

**THE SAINT JAMES EXPERIENCE**

The  
**Saint James Cathedral-Basilica**  
**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**January 28 , 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*

*Deacon Ronald Rizzuto, Pastoral Administrator*

*Mrs. Isabel Navarro, Secretary*

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## From The Rector of Saint James Cathedral-Basilica

Dear parishioners and friends of Saint James,

On the evening of the 16th of January, I was witness to a wonderful occurrence. I was present at a meeting with Bishop Robert Brennan, Very Rev. Patrick Keating as diocesan finance director, Charles Karnati and Donald Salvato our trustees, our business and pastoral administrators Deacon Ron Rizzuto and Alfie Santos, and Colleen Ceriello and Robert Dadona, the directors of real estate management in the diocese. The purpose of this meeting was to begin a discussion as to how to begin renovating and repairing the Cathedral-Basilica of Saint James.

As many of you know, I have been zealous for the Cathedral ever since Bishop DiMarzio asked me to become rector. I wondered then, as I wonder now, what qualifications I have to be the rector of the Cathedral. The only one I believe I might possess is my belief in the importance of Saint James, its history, its significance and what I see are its enormous possibilities as the spiritual center of the diocese and distinguished spiritual presence on Long Island and in the metropolitan area.

Deacon Ron, the trustees and I have long spoken of the need for this discussion at the diocesan level. Bishop Brennan himself called the meeting and after two previous attempts, it finally came to fruition. I was much taken aback to learn that while we deliberated projects and costs and as the bishop astutely steered the conversation, his dear mother was nearing her last days. I recount this to show the dedication that Bishop Brennan has for Saint James and the seriousness with which he takes this endeavor of renovation and repair.

Robert Dadona presented a well-researched and detailed PowerPoint presentation which concluded with the proposed stages of the projects, as well as the current projected costs. Overall, the price will be in the millions of dollars. Your past and present generosity, along with other financial instruments will ensure the completion of this mission.

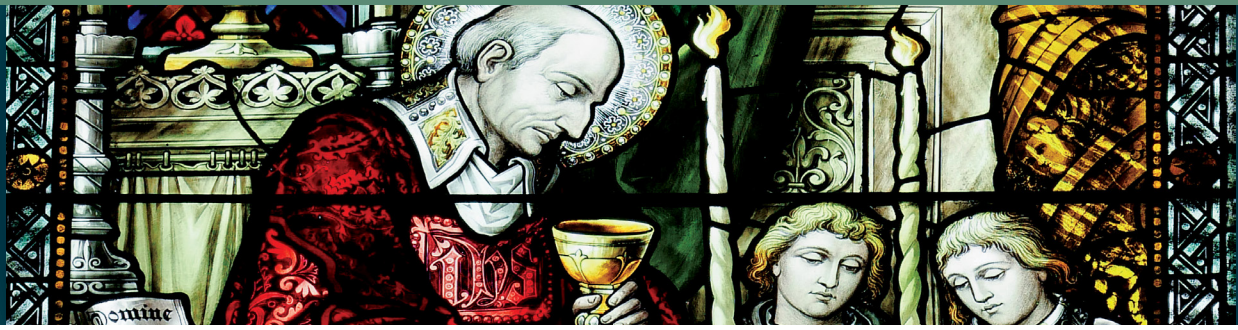
I have become acutely aware that Saint James is indeed a special, holy place. It is clearly a beautiful church with an incredible legacy but it also has many secrets, even mysteries, presenting unique opportunities for spiritual growth and Christian perfection all its own. Many people have reported physical healings and spiritual conversions. Other have attributed to the Cathedral a renewed and deepening desire to follow Jesus Christ as an ardent disciple. So far, we have had very few funerals at Saint James, even while there were so many occurring at other parishes, particularly during the pandemic.

I will keep you all posted as to any further developments. Please do continue to pray for and pray at the Cathedral-Basilica of Saint James that her mission to bring people to Christ in the Catholic faith may continue and bear even greater fruit.

Peace,

*Fr. Bryan Patterson*





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**READING I****Dt 18:15-20****(Proclaimed in Spanish)**

Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen. This is exactly what you requested of the LORD, your God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die.' And the LORD said to me, 'This was well said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it. But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak, or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die.'"

**Response: TE ALABAMOS, SEÑOR**

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM****Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9**

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**READING II****1 Cor 7:32-35**

Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties. An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided. An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. A married woman, on the other hand, is anxious about the things of the world, how she may please her husband. I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction.

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**GOSPEL****Mk 1:21-28**

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

**4th Sunday OT B - Gloria****Open: 791 - Glorious in majesty****Offertory: 651 - I want to walk as a child of the light****Communion: 653- Word of God, come down to earth****Recession: 780 - Singing songs of expectation****Postlude: Jig Fugue - Dietrich Buxtehude 1637-1707**

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# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 4RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 28, 2024

“Do not be afraid, for you have found favor with God.” Consider following Christ more closely as a priest or in 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).

## Second Collection For CHURCHES IN NEED

January 28, 2024

Proceeds from the second collection on **Sunday, January 28** will go to the **Churches In Need**. Please consider fostering the seeds of faith with your continued generosity.

## 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

<b>SUNDAY - 11:00 AM</b> January 28, 2024	<b>MONDAY - 12:00 PM</b> January 29, 2024	<b>TUESDAY - 12:00 PM</b> January 30, 2024
Katherine Foley	Papaih & Mariamma Mallavarappu	Alison Plateau Brooks
<b>WEDNESDAY- 12:00 PM</b> January 31, 2024	<b>THURSDAY - 12:00 PM</b> February 1, 2024	<b>FRIDAY- 12:00 PM</b> February 2, 2024
Elijah Rivera ( <i>Brithday Wishes</i> )	Amruthamma Puthota	In Thanksgiving For Blessings Received For The Karnati Family
<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>January 28, 2024</b> Dan McCardell & Elina Cruz	<b>February 4, 2024</b> Diane Wilson & Mireyda Reyes
<b>COFFEE HOUR</b>	<b>January 28, 2024</b> Potluck style - Bring a dish & share a smile	<b>February 4,, 2024</b> Potluck style - Bring a dish & share a smile

O Mary, bright Morning Star for all the earth, let the rays of your Son's grace shine ever upon me. Be my loving guide until at last I arrive safely at the heavenly shore.

Amen.



Obedience in Faith





## YOUR DAILY CAMINO

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

“When the Sabbath arrived, Jesus lost no time in getting to the meeting place. He spent the day there teaching. They were surprised at his teaching so forthright, so confident not quibbling and quoting like the religious scholars.”

~ Gospel of Saint Mark 1:21-22

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

“The tyrant dies and his rule is over, the martyr dies and his rule begins.”

~ Soren Kierkegaard

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

“Man cannot live without joy; therefore, when he is deprived of true spiritual joys it is necessary that he become addicted to carnal pleasures.”

~ Saint Thomas Aquinas

### 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY - WEDNESDAY

“The principal trap that the devil sets for young people is idleness.”

~ Saint John Bosco

### 1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY - THURSDAY

“The Holy Eucharist is a fire that purifies and consumes all our miseries and imperfections. Do everything in your power to make yourself worthy of the Eucharist, and this Divine Fire will take care of the rest.”

~ Saint Hyacinth of Mariscotti

### 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY - FRIDAY

Come, I say, to Jesus who shines out to us from Simeon’s arms. He will give light to your faith, luster to your works, meaning to your words for men, ardor to your prayer, purity to your intentions . . . And when this life’s lamp is extinguished, there will arise a life’s light which can never be extinguished, a shimmering noonday light, arising as it were at the evening of your life.

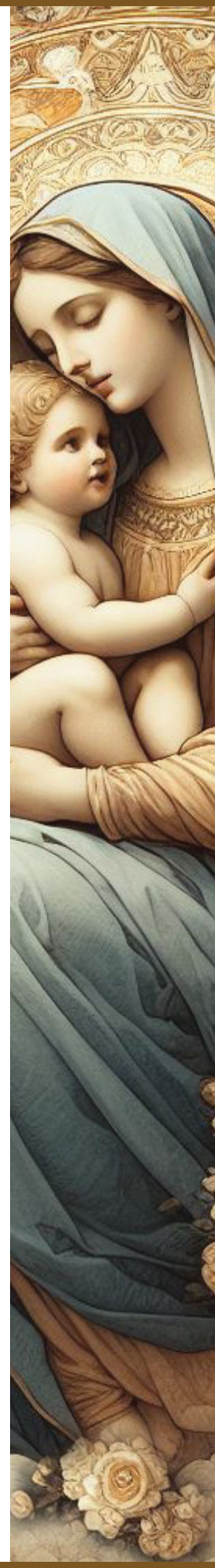
~ Blessed Gueric of Igny O.Cist.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY - SATURDAY

“Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen”

## WEEKLY PRAYERS

### PRESENTATION OF THE LORD PRAYER



Almighty ever-living God, we humbly implore your majesty that, just as your Only Begotten Son was presented on this day in the Temple in the substance of our flesh, so, by your grace, we may be presented to you with minds made pure. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### PRAYER TO SAINT JOHN BOSCO

O glorious Saint John Bosco, who in order to lead young people to the feet of the divine Master and to mould them in the light of faith and Christian morality didst heroically sacrifice thyself to the very end of thy life and didst set up a proper religious Institute destined to endure and to bring to the farthest boundaries of the earth thy glorious work, obtain also for us from Our Lord a holy love for young people who are exposed to so many seductions in order that we may generously spend ourselves in supporting them against the snares of the devil, in keeping them safe from the dangers of the world, and in guiding them, pure and holy, in the path that leads to God. Amen.

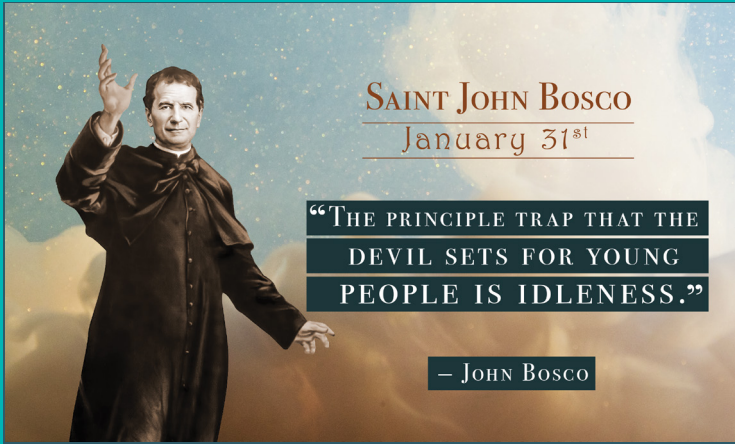
### PRAYER TO SAINT MARTHA

Comfort me in all my difficulties and through the great favors thou didst enjoy when the Savior was lodged in thy house, intercede for my family, that we be provided for in our necessities. I ask of thee, Saint Martha, to overcome all difficulties as thou didst overcome the dragon which thou hadst at thy feet. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### PRAYER OF SAINT BRIGID OF IRELAND

Pour forth on us, we beseech you, O Lord, the spirit of your wisdom and love, with which you have replenished your holy Servant, St. Bridget, that sincerely obeying you in all things, we may, by a zealous imitation of her virtues, please you in faith and works. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.





**SAINT JOHN BOSCO**  
January 31<sup>st</sup>

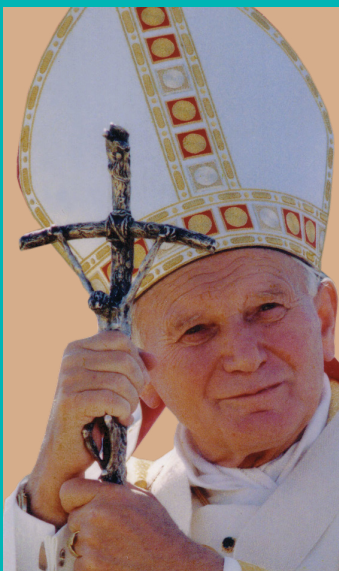
**“THE PRINCIPLE TRAP THAT THE  
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— JOHN BOSCO

ST. JOHN BOSCO was born on a poor farm near Turin, Italy, in 1815. At an age when the modern child would be enjoying the pastime of a kindergarten education, he was out on the hillside tending sheep. At about his ninth year, when he expressed the desire to become a priest, it was found possible to let him commence his education by walking more than four miles daily for half a year. The other half, in Spring and Summer, was spent in the fields.

The day before he entered the seminary, his mother, laying her hands on his shoulders as he stood robed in his clerical dress, said: “To see you dressed in this manner fills my heart with joy. But remember that it is not the dress that gives honor to the state, but the practice of virtue. If at any time you come to doubt your vocation, I beseech you, lay it aside at once. I would rather have a poor peasant for my son than a negligent priest. When you came into the world I consecrated you to Our Lady; when you began to study I bade you honor her and have recourse to her in all your difficulties; now I beg you to take her for your Queen.

Today the motto on the Salesian coat of arms: Da mihi animas cetera tolle tibi - “Give me only souls and keep all the rest”-bears witness to the fidelity of Don Bosco to the words of a truly Christian mother. This admirable “Apostle of Youth” is almost our contemporary. He founded the Salesian Society of St. Francis de Sales and the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians. His life’s work was consecrated to the care of young boys and girls. He died in 1888, and was canonized in 1934 by Pope Pius XI.



**“GOD DESIRES THE  
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REAL WAY.”**

~ Pope John Paul II

# SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

(Feast Day-January 28)

ST. THOMAS, born toward the end of 1226, was the son of Landulph, Count of Aquino, who, when St. Thomas was five years old, placed him under the care of the Benedictines of Monte Casino. His teachers were surprised at the progress he made, for he surpassed all his fellow pupils in learning as well as in the practice of virtue.

When he became of age to choose his state of life, St. Thomas renounced the things of this world and resolved to enter the Order of St. Dominic in spite of the opposition of his family.

In 1243, at the age of seventeen, he joined the Dominicans of Naples. Some members of his family resorted to all manner of means over a two-year period to break his constancy. They even went so far as to send an impure woman to tempt him. But all their efforts were in vain and St. Thomas persevered in his vocation. As a reward for his fidelity, God conferred upon him the gift of perfect chastity, which has merited for him the title of the Angelic Doctor.

After making his profession at Naples, he studied at Cologne

under the celebrated St. Albert the Great. Here he was nicknamed the “Dumb Ox” because of his silent ways and huge size, but he was really a brilliant student. At the age of twenty-two, he was appointed to teach in the same city. At the same time he also began to publish his first works. After four years he was sent to Paris. The Saint was then a priest. At the age of thirty-one he received his doctorate.

At Paris he was honored with the friendship of the King, St. Louis, with whom he frequently dined. In 1261 Urban IV called him to Rome, where he was appointed to teach, but he positively declined to accept any ecclesiastical dig-nity. St. Thomas not only wrote (his writings fill twenty hefty tomes characterized by brilliance of thought and lucidity of language), but he preached often and with the greatest fruit. Clement IV offered him the Archbishopric of Naples which he also refused.

He left the great monument of his learning, the Summa Theologica, unfinished, for on his way to the Second Council of Lyons, ordered there by Gregory X, he fell sick, and died at the Cistercian monastery of Fossa Nuova in 1274. He was canonized in 1323 by Pope John XXII.







*Pro Vita Mass*

JANUARY 21, 2024

**SAINT JAMES CATHEDRAL-BASILICA**

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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>