



THE SAINT JAMES EXPERIENCE

The
Saint James Cathedral-Basilica
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 14 , 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,

Even as I am writing this, the Christmas decorations are diminishing, being packed away for next year's celebrations. From my perspective and from what I have heard, our Advent and Christmas went very well this year. I was very happy to say on numerous occasions that this was my best Christmas and New Year at the Cathedral so far. The hard work and cooperation of many people, some for the very first time this year was very effective, encouraging and inspiring. Some might say I was starting to glimpse what it really means to be a pastor. I would rather say I got a good sense of what it means for us to be a community.

In barely a day, we went from Epiphany to Ordinary Time. In a month it will already be Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Since time is passing at a super-sonic pace, why not start thinking about what we can do to enhance and make productive our season of Lent. I know that there will be the now customary talk against symbolic and not terribly useful fasts of 'giving up' chocolate, doughnuts, or chicken wings, (maybe not chicken wings) intended to encourage us to make better choices of what to 'give up'.

The season of Lent began with people not preparing to receive full initiation into the sacraments to join with those who were in deepening their commitment to the Lord, the Church and the pursuit of holiness. Depriving oneself of some favorite food or pastime for a period could strengthen one's resolve and foster discipline but I think we all know that does not usually happen.

My suggestion would be to pray more, study Scripture more and to be generous to others, particularly those most in need. We could do those things that make it easier for us to love others – that is – by loving ourselves in life supporting ways. Being more positive may mean being less negative and giving up negativity for Lent would be a great thing to do.

Let me leave you with this quote from Dr Martin Luther King, Jr, whose birthday we celebrate this week. Something to meditate on that might give some ideas for our Lenten preparation for Easter:

“You know, a lot of people don't love themselves. And they go through life with deep and haunting emotional conflicts. So, the length of life means that you must love yourself. And you know what loving yourself also means? It means that you've got to accept yourself.”

The person most in need of love and acceptance may be you receiving it from you.

Peace,

Fr. Bryan Patterson

O BLESSED ARCHANGEL GABRIEL, WE BESEECH THEE, DO THOU INTERCEDE FOR US AT THE THRONE OF DIVINE MERCY IN OUR PRESENT NECESSITIES, THAT AS THOU DIDST ANNOUNCE TO MARY THE MYSTERY OF THE INCARNATION, SO THROUGH THY PRAYERS AND PATRONAGE IN HEAVEN WE MAY OBTAIN THE BENEFITS OF THE SAME, AND SING THE PRAISE OF GOD FOREVER IN THE LAND OF THE LIVING.

AMEN.



READING I

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19

(Proclaimed in Spanish)

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was. The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." "I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am," he said. "You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep." At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

Response: TE ALABAMOS, SEÑOR

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10



Here am I, Lord! Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

READING II

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Brothers and sisters: The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

GOSPEL

Jn 1:35-42

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" — which translated means Teacher —, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" — which is translated Christ —. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" — which is translated Peter.

2nd Sunday OT B - Gloria

Open: 802 - Here I am, Lord

Offertory: 791 - Glorious in majesty

Communion: 928 - Eat this bread

Recession: 531 - We Shall Overcome

Postlude: *La Montovana / Bergerette - Playford / Susato*

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 14, 2024

“Come, and you will see.” How are you being called to come and see how you can build up the kingdom of God as His co-worker?

Consider the generous service of priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to **Fr. Matt Mason**, the Vocations Director at (603) 663-0196 or 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, 11:00 am Mass.**

THANK YOU To All Parishioners

Thank you for making the coffee hour potluck a success with your delicious contributions. Your participation made it special. Let us carry this positive energy forward and continue building our church community.



SPECIAL THANK YOU

We extend a sincere “thank you” to each of you who generously donated to our Christmas flowers collection adding beauty and warmth to our cherished Cathedral. Your thoughtful contributions reflect the unity and spirit of love within our parish community.

Special thanks to:

MS. ELENA ANDERSON	FAMILY ISOM
HELENA BATTLE	ALTHEA FORD JOBE
JACQUES BIEN-AIME	IMELDA KARNATI
GREGORY CARRUBBA	ANNA KING
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MARY THOMPSON	LINDIA WHITE
GIUSEPPE TRAMONTANA	GARTH & ROSA WILLIAMS
ZORAIDA TORRES	EMILY ZION
THE LOUIS-POLLARD FAMILY	

WISHING ALL A WONDERFUL YEAR AHEAD!



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY - 11:00 AM January 14, 2024	MONDAY - 12:00 PM January 15, 2024	TUESDAY - 12:00 PM January 16, 2024
People of the parish	Justin Vega & William F. Radacinski	Dennis Artz
WEDNESDAY- 12:00 PM January 17 2024	THURSDAY - 12:00 PM January 18, 2024	FRIDAY- 12:00 PM January 19, 2024
Andrew & Josephine Eichner	Anne Versachelli	Joseph R. Lyons
LECTORS	January 14, 2024 Mary Pradt & Elina Cruz	January 21, 2024 Beatrice DiCostanzo & Mireyda Reyes
COFFEE HOUR	January 14, 2024 Potluck style - Bring a dish & share a smile	January 21, 2024 Potluck style - Bring a dish & share a smile



O Mary, if I am ever so unfortunate as to lose God's grace, move me to take refuge in you. Help me to flee to my city of refuge, for you will lead me to Jesus.

YOUR DAILY CAMINO

14th JANUARY - SUNDAY

“Jesus looked over his shoulder and said to them, ‘What are you after?’ They said, ‘Rabbi’(which means ‘Teacher’), ‘Where are you staying?’ He replied, ‘Come see for yourself. They came and saw where he was living, and ended up staying with him for the day.’”

~ **Gospel of Saint John 1:37-39**

15th JANUARY - MONDAY

“Rarely do we find men who willingly engage in hard, solid thinking. There is an almost universal quest for easy answers and half-baked solutions. Nothing pains some people more than having to think.”

~ **Dr Martin Luther King, Jr.**

16th JANUARY - TUESDAY

“The nearer a man comes to God, the more he sees himself to be a sinner. Isaiah the prophet saw the Lord and knew himself to be wretched and unclean (Isaiah 6:5).”

~ **Abba Mathois**

17th JANUARY - WEDNESDAY

“A time is coming when men will go mad, and when they see someone who is not mad, they will attack him, saying, ‘You are mad; you are not like us.’”

~ **Saint Anthony of Egypt**

18th JANUARY - THURSDAY

“If a man wants God to hear his prayer quickly, then before he prays for anything else, even his own soul, when he stands and stretches out his hands towards God, he must pray with all his heart for his enemies. Through this action God will hear everything that he asks.”

~ **Abba Zeno**

19th JANUARY - FRIDAY

“Tell me how to become a monk.’ He said, ‘If you want to find rest here below all circumstances say, ‘Who am I? and do not judge anyone.’”

~ **Abba Poemen to Abba Joseph**

20th JANUARY - SATURDAY

“In the beginning there are a great many battles and a good deal of suffering for those who are advancing towards God and afterwards, ineffable joy. It is like those who wish to light a fire; at first they are choked by the smoke and cry, and by this means obtain what they seek ... so we must also kindle the divine fire in ourselves through tears and hard work.”

~ **Amma Syncletica**

WEEKLY PRAYERS

PRAYER OF SAINT FELIX OF NOLA

Dear Lord, we thank You for giving us St. Felix as an example of holiness. Help us to imitate the openness to Your will that he showed in choosing to serve You in the priesthood. St. Felix, you did not desire to amass earthly wealth for yourself. Instead, you chose to sell your inheritance and to serve God wholeheartedly in the priesthood. Pray for me, that I may respond generously to whatever God calls me to do in my life. Pray that I may serve Him worthily each day.

Amen.

PRAYER OF SAINT ANTHONY

O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and Charity for His creatures, made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers. Encouraged by this thought, I implore you to obtain for me (request). O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of the sweet Infant Jesus, who loved to be folded in your arms; and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours.

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 PAUL THE HERMIT

St. Paul the Hermit, please intercede for all of us who are suffering both physically and emotionally. Please give us the strength, courage and patience to be like saints like yourself who carried a hardship like we do. Never let us give up our faith and keep carrying the cross until our prayers are answered.

Amen.





THE LEGEND OF SAINT PAUL OF THEBES THE FIRST HERMIT (Feastday - January 15)

“The Life of Saint Paul the First Hermit was written in Latin by Jerome, probably in 375-376. Paul of Thebes was born around 227 in the Thebaid of Egypt. Paul and his married sister lost their parents. In order to obtain Paul’s inheritance, his brother-in-law sought to betray him to the persecutors. According to Jerome’s *Vitae Patrum*, Paul fled to the Theban desert as a young man during the persecution of Decius and Valerianus around AD 250. He lived in the mountains of this desert in a cave near a clear spring and a palm tree, the leaves of which provided him with clothing and the fruit of which provided him with his only source of food until he was 43 years old, when a raven started bringing him half a loaf of bread daily. He would remain in that cave for the rest of his life, almost a hundred years. Paul of Thebes is known to posterity because around the year 342, Anthony the Great was told in a dream about the older hermit’s existence, and went to find him. Jerome related that Anthony the Great and Paul met when the latter was aged 113. They conversed with each other for one day and one night. The *Synaxarium* shows each saint inviting the other to bless and break the bread, as a token of honor. Paul held one side, putting the other side into the hands of Father Anthony, and soon the bread broke through the middle and each took his part. When Anthony next visited him, Paul was dead. Anthony clothed him in a tunic which was a present from Athanasius of Alexandria and buried him, with two lions helping to dig the grave. Father Anthony returned to his monastery taking with him the robe which was woven with palm leaf. He honored the robe so much that he only wore it twice a year: at the Feast of Easter, and at the Pentecost.”

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF EASTER AND THE MOVEABLE FEASTS 2024 ASCENSION ON SUNDAY

On the Epiphany of the Lord, after the singing of the Gospel, a Deacon or cantor, in keeping with an ancient practice of Holy Church, announces from the ambo the moveable feasts of the current year according to this formula:

Know, dear brethren, (brothers and sisters,) that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our

Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God’s mercy

We announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior.

On the fourteenth day of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season. On the thirty-first day of March, you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the twelfth day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the nineteenth day of May the feast of Pentecost.

On the second day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the first day of December, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Strange But True!

Did you know that for twenty-five years I worked part-time as a square dance caller? I’ve performed as far west as San Francisco, CA and as far east as Berlin, Germany!

In 1991, shortly after graduating from “Caller College” - a five-day intensive workshop covering music, timing, body flow, and choreography - I became more fluent than any normal person would want to be on the topic of copyright law.

In the late 1980s, BMI and ASCAP (the two major music licensing agencies in the US) realized that seven nights every week, in thousands of dance halls across the country, copyrighted music was being performed but without any royalties winding up in their bank accounts. THE HORROR! (Seriously, royalties earned from public performances of copyrighted music allow professional composers to live indoors and eat regularly. Copyright laws, therefore, are not evil.)

The licensing agencies were threatening to shut down the square dancing activity if a solution wasn’t found immediately, if not sooner. To save the day CALLERLAB (think of them as the Curia of Callers) negotiated a licensing agreement with BMI and ASCAP. Members would pay an annual licensing fee based on the number of dances they call over the course of a year. Callers who were caught not paying the licensing fee could be charged \$10,000 per song, per dance!

What has any of this to do with Sunday Mass?

St. James pays annual licensing fees for the right to print and broadcast the copyrighted music in our hymnal during our worship services. On your seat today you found a card containing the lyrics of our closing song: “We Shall Overcome”. I chose this hymn because (a) it’s appropriate for MLK Weekend; and (b) the hymn is in the public domain. A song in public domain has no copyright claims on the reproduction or performance of its words and music. This hymn doesn’t appear in

our hymnal. But since it’s in the public domain, I was allowed to make you copies of the lyrics. So sing your hearts out safe in the knowledge that CBSJ won’t be stormed by an army of lawyers!

Did you know...

The song “Happy Birthday” is still under copyright? Every time you hear it sung in a movie or on television, the copyright holder is earning another royalty fee.

The copyrighted Jeopardy Theme Song has earned composer Merv Griffin and his estate over \$100 million in royalties?

Strange... but true!!





Weekly HIGHLIGHT

Saint James Cathedral-Basilica

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>