



The
Saint James Cathedral-Basilica
First Sunday of Advent
December 3 , 2023



**SAINT JAMES
CATHEDRAL-BASILICA**

MASS TIMES:

Weekday Mass: Monday–Friday 12:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 11:00 AM

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From The Rector of Saint James Cathedral-Basilica

Dear parishioners and friends of Saint James,

Now that we have arrived at the First Sunday of Advent, I'm sure many of you already suspect what I am going to write, in fact, I could just leave an empty space and you could fill it in! However, knowing that I know that you know, I'll (kind of) spare you the usual. No rant about the Holiday Season beginning right after Labor Day, the abstract street 'decorations' depicting aspects of winter many would prefer to avoid or the commercialization of the commercialization of Christmas so that it hardly reflects at all the ancient intention of the season.

While I hear many pastors commenting on the continued poor attendance at Masses, I can say that even though we do have some Masses that I would have expected to be better attended, the participation of parishioners and interest in faith formation is steadily growing.

I will admit that I tend to have what is seen as an unreasonable expectation of knowledge and adherence to the Catholic faith. I am sure this is off-putting to some and just plain annoying to others. The reasons I uphold the standards of our faith as high as I can is because the eternal salvation of the souls entrusted to me is at stake.

Consider, James 3:1-2 "Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. 2 For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle." (Obviously, no one)

I am fully capable of being annoying for many reasons having nothing to do with faith! Yet, it has been my experience that those who persevere in prayer and learning experience a most wonderful transformation. I was completely taken aback, those many years ago, when I, as a Lutheran was on retreat with the pastor and parish council at Saint Mary's Episcopalian Benedictine Convent and discovered the writing of Saint Theresa of Avila and Saint John of the Cross. This discovery of mystical Catholic spirituality was the end of Lutheranism for me and the beginning of the Catholic faith. I never knew that the love of God could be found so strongly and deeply within. I went from mainly knowing truths about God to knowing God as God. It was a big deal.

Advent can still have a reflective and penitential for us despite the cultural pressure to whoop it up way ahead of time. With some prayerful attention, we can prepare ourselves to truly experience the Birth of Christ at Christmas as the unveiling of that divine light that, shining in our hearts, transforms our all-about-me to all about God, all about love, all about life and the joy and satisfaction that comes from that. You could fall in love again with the Lord or fall in love for the first time. In any case, Advent is a preparation to receive something good, the greatest present, to know that life really is about something and that you as you is an essential part of it.

It's worth the wait.

Peace,
Fr. Bryan Patterson



READING I**IS 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7****(Proclaimed in Spanish)**

You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

Response: TE ALABAMOS, SEÑOR

RESPONSORIAL PSALM**PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19**

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

READING II**1 COR 1:3-9**

Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL**MK 13:33-37**

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

Advent I B**Open: 482 - People, look east****Offertory: 486 - City of God, Jerusalem****Communion: 480 - Savior of the nations, come****Anthem: While we are waiting, Come!****Recession: 489 - Wake, o wake****Postlude: Postlude in D - Healey Willan 1880-1968**

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Sunday of Advent December 03, 2023

“Like a man away on a journey, he assigns each of us a task; be on the alert.” Being chosen to serve as a priest or in consecrated life is an amazing work of the Lord. Ask the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help you recognize and be faithful to your vocation. Talk to your priest or reach out to **Fr. Matt Mason**, the Vocations Director at (603) 663-0196 or mmason@rcbm.org.

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary December 8, 2023

“Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God.” Could the Holy Spirit be calling you to trust God and follow Him as a sister, nun, or consecrated virgin? Talk to your priest or reach out to **Fr. Matt Mason**, the Vocations Director at (603) 663-0196 or mmason@rcbm.org.

CHRISTMAS TOY COLLECTION November 26 - December 11, 2023

Unwrapped gifts appropriate for infants to 17 years old are needed for **Brooklyn Catholic Charities Toy Campaign**.

Age appropriate gifts 3 yr. to 12 yr. old are up to your generosity. Gift cards are acceptable, especially for the teenagers ages 13-17.

With grateful hearts...

We are the Cathedral Basilica of St. James!

Second Collection For RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND December 10, 2023

Proceeds from the second collection on Sunday, December 10 will go to the **Religious Retirement Fund**. Please consider fostering the seeds of faith with your continued generosity.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING... AND SO IS NATE!

December 10, 17, and 24 (morning service only)

Long-time CBSJ Cantor Nate Irvin will be adding his voice to our holiday celebrations. Nate will be singing in the choir on Christmas Eve and serving as Cantor on Christmas morning. At both services his powerful voice will proclaim the Birth of Christ at the start of the Mass.

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 December 03, 2023	MONDAY - 12:00 PM December 04, 2023	TUESDAY - 12:00 PM December 05, 2023	LECTORS December 03, 2023 <i>Mary Pradt & Elina Cruz</i> December 10, 2023 <i>Diane Wilson & Miryeda Reyes</i>
Cora Laverne Applewhaite	In Memory of Andrea J. Flateau	Mary Thompson Birthday	
WEDNESDAY- 12:00 PM December 06, 2023	THURSDAY - 12:00 PM December 07, 2023	FRIDAY - 12:00 PM December 08, 2023	COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: December 03, 2023 <i>Beatrice DiCostanzo & Camille Ferdinand</i> December 10, 2023 <i>Rosa Paulsen-Williams, Isabel Navarro</i>
In Honor of Saint James	Christine O'Neil	Leema Rose Karnati	

O Mary, you are the Mother of the Missions. Enable me to help spread the Gospel-abroad by prayer and at home by the witness of a Christian life.

Amen.





YOUR DAILY CAMINO

3rd DECEMBER - SUNDAY

“So, stay at your post, watching. You have no idea when the homeowner is returning, whether evening, midnight, cockcrow, or morning. You don’t want him showing up unannounced, with you asleep at the job. I say it to you, and I’m saying it to all: Stay at your post. Keep watch.”

~ Gospel of Mark 13:35-37

4th DECEMBER - MONDAY

Both angels and demons are ignorant of the future, yet they make predictions. The angels do so when God reveals the future to them and commands them to prophesy, and what they prophesy comes to pass. Demons also make predictions, but these are only guesses based on what they see from afar.

~ Saint John of Damascene

5th DECEMBER - TUESDAY

“We act as though comfort and luxury were the chief requirements of life, when all we need to make us happy is something to be enthusiastic about.”

~ Charles Kingsley

6th DECEMBER - WEDNESDAY

“The giver of every good and perfect gift has called upon us to mimic Gods giving, by grace, through faith, and this is not of ourselves.”

~ Saint Nicholas of Myra

7th DECEMBER - THURSDAY

“There is your brother, naked, crying, and you stand there confused over the choice of an attractive floor covering.”

~ Saint Ambrose

8th DECEMBER - FRIDAY

“The background for today’s solemnity is the biblical icon of the Annunciation, when the angel’s mysterious greeting resounded: “Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you” “Full of grace”! Here is Mary, as God conceived of her and desired her in his inscrutable plan: a creature filled with divine love, all goodness, all beauty, all holiness.”

~ Pope Saint John Paul II

9th DECEMBER - SATURDAY

“Señor Governor, think about what the sign you ask for will be, because then I will go to ask for it of the Queen of Heaven who sent me.”

~ Saint Juan Diego



WEEKLY PRAYERS

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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 FRANCIS XAVIER

O Most Holy Virgin, immaculate in body and spirit, look kindly upon me as I implore your powerful intercession. O most Holy Mother, receive my prayer as I present them to God. O Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, you intercede for us with your Son. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

Amen.

PRAYER OF SAINT AMBROSE

Most amiable and most loving Saint Francis Xavier, in union with thee I reverently adore the Divine Majesty. I rejoice exceedingly on account of the marvelous gifts which God bestowed upon thee. I thank God for the special graces He gave thee during thy life on earth and for the great glory that came to thee after thy death. I implore thee to obtain for me, through thy powerful intercession, the greatest of all blessings — that of living and dying in the state of grace.

Amen.

PRAYER OF SAINT JUAN DIEGO

Juan Diego, our first saint from the Americas, pray for us. We ask God the Father to pour forth the protecting love of his Spirit upon all migrants, taking special heed of those in need of support, who are isolated or separated from their native lands, whether by choice or necessity.

Amen.



Our New Sunday Cantor

Introducing Our New Sunday Cantor

Katherine (Katie) Robinson is a Brooklyn-based soprano who has been praised for her “juicy lyric” voice utilizing a “palette of colors.” She studied voice with Rosa Vento at New York University and went on to receive a Masters degree in Vocal Performance at Hunter College. Before coming to CBSJ Katie served as a staff singer at First Presbyterian Church in Stamford, CT since 2018. Her favorite opera role to date has been Mother Marie in Francis Poulenc’s “Dialogues of the Carmelites,” an opera based on the real life Martyrs of Compiègne. Some other solo performances include Bach’s Magnificat and Schütz’s The Seven Last Words of Jesus.

After Nate Irvin announced his resignation, I began a search for a replacement in a FaceBook group for church musicians because most of Nate’s usual replacements already had Sunday jobs. Katie saw the posting and sent me a video of Handel’s “Let the Bright Seraphim”. The video led to several audition Sundays where her wonderful singing and equally wonderful personality gained a strong base of support among the congregation members. Here’s hoping for a long and successful collaboration that will enhance the worship here at CBSJ.



Join us on Thursday, December 8th, 2023 for a special Mass honoring the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics. The Mass will begin at 12:00 Noon, after the Holy Hour of prayer and adoration at 11:00 A.M.

THIS WEEK ON
FORMED

MARY

What Is the Immaculate Conception?

Dr. Tim Gray & Dr. John Sehorn

FORMEDNOW

What Is the Immaculate Conception?

Join Drs Tim Gray and John Sehorn as they examine Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. This dogma of the Catholic faith, promulgated in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, speaks of Mary's conception and what it means to the Church.

St. Nicholas Day

St. Nicholas Day | Catholic All Year at Home w/ Kendra Tierney

Kendra shares her favorite recipes and traditions for celebrating the feast of St. Nicholas (a.k.a. Santa!). Learn how to make mulled wine and cider, speculaas cookies, and deep-fried Dutch meatballs

Shalom/Peace | Advent: Word Studies | The Bible Project

"Peace" is a very common word in English, that means different things to different people. It's also a very important word in the Bible that refers not only to the absence of conflict but also to the presence of something else.

SAINT JAMES NYPD TRANSIT POLICE *Memorial Mass*



NOVEMBER 28, 2023

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>