

THE SAINT JAMES EXPERIENCE

The
Saint James Cathedral-Basilica
Third Sunday of Lent
March 03 , 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,

It is rather unusual for me to be away from the parish for two Sundays in a row. As I explained last week, I was away because I was asked to celebrate Masses for Black History Month. I also concelebrated the Diocesan Black History Month Mass with Bishop Brennan. In my preaching, I stressed the importance of these memorials for all people and Christians in particular, as it is a concrete demonstration of how an oppressed people can still produce men and women of singular excellence because of their faith in the Lord. When we think that all is lost or that no one has ever faced whatever challenge is drawing us to despair, we are reminded that with Christ there is still the victory and that with God, all things are possible. That's why we sing the hymn composed by Albert A. Goodson in 1956, "We've come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord. Trusting in his holy word. He's never failed us yet."

Goodson was born in 1933 in Los Angeles into a poor African-American family. He had a talent for music but because of his poverty, he used to 'practice' playing the piano on a wooden board. He got some education in music from musicians at the Los Angeles Saint Paul Baptist Church. Gerald Hines, the director of the church's two-hundred-member choir took him under his wing and Albert was introduced to famous Black artists of the time like Nat King Cole and Mahalia Jackson with whom he eventually toured. In an agonizing period in his life, Goodson composed that hymn believing it was the Lord himself speaking to him.

Is it any wonder then, why Jesus in an outrage destroys the 'merch' vendors in front of the Temple and scatters all their wares? The Lord first, period. We hear the Ten Commandments today, the Ten Words (Aseret HaDebarim/Decalogs/Decalogue), as they are often called. The first order of business is "I am the Lord. I am the first and only One. Keep my Day holy."

No messing around, the Lord states that the priority for the believer is the Lord alone. He commands that we appeal to no one but him for life, for help. Period. He commands that one day a week be given to Him exclusively. Period.

If you know me by now, you know where I'm going with this. There doesn't seem to be any grey area here. If the Lord is first, following the rest of the Commandments follows. If something or someone is more important to us, like those trying to make a fortune selling things in front of the Temple, impeding people's ability to serve the Lord, one is not likely to follow the rest of the Commandments.

In Lent we can ask ourselves the question, "Is the Lord foremost in my life?" and perhaps "Why not?" What have I put in front of my Temple? Where is my religion about making a life after my own designs, shaving off my devotion in ways that are convenient to me and don't diminish my drive for fun and profit?

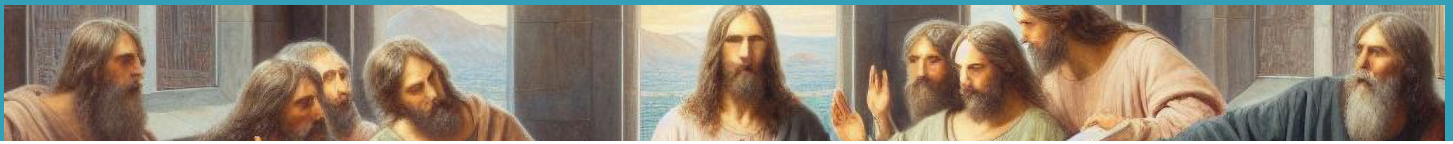
Is it really that you don't want to be or be seen as a fanatic, a 'holy-roller' that prevents you from entering a God-centered life? Or something else?

Albert Goodson and so many have learned "He's never failed us yet. Oh, oh- oh- can't turn around, we've come this far by faith."

And so can you,

Fr. Bryan Patterson





READING I

Ex 17:3-7

(Proclaimed in Spanish)

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? a little more and they will stone me!" The LORD answered Moses, "Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD in our midst or not?"

Response: TE ALABAMOS, SEÑOR

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Lord, you have the words of ev - er - last - ing life.

READING II

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Brothers and sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

GOSPEL

Jn 4:5-42

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" —For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.— Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go call your husband and come back." The woman answered and said to him, "I do not have a husband." Jesus answered her, "You are right in saying, 'I do not have a husband.' For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to him, "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one speaking with you." At that moment his disciples returned, and were amazed that he was talking with a woman, but still no one said, "What are you looking for?" or "Why are you talking with her?" The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, "Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?" They went out of the town and came to him. Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Could someone have brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, 'In four months the harvest will be here'? I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest. The reaper is already receiving payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together. For here the saying is verified that 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work." Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me everything I have done." When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

3rd Sunday in Lent B

Open: 785 - What does the Lord require | **Offertory:** 544 - O sun of justice
Communion: 558: Grant to Us, O Lord | **Recession:** 773 - When Jesus came preaching
Postlude: Lamentation - Henry Purcell 1659-1695
Postlude: Erbarm Dich Mein - Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT March 03, 2024

“Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” Does a life dedicated to furthering the grace of reconciliation in Christ for others appeal to you? Consider answering the call to the priesthood and serve God and His people. 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.

SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT LECTURE

“THE FORGOTTEN PATH TO SPIRITUAL MASTERY”

CONDUCTED BY

THE VERY REVEREND
BRYAN D. PATTERSON

MARCH 10, 2024, AFTER 11:00 AM MASS

WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A SHORT Q AND A.
ALL ARE WELCOME.

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).



WHAT ST. FAUSTINA DID DURING LENT

St. Faustina | Slept without a pillow, remained hungry, and prayed the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for sinners.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY - 11:00 AM March 03, 2024	MONDAY - 12:00 PM March 04, 2024	TUESDAY - 12:00 PM March 05, 2024
People of the Parish	Mamie White	Fr. Peter Mahoney
WEDNESDAY- 12:00 PM March 06, 2024	THURSDAY - 12:00 PM March 07, 2024	FRIDAY- 12:00 PM March 08, 2024
Sidney J. Flateau Jr.	Chinniah Inciamma Pothacamury	Leema Rose Karnati
LECTORS	March 03, 2024 Diane Wilson & Mireyda Reyes	March 10, 2024 Mary Pradt & Elina Cruz
COFFEE HOUR	March 03, 2024 Potluck style - Bring a dish & share a smile	March 10, 2024 Potluck style - Bring a dish & share a smile

O Mary, Mother of humility, teach me the humility that draws your Divine Son to the soul. May I desire to offer whatever I have to Jesus and do everything for His glory.

Amen.

Obedience in Faith





YOUR DAILY CAMINO

3rd MARCH - SUNDAY

“Jesus put together a whip out of strips of leather and chased them out of Temple, stampeding the sheep and cattle, upending the tables of the loan sharks, spilling coins left and right. He told of the dove merchants, ‘Get your things out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a shopping mall!’”
~Gospel of Saint John 2:15-17

4th MARCH - MONDAY

“[He] embraced a life of celibacy, submitted himself humbly to God’s will in all things, devoted himself with tender love to the Blessed Virgin Mary and developed a fervent practice of adoring Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament.”
~Reflections of Saint John Paul II on St Casimir

5th MARCH - TUESDAY

“Look into that mirror daily, O queen and spouse of Jesus Christ, and ever study therein your countenance, that within and without you may adorn yourself with all manner of virtues, and clothe yourself with the flowers and garments that become the daughter and chaste spouse of the Most High King.”
~From a Letter of Saint Clare to Saint Agnes of Bohemia

6th MARCH - WEDNESDAY

“The Eucharist is a never-ending sacrifice. It is the Sacrament of love, the supreme love, the act of love.”
~Saint Katharine Drexel

7th MARCH - THURSDAY

“Stand fast in the faith, and love one another, all of you, and be not offended at my sufferings.”
~Last words of Saint Perpetua

8th MARCH - FRIDAY

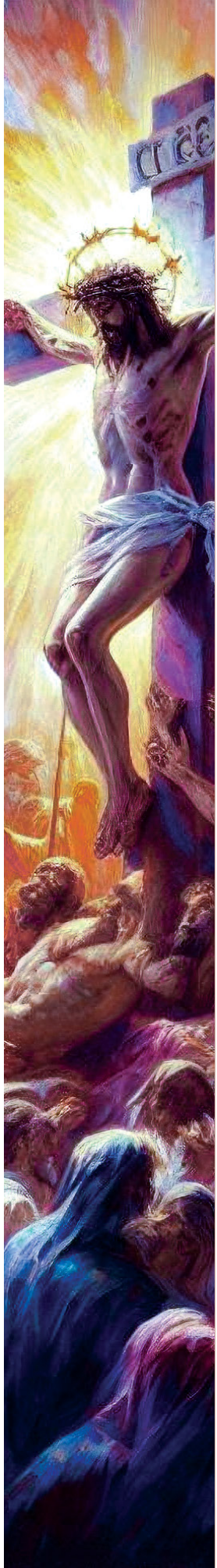
“Whether you like it or not, you will grow apart from human beings. However, Christ is faithful and always with you. For Christ provides all things.”
~Saint John of God

9th MARCH - SATURDAY

“A married woman must, when called upon, quit her devotions to God at the altar to find him in her household affairs.”
~Saint Frances of Rome

WEEKLY PRAYERS

PRAYER OF SAINT CUNEGUNDES



Lord, You inspired St. Cunegundes to strive for perfect charity and so attain Your Kingdom at the end of her pilgrimage on earth. Strengthen us through her intercession that we may advance rejoicing in the way of love. Amen.

PRAYER OF SAINT PERPETUA AND FELICITY

Lord God, grant that I may love and serve You as faithfully as Your martyrs Saints Perpetua and Felicity, so that I may someday join them to praise You in Heaven. Amen. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER OF SAINT JOHN JOSEPH OF THE CROSS

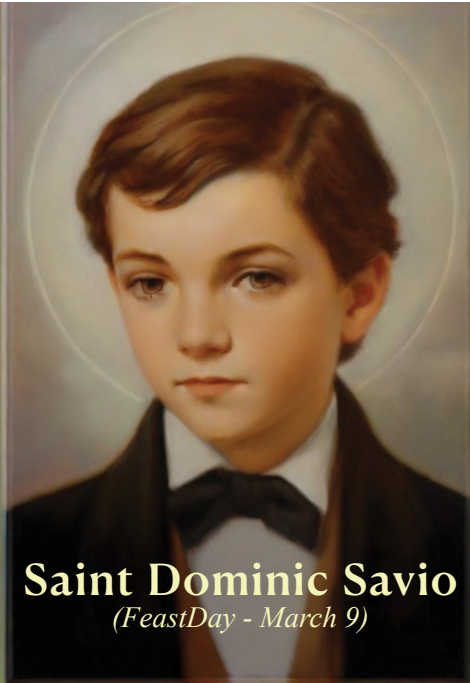
Lord, help me to imitate Saint John Joseph’s example of service, cheerfully working hard to complete whatever responsibilities are assigned to me. Saint John Joseph of the Cross, pray for me. Amen.

PRAYER OF SAINT JOHN OF GOD

Saint John of God, you struggled in many ways throughout your life. Through it all, you never gave up your desire to serve God and others. Please pray for me, especially when I lose hope, that I may imitate your example and offer myself to God for His glory and the service of all. Amen.

PRAYER OF SAINT DOMINIC SAVIO

O Saint Dominic Savio, model of purity, piety, penance and apostolic zeal for youth; grant that, through your intercession, we may serve God in our ordinary duties with fervent devotion, and attain the grace of holy joy on earth, that we may one day love God forever in heaven. Amen.



Saint Dominic Savio
(FeastDay - March 9)

Dominic was born on 2 April 1842 in the province of Turin, in northern Italy, to humble but very devout Christian parents. While still a boy he decided to become a faithful imitator of Jesus Christ and avoid anything that would distance him from the Lord.

At the age of 7 he made his First Holy Communion and at 12 became a spiritual son of John Bosco. Under the personal direction of this great Salesian saint, Dominic became a tabernacle for the Lord and a model and example of God's love for all people. With his life style he was an apostle and missionary of Jesus. Those who met him said he was not small in stature but rather frail and thin. He preferred to listen rather than speak. Humble and respectful

towards all, he had a natural gift for settling arguments and quarrels which, at that age, often arose among his companions. His sole interest was God and how to lead others to use all their strength to serve him. What he lacked in physical strength was compensated by his moral stature, courage and acceptance of God's will whatever it might be.

The first biography of Dominic was written by his teacher Saint John Bosco and those pages led to many vocations including that of future Pope Benedict XV who watched over the Holy Childhood Society with loving concern. Dominique died at the age of 15 on 9 March 1857. He was canonised by Pope Pius XII in 1954.

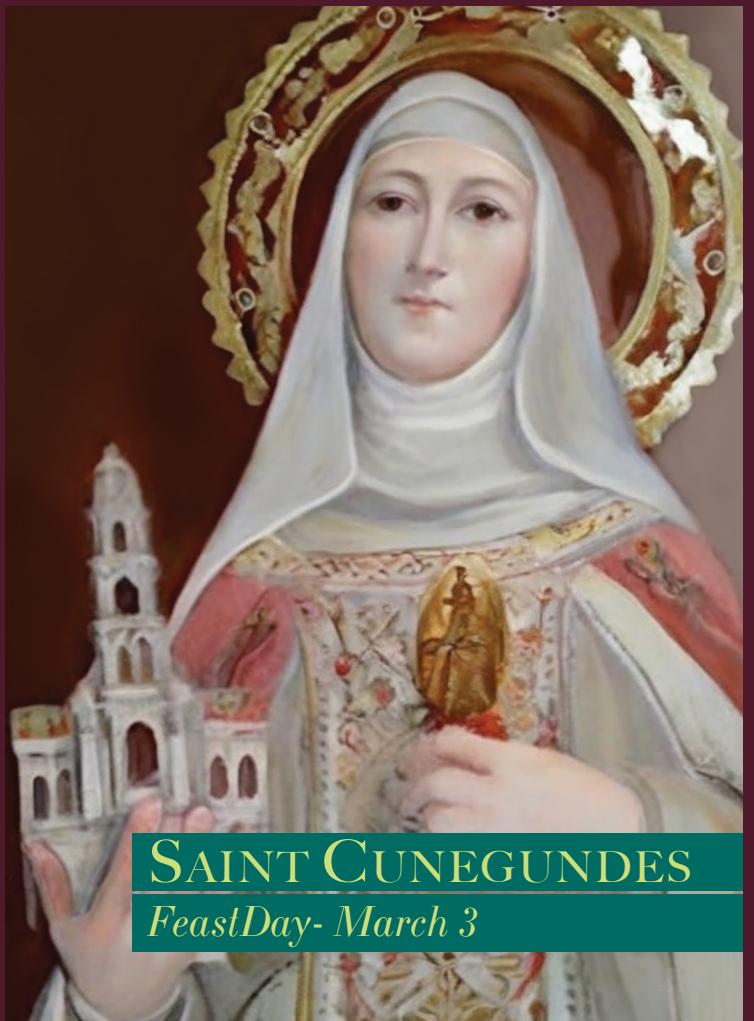
SAINT CUNEGUNDES

Saint Cunegundes was the daughter of Siegfried I, one of eleven children. Siegfried was the first Count of Luxemburg and his pious wife was Hadeswige. From her cradle, her virtuous parents instilled into their daughter the most tender sentiments of piety. When she was of an age to marry, they chose for her spouse Saint Henry, Duke of Bavaria, who at the death of the Emperor Otto III, was named King of Bavaria and the Holy Romans and was crowned on 6 June 1002. Queen Cunegundes was crowned at Paderborn on Saint Laurence's day. In the year 1014, she went

with her husband to Rome and they received the Imperial Crown from the hands of Pope Benedict VIII. With Saint Henry's consent, before their marriage, she had made a vow of perpetual virginity. Afterwards, certain vile accusations were made against her chastity and the holy Empress, to remove the scandal of such a slander, trusting in God to prove her innocence, walked over red-hot ploughshares without being hurt. The Emperor in turn, renounced and condemned, his own too scrupulous fears and credulity and from that time on, they lived in the strictest

union of heart, working together to promote piety and God's honour in every sphere. Going once to make a retreat in Hesse, Saint Cunegonde's fell dangerously ill and she made a vow to found a Monastery at Kaffungen, in the Diocese of Paderborn, if she recovered. This she executed in a stately manner and gave it to Nuns of the Order of Saint Benedict. Before it was finished, Saint Henry died in 1024. She earnestly recommended his soul to the prayers of the empire and especially to her dear Nuns and expressed her longing desire to join the Sisters. She had already exhausted her treasures in founding Bishoprics, Churches and Monasteries and in relieving the poor, and she had, therefore, little left to give. But intending to embrace perfect evangelical poverty, to renounce all things in order to serve God without obstacle, she assembled a great number of prelates at the dedication of her Church of Kaffungen, on the anniversary day of her husband's death in 1025. After the Gospel was sung at Mass, she offered on the Altar a relic of the True Cross and then putting off her imperial

robes, clothed herself with a poor habit. Her hair was cut off and the Bishop gave her the Veil and a ring as a pledge of her fidelity to her heavenly Spouse. After Cunegonde's was consecrated to God in religion, she seemed to forget entirely that she had been an Empress and served as the least in the Convent, being persuaded that she was such, before God. She prayed and read a great deal, worked with her hands and took singular pleasure in visiting and comforting the sick. In this way, she passed the last fifteen years of her life. When her last hour was drawing near, perceiving that they were preparing a cloth fringed with gold to cover her corpse after her death, she ordered it to be taken away and she could not rest until the promise was given, that she would be buried as a poor religious in her Habit. She died on the 3rd of March, 1040. Her body was carried to Bamberg and buried near that of her husband. She was solemnly Canonised by Pope Innocent III, in 1200.



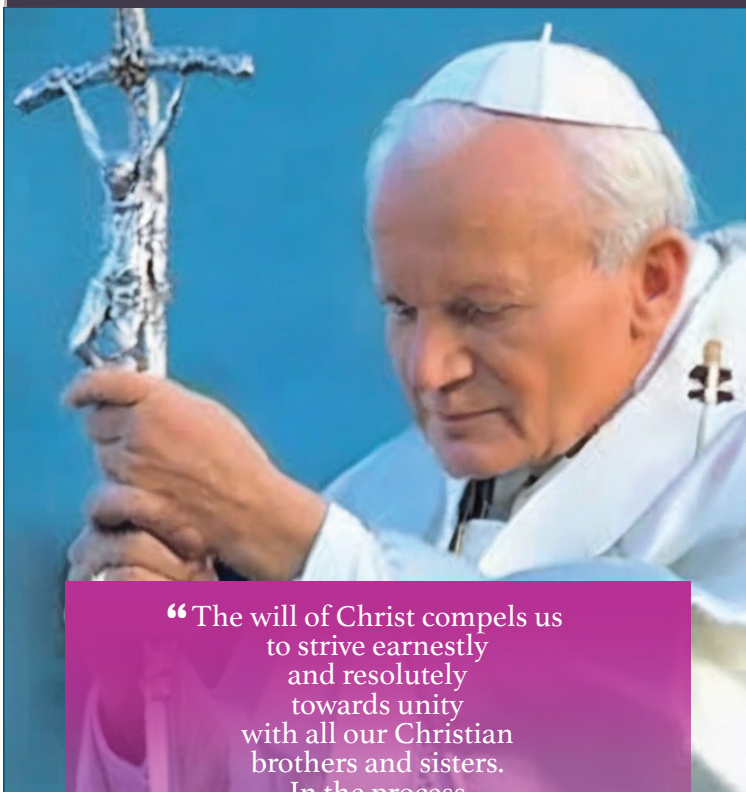
SAINT CUNEGUNDES

FeastDay - March 3



Weekly HIGHLIGHT

Saint James Cathedral-Basilica



“The will of Christ compels us to strive earnestly and resolutely towards unity with all our Christian brothers and sisters. In the process we become aware that the desired unity requires a perfect faith that combines truth and love.”

~ Pope John Paul II



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