

THE SAINT JAMES EXPERIENCE

The
Saint James Cathedral-Basilica
First Sunday of Lent
February 18 , 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,

The great season of Lent is upon us. I think in churches everywhere, this Sunday will be an opportunity to explain and teach about the significance of the season. I know I have done so for all the time I have been a priest. In the same way that Advent is a preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus and the coming of the Messiah, Lent is a penitential season of six Sundays and forty weekdays in preparation for the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus at Easter and the establishment of the Church fifty days later at Pentecost.

The season of Lent developed as a period of final preparation for those endeavoring to become fully initiated members of the Church. These potential Christians were instructed in a Catechumenate and called catechumens. Catechesis (instruction, teaching by word of mouth, sounding out) was the means by which the candidates learned the basics of the faith and were readied for initiation into the Pascal Mystery. In time, those who prepared the candidates used Lent as a time to renew and deepen their own faith and eventually it became a time of renewal for the entire Church, of renewing our baptismal covenant.

Our two readings before the Gospel both mention the covenant God made with Noah and his descendants. Many would agree that God made several covenants (through Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, David) before the final New Covenant or New Testament in Jesus. In a covenant, two partners make compulsory promises to each other towards a common end. It is begun and maintained through oaths, signs, and rituals. Each side of the covenant has obligations and commitments, worked out in a personal relationship. Jesus tells us today in the Gospel that the time has come to once and for all enter into an everlasting covenant with God and Jesus will show us the way, in fact, he will be the way.

If you are baptized, then you have already entered into a solemn covenant with God. Are you aware of your obligations and commitments? Do you know what the common end of your baptism is for you and for God. Has anyone ever told you what are the consequences of breaking your side of the agreement?

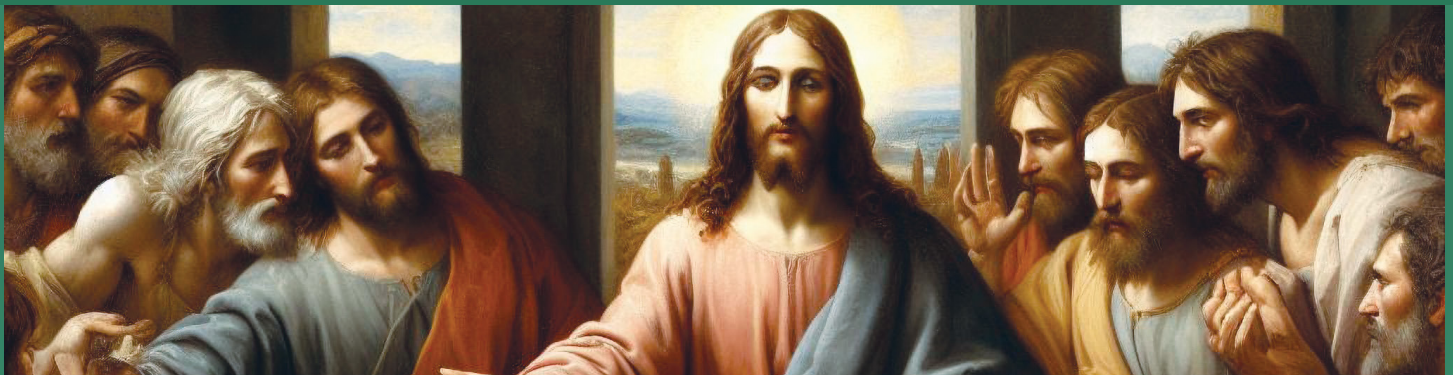
Lent is a time when you can answer those questions. With more information, you can better decide what to “give up” for Lent and why the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, almsgiving with reconciliation and study or personal renewal should be important to you.

To take a note from the late Sy Sims, “An educated Christian is our best parishioner.”

Blessed Lent,

Fr. Bryan Patterson

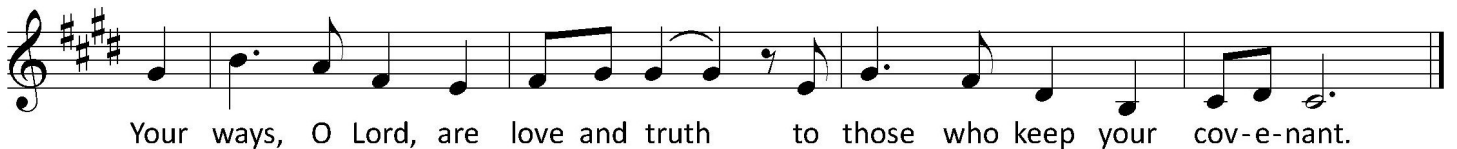




READING I**Gn 9:8-15****(Proclaimed in Spanish)**

God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth." God added: "This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings."

Response: TE ALABAMOS, SEÑOR

RESPONSORIAL PSALM**Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9**

READING II**1 Pt 3:18-22**

Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

GOSPEL**Mk 1:12-15**

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. 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."

1st Sunday of Lent B**Open: 561 - From ashes to the Living Font 3rd verse for Wk 1****Offertory: 773 - When Jesus came preaching****Communion 724: We Remember****Anthem: O Divine Redeemer****Recession: 559 - Again we keep this solemn fast****Postlude: Adagio - Tomaso Giovanni Albinoni 1671-1751****Music Licensing through OneLicense.net Account # A-700587**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 18, 2024

"I establish My covenant with you." If in your listening to the Lord you are sensing the invitation to follow Christ as a priest, sister, or brother, talk to your priest or reach out to **Fr. Matt Mason**, the Vocations Director at **603-663-0196** or **mmason@rcbm.org**.

PRAYER OF THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

February 16 - 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.

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**

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).



"Start by doing what is necessary, then what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible." ~ St. Francis of Assisi

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY - 11:00 AM February 18, 2024	MONDAY - 12:00 PM February 19, 2024	TUESDAY - 12:00 PM February 20, 2024
People of The Parish	Dr. Anne Flateau (<i>Special Intentions</i>)	Ely Lim
WEDNESDAY- 12:00 PM February 21, 2024	THURSDAY - 12:00 PM February 22, 2024	FRIDAY- 12:00 PM February 23, 2024
Patricia Ulrich	For The Health & Well Being of Raymond Weeks	Marie DeLillo
LECTORS	February 18, 2024 Mary Pradt & Mireyda Reyes	February 25, 2024 Chul Lee & Elina Cruz
COFFEE HOUR	February 18, 2024 Potluck style - Bring a dish & share a smile	February 25., 2024 Potluck style - Bring a dish & share a smile

O Mary, I offer myself entirely to God through your hands and after your example. I accept whatever He wills for me and ask you to keep me faithful to this resolve.

Amen.



Obedience in Faith

YOUR DAILY CAMINO

18th FEBRUARY - SUNDAY

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

~Gospel of Saint Mark 1:14-15

19th FEBRUARY - MONDAY

“The foolish and wicked practice of profane cursing and swearing is a vice so mean and low that every person of sense and character detests and despises it.”

~President George Washington

20th FEBRUARY - TUESDAY

“The dog is sometimes smarter than the owner.”

~Yoruba proverb

21st FEBRUARY - WEDNESDAY

“The best penance is to have patience with the sorrows God permits. A very good penance is to dedicate oneself to fulfill the duties of everyday with exactitude and to study and work with all our strength.”

~Saint Peter Damian

22nd FEBRUARY - THURSDAY

“‘Cathedral’ literally means the established seat of the Bishop, placed in the mother church of a diocese which for this reason is known as a ‘cathedral’; it is the symbol of the Bishop’s authority and in particular, of his ‘magisterium’, that is, the evangelical teaching which, as a successor of the Apostles, he is called to safeguard and to transmit to the Christian Community . . .”

~Pope Benedict XVI General Audience, 22.II.2006

23rd FEBRUARY - FRIDAY

“Let us, therefore, forsake the vanity of the crowd and their false teachings and turn back to the Word delivered to us from the beginning.”

~Saint Polycarp

24th FEBRUARY - SATURDAY

“Children need love, especially when they don’t deserve it.”

~Harold S. Hubert

WEEKLY PRAYERS

PRAYER OF SAINT BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS

Pray Saint Bernadette, that like you, we may always be obedient to the will of Our Heavenly Father, and that through our prayers and humility we may bring consolation to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary that have been so grievously wounded by our sins. Amen.

PRAYER OF BLESSED FRA ANGELICO

O God, in Your providence You inspired blessed Fra Angelico to portray the beauty and sweetness of heaven. By his prayers and the example of his virtues, grant that we may manifest this splendor to our brothers and sisters. Blessed Angelico, pray for us! Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER TO SAINT MATTHIAS, THE APOSTLE

Saint Matthias the Apostle you were selected by the twofold sign of the uprightness of your life and the call of the Holy Spirit. Obtain for us the grace to practice the same uprightness of life and to be called by that same Spirit to wholehearted service of the Church. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER

O God, Who by delivering to Thy blessed Apostle Peter the keys of the kingdom of Heaven, didst confer upon him the pontifical power of binding and of loosing, grant that, by the help of his intercession, we may be delivered from the bonds of our sins. Who livest and reignest with Thee, One God, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER OF SAINT SIMEON

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled: my own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Amen.



Why do we celebrate the Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter?

The “chair” to which this feast refers is the cathedra, or office, of the Apostle Peter. Given by Christ to St. Peter (Matthew 16:13-18), Peter’s supreme pastoral office is passed to each of his successors as Bishop of Rome, that is, where Peter last served and where he died a martyr. Throughout the 2,000-year history of the Church, there have been 266 popes, beginning with Peter. Among them are many saints and martyrs who have devoted themselves to the Gospel. The Church celebrates the Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter each year on February 22.

What does the Chair of St. Peter represent?

While an actual chair exists in Rome that some believe was used by St. Peter, the Chair of St. Peter represents the papacy, the unbroken succession of Popes throughout the Church’s 2,000-year history. Given by Christ Himself to St. Peter in the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 13, verses 16-18, Peter’s supreme pastoral office is passed to each of his successors as Bishop of Rome.

What is the seat of the Pope called?

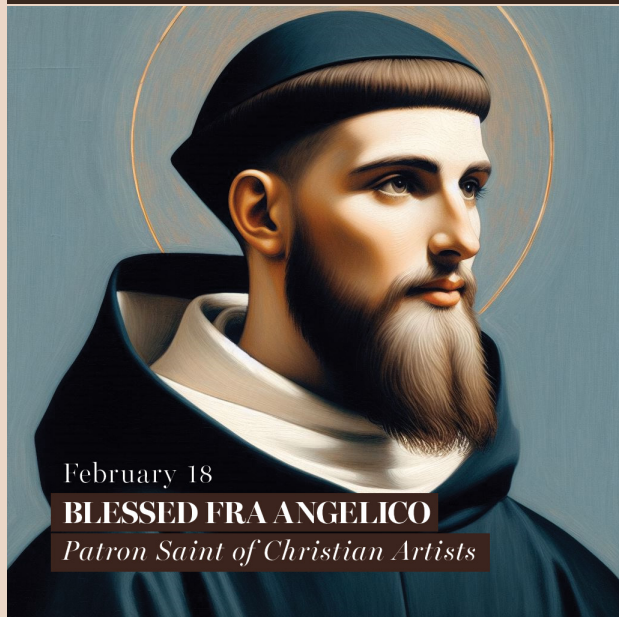
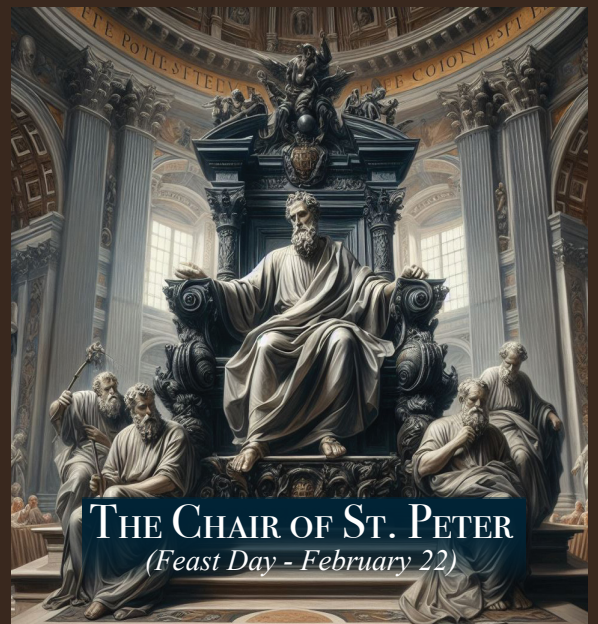
The seat of the Pope is referred to as the Chair of Saint Peter or in Latin, *Cathedra Petri*.

Who was Pope the longest?

Peter himself was the longest reigning pope, occupying his office from the year of Christ’s death until sometime between 64 and 67 A.D. when he was martyred on Vatican Hill. Blessed Pius IX was his longest reigning successor. His papacy lasted from 1846 to 1878. The second longest reigning successor was St. John Paul II (1978-2005).

Where is St. Peter buried?

Bones believed to belong to St. Peter are laid to rest under the great dome and papal altar of the Basilica of St. Peter. After his martyrdom in Nero’s circus on Vatican Hill, Peter was laid to rest in a nearby cemetery. In the 2nd century a small shrine was built at the location. After Constantine legalized Christianity (313 A.D.), the site was given to the Church by the emperor and the first St. Peter’s was built over the presumed place of Peter’s burial. Excavations conducted in the 1940s and 1950s underneath the current Renaissance Basilica found the foundations of the Constantinian church, the cemetery, numerous pagan tombs, and under the area where the main altar has been traditionally placed, remains believed to be St. Peter.



Growing up in a small town in Italy, Guido di Pietro was interested in two things. He wanted to follow Christ’s example in all things, and he wanted to develop his talent for painting. God showed him how these two things were his vocation. Our vocation is God’s call to share in Jesus’ life and work.

Guido was born in 1387, and when he was 18 he joined the Dominican order as a religious brother. Brothers are not priests. Religious brothers serve their community through prayer and work. In Italy, religious brothers are called “Fra.”

Religious brothers are often given new names. Guido’s religious name was “Fra Giovanni” or Brother John. His work in his community was painting beautiful religious art, initially for manuscripts which at the time were each copied by hand. The moment the members of his religious community saw his beautiful paintings, they said that he “painted like an angel.” That is how he became known as “Fra Angelico.”

Every day before he began to paint, Fra Angelico prayed that God would guide his hand and help him to create a painting that would inspire people to grow closer to God. Fra Angelico became very famous. He painted holy figures and angels and was even called to Rome to paint portraits of the saints on the walls of the chapel of Pope Eugenius IV and then Pope Nicholas V. His work can be found in museums and churches and holy buildings throughout the world.

He died in Rome in 1455 and was beatified in 1982 by Pope John Paul II. The pope declared him the patron saint of Catholic artists in 1984. We call Fra Angelico “Blessed.” His life helps us to understand that we are called to use the gifts we have been given to serve others and to give glory and praise to God.





Weekly HIGHLIGHT

Saint James Cathedral-Basilica

New Hymn for Lent

If you regularly attend daily Mass you already know Hymn 773 - When Jesus Came Preaching. I want to add it to our Sunday repertoire because this hymn recalls so many Gospel themes: the power behind Jesus' teaching, the call of the apostles, Jesus' healing of the sick and casting out of demons.

Musically speaking, the hymn's format is A-A-B-A. The hymn has only two different musical phrases for you to learn - both relatively short. The hymn starts with the first phrase being sung twice; next comes the second phrase; and then the first phrase repeats.

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