Women's Coalition (Domestic Violence): 631-666-8833  
Memory Care in NY: [www.memorycare.com](http://www.memorycare.com)  
Mental Health Emergency: 631-952-3333  
Narcotics Anonymous: 631-689-6262  
Nassau/Suffolk Law: 631-232-2400  
National Aging in place-L.I. Chapter: 631-383-4341  
National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-784-2433  
Office for the Aging: 631-853-8200  
Overeaters Anonymous 631-260-6615 [www.SuffolkOA.org](http://www.SuffolkOA.org)  
Rachel's Hope (Post Abortion): 888-456-4673  
Response Crisis Center: (Suicide Hotline): 631-751-7500  
The Retreat (Domestic Violence Hotline): 631-329-2200



## 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,  
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**SPECIAL REQUEST: SUMMER CLOTHES  
SIZE 2T-4T BOYS AND GIRLS**



## THE RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

invites all to turn with us to the Blessed Mother and pray the *Memorare* each day for the protection of the sanctity of all human life:

### *Memorare*

Remember O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it hknown, that anyone who fled to your protection, implored uyour help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my mother. To you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me.

Amen



## BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION

To avoid a last-minute scramble, assembling backpacks with the students' requirements, and to enable you to take advantage of 'sales', we are continuing our school supply drive. 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 items may be placed in the St. Anthony's Bread Closet, also in the back of the church.

As always, thank you for all you do to help Parish Social Ministry.

# SSPJ YOUTH GROUP

**SATURDAY AUGUST 10TH**

**3:30PM-5:00PM**

**FOLLOWED BY 5PM**

**MASS**

ALL RISING 7TH-9TH GRADERS

ARE INVITED TO OUR  
OLYMPICS THEMED SUMMER  
YOUTH GROUP MEETING!

EMAIL SANDY AT  
SRAGO@SSPJ.ORG TO RSVP.

*The SSPJ Knights of Columbus with the SSPJ School thank all the sponsors, volunteers and golfers who helped make this year's Charity Golf Outing at Crab Meadow Golf Course a huge success. The following is a list of sponsors.*

*God bless you.*

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- SSPJ cultivates a robustly Catholic culture centered on the spiritual, intellectual, sacramental, and liturgical life of the Church.
- SSPJ provides a safe and supportive community that recognizes the dignity of every person and promotes human flourishing in a familial atmosphere.



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***A place where students learn and grow in their faith, strive to answer their call of being an Apostles of Hope, and become active members in their faith community***

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

**WE ARE AT 73% OF GOAL**

**TOTALS RECEIVED AS OF**

**July 31st, 2024**

**\*GOAL: \$102,000\***

**PLEDGES: \$74,495. PAYMENTS: \$61,304.**

**2024**  
**CATHOLIC**  
**MINISTRIES**  
**APPEAL**  
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*Revitalizing our Faith -  
Renewed by the Eucharist*



*"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace"*  
1 Peter 4:10

### ***Sharing Our Gifts through the CMA***

Stewardship is the grateful response of every Christian disciple to share our God-given gifts of time, talent and treasure in a way that passionately sets our hearts on fire and touches the lives of others, as we live the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The Catholic Ministries Appeal is an excellent way to journey through the Pillars of Hospitality, Prayer, Formation and Service to express your gratitude to God.

**Through the Pillar of Hospitality and Service**, many parishes form CMA committees to support a smooth and organized Appeal effort and by creating a welcoming environment for all. Others share their gifts by volunteering in the ministries that the CMA supports, such as formation classes and parish outreach programs.

**Through the Pillar of Prayer and Formation**, the Catholic Ministries Appeal brings us closer to those we help and support as we become more "connected" with our sisters and brothers through prayer and evangelization ministries. We may wish to pray for those who support and volunteer for the committee and for those who receive support from the appeal.

**The CMA provides an opportunity for stewards to use their treasure to serve more than 600,000 of our sisters and brothers each year in our formation and Catholic Charities pastoral programs.** It is rare that just one person or one parish could touch this many lives. The CMA brings us beyond the individual, the group and the parish and unites us as one Church of Long Island.

***The Catholic Ministries Appeal is  
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## Good News INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

### 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 11, 2024: 1 Kgs 19:4-8 | Ps 34:2-9 | Eph 4:30 – 5:2 | Jn 6:41-51

**Pray:** Lord Jesus, rekindle our hearts anew with the treasure of the Eucharist. Amen.

#### Jesus is the Living Bread, the Gift of Eternal Life.

Jesus said, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever, and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh." (John 6:51) The crowd of Jewish people, and even some of His disciples, had been listening to Jesus and they could not understand these strange and difficult words, so they chose to walk away from Him.

People had been amazed by Jesus' healing miracles and fascinated by His stories. If they had given Jesus more time and trusted Him, perhaps there would have been more believers in what He was sharing about being the Bread of Life. Jesus tried to show them that just as God had provided manna to feed the hungry Israelites in the desert, He knew their hearts were hurting and wanted to feed them, too. This bread from heaven, Jesus Himself, would feed their souls and give them everlasting life. This heavenly food would be a gift of total love, self-surrender, suffering, and sacrifice and would lead the way to victory over death through His Resurrection. Jesus was pointing out His divinity, which was more than they could handle.

Clergy and those who have ever served as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on visits to the homebound in hospitals, nursing homes, or prisons often witness a profound demonstration of what Jesus meant by "living

bread." It is truly humbling to walk into a hospital room to visit an elderly patient who is suffering and crying. When they receive Communion, their whole disposition often changes, and their face breaks out in a smile of relief and peace. By the same token, how beautiful it is when a retired deacon in the final stages of Alzheimer's Disease cannot carry on a conversation or do anything for himself, yet when offered prayers and Communion, he mouths the familiar prayers and smiles in recognition when receiving Jesus.



Without a doubt, the True Presence of Christ is with us in the Eucharist. Christ brings hope, healing, strength, and renewal to our souls. This gift is for all of us at every stage of our journey in life. Best of all, Christ promises everlasting life in heaven with Him for those who believe and

follow Him. May we all be grateful and treasure this incredible gift of the Eucharist that we have been given.

#### Reflect & Discuss:

- † Do you embrace the Eucharist as Christ's true Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity?
- † Are there any other Church teachings that you struggle with? If so, will you commit to seek out the Church's wisdom with patience and trust – and the help of the Holy Spirit – in order to increase your understanding?
- † What does it mean to experience the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist?
- † What are the fruits of going to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament?

## *Spiritual Reflection by Ron Rolheiser, OMI ~The Road Less Travelled*

*Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—*

*I took the one less traveled by,*

*And that has made all the difference.*

Most of us are familiar with these words from Robert Frost which have been used countless times in graduation and commencement addresses and other inspirational talks as a challenge to not just follow the crowd, but rather to risk carrying yourself and your solitude at a higher level. Well, Jesus offers us that same invitation daily as we stand looking at two very different roads.

In the *Sermon on the Mount*, Jesus summarizes many of his key teachings. However, they are easy to misunderstand and rationalize. Mostly though we don't pick up on what lies front and center in those teachings, that is, how our virtue must go deeper than that of the Scribes and the Pharisees. What's at issue here?

Most of the Scribes and Pharisees were good, sincere, committed, religious people with a high virtue. They kept the Commandments and were women and men who practiced a strict justice. They were fair to everyone and indeed were extra gracious and generous to strangers. So, what's lacking in this? Well, good as this is, it doesn't go far enough. Why not?

Because you can be a person of moral integrity, fully just and generous, and still be hateful, vengeful, and violent because these can still be done in justice. In strict justice you may hate someone who hates you, you may exact revenge when you are wronged, and you may practice capital punishment. *An eye for an eye!*

But, in doing that you are still doing what comes naturally. It is natural to love those who love you, just as it is natural to hate those who hate you. Real virtue asks more than this. Jesus invites us to something higher. He invites us to love those who hate us, to bless those who curse us, to never seek revenge, and to forgive those who kill us – even mass murderers.

Admittedly, that isn't an easy road to take. Almost every natural instinct inside us resists this. What's our spontaneous reaction when we are wronged? We feel vengeful. What's our natural reaction when we hear that the gunman at a mass killing was killed? We feel relieved. What's our natural reaction when an unrepentant murderer is executed? We feel happy he died; and we cannot help ourselves in that reaction. There's the sense that justice has been served. Something has been righted in the universe. Our moral indignation has been assuaged. There's closure.

Or is there? Not really. What we feel rather is emotional release, catharsis; but there's a huge difference between catharsis and real closure. While the emotional release may even be healthy psychologically, we are invited (by Jesus and by all that's highest inside us) to something else, to a road beyond feeling emotional release, namely, the less travelled road towards wide compassion, understanding, and forgiveness.

In assessing this, it can be helpful to look at how Pope John Paul II addressed the question of capital punishment. He was the first pope in the Church's two-thousand-year history to speak out against capital punishment. Interestingly, he didn't say it was wrong. Indeed, in strict justice it may be done. What he said was simply that we shouldn't do it because Jesus invites us to something else, namely, to forgive murderers.

Easier said than done! When I hear of a mass shooting, my thoughts and feelings don't naturally turn toward understanding and empathy for the shooter. I don't agonize about how he must have suffered to bring himself to do something like this. I don't naturally feel sympathy for those who because of fragile or broken mental health might do something like that. Rather my emotions naturally put me on the road more travelled, telling me that this is a terrible human being who deserves to die! Empathy and forgiveness aren't the first things that find me in these situations. Hateful and vengeful feelings do.

However, that is the road of our emotions, the road more taken. Understandable. Who wants to feel sympathy for a killer, an abuser, a bully?

But that's only our emotions venting. Something else inside us is forever calling us to what's higher, namely, to the empathy and understanding to which Jesus invites us in the *Sermon on the Mount*. *Love those who hate you. Bless those who curse you. Forgive those who murder you.*

Moreover, such virtue is not something we ever achieve once and for all. No. Faith works this way: some days we walk on water and some days we sink like a stone.

So, like Robert Frost, on any given day I find myself standing where two roads diverge. One, the road more travelled, invites me to walk the road of hate, vengeance, and feeling I am a victim; the other, the road less taken, invites me to walk the road of wider compassion, empathy, and forgiveness.

Which one do I take? Sometimes one, sometimes the other; though always I know the one to which Jesus is inviting me