

Reflection for Thursday 3rd Week of Easter 2020

It is believed Philip was from the same town as Andrew and Peter. Along with Andrew, he was originally a disciple of John the Baptist. He introduced Nathaniel (believed to be Bartholomew) to Jesus and brought the boy with the five and loaves and two fish to Jesus for the feeding of the 5,000. He might well be called a signpost or a Wayfinder. More recently they have developed a phone named after him giving it the name: Way-finder! We meet him in today's reading doing exactly that. He is showing a Eunuch the way to Jesus. Evidently, one of his other talents was running, probably training for the marathon . . . Today, Philip reminds us of the fact that the apostles discovered what Jesus said of himself, that he is the Way. In following him - the Way - we are led to the Truth and to Life. The Gospel shows us how we are enabled and strengthened to do this. Once again, Jesus refers to himself as the *bread of life*. Not just the bread of life for us who receive him in the eucharist but also for the world, as Jesus said: ". . .*the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.*" We receive Jesus, the Bread of Life, in order to be better able to bring the life of Jesus to the world. In this way we are asked to become, like Philip, Wayfinders for those in search of truth and life; the truth life that only Jesus can give, just as the Eunuch discovered from his Wayfinder, Philip.

- **Pope Francis:** "The Ten Commandments are a gift from God. . . . They come from a God who created us out of love, from a God who established a covenant with humanity, a God who only wants the good of humanity. Let us trust in God. The Ten Commandments show us a path to travel and also constitute a sort of '*moral code*' for building just societies that are made for men and women. How much inequality there is in the world. How much hunger for food and for truth! How much moral and material poverty resulting from the rejection of God and from putting so many idols in his place. Let us be guided by these Ten Words that enlighten and guide those seeking peace, justice, and dignity."

Something to think about:

- Now that I'm quarantined, I finally realize that my only true hobbies were shopping and eating out.
- That moment you're thankful for Coronavirus social distancing rules, because you just ate some garlic.
- Seen on a tee-shirt: **I survived the great toilet paper scare of 2020.**
- The other day a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool. I gave him a glass of water.
- Potatoes make French fries, chips and vodka. Obviously, the other vegetables aren't even trying.