

**THE SAINT JAMES EXPERIENCE**

The  
**Saint James Cathedral-Basilica**  
**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
February 11, 2024



**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,

His Holiness Pope Francis, in his message delivered from Saint John Lateran Archbasilica on the occasion of the 32nd World Day of the Sick makes a most salient statement, “Let us remember this central truth in life: we came into the world because someone welcomed us; we were made for love; and we are called to communion and fraternity. This aspect of our lives is what sustains us, above all at times of illness and vulnerability. It is also the first therapy that we must all adopt in order to heal the diseases of the society in which we live.”

The Pope’s address is entitled, “*It is not good that man should be alone*”. *Healing the Sick by Healing Relationships*” His address is all the more remarkable because although what he says is glaringly obvious, that we tend to overlook the obvious or even run from it like it was the plague is even more glaring.

Our readings for today highlight the double tragedy of illness, painful suffering often coupled with fear of death and isolation. Leprosy is a perfect example of the two-fold horror of sickness, a person gradually loses control of and actual parts of their body and because of the contagious nature of the disease, they are abandoned and shunned by family, friends and society. Exactly when a person needs the most to be cared for, they are relegated to the ‘company’ of those who themselves share their fate and aren’t in the best position to be very helpful.

In my early years I had wanted to be a medical doctor. As a priest I have seen first-hand the “chicken or egg first” dilemma of sickness played out many times, as it is difficult to determine whether broken or non-existent relationships causes illness or illness results in broken relationships and isolation. Often, it is both at the same time. My experience has been that if one is willing to look below the surface of things, a person endures a deep emotional hurt and then disease, dis-ease follows. Before antibiotics, to contract leprosy was akin to being killed twice, first socially and then physically. Two diseases in one.

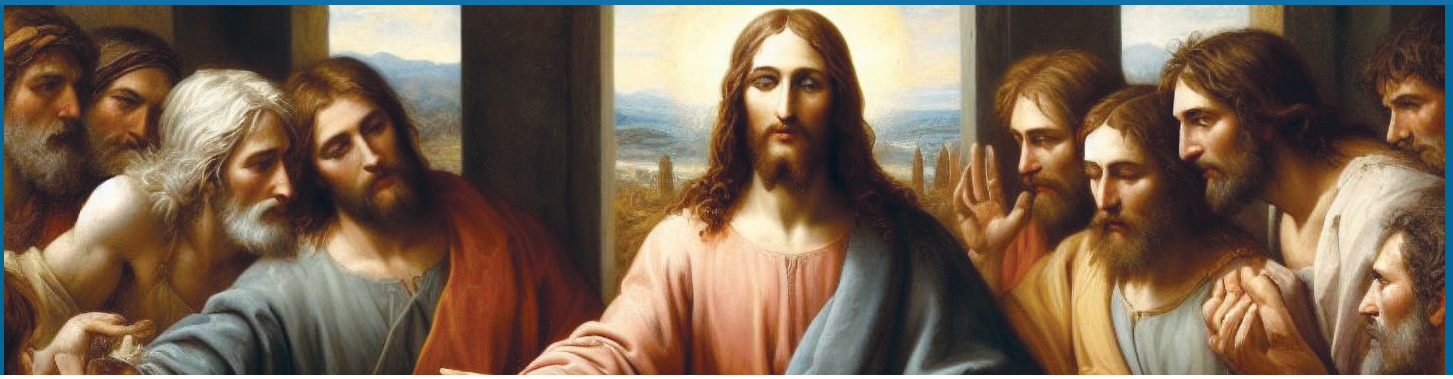
The Pope is urging us to focus on the quality of our relationships, with people we know and people we don’t, living or not. I’m convinced that unforgiveness, whether being unforgiven by others or not forgiving oneself is a major cause of illness. Once forgiven, many people experience a dramatic recovery of health. Pope Francis says that war is the most terrible of social diseases. The only way to truly end a war between nations or people is through forgiveness and that rarely happens. A sick society produces sick people.

If we had ever taken the Gospel seriously, the world would have been freed from sin and sickness long ago. Jesus doesn’t hesitate to touch the leper prior to his complete healing. This Lent would be an excellent time to consider some hands on, big-time forgiveness. We can live with people eating chocolate but not with people hating and not forgiving each other.

Boni quadragesimae,

**Fr. Bryan Patterson**





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**READING I****Lv 13:1-2, 44-46****(Proclaimed in Spanish)**

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch which appears to be the sore of leprosy, he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests among his descendants. If the man is leprous and unclean, the priest shall declare him unclean by reason of the sore on his head. "The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, 'Unclean, unclean!' As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."

**Response: TE ALABAMOS, SEÑOR**

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM****Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11**

I turn to you, O Lord, in time of trouble and you fill me with the joy of sal - va - tion.

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**READING II****1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1**

Brothers and sisters, Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in every way, not seeking my own benefit but that of the many, that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

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**GOSPEL****Mk 1:40-45**

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once. He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

**6th Sunday OT B - Gloria****Open: 838 - Help us accept each other****Offertory: 950 - O Christ the healer****Communion: 909- Pan de Vida****Anthem: He Touched Me****Recession: 791 - Glorious in majesty****Postlude: Ascription - Richard Purvis 1913-1994**

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# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 11, 2024

### World Marriage Day

“Do everything for the glory of God.” Give Him the glory through your marriage. Your vocation is your sanctification in this life to lead you to sainthood in the next. Pray for your spouse each day and lead each other to Heaven.

## PRAYER OF THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

February 23 - March 22, 2024

Join us for the Prayer of the Stations of the Cross. Every Friday during the Lenten Season.

We invite you to participate in the Prayer of the Stations of the Cross. Join us immediately following the noon Mass every Friday, as we journey together in prayerful reflection on the passion and sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ, seeking renewal and spiritual growth by preparing our hearts for the celebration of Easter.

## Second Collection For ACA ANNOUNCEMENT WEEKEND

February 11, 2024

Proceeds from the second collection on Sunday, February 11 will go to the ACA Announcement Weekend. 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).



*The season of Lent is approaching -  
How can you prepare your heart and mind  
through faith?*

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>SUNDAY - 11:00 AM</b> February 11, 2024	<b>MONDAY - 12:00 PM</b> February 12, 2024	<b>TUESDAY - 12:00 PM</b> February 13, 2024
For The Deceased Member of The DiCostanzo Family	Fr. Bryan Patterson ( <i>Birthday Wishes</i> )	Corneluis (Neal) Pronek
<b>WEDNESDAY- 12:00 PM</b> February 14, 2024 (Ash Wednesday)	<b>THURSDAY - 12:00 PM</b> February 15, 2024	<b>FRIDAY- 12:00 PM</b> February 16, 2024
Anne & Tullio Versachelli	Carlos & Carmen Rivera	Alphonse Karnati
<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>February 11, 2024</b> Mary Pradt & Elina Cruz	<b>February 18, 2024</b> Dan McCardell & Mireyda Reyes
<b>COFFEE HOUR</b>	<b>February 11, 2024</b> Potluck style - Bring a dish & share a smile	<b>February 18,, 2024</b> Potluck style - Bring a dish & share a smile

O MARY, TURN MY HEART INTO A  
MINIATURE LOURDES WHERE I CAN  
HONOR YOU EACH DAY AND RECEIVE  
SPIRITUAL STRENGTH FOR MY  
EARTHLY JOURNEY.

AMEN.



*Obedience in  
Faith*



## YOUR DAILY CAMINO

### 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY - SUNDAY

“A leper came to him, begging on his knees. ‘If you want to, you can cleanse me.’ Deeply moved, Jesus put out his hand, touched him and said, ‘I want to. Be clean.’ Then and there the leprosy was gone, his skin smooth and healthy.”

~Gospel of Saint Mark 1:40-41

### 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY - MONDAY

“My concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God’s side, for God is always right.”

~President Abraham Lincoln

### 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY - TUESDAY

“I do not promise you happiness in this world, but in the next.”

~Our Lady of Lourdes

### 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY - WEDNESDAY

“Ash Wednesday is full of joy . . . The source of all sorrow is the illusion that of ourselves we are anything but dust.”

~Father Thomas Merton

### 15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY - THURSDAY

“I saw the music.”

~David Tame

### 16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY - FRIDAY

“From now on, I am not the servant of the emperor or of any man on earth, but of almighty God alone. Before, I was dead, now I am alive and I shall live forever. Amen”

~Saint Cyril, brother of Saint Methodius

### 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY - SATURDAY

“Since criminals and people with evil purposes often band together for their common interests, good people often have to do the same. Faced with the immorality and blood feuds of thirteenth century Florence, the Seven Holy Founders banded together for their own spiritual good and succeeded in founding a whole new religious order.”

~Ana St. Paul

## WEEKLY PRAYERS

### PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES

O ever immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, Health of the Sick, Refuge of Sinners, Comfort of the Afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; deign to cast upon me a look of mercy. By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favors, and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with the most unbounded confidence, to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests. I will endeavor to imitate your virtues, that I may one day share your glory, and bless you in eternity. Amen.

### PRAYER OF SAINT JULIANA

Lord God, You gave St. Juliana the crown of eternal joy because she gave her life rather than renounce the virginity she had promised in witness to Christ. Encouraged by her generosity, help us to rise out of the bondage of our earthly desires and attain to the glory of your kingdom. Amen.

### PRAYER OF SAINT ONESIMUS

Almighty, ever-living God, You enabled St. Onesimus to fight to the death for justice. Through his intercession enable us to bear all adversity and with all our strength hasten to You Who alone are life. Amen.

### PRAYER OF SAINT VALENTINE

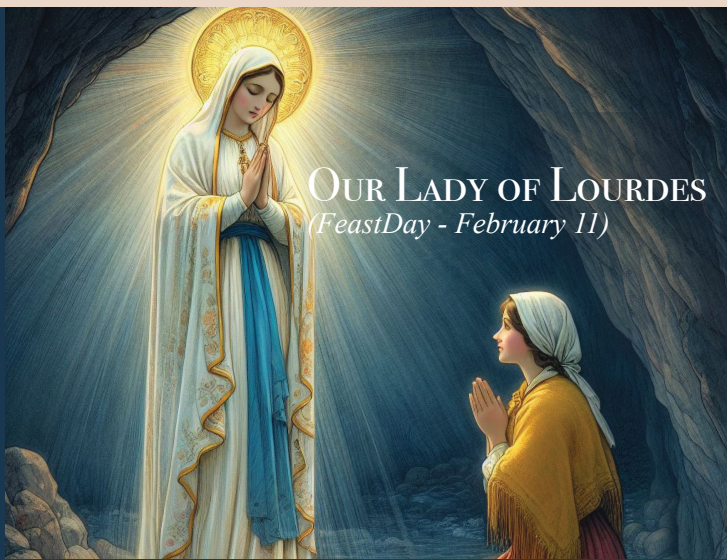
God of power and mercy, through Your help Saint Valentine has overcome the tortures of his passion. Help us who celebrate his triumph to remain victorious over the wiles of our enemies. Amen.

### PRAYER OF SAINT SATURNIUS

Lord, we devoutly recall the sufferings of St. Saturninus and his companions. Give success to our joyful prayers and grant us also constancy in our Faith. Amen.







## OUR LADY OF LOURDES (Feast Day - February 11)

### THE APPARITION OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES IN SAINT BERNADETTE'S OWN WORDS

I had gone down one day with two other girls to the bank of the river when suddenly I heard a kind of rustling sound. I turned my head toward the field by the side of the river but the trees seemed quiet still and the noise was evidently not from them. Then I looked up and caught sight of the cave where I saw a lady wearing a lovely white dress with a bright belt. On top of each of her feet was a pale yellow rose, the same color as her rosary beads. At this I rubbed my eyes, thinking I was seeing things, and I put my hands into the fold of my dress where my rosary was. I wanted to make the sign of the cross but for the life of me I couldn't manage it and my hand just fell down. Then the lady made the sign of the cross herself and at the second attempt I managed to do the same, though my hands were trembling. Then I began to say the rosary while the lady let her beads slip through her fingers, without moving her lips. When I stopped saying the Hail Mary, she immediately vanished. I asked my two companions if they had noticed anything, but they said no. Of course they wanted to know what I was doing and I told them that I had seen a lady wearing a nice white dress, though I didn't know who she was. I told them not to say anything about it, and they said I was silly to have anything to do with it. I said they were wrong and I came back next

Sunday, feeling myself drawn to the place....

The third time I went the lady spoke to me and asked me to come every day for fifteen days. I said I would and then she said that she wanted me to tell the priests to build a chapel there. She also told me to drink from the stream. I went to the Gave, the only stream I could see. Then she made me realize she was not speaking of the Gave and she indicated a little trickle of water close by. When I got to it I could only find a few drops, mostly mud. I cupped my hands to catch some liquid without success and then I started to scrape the ground. I managed to find a few drops of water but only at the fourth attempt was there a sufficient amount for any kind of drink. The lady then vanished and I went back home. I went back each day for two weeks and each time, except one Monday and one Friday, the lady appeared and told me to look for a stream and wash in it and to see that the priests build a chapel there. I must also pray, she said, for the conversion of sinners. I asked her many times what she meant by that, but she only smiled. Finally with out-stretched arms and eyes looking up to heaven she told me she was the Immaculate Conception. During the two weeks she told me three secrets but I was not to speak about them to anyone and so far I have not.

## THE LIFE OF SAINT VALENTINE

St. Valentine, as the former Bishop of Terni, Narnia and Amelia, was on house arrest with Judge Asterius. While discussing religion and faith with the Judge, Valentine pledged the validity of Jesus. The judge immediately put Valentine and his faith to the test. St. Valentine was presented with the judge's blind daughter and told to restore her sight. If he succeeded, the judge vowed to do anything for Valentine. Placing his hands onto her eyes, Valentine restored the child's vision. Judge Asterius was humbled and obeyed Valentine's requests. Asterius broke all the idols around his house, fasted for three days and became baptized, along with his family and entire 44-member household. The now faithful judge then freed all of his Christian inmates. St. Valentine was later arrested again for continuing to try to convert people to Christianity. He was sent to Rome under the emperor Claudius Gothicus. St. Valentine was imprisoned for marrying Christian couples and aiding Christians being persecuted

by Claudius in Rome. Both acts were considered serious crimes. A relationship between the saint and emperor began to grow, until Valentine attempted to convince Claudius of Christianity. Claudius became enraged and sentenced Valentine to death, commanding him to renounce his faith or be beaten with clubs and beheaded. St. Valentine refused to renounce his faith and Christianity and was executed outside the Flaminian Gate on February 14, 269. Other depictions of St. Valentine's arrests tell that he secretly married couples so husbands wouldn't have to go to war. Another variation of the legend of St. Valentine says he refused to sacrifice to pagan gods, was imprisoned and while imprisoned he healed the jailer's blind daughter. On the day of his execution, he left the girl a note signed, "Your Valentine," thus the origin of writing Valentine's Day cards.

### Feast Day of Saint Valentine February 14



## ASH WEDNESDAY February 14

"In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread till thou return to the earth, out of which thou wast taken: for dust thou art, and into dust thou shalt return." - *Genesis 3:19*

Instead of focusing on the unfamiliar, uncontrollable aspect of bodily death, God calls us to rejoice in the gift of our immortal souls, and to embrace the hope and the promise implicit in bodily death. This is a grace of the practice of "Memento mori," which is Latin for "Remember your death."







# Weekly HIGHLIGHT

Saint James Cathedral-Basilica

## Musical Lenten Rigor

A few months ago, I wrote that we're not able sustain the level of exuberance called for at Easter beyond the fifty days of the season. Similarly, our Easter celebrations can't have any impact unless we scale back during Lent. I'm writing to explain - as the grade school nuns would put it - what you'll be "giving up" musically during Lent.

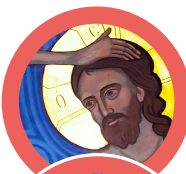
First, the Mass Setting we'll sing is based on the melodies of the traditional Requiem Mass. The music of the Requiem Mass is simple yet that simplicity can leave you awestruck. Using themes from the Mass for the Dead is a musical reminder of the Ash Wednesday admonition: "Remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return." Listen to a recording of the chanted Requiem, or - even more luxurious: the Duruflé Requiem - and you'll recognize many of the melodies you'll be singing during Lent.

Next, I'll be toning down the cathedral organ. Gone will be the bright mixtures and bold trumpets. Doing so will make their return on Easter Sunday even more exciting.

Finally, replacing the marches, jigs, and toccatas you hear most Sundays will be quieter, more subdued postludes.

Last year Father Bryan shared a wise piece of advice: You can do the things you want PROVIDED you tell people WHAT you're doing, and WHY. Having done that, I leave you with the Jewish Yom Kippur greeting: "Have an easy fast."

Nick Martellacci  
Music Director of St James



### 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.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION