

The Parish of Saints Philip and James

1 Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780

631-584-5454

February 9, 2025 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*The Calling of the Apostles Peter and Andrew, Duccio, 1308-1311,
National Gallery of Art, Washington DC, Washington, United States.*

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
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 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

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 Associate Pastor Rev. Dennis Gannon
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Sr. Theresita Donach, CSFN

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

Weekly Collection: Sunday, February 2nd, 2025:

Collections from Weekend masses: \$12,794.25
 Faith Direct
 (126 Participants Weekly): \$ 3,374.00
Total Collection: \$16,168.25

Collection for victims of
 California wildfires: \$3,824.00

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 RCIA.

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, CAPT. MICHAEL T. DOLAN- JR. -D.O, US ARMY, LT. COL. JOHN KAIREAS, SPC. NICOLE A. CANNON, SGM. MICHAEL P. BORRELLI-US ARMY, CAPT. JOHN TULLY- USN , LT. COL. JAMES TULLY-US ARMY, JOSEPH SAGGIO- USNC, CAPTAIN PAUL WILLMS, STAFF SGT. MICHAEL LONGHENRY, LT. COL. PAUL T. JACKSON, STAFF SGT ALEXANDER PARRELLA-USAF, RICHARD SOTOMAYER- USAF, SGT. CORY O'HARA -USMC, SGT. CONNOR F. SCOTT- USMC, PFC. CHARLES CHRISTOPHER HOWELL, STEVEN CAVA-USN. ERIC SEELIN- USMC, CW2 CHRIS MUNZ, CW2 NATASHA WORTMAN, CORPORAL JAMES T. CASEY-USMC, SGT. JOSHUA MAHONEY- US ARMY, KEVIN JONES-USCG, PRIVATE JOSHUA OLSEN-USARNG, GLEN CRIMA-US ARMY, LARISSA DORRIAN, US MARINE CPL, RYAN ANTHONY NASCIMENTO-USMC, KYLE ANTHONY NASCIMENTO-US ARMY, ENS. RYAN M. SHOWS -USN, STAFF SGT. RYAN REXRODE-USMC, DR. KARA VANDEKIEFT, COL.-USAF, SGT. STEPHEN D. OUTCAULT-USMC, PAUL MUMOLO-USN, VICTORIA ZEMAN, USCG, KYLE J. GRUNER -US ARMY, MARK GIORDANO—US COASTGUARD, KELLI MCLAUGHLIN- LT. US ARMY NATL.GUARD, 1 LT MICHAEL J BANG -MILITARY INTELLIGENCE US ARMY, MATTHEW PATRICK GALLAGHER US ARMY, LT. COMMANDER CHRISTOPHER SHANK MD, MARIO CATANIA-USMC, MIDN ERIN NICASTRO, USNA, MLDN KATE NICASTRO, USNA, MAJ. BRENDAN JOHNSTON-USAF, CHRISTOPHER A. HIONIDIS-USAF, MICHAEL HIONIDIS, USM, EMMETT MOLONEY -USN, HANK MOLONEY—USAF, CARL JOSEPHSON-USAF, DANIEL JOSEPHSON-USAF, CONNOR TOOMEY, USM LT. , SAMANTHA JOSEPHSON-USAF, RICHARD WULFORST, III USA ANG, JAMES A KOESTER, USA 2ND LT.

The Pastoral Letter from Rev. Sean Magaldi

My Dear Friends in Jesus Christ and Our Blessed Mother,

We live in a world often curated to precisely what we like. Social Media and streaming services have algorithms meant to continue showing you content that they believe you'll want to keep you on the app. Additionally, we have instant access to information, and any delays we experience lead to frustration almost immediately. The combination of instant access and only being shown content we enjoy or agree with is dangerous.

The spiritual life is often the opposite. When we sit down to pray, God doesn't always reveal what we like and rarely gives us answers immediately. I speak to many people about discernment, so often, their prayers ask God what He wants them to do. Whether we are trying to figure out our vocation in life, i.e., priesthood, religious life, or marriage, or whether we are trying to figure out what to study, whether to change careers, etc., we should not let our prayer be dominated by asking the questions, "What should I do?"

If we are trying to decide, it is vital to ask the Lord what we should do, but we shouldn't dedicate all our prayer time to that. The Lord desires us to grow closer to Him, and as a result, if we keep asking the same question repeatedly, is that helping us grow closer to Him? If we ask God a question that He doesn't answer, we may be asking the wrong question. We can hear God speaking to us by quieting our hearts and minds. In prayer, as we learn to love and trust Him more, it becomes easier to know what He desires. From there, our desire aligns with His desire, and what we must do becomes clear. Prayer and the spiritual life take time and patience. It takes persistence and consistency. Very rarely is it instantaneous. With patience and trust, we can move away from treating God like we do social media or streaming services and further into His loving arms.

**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.

THE ALTAR CANDLES ARE BURNING IN MEMORY OF

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

THE SANCTURARY LAMP IS LIT IN MEMORY OF

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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 Tippett, Baby Luca, Madeline Kelley, Diane Toto, Phillip Giarrupeto

<i>Saturday, February 8th</i>	Reconciliation 4:00-5:00pm	9:15am	Robert V. DeAngelis
	Cantor: McCulloh Lector: Doran/Student Lector EMs: Licari/Sisti/Anderson/Ruggieri/Drechsler	5:00pm	Madeline Haggerly
<i>Sunday, February 9th</i>	Cantor: Stefanowski Lector: Marino/Farrell EMs: Kenney/Czujko/Sehne/Tully/Tully	8:00am	For the People of SSPJ Parish
	Cantor: Lupinacci Lector: Luna/Hoffmann EMs: Napolitano/Conti/Parish/Mulhall/Orlando/Consenz	10:00am	Victoria Fox
	Cantor: Please Lupinacci Lector: Rubano/Geier EMs: Stack/Samson/Margaret/Chilton	12:00pm	<u>Collective Mass</u> Thomas Drechsler, Connie & Ignatius Gibaldi, Ken Maher, Jr., Barbara Savino, Robert Craine, James Motto
<i>Monday, February 10th</i>	Adoration 1:30-7:00pm In the Church	7:30am	Diego R. Stincone
		9:15am	Phillip Giarrupeto, Sr.
<i>Tuesday, February 11th</i>		7:30am	George Dunn
		9:15am	Gregory Mattia
<i>Wednesday, February 12th</i>		7:30am	Frances Sexton & Vera & Vincent Mulvehill
		9:15am	Frank J. Pohizzi
<i>Thursday, February 13th</i>		7:30am	Anthony Pisciotta
		9:15am	Ray Bernard
<i>Friday, February 14th</i>		7:30am	Charles P. Vanek
		9:15am	Kenneth Maher, Jr.
<i>Saturday, February 15th</i>	Reconciliation 4:00-5:00pm	9:15am	Conrad Pohlman
	Cantor: LoCastro Lector: Dias/Student Lector EMs: Damato/Mantia/Sisti/Drechsler/Urce	5:00pm	John Joseph Browne, Jr. & Sr.
<i>Sunday, February 16th</i>	Cantor: Hill Lector: Cullen/White EMs: Koke/Portanova/Ramos/Sehne/Tully	8:00am	For the People of SSPJ Parish
	Cantor: Cazzaniga Lector: Morosky/DeRosa EMs: Calderone/Luna/McKie/Mulhall/Orlando/Sotomayer	10:00am	Robert Joseph DeMayo
	Cantor: Please Lupinacci Lector: Rubano/Smith EMs: Latino/Rubano/Rubano/Kaleita Jr.	12:00pm	<u>Collective Mass</u> Dahlia G. O'Connor, Kenneth Maher, Jr., Ronald Bohlen, Patrick O'Donnell, Ronald Ruggiero

A Weekly Reflection from Sr. Theresita Donach, CSFN

Dear Friends,

Here we are in February Already! Is time going faster for everyone, or am I just getting older? Anyway, just in case you missed it, last Sunday was the celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life. In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day for women and men in consecrated life. This global celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. Blessings to all those in religious life.

I mention this because as I was praying, I was thinking of all the different celebrations taking place, World Day for Consecrated Life, The Jubilee Year of Hope, and my Congregation's Jubilee of 150 years since our foundation. The words Yes, Hope, and Trust, kept coming to my heart.

It continued as the words reminded me that all of us, no matter what our vocation, would do well to live by them.

We all make commitments in life, and we continually need to say yes, in many different ways. We say yes to God's plan in our life, yes to our spouse or children, yes to commitments we have made. How do I say yes? Are my heart and soul in response? Do I negotiate before I say yes? Do I sometimes regret saying yes? Life circumstances may influence how we say yes, but praise God, may we continue to say yes to Building up God's Kingdom.

The Pope's call to being Hope-filled people on a journey can be as challenging as saying yes. It can be so hard to be hopeful when life gets difficult. Do we remember to call out to God for help and hope? Am I a person who lights the spark of hope in someone or do I put a wet blanket over the little hope they have left? How do I sustain my hope in my everyday dealings? What do I do when the hopeless spirit captures me? Where do I go? Whom do I seek?

Lastly do we trust and believe we are living out "our yes" in such a way that brings joy to our God. We were created for a purpose and each of us must make the journey we are called to. Trusting that God loves us no matter what can be difficult at various times in our life. It is easy to almost forget, that God loves us unconditionally when all is going well. What happens when we have to stop and pick up the broken pieces? Do we trust in God's love then?

It is amazing how celebrations can stir up such challenging questions. Take some time during the week to look at them. How do the words Yes, Hope and Trust resonate with you? May your journey with those words bring you peace.

**Till next week,
Sister Theresita**



Catholic Young Adults

Please join us for a talk on...

Love



Mr. John Garvey will discuss how our romantic relationships, family relationships, and friendships are a reflection of the love God has for His people.

Thursday, February 13th, 2025

6:30 p.m.

Live Music & fellowship to follow!

Knights of Columbus
199 Smithtown Blvd
Nesconset

Drinks available for purchase- please bring cash!

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.

CARE FOR CREATION

“People around the world must resolve to transform our hearts, our lifestyles, and the public policies ruling our societies for the healing of the Earth.”

-Pope Francis



SENIORS

There will be no Senior meetings during the month of February.

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.

What’s the best way to help us celebrate St. Valentine’s Day and support our ministry? ”LOVE THEM BOTH”. Suggestion: Pick some baby items from the list on Katie’s Way for the babies. Think of some personal items an expectant mom might like to make her feel loved and cared for. Leave any of your gifts at 56 Tillotson Ave St. James. Thanks for caring!



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.

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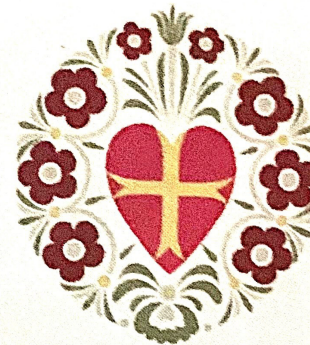
56 TILLOTSON AVENUE, ST.JAMES, NY

OUR FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

- School Snacks for Children
- Paper Towels
- Canned Corn Beef
- Canned Chick Peas



ST. VALENTINE’S DAY

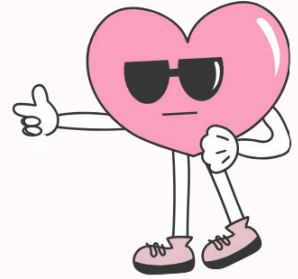
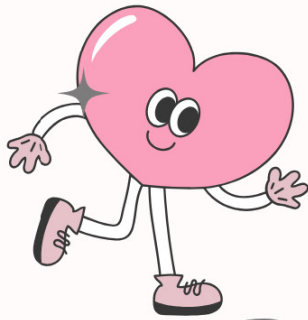


God's love is a gift that soothes the heart, lifts the spirit, and brings hope to a world that needs it more than ever.

HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

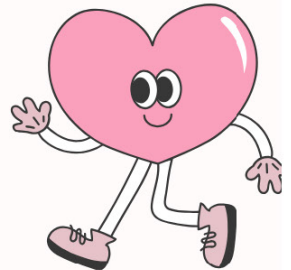
You are never alone

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



SSPJ SWEETHEART
SKATE NIGHT

Valentine's Day February 14th



6 - 8 pm

The RINX at Harbor Front Park
101-A East Broadway
Port Jefferson, NY 11777

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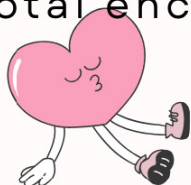
Number of tickets _____

Skating, Rental, Pizza, soda/juice & Hot Cocoa _____ \$30

Non skating adult tickets _____ \$15

Pizza option for adults _____ \$5

Total enclosed \$ _____ cash/check



RSVP by January 31st

any questions contact Gladis (631)566-7255



What does the Logo of the Jubilee Year mean?



The official logo for the **2025 Jubilee Year**, themed "Pilgrims of Hope" (*Peregrinantes in Spem*), is rich in symbolism that reflects its central message. The design features four stylized figures embracing each other, representing humanity coming together from the four corners of the earth in solidarity and brotherhood. The leading figure holds onto a cross, symbolizing faith and the unwavering hope that guides believers, especially during times of great need. The cross bends downward, illustrating its reach towards humanity, offering the certainty of its presence and the security of hope.

Religious Education

Feb. 10, 2025 - 6th graders will be having Reconciliation at 5:30 pm in the Church.



ASAP- Aid and Support After Pregnancy



Baby Shower

In Support of the L.I. Life Centers

February 16th, 2025, 2 to 4 p.m.

\$20 per person suggested donation

**Canning Hall at St. Patrick Parish
280 E. Main St., Smithtown NY 11787**

Contact: Life Center of Long Island

Phone: 631-656-0441 E-mail: rfitzdd11@gmail.com

We will be serving soft drinks as well wine and cheese

**Guest speakers: MaryAnn Wright of St. Anthony of Padua Parish and
Charles Sorrese of L.I. Life Center**

Items needed:

Baby food/formula

Baby bottles (New only)

Diapers size newborn through size 6 (packed or boxed)

Baby wipes and toiletries (unopened)

Layette items: swaddles, infant bath towels, wash clothes, bibs, etc.

New or gently used clothing (must be clean without stains)

Shoes/socks, onesies, outfits, stretchies

Car seats—infant and child as well as boosters seats—all must under 6 years old

Larger used items: High chairs, cribs and bassinets can be arranged to be collected

Music Ministry

WEEKLY REFLECTION FROM MUSIC DIRECTOR MARGARET ADAMS

I am who I am,

God invites us into his church. We need God's help in preaching the good news with or without words. All our hymns this weekend speak of us following Jesus. In Gather the People, our Gathering hymn, we sing of following Jesus in entering the feast. All Are invited. If God calls your name, will you follow. How about singing in the choir? Jesus might be calling you to do just that. Will you follow???

This week is Valentine's Day!

Happy Day to all. Remember Jesus loves you.

Sing your praise to God!

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.

Miss Charlotte is busy teaching her first and second graders the Our Father and Hail Mary during class time!



On July 17, 2024 the Knights of Columbus held their annual golf outing fundraiser at Crab Meadow Golf Course. They raised money and donated \$7,000.00 for SSPJ School. Deputy Grand Knight John Nicastro and Past Grand Knight Thomas Sica presented Fr. Sean and Ms. Anderson (Principal of SSPJ) with a check (pictured below). They will be hosting another golf outing on Wednesday July 9, 2025 at Crab Meadow Golf Course in Northport. Look in upcoming bulletins for registration forms and further details.



SSPJ School Top Speller 2025 Lilah Doran - Grade 5

Way to go Lilah!



Congratulations!



Congratulations to SSPJ's top 6 spellers who will advance to the Zone 5 Spelling Bee in March!



Lilah Doran, Jack Kollmer, Chrystaluz, Kenton, Sebastian Martinez, Nicole Wille



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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.



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.



What a Catch!

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him. Luke 5:10-11 (NIV)

The words in this puzzle can be found in Luke 5:1-11 (NIV)

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| FISHING | SEA | PEOPLE | DEEP | NETS |
| GALILEE | JESUS | FISHERMEN | SHORE | BOATS |

My Weekly Gospel Reflection for Grades 7-8

MY NAME IS _____ MY GRADE IS _____ SSPJ SCHOOL _____

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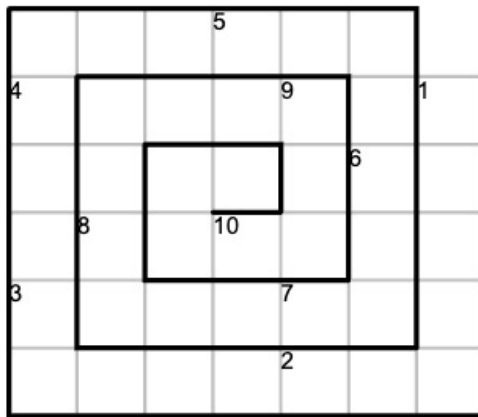


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Look at the numbered sentences, decide which is the right word and write it on the spiral puzzle. A new word starts in each box with a number.



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| 1. To get behind someone and go where they go | 6. An openwork fabric of cords used to catch fish |
| 2. The land along the edge of an ocean, sea, lake, or river | 7. An animal which lives in water and is covered with scales |
| 3. A large area of salty water, smaller than an ocean | 8. The Son of God |
| 4. To go down below the surface of the water | 9. An openwork fabric of cords used to catch fish |
| 5. A small vehicle for travelling on water | 10. To go down below the surface of the water |

SEA	BOAT	NET	SINK	SINK
JESUS	NET	FISH	FOLLOW	SHORE

Gospel Reflection

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

February 16, 2025

Gospel - Luke 6: 17, 20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus came down with the twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.
Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied.
Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh.
Blessed are you when people hate you,
and when they exclude and insult you,
and denounce your name as evil
on account of the Son of Man.
Rejoice and leap for joy on that day!
Behold, your reward will be great in heaven.
For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way.
But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.
Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry.
Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep.
Woe to you when all speak well of you,
for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way.”

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 of a story or an experience of 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.)