



THE SAINT JAMES EXPERIENCE

The
Saint James Cathedral-Basilica
The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
November 26 , 2023



**SAINT JAMES
CATHEDRAL-BASILICA**

MASS TIMES:

Weekday Mass: Monday–Friday 12:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 11:00 AM

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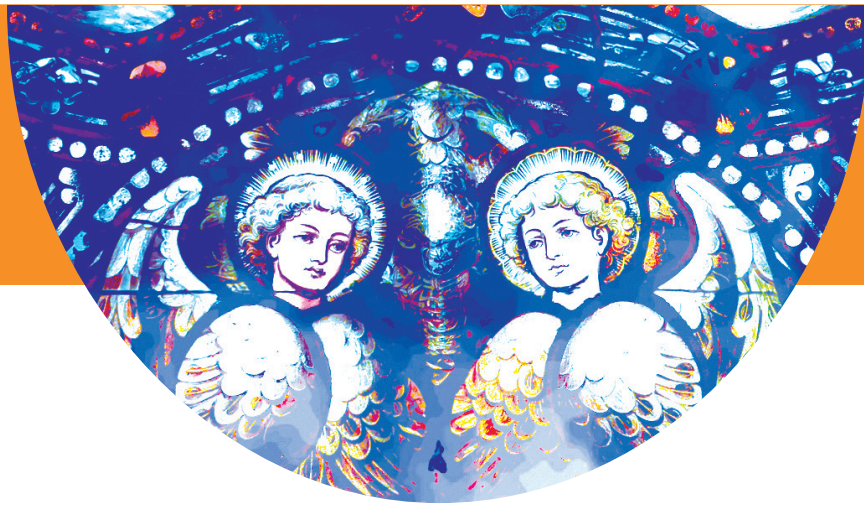
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From The Rector of Saint James Cathedral-Basilica

Dear parishioners and friends of Saint James,

I hope everyone had a happy, holy Thanksgiving. The Holiday Season is really upon us, not the forced beginning by retailers even before Halloween. It is Christ the King of the Universe Sunday, the last one of the Church year.

Perhaps our seasonal cheerfulness has been dampened by world events, local concerns or relationship issues. I know from all these years of being a priest that the 'holiday season' can be very stressful for some people. Many go through the pain of missing friends, neighbors and family members who have passed away and the realization that those days are gone for good. Other are affected by the change of weather and lack of sunlight. Still others resent having to appear happy when they just aren't. These can be challenging times.

I take heart in the first reading. It's good to know that we have a God who hasn't forgotten us. That when those who are supposed to be leading us are not up to the task or exploit us for their own gain, there is Someone who will still take care of us.

I was a bit surprised when I see that some other Christian communities have taken to calling their leaders "overseers" instead of the traditional term "bishop". The Greek word translated as 'bishop' is episkopos, which literally means one who has sight over or 'oversee'. I guess they want to distance themselves from bad impressions some have of the word 'bishop'. I, personally, would have more of a problem with 'overseer'. I don't know, maybe it's just me, but that word has no nice, reassuring tones to me at all.

We do have a Lord looking over us and he is not like the 'boss man' but a loving God who even sacrifices himself, a Shepherd who gives himself for his sheep. In other words, God loves us.

So, if you're having a rough time with the Holiday Season, look up and see God. Help is on the way. There are many people trying to do what Jesus tells us in the Gospel. Any one of us could find ourselves as the least brother or sister suddenly and without warning. Reach out to someone and don't go it alone. Like I said last week, we do have each other. Individually we may not look like much at times, but together we are strong. All it takes is two or three gathered in Christ's Name and there he is.

Next week begins Advent. A new year with new opportunities. Trust that it can get better. With God, all things are possible.

Peace and love,
Fr. Bryan Patterson



READING I

PEz 34:11-12, 15-17

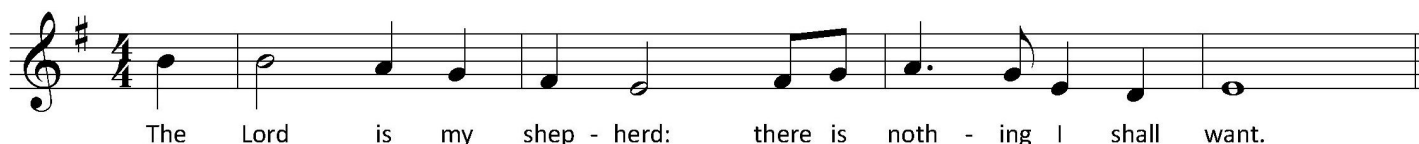
(Proclaimed in Spanish)

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly. As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats.

Response: TE ALABAMOS, SEÑOR

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6



READING II

1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

GOSPEL

Mt 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Gloria

Open: 629 - To Jesus Christ our sovereign king

Offertory: 696 - Glory and praise to Our God

Communion: 766 - The King of Love my shepherd is

Recession: 626 - Crown him with many crowns

Postlude: Postlude in D - Healey Willan 1880-1968

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe November 26, 2023

"I was hungry and you gave me to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me to drink." Is Christ calling you to serve Him in others as a sister, brother, deacon or priest? Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for the Sunday coffee hour on the following dates: **December 10, 2023**. We need your help and hospitality to make the coffee hour absolutely amazing. Please see **Isabel Navarro** after Mass for the hospitality sign-up hour.

NYDP TRANSIT POLICE MEMORIAL MASS

November 28, 2023

NYDP Transit Police is hosting a Memorial Mass Celebrated by **Msgr. Romano** on Tuesday, **November 28, at 10AM**. All are invited and encouraged to attend this Memorial Mass. We hope to see you there!

CHRISTMAS IS ALMOST HERE!

Friends and Parishioners of Saint James Cathedral-Basilica have an amazing opportunity to master how to decorate for Christmas from professionals! **Edgar and Tim** are graciously decorating the Cathedral for the Christmas season on **Friday, November 24th, 2023**. You are invited to gain expert decorating techniques while helping to make the Cathedral look great for the Christmas season. The decorations will promptly begin following the 12PM Mass. For more information please see **Isabel Navarro** or **Edgar and Tim** after mass during the Thanksgiving Brunch Coffee Hour.

FAITH LEADS TO FAITHFULNESS

We are all being called to serve God and are in need of candidates interested in liturgical formation as Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers), Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Altar Servers at Saint James Cathedral-Basilica.

If you are interested in serving at St. James and meet the requirements for Liturgical formation listed below, please see **Fr. Bryan** or **Deacon Ron** after mass or e-mail at: rector@brooklyncathedral.net

LITURGICAL FORMATION

The process for determining the suitability of candidates for service at the Altar involves:

- * *Observation* : Candidates should express by words and actions that they are reasonably living their baptismal call to service.
- * *Discernment*: Prayer is an integral part of continuing to discern their service and the type of service they will offer.
- * *Collection of information*: Candidates must provide sacramental certificates of baptism, confirmation, and marriage (if applicable).

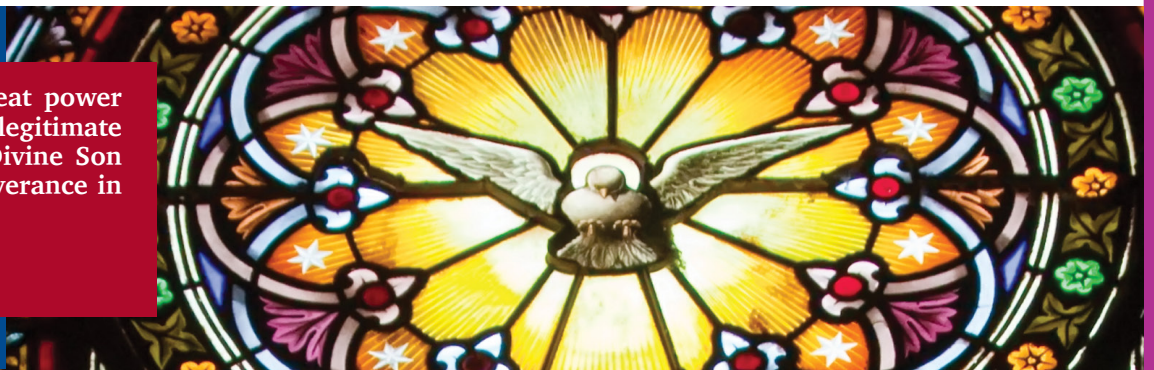


MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY - 11:00 AM November 26, 2023	MONDAY - 12:00 PM November 27, 2023	TUESDAY - 12:00 PM November 28, 2023	LECTORS November 26, 2023 <i>Diane Wilson & Elina Cruz</i> December 03, 2023 <i>Mary Prat & Elina Cruz</i>
In Thanksgiving for all the Catholic Priests of the Diocese of Brooklyn	Pauline Johnson	Shouriah Karnati	
WEDNESDAY- 12:00 PM November 29, 2023	THURSDAY - 12:00 PM November 30, 2023	FRIDAY - 12:00 PM December 01, 2023	COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: November 26, 2023 <i>Thanksgiving break-No Coffee Hour</i> December 03, 2023 <i>Beatrice DiCostanzo & Camille Ferdinand</i>
In Thanksgiving for St. Catherine of Alexandria	Soul of Louis James Pignataro	Dr. Fathalla Maghak	

O Mary, you have great power with God. Obtain my legitimate requests from your Divine Son and ensure my perseverance in grace until my death.

Amen.





YOUR DAILY CAMINO

26th NOVEMBER - SUNDAY

“I’m telling the solemn truth. Whenever you failed to do one of those things to someone who was being overlooked or ignored, that was me you failed to do it to me.’ Then those ‘goats’ will be herded to their eternal doom, but the ‘sheep’ to their eternal reward”
~ Mark 11:9,10

27th NOVEMBER - MONDAY

“The book of Revelation may be difficult and demanding to read, yet it is the only biblical book whose author promises a blessing to those who read it.”
~ Billy Graham

28th NOVEMBER - TUESDAY

“Skating on thin ice is better than skating on no ice at all.”
~ John M. Shanahan

29th NOVEMBER - WEDNESDAY

“The opposite of faith isn’t doubt, it’s certainty.”
~ Anonymous

30th NOVEMBER - THURSDAY

“We have found the Messiah, that is to say, the Christ . . . Andrew’s words reveal a soul waiting with the utmost longing for the coming of the Messiah . . . To support one another in the things of the spirit is the true sign of good will between brothers, of loving kinship and sincere affection.”
~ Saint John Chrysostom

1st DECEMBER - FRIDAY

Happiness consists in finding out precisely what “the one thing necessary” may be in our lives, and gladly relinquishing all the rest. For then, by a divine paradox, we find that everything else is given us together with the one thing we needed”
~ Thomas Merton

2nd DECEMBER - SATURDAY

“God is beauty.”
~ Saint Francis of Assisi



WEEKLY PRAYERS

MIRACULOUS METAL PRAYER

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for those who do not have recourse to thee.

Amen.

PRAYER OF SAINT CATHERINE LABOURE

Lord, we thank You for giving us Your servant, Saint Catherine Laboure, as an example of holiness. Bestow upon us the same grace of humble silence and confidence so purely exemplified in Saint Catherine Laboure. Saint Catherine Laboure pray for us.

Amen.

PRAYER OF SAINT SATURNINUS

Almighty and ever-living God, Lord, help us to enkindle in our hearts the flame of love that St. Saturninus had for You. Forgive us, Lord, when we fail to speak out against evil and give us the grace to be bold in our testimony of faith. Strengthen us, O Lord, that we might not retreat from persecution, but always joyfully proclaim our love for You.

Amen.

PRAYER TO SAINT ANDREW

O Glorious St. Andrew, you were the first to recognize and follow the Lamb of God. With your friend St. John you remained with Jesus for that first day, for your entire life, and now throughout eternity. As you led your brother St. Peter to Christ, and many others after him, draw us also to Him. Teach us to lead others to Christ solely out of love for Him, and dedication in His service. Help us to learn the lesson of the Cross and to carry our daily crosses without complaint so that they may carry us to Jesus.

Amen.



Feast day of St. Catherine Labouré November 27th

On November 27, 1830, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Saint Catherine Labouré, a Daughter of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. It was during that visit on November 27, that Mary asked Sister Catherine to have a medal made. Mary showed her what the medal should look like - Mary standing on the globe with a snake under her feet and rays extending from rings on her fingers to represent the graces given to us from her Son. She also asked for the words "O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." She was claiming her title as the Immaculate Conception. On the back there would be a cross that was interlocked with an "M". Mary's mission is that of her Son. There would be the sorrowful hearts of Jesus and Mary at the base, indicating their communion with our suffering. Twelve stars were also included to remind us of the followers of God - twelve tribes of Israel - twelve apostles - and us who follow in those traditions. When Mary spoke to St. Catherine, she said "Have a medal struck upon this model. Those who wear it will receive great graces, especially if they wear it around the neck. Those who repeat this prayer with devotion will be, in a special manner, under the protection of the Mother of God. Graces will be abundantly bestowed upon those who have confidence." With approval of the Catholic Church, the first medals were made in 1832 and distributed in Paris. Almost immediately, the blessings that Mary promised showered down on those who wore her medal, and soon all of France was clamoring for what the people referred to as the "Miraculous Medal." Use of the Medal spread from country to country, and, at the time of St. Catherine's death in 1876, more than a billion medals had been made. Today, the Medal is still drawing down from God blessings for body and soul.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

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Jesus Christ, King of the Universe | Sacred Art

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WHO IS JESUS?



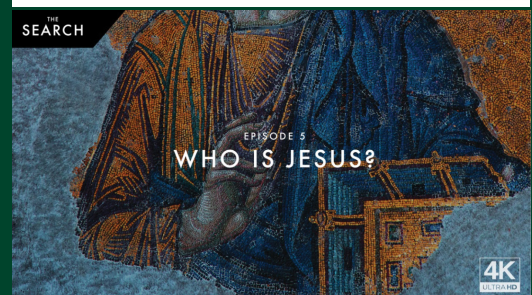
Who is Jesus Christ? w/ Sr. Bethany Madonna | SEEK23

Sr. Bethany Madonna from the Sisters of Life dives into the truth about who Jesus Christ is. Discover the love of Jesus for yourself and listen to Sr. Bethany Madonna!

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SEARCH



Who is Jesus? | The Search | Episode 5

The most beautiful part of this story is this: we can know God's love, personally. This is the person of Jesus. But how did this seemingly insignificant carpenter born into poverty in a dusty corner of the Roman Empire become the most pivotal figure in all of history?

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Brunch
THANKSGIVING HIGHLIGHT

NOVEMBER 19, 2023



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SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION



BAPTISM

Parents are requested to contact the Rector to make the necessary arrangements for the Baptism of their child.



FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education is provided for children from 1st to 8th grade in preparation for the Sacraments and adult classes are also available. Please contact the office for more information.



MARRIAGES

Couples are requested to make arrangements at least six months before the actual date of the wedding.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for a Holy Hour each Friday from 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon.



SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

When we sin, the Holy Spirit calls us to conversion, to turn away from sin and to turn toward God. Friday: 12:40-1:00 P.M.



VISITS TO THE SICK

Please call the office 718-852-4002 to notify us if any one is in the hospital or ill at home so that a pastoral visit can be made.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends: Sunday 11:00 A.M.
 Weekdays: Monday - Friday 12:00 Noon

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

WATCH THE MASS ON TV

Mass is broadcast live from The Saint James Cathedral-Basilica at 12:00 Noon Monday-Friday and at 11:00 A.M. on Sundays via NET TV. You can watch us via Verizon FiOS (channel 48), Time Warner Cable (channel 97), and Cable Vision (channel 30), and live-streamed on the Internet at <http://netny.tv>