



THE SAINT JAMES EXPERIENCE

The
Saint James Cathedral-Basilica
Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 10 , 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,

From the Introit: *Laetare Jerusalem et conventum facite omnes qui diligitis eam* (Rejoice ye with Jerusalem; and be ye glad for her, all ye that delight in her) . . .

Today is Laetare Sunday and signals our arriving at the mid-point of Lent. Actually, the mid-point was Thursday but the celebration was transferred to Sunday. There is a hint at a breather, not an interruption, in our Lenten observances with encouragement that Easter is near.

The vestments for the priest and deacon are ‘rose’ rather than violet. Most people, I think, would say pink and purple. Perhaps rose and violet sound more dignified? While we are on the subject of color, I might address the idea of purple (violet) being a color associated with penance.

On Thursday of the Second Week of Lent, I faced the irony of wearing purple vestments for Lent and at the same time proclaiming the Gospel of “The Rich Man and Lazarus”. It begins, “Jesus said to the Pharisees: ‘There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day.’” We know for sure that the rich man was certainly not doing penance!

As it turns out, the use of purple for Confessions, Advent and Lent stems from the mockery Jesus received at his trial when Pilate ordered Jesus to be crowned with thorns and dressed in a purple garment to make fun of his supposed wannabe status as the King of the Jews. It is this humiliation of our Lord and the ignorance he faced, after all, he is not only King of the Jews but the King of Kings, that we come to see purple as a point of sadness, humility and sorrow. It is humanity’s gross shame to not recognize God sacrificing himself for these sins and the sin of the world then and now.

We can note in the reading from the Prophet Isaiah, “*But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy.*” Jesus was the ultimate prophet to call people to repentance. Saint Paul says that while we were still sinners, God sent his Son to redeem us. Saint John tells us that despite everything, God loved the world so much that he sent his Son that we might not perish but have eternal life.

This should be a warning sign for all of us: Stop! Arrête!;Pare!

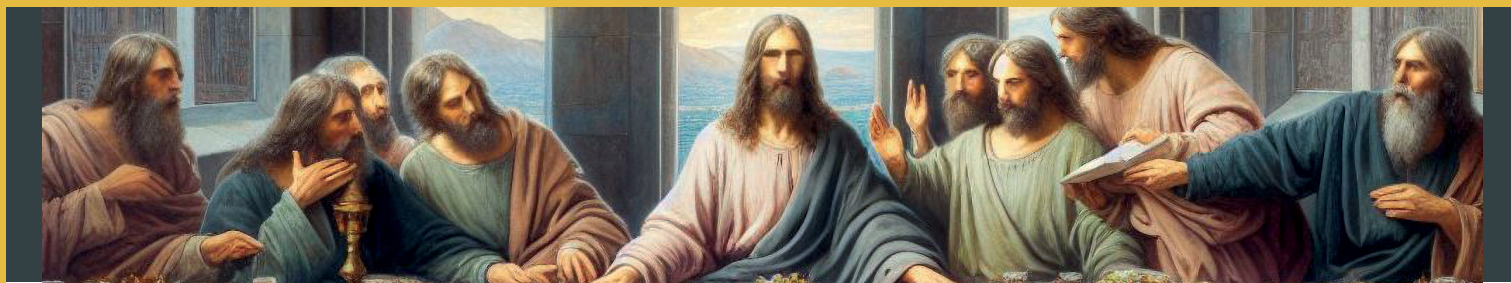
The rose color indicates that we are closer to the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus who gave his life for our salvation on the Cross. We can take this for granted, say we aren’t that bad. However, we live in a corrupted society with many a conscience singed or more likely, deactivated. We may not even be aware that we are offending God.

So, we take a breather to appreciate what God has and is doing for us and then get back in the saddle. It gets more intense from here on. Tomorrow, back on with the purple and strive to be holy!

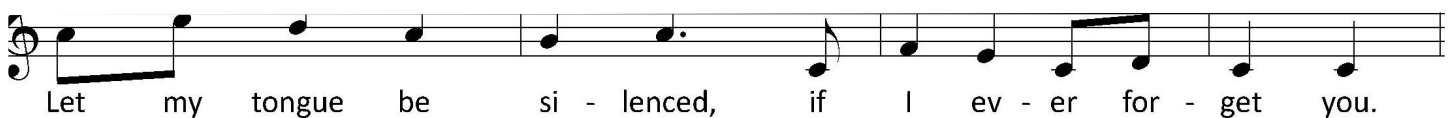
In solidarity,

Fr. Bryan Patterson



**READING I****2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23****(Proclaimed in Spanish)**

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem. Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power. All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah: "Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled." In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing: "Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!"

Response: TE ALABAMOS, SEÑOR**RESPONSORIAL PSALM****137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6****READING II****Eph 2:4-10**

Brothers and sisters: God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ – by grace you have been saved –, raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

GOSPEL**Jn 3:14-21**

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

4th Sunday in Lent B**Open: 743 - Love divine, all loves excelling | Offertory: 724 - We Remember****Communion 544: O sun of justice | Recession: 793 - Lord, whose love in humble service vv 1, 3, 4****Postlude: Fantasia in d - Johann Krieger 1651-1735**Postlude: *Erbarm Dich Mein* - Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT March 10, 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.



SPECIAL MASS - CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL CLASS 2024 March 22, 2024

Bishop Robert Brennan will be celebrating a Catholic High School Class 2024 Mass on March 22, 10:30am. In light of this special event, there will be no Holy Hour for that day. However, we invite you to join us for the regular Noon Mass following the special Mass.

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.

Second Collection for CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES March 10, 2024

Proceeds from the second collection on **Sunday, March 10** will go to the **Catholic Relief Services**. Please consider fostering the seeds of faith with your continued generosity.

PRAYER OF THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS February 16 - March 22, 2024

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.



WHAT ST. FAUSTINA DID DURING LENT

St. Faustina | Slept without a pillow, remained hungry, and prayed the Chaplet with arms outstretched for the intention of making reparation for sinners and priests.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY - 11:00 AM March 10, 2024	MONDAY - 12:00 PM March 11, 2024	TUESDAY - 12:00 PM March 12, 2024
Moises Anderson, Mercedes Grandel & Manuel Anderson	Cornelius (Neal) Pronek	Aura Esperanza Sornosa Cedeño
WEDNESDAY- 12:00 PM March 13, 2024	THURSDAY - 12:00 PM March 14, 2024	FRIDAY- 12:00 PM March 15, 2024
Miguel & Inocência Rodriguez	Dr. John Louis Flateau	Frank & Marie Ulrich
LECTORS	March 10, 2024 Mary Pradt & Elina Cruz	March 17, 2024 Beatrice DiCostanzo & Mireyda Reyes
COFFEE HOUR	March 10, 2024 Potluck style - Bring a dish & share a smile	March 17, 2024 Potluck style - Bring a dish & share a smile

O Mary, you know the secret of prayer. Let me be convinced that more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of. Whenever I slack off in my prayer life, gently lead me back to it.

Amen.

Obedience in Faith



YOUR DAILY CAMINO

10th MARCH - SUNDAY

“Everyone who makes a practice of doing evil, addicted to denial and illusion, hates God-light and won’t come near it, fearing a painful exposure. But anyone working and living in truth and reality welcomes God-light so the work can be seen for the God-work it is.”

~Gospel of Saint John 3:20-21

11th MARCH - MONDAY

“The best way to acquire true dignity is to wash one’s own clothes and boil one’s own pot.”

~Saint Francis Xavier

12th MARCH - TUESDAY

“Your attitude about who you are and what you have is a very little thing that makes a very big difference.”

~Theodore Roosevelt

13th MARCH - WEDNESDAY

“I propose to have no other purpose in all my activities, either interior or exterior, than the motive of love alone, by constantly asking myself: ‘Now what am I doing in this action? Do I love God?’”

~St Teresa Margaret of the Sacred Heart

14th MARCH - THURSDAY

“It is not my wounds but thine, O Christ, that hurt me.”

~St Fina

15th MARCH - FRIDAY

“Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that have received — only what you have given.”

~St Francis of Assisi

16th MARCH - SATURDAY

“While King Henry ruled his kingdom, Queen Mathilda devoted herself to penance and spent her days visiting the poor and sick. She founded schools, visited incarcerated prisoners and worked for the conversion of souls. Despite her royalty, the primary focus of her life was on daily prayer.”

~St Mathilda of Saxony

WEEKLY PRAYERS

PRAYER OF SAINT JOHN OGILVIE

Lord Jesus, you chose your servant St John Ogilvie to be your faithful witness to the spiritual authority of the chief shepherd of your flock. Keep your people always one in mind and heart, in communion with Francis our Pope, and all the bishops of your Church. Amen.

PRAYER OF SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

O holy Saint Gregory, confessor and priest of the Lord, I pray thee that thou wouldst intercede with our Lord God for me, that, being purified from all vice, I may please Him in all things, and that He will grant me the peace possessed by all His servants. Amen.

PRAYER OF SAINT JOSAPHAT

Lord, help me to imitate Saint Stir up in your Church, we pray, O Lord, the Spirit that filled Saint Josaphat as he laid down his life for the sheep, so that through his intercession we, too, may be strengthened by the same Spirit and not be afraid to lay down our life for others. Amen.

ANNIVERSARY OF POPE FRANCIS

(March 13th, Wednesday of this week marks the 11th anniversary of the election of Pope Francis to the See of St. Peter.)

PRAYER FOR THE POPE

V. Let us pray for Francis, the Pope.

R. May the Lord preserve him, give him a long life, make him blessed upon the earth, and may the Lord not hand him over to the power of his enemies.

V. May your hand be upon your holy servant.

R. And upon your son whom you have anointed.

LET US PRAY

O God, the Pastor and Ruler of all the faithful, look down, in your mercy, upon your servant, Francis, whom you have appointed to preside over your Church; and grant, we beseech you, that both by word and example, he may edify all those under his charge; so that, with the flock entrusted to him, he may arrive at length unto life everlasting. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.



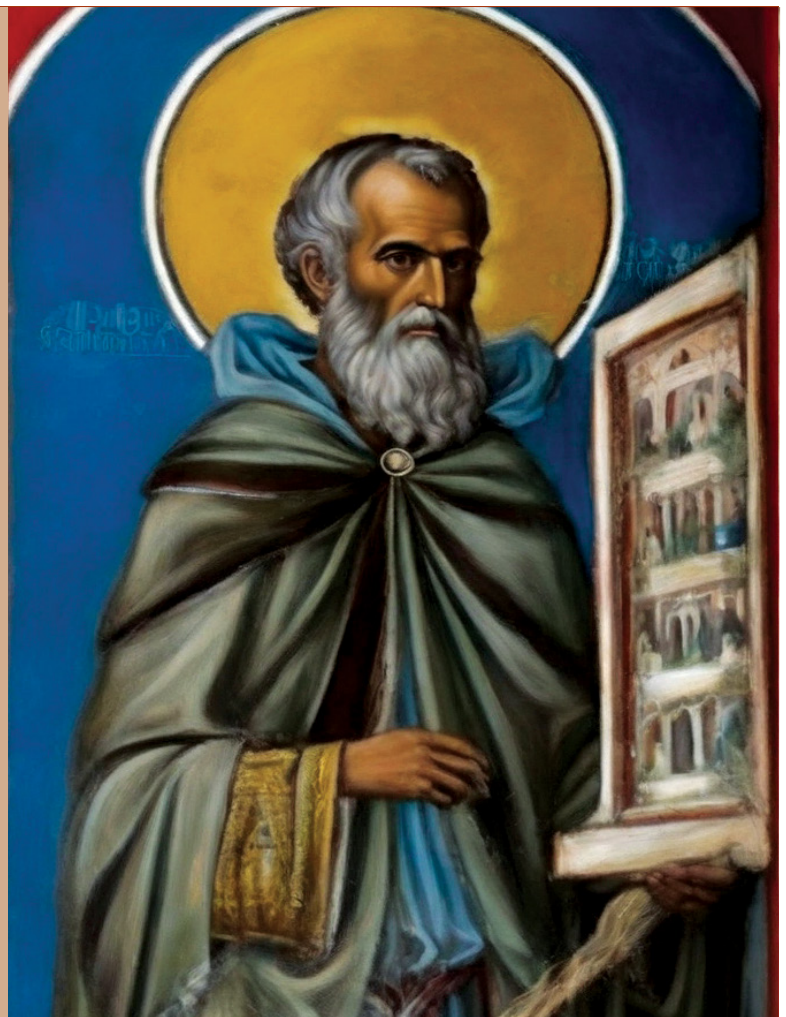
SAINT LONGINUS

(FeastDay - March 16th)

St. Longinus is the centurion who pierced the side of Our Lord while He was hanging on the Cross. St. Longinus, who was nearly blind, was healed when some of the blood and water from Jesus fell into his eyes. It was then he exclaimed "Indeed, this was the Son of God!" [Mark 15:39]. St. Longinus then converted, left the army, took instruction from the apostles and became a monk in Cappadocia.

There he was arrested for his faith, his teeth forced out and tongue cut off. However, St. Longinus miraculously continued to speak clearly and managed to destroy several idols in the presence of the governor.

The governor, who was made blind by the demons that came from the idols, had his sight restored when St. Longinus was being be-headed, because his blood came in contact with the governors' eyes. St. Longinus' relics are now in the church of St Augustine, in Rome. His Lance is contained in one of the four pillars over the altar in the Basilica of St Peter's in Rome.



SAINT ABRAHAM THE HERMIT

(FeastDay - March 16th)

St. Abraham lived in Mesopotamia during the 4th century. His parents were wealthy and arranged a marriage for him with the daughter of a wealthy family. St. Abraham did not want to marry, nor argue with his parents, so he secretly left and hid in a cave in the desert. When his family found him 17 days later, he refused to leave the cave where prayer could occupy his complete attention. They left him in solitude, and he built a wall to conceal him in the cell, with only a window for food to be passed through. He stayed in the cave for ten years.

St. Abraham's parents died, and he inherited their money. He gave half of it to the poor, and the rest to a friend to manage. One day the Bishop of Edessa asked him to leave his cell and go to a city called Beth-Kiduna to convert the people there from idolatry. This was a huge task because many priests had been sent there, and they were all killed or thrown out. St. Abraham went to the city, and built a Catholic church. The night the church was completed, he came to the city and smashed all the false altars and idols he found. The people of the city were livid. They beat St. Abraham and threw him out of the city. He prayed that God would restore his health, and the next morning he came back to the city in full health. Since he continued to tell people

that they should stop worshipping idols, they stoned him and left him when they thought he was dead. God restored him to health once again, and he returned to the Church he built in the city.

St. Abraham continued to try to convert the people of Beth-Kiduna for three years without success. People often attacked him and insulted him, but he never left. One day the people needed advice, and asked St. Abraham. When they listened to him speak, all the people who heard him were converted, and later more people were converted as well. St. Abraham baptized about 1,000 people. After the city was converted, he left and returned to his cell. Later, St. Abraham was told that his brother had died, leaving a daughter behind. St. Abraham took her in and made another cell for her. He brought her up and taught her everything he knew about the Faith. When she grew up, she was seduced by a man and brought into the city. She spent all the money she inherited from her father, and became a prostitute. When St. Abraham found out about this, he left his cell to find her. When he found her, she immediately repented and went back to the desert with him. She stayed there until her death. St. Abraham died at the age of 70 in his cave.



Weekly HIGHLIGHT

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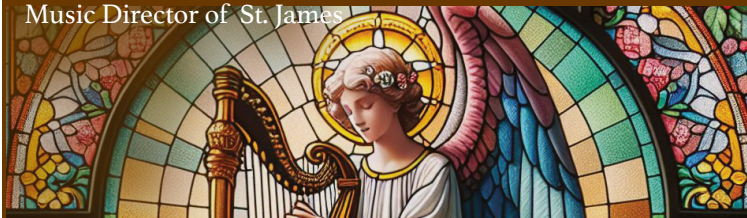
THE THREE DAYS

When a new acquaintance learns I'm a church organist, I make light of the topic by saying: "God likes me so much I get paid to go to church!" Humor aside, I'm humbled by the fact that I get to make music while people are communicating with God.

Having played most of my career for liturgical churches, I've had the opportunity to participate in many a Triduum (the Latin word meaning "Three Days"). If you've never attended Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Great Vigil, I urge you to add it to your spiritual Bucket List.

These most ancient rituals go back to the earliest days of the Church. When yours truly was the youngest member of the Abbey community, I had my feet washed by Abbot Neitzel, in a ceremony recalling Jesus' washing of his disciples' feet. Powerful! While piously compared to the stripping of Jesus before crucifixion, the stripping of the altar on harkens back to the days when the Eucharist was celebrated in secret in the catacombs. The early Christians needed to hide all evidence of their having been there. So they carried away their lamps, cups, and plates; then brushed off the tomb of the martyr that had served as the Communion Table. Many other small, yet meaningful acts pepper the Holy Week services. (Believe it or not, there's even "a wink and a nod" to newly converted former pagans in the Vigil Mass!) I hope your schedule allows you to experience these services for yourself someday soon.

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