

# THE SAINT JAMES EXPERIENCE

The  
**Saint James Cathedral-Basilica**  
**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**January 21, 2024**



**SAINT JAMES  
CATHEDRAL-BASILICA**

**MASS TIMES:**

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

**Sunday Mass: 11:00 AM**

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*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,

I wonder. Is three weeks a long or short time? I guess it depends on who you ask and their particular situation. If you were waiting for some decisive medical test results, three weeks would be an excruciatingly long time. I remember the night when WNCN went from a classical music station to an all-rock station. It happened just like that. I can never forget the distinctive voice of Clayelle Dalferes. Fortunately, she went on to WQXR and is now retiring from being a radio host for that station. After sixty years as a broadcaster, I'm sure the last three weeks flew by. Three more Sundays and we are into the season of Lent.

Time varies in its meaning. Our readings for this Sunday all feature an aspect of time. In each case it is not chronological time (chronos) but something the Greeks called *kairos*, time as an opportune moment, the right time for something, or as Fr Richard Rohr might put it, those moments in life where you stop and say, "Oh my God, this is it. I get it." Or, 'This is as perfect as it can be.' Or, 'It doesn't get any better than this.'"

In the first reading from the book of Jonah, the great city Ninevah had been given forty days before it was all over. Before the threatened destruction, the king and everyone below took to repentance, even the animals wore sack cloth and ashes. When God saw this, they were spared. They took advantage of the opportunity to avoid calamity.

In the readings from First Corinthians and the Gospel of Mark, the word *kairos* is used for time. Paul writes, "I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time (*kairos*) is running out." Jesus says, "This is the time (*kairos*) of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." Jesus says this after John the Baptist has been arrested.

The coming of Jesus spells the end of the world as it has been known. Both the preaching of Jesus and the teaching of Saint Paul point this out. Here we are two thousand years later and so many are waiting for the end of the world. We are being told that the jig is up. The world system has been exposed as a fraud and its days are numbered.

As a preacher and teacher, I am becoming increasingly concerned that the *kairos* itself may, in fact, finally be running out. I talk to people about spiritual matters, sometimes for a long while until I realize that even one of the most basic fundamentals of our faith, repentance, is largely unknown to them. The faith has been reduced to fundraising, distributing goods to people in need and honoring people and groups but not interior conversion. All of these are good, of course, but salvation isn't a prize we win for being the nicest person in town, no matter how nice you are.

A completely different mode of living, a radical change in perspective is being offered, one that opens up to eternal life is given to us but less and less people are able to see this. As the unique message of Jesus and the Gospel is driven from awareness, the window, the opportunity is gradually receding. Paul suggests, like the Ninevites, like those to whom Jesus is addressing, that we take advantage of whatever time is left and surrender ourselves to the Lord and undergo the change while it may be had. We can escape the limitations of linear time or we can miss it. All because we didn't recognize it, didn't know what time (*kairos*) it was.

Heartfeltly,

*Fr. Bryan Patterson*

*"No one can be forced to accept the truth. But our very nature, which is rooted in freedom, already compels us to seek out the truth."*

- Pope St. John Paul II



**READING I**

Jon 3:1-5, 10

(Proclaimed in Spanish)

The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying: "Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you." So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh, according to the LORD'S bidding. Now Nineveh was an enormously large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day's walk announcing, "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed," when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.

Response: TE ALABAMOS, SEÑOR

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9



**READING II**

1 Cor 7:29-31

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out. From now on, let those having wives act as not having them, those weeping as not weeping, those rejoicing as not rejoicing, those buying as not owning, those using the world as not using it fully. For the world in its present form is passing away.

**GOSPEL**

Mk 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

**3rd Sunday OT B (Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children) - Bishop - Gloria**

Open: 849 - All people that on earth do dwell

Offertory: 791 - Glorious in majesty

Communion: 817- Lord, when you came

Anthem: Children of the Heavenly Father

Recession: 807 - You walk along our shoreline vv 1, 3

Postlude: Toccata in D Minor - Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

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## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**January 21, 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](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).

### PRO VITA MASS

**January 21, 2024**

Join 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.



### 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

SUNDAY - 11:00 AM January 21, 2024 (PRO-VITA MASS)	MONDAY - 12:00 PM January 22, 2024	TUESDAY - 12:00 PM January 23, 2024
People of the parish	Geraldine Carlton ( <i>Birthday Wishes</i> )	Shouriah Karnati
WEDNESDAY- 12:00 PM January 24, 2024	THURSDAY - 12:00 PM January 25, 2024	FRIDAY- 12:00 PM January 26, 2024
Marie Claira & The Deceased Member of The Ferdinand Family	Sidney J. Flateau	Shouriah Karnati
LECTORS	<b>January 21, 2024</b> <i>Beatrice DiCostanzo &amp; Mireyda Reyes</i>	<b>January 28, 2024</b> <i>Dan McCardell &amp; Elina Cruz</i>
COFFEE HOUR	<b>January 21, 2024</b> <i>Potluck style - Bring a dish &amp; share a smile</i>	<b>January 28, 2024</b> <i>Potluck style - Bring a dish &amp; share a smile</i>

O Mary, let me foster devotion to you within my heart. May one day not go by without my turning to you in prayer and meditation.

Amen.



Obedience in  
Faith



## YOUR DAILY CAMINO

### 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY - SUNDAY

“After John was arrested, Jesus went to Galilee preaching the Message of God. ‘Time’s up! God’s Kingdom is here. Change your life and believe the Message.’”

~ Gospel of Saint Mark 1:14-15

### 22<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY - MONDAY

“The cemetery of the victims of human cruelty in our century is extended to include yet another vast cemetery, that of the unborn.”

~ Pope Saint John Paul II

### 23<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY - TUESDAY

“Try to accept what God is pleased to give you no matter how bitter – ‘God wills it’ is the thought that will strengthen you and help you over the hard places if we wish to be true children of God.”

~Saint Marianne Cope

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

“Do not become upset when difficulty comes your way. Laugh in its face and know that you are in the hands of God.”

~Saint Francis de Sales

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

“Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself.”

~Saint Paul (First Corinthians 11:27-29)

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

“Obedience unites us so closely to God that in a way transforms us into Him, so that we have no other will but His. If obedience is lacking, even prayer cannot be pleasing to God.”

~ Saint Thomas Aquinas

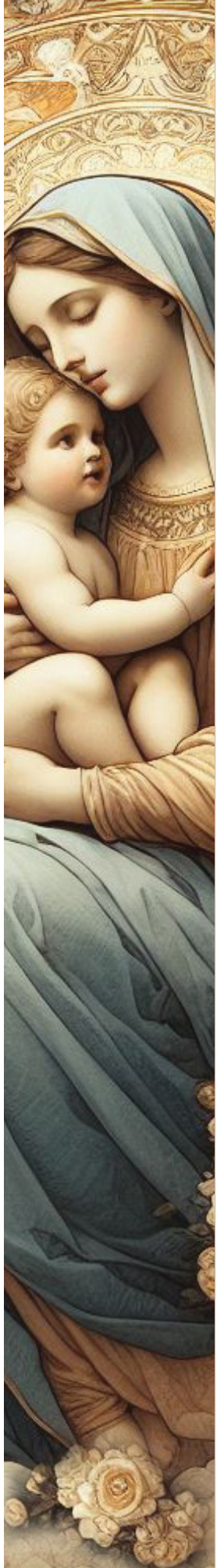
### 27<sup>th</sup> JANUARY - SATURDAY

“Do not lose heart, even if you should discover that you lack qualities necessary for the work to which you are called. He who called you will not desert you, but the moment you are in need he will stretch out his saving hand.”

~ Saint Angela Merici

## WEEKLY PRAYERS

### PRAYER OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE



O glorious St. Paul, who from a persecutor of Christianity, didst become a most ardent Apostle of zeal; and who to make known the Savior Jesus Christ unto the ends of the world didst suffer with joy imprisonment, scourgings, stonings, shipwrecks and persecutions of every kind, and in the end didst shed thy blood to the last drop, obtain for us the grace to receive, as favors of the Divine mercy, infirmities, tribulations, and misfortunes of the present life, so that the vicissitudes of this our exile will not render us cold in the service of God, but will render us always more faithful and more fervent. Amen.

### SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

Divine Saviour, we come to Your sacred table to nourish ourselves, not with bread but with Yourself, true Bread of eternal life. Help us daily to make a good and perfect meal of this divine food. Let us be continually refreshed by the perfume of Your kindness and goodness. May the Holy Spirit fill us with His Love. Meanwhile, let us prepare a place for this holy food by emptying our hearts. Amen.

### PRAYER FOR LIFE AND DIGNITY

Eternal God, creator and sustainer of life, bless us with the courage to defend all life from conception to natural death. Bless us with the strength to respect all peoples from east to west, from north to south, so that we may truly follow the call of Jesus to be neighbor. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### PRAYER OF SAINTS TIMOTHY AND TITUS

Saints Timothy and Titus, you were called by God to share in the apostolic ministry of Saint Paul, to go forth to preach, and to draw many souls to Heaven. Your faith, zeal, and countless virtues assisted you in this mission. Please pray for me, that I may also share in the apostolic work of the Church and help bring many souls to Christ. Amen.



## SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES (Feastday - January 24)

St. Francis de Sales was born to a noble family at Chateau de Sales in the Kingdom of Savoy near Geneva, Switzerland on August 21, 1567. He was a Bishop and Doctor of the Church.

Francis was both intelligent and gentle. From a very early age, he desired to serve God. He knew for years he had a vocation to the priesthood, but kept it from his family. His father wanted him to enter a career in law and politics.

After much discussion and disagreement from his father, Francis was ordained to the priesthood and elected provost of the Diocese of Geneva, in 1593, by the Bishop of Geneva.

In 1604, Francis took one of the most important steps in his life -- the step toward extraordinary holiness and mystical union with God.

In Dijon, Francis saw a widow listening closely to his sermon -- a woman he had seen already in a dream. Jane de Chantal was a dedicated Catholic Christian on her own, as Francis was, but it was only when they became friends they began to become saints.

Jane wanted him to take over her spiritual direction, but, not surprisingly, Francis wanted to wait. "I had to know fully what God himself wanted. I had to be sure that everything in this should be done as though his hand had done it." Jane was on a path to mystical union with God and, in directing her, Francis was compelled to follow her and become a mystic himself.

Years after working with Jane, he made up his mind to form a new religious community. In 1610, he founded The Order of Visitation.

St. Francis de Sales was beatified on January 8, 1661 and canonized on April 19, 1665 by Pope Alexander VII.

In 1923, Pope Pius XI named St. Francis de Sales the patron saint of Catholic writers and the Catholic press because of the tracts and books he wrote. He is also the patron saint of the deaf, journalists, adult education, and the Sisters of St. Joseph. His feast day is celebrated on January 24.

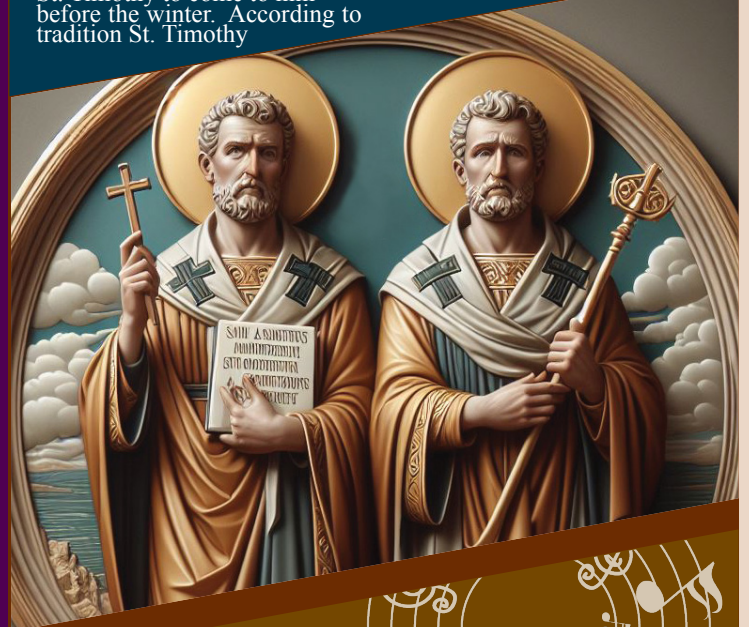
## FEAST DAY OF SAINTS TIMOTHY AND TITUS

St. Timothy was Lystra in Lycaonia, born of Greek father and a Jewish mother. He was educated in the assiduous reading of the Scriptures. His mother, Eunice, and his grandmother, Lois, as well as St. Timothy himself, probably embraced the Faith during St. Paul's first stay at Lystra. On St. Paul's return there during the second missionary journey, St. Timothy was highly recommended by the Christians. Accordingly the Apostle chose him as a missionary companion and sent him on difficult, confidential missions.

During the first imprisonment of the Apostle at Rome, St. Timothy was with his master. After this imprisonment he accompanied the Apostle on his last missionary journey and was left at Ephesus to take charge of the Church there. The Apostle, shortly before his death, wrote St. Timothy to come to him before the winter. According to tradition St. Timothy

spent the rest of his life at Ephesus as its Bishop. He was martyred during the winter of the year 97.

St. Titus was the friend and disciple of St. Paul, who ordained him Bishop of Crete. About the year 56 St. Paul sent him on a mission to Corinth to reform the Church there. He is said to have been the most cherished disciple of St. Paul, who, in the year 64, addressed one of his epistles to him instructing him in the care of his flock. St. Titus accompanied St. Paul and St. Barnabas to the Council of Jerusalem. He was uncircumcised, and although at the Council Jerusalem insisted that he submit to this rite, St. Paul refused to permit it. According to tradition he returned to Crete to exercise his episcopal office, and died there about the year 96.

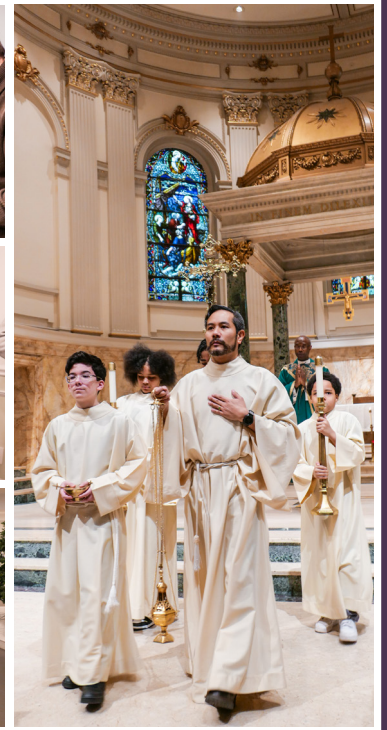


During today's Offertory, Katie will be joined by Courtney Carey. Mr. Carey was part of our Christmas Octet and will be with us again during Holy Week. They will be singing L.J. White's setting of the moving Prayer of St Richard of Chichester.

Unlike many prayers of his contemporaries - in which you literally feel the light years of distance separating the believer from his/her God - St. Richard much more intimately addresses Jesus as "friend and brother". He then goes on to offer the well-known 'Day by Day' petition asking to better know, love, and follow the teachings and example of his friend and brother, Jesus.

I first heard this piece sung by the Daylesford Abbey Choir back in the mid 1970s. I hope you enjoy it.

**Nick Martellacci**  
Music Director of St. James



# 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>