



**THE SAINT JAMES EXPERIENCE**

The  
**Saint James Cathedral-Basilica**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
**January 7, 2024**



**SAINT JAMES  
CATHEDRAL-BASILICA**

**MASS TIMES:**

**Weekday Mass: Monday–Friday 12:00 PM**

**Sunday Mass: 11:00 AM**

*Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan, D. D., Bishop*

*Reverend Bryan D. Patterson, S.T.L., Rector*

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## From The Rector of Saint James Cathedral-Basilica

Dear parishioners and friends of Saint James,

Again, Happy New Year! We had a great celebration this year and it is because of all of you, all of us working together. In a special way, Michal Petka, who is visiting us again as he works on his doctorate in Liturgy, helped us to ramp things up a bit, adding beauty and precision to our liturgies. The following is a reflection of his on the season.

**Fr. Bryan Patterson**



“As we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord this Monday, we are closing the season of Christmas, the Nativity of the Lord. Next Sunday will be the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. During the seasons of Advent and Christmas, we were privileged to experience God coming very close to us.

All the feasts we celebrated have their origin in the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, which is one of the most ancient of Christian celebrations. Each one of them reveals to us the truth about God, not only on an intellectual level but gives us a chance to experience God’s truth at a deeply personal level.

Christmas clearly and somewhat dramatically shows us just how much God loves us by abandoning His everlasting glory and incarnating into our reality. As a real man, He became similar to us and experienced pain, suffering, and daily hardships like we do.

The Feast of Mary, Mother of God, which we celebrated on New Years Day, reminds us about the coexistence of both natures in Christ: He is a true God and yet true man.

Epiphany reveals the economy of salvation: to bring all men and women to God and His Kingdom. We use the word economy here in its original sense of “household administration.” God’s economy is His plan to dispense Himself into man so that He can gain a household to express Himself, the Church. Belonging to a specific nation, tribe, or race is no longer important. The whole of humankind is invited to be in relation with God.

This feast also brings us to the water of the Jordan River in Jesus’ Baptism and Jesus’ changing water into wine at the wedding in Cana. Both of these show us in a stunning way who Jesus really is. He is the beloved Son of the Father and Lamb of God to be sacrificed for our salvation. Reality finds its true meaning only in Jesus. It is only by believing in Him and following him can we find salvation, which makes Christianity very exclusive. It is not enough to simply be a good, kind person. He himself said that the only one who is good is the Father. Understanding, pondering, meditating on these truths revealed to us in the time of the Epiphany, allows us to open our hearts to the teaching about the Kingdom of God.

It may seem like a lot but the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany season is a special time to grow in holiness, and each year it reveals to us more and more the never ending and profound love that God has for all of us.”

**Michal Petka**



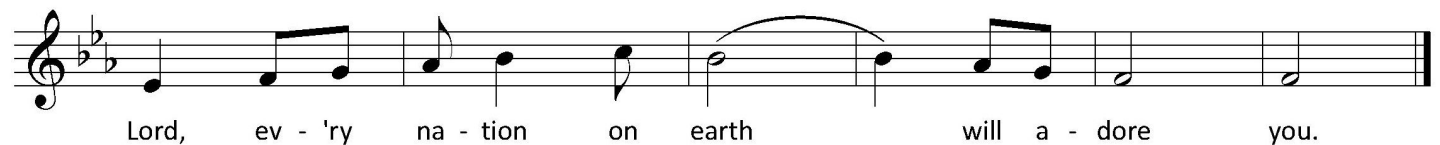
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**READING I****Is 60:1-6****(Proclaimed in Spanish)**

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

**Response: TE ALABAMOS, SEÑOR**

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM****Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13.**

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**READING II****Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6**

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

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**GOSPEL****Mt 2:1-12**

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

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**Epiphany ABC - Gloria****Open: 534 - As with gladness men of old****Offertory: 535 - We three kings of orient are vv 2, 3, 4****Communion: 537 - The first nowell vv 2, 3, 4, 5****Recession: 531 - What star is this****Postlude: Presto - Bach/Ernst**

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## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE EPIPHANY January 7, 2024

“For out of you shall come forth a ruler who will shepherd My people.” Is Christ calling you forth out of your comfort zone to serve Him in others as a sister, brother, or priest? Talk to your priest or reach out to **Fr. Matt Mason**, the Vocations Director at (603) 663-0196 or [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).

### PRO VITA MASS January 21, 2024

Join **Bishop Brennan** and the **Knights of Columbus of Kings and Queens Counties** as we celebrate the gift of life and pray for a respect for life at all stages. **Sunday, January 21, 2024, 11:00am Mass.**

### Second Collection For DIOCESAN MISSION January 7, 2024

Proceeds from the second collection on **Sunday, January 7** will go to the **Diocesan Mission**. Please consider fostering the seeds of faith with your continued generosity.

### 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](mailto: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

<b>SUNDAY - 11:00 AM</b> January 07, 2024	<b>MONDAY - 12:00 PM</b> January 08, 2024	<b>TUESDAY - 12:00 PM</b> January 09, 2024
People of the parish	Sister Christina Hannan ( <i>Health &amp; Recovery</i> )	Paul & Marguerite Crowley
<b>WEDNESDAY- 12:00 PM</b> January 10 2024	<b>THURSDAY - 12:00 PM</b> January 11, 2024	<b>FRIDAY- 12:00 PM</b> January 12, 2024
Leema Rose Karnati	<i>For the Special Intentions of Beatrice DiCostanzo</i>	Jose Antonio Fred Jr.
<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>January 7, 2024</b> Diane Wilson & Mireyda Reyes	<b>January 14, 2024</b> Mary Pradt & Elina Cruz
<b>COFFEE HOUR</b>	<b>January 7, 2024</b> <i>Potluck style - Bring a dish &amp; share a smile</i>	<b>January 14, 2024</b> <i>Potluck style - Bring a dish &amp; share a smile</i>

*O Mary, you were chosen by God to be the Mother of the Redeemer. Protect me always from evil and obtain eternal salvation for me in heaven with you and your Son Jesus.*



## YOUR DAILY CAMINO

### 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY - SUNDAY

“They [the scholars from the East] asked around, ‘Where can we find and pay homage to the new-born King of the Jews? We observed a star in the eastern sky that signaled his birth. We’re on pilgrimage to worship him.’”

~ **Gospel of Saint Matthew 2:1-2**

### 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY - MONDAY

“As we commemorate Jesus’ baptism liturgically, we celebrate the fact that our Christian baptism was the beginning of this new unity with the Holy Trinity. But we also celebrate our oneness with God, which is renewed every time we make an interior act of repentance for our sins. If we fully understood what happens every time we acknowledge our sins and repent of them, we would never grow tired of repenting.”

~ **from My Catholic Life**

### 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY - TUESDAY

“If you are stirred to anger when you want to reprove someone, you are gratifying your own passions. Do not lose yourself in order to save another.”

~ **Saint Macarius**

### 10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY - WEDNESDAY

“Go behind the apparent circumstances of the situation and locate the love in yourself and in all others involved in the situation.”

~ **Saint Teresa of Calcutta**

### 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY - THURSDAY

“If you eat well, you must speak well.”

~ **Yoruba proverb**

### 12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY - FRIDAY

“If your ship doesn’t come in, swim out to it!”

~ **Jonathan Winters**

### 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY - SATURDAY

“The utter folly of our time is lamentable, that men should think to assist God with human help and to protect the Church of Christ by worldly ambition.”

~ **Saint Hilary of Poitiers**

## WEEKLY PRAYERS

### PRAYER OF SAINT

#### RAYMOND OF PENYAFORT

O God, You Who chose St. Raymond to be a renowned minister of the sacrament of Penance, and miraculously brought him through the waves of the sea, grant that by his intercession we may produce good results from our penitence and reach the heaven of eternal salvation.

Amen.

### PRAYER OF SAINT WILLIAM

Glorious St William, increase my love for the Eucharist that it will be translated into good works.

Amen.

### PRAYER OF SAINT HILLARY

O Lord our God, you raised up your servant Hilary to be a champion of the catholic faith: Keep us steadfast in that true faith which we professed at our baptism, that we may rejoice in having you for our Father, and may abide in your Son, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit; who live and reign for ever and ever.

Amen.

### PRAYER OF SAINT APOLLINARIS

God, You made St. Apollinaris an outstanding exemplar of Divine love and the Faith that conquers the world, and added him to the roll of saintly Pastors. Grant by his intercession that we may persevere in Faith and love and become sharers of his glory.

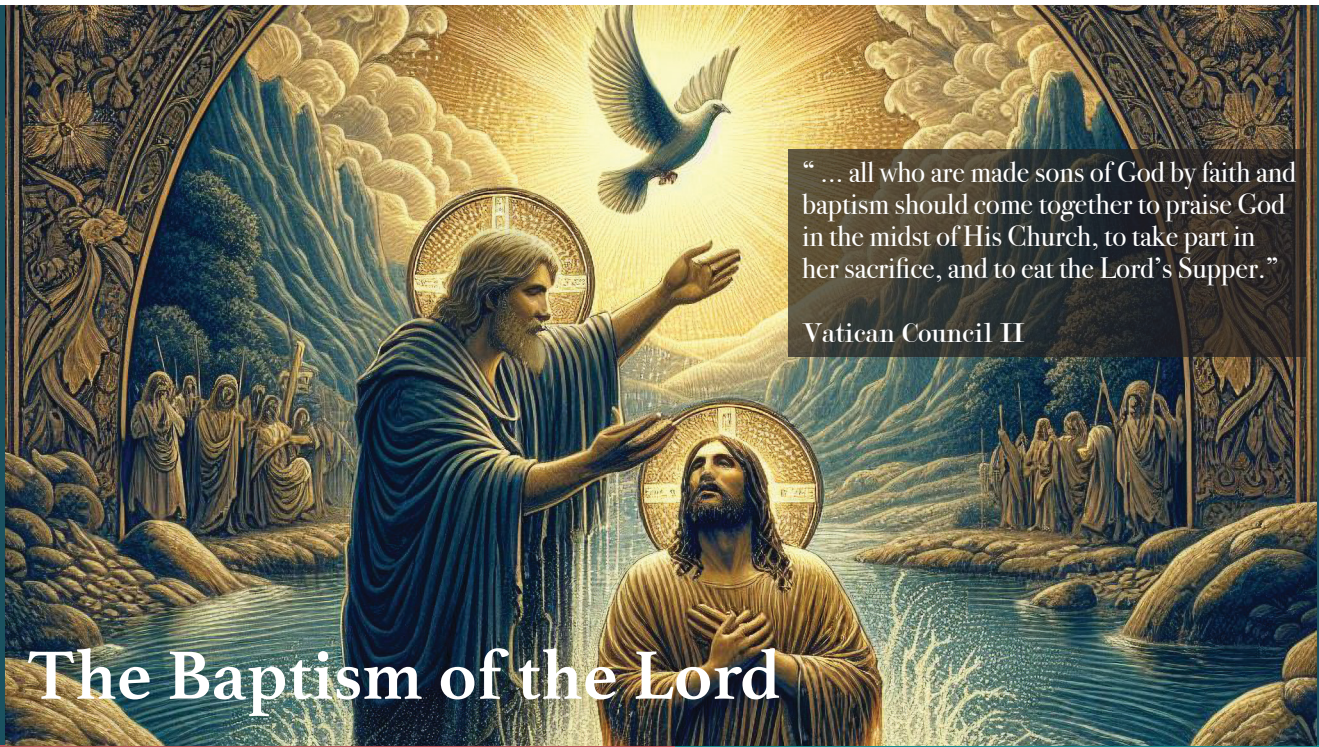
Amen.

### PRAYER OF EPIPHANY

Lord Jesus, may Your light shine our way, as once it guided the steps of the Magi that we too may be led into Your presence and worship You. the Child of Mary, Mother of God. the Word of the Father, the King of nations, the Saviour of mankind. in union with Your heavenly Father and the Holy Spirit, You are One God forever and ever.

Amen.





“... all who are made sons of God by faith and baptism should come together to praise God in the midst of His Church, to take part in her sacrifice, and to eat the Lord’s Supper.”

Vatican Council II

## The Baptism of the Lord

### The Hymn of the month is coming back



Starting on January 14 we will be adding “Glorious in Majesty” to our repertoire. Found in the “Christian Life” section, this hymn begins by praising Jesus. The second verse tells of the things Jesus has done for his people: won us victory, freed us from darkness, dwelling among us. The third verse speaks of Christian mission and hope of future glory with Christ.

While only three verses, this beautiful hymn touches on many themes repeated in the Gospels: the Kingdom of God, Jesus the healer, the call and sending of the disciples. If you attend weekday Mass here at CBSJ, you’ve sung this hymn many times.

## THE HOLY BARRIER

By Michal Petka

In Orthodox churches, you can find a wall made of icons or a cordon, which divides the sanctuary from the rest of the building. Only chosen people are allowed to pass through the doors on the other side, where the altar is. We used to do the same thing back at the time in Catholic churches. The railings where people received communion were natural barriers in the space of the church. Only those who received holy orders and had a liturgical ministry could be in the sanctuary. The reason was to maintain order and show respect for the presence of God.



ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL ALTAR RAIL INTACT

It was not connected, as many people think, with the higher dignity of priests, altar servers, or other individuals involved, but with being chosen by God.

We are all equal in dignity: no one is better or more important than others. But according to God’s calling, we have different tasks to do in the Church. One is a husband, one a mother, one a deacon, one a widow, one a reader, one an organist. In the body, we cannot replace the hand with the ear; the same goes in the Church. We should focus on our vocations and roles in God’s plan to fulfill them fully and devotedly instead of seeking higher and more visible seats and more “important” roles in the liturgical congregation.



# Weekly HIGHLIGHT

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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>