

THE SAINT JAMES EXPERIENCE

The
Saint James Cathedral-Basilica
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
March 24 , 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,

Today is Palm Sunday and the last Sunday of Lent. As predicted, Lent flew by and we're already almost at Easter. Traditionally, churches are packed with people today and Easter and I'm sure this year will not be different.

Although there are many and often long readings, the tone of the Mass is upbeat, at least at the beginning. People even get palms to take away and decorate their houses and cars! Since my conversion now decades ago, this has never been a nice celebration. As I have gotten older and as a priest, it is hard for me to feel good about what is happening to our Lord.

The First Sunday of Lent begins with the temptations of Jesus in the wilderness for forty days. This year we heard the short version from Mark's Gospel, but Matthew's Gospel gives us the three temptations posed to Jesus by the devil. Jesus is tempted to turn stones into bread, the leap from the heights of the Temple and to bow down to the devil in exchange for all the kingdoms of the world. The devil quotes Scripture to tempt Jesus to disobey his Father and Jesus uses Scripture to rebuke him. The temptations were forms in which Jesus could appeal to peoples' expectations of a Messiah and assure him a strong following. Success.

Just imagine how it must have felt to enter Jerusalem amidst all that fanfare, people bowing down, laying their clothes and palm branches for the Lord to ride over on a donkey in homage to their triumphant King! But it was a case of mistaken identity. He would never be what they they wanted him to be. His Kingdom is not of this world and the now exuberant crowd will turn on him in less than a week's time shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

As many times as Jesus plainly told his disciples he would suffer torture and be killed, they dismissed it as some kind of parable. Nobody believed he could or would die. If you were in Jesus' position, would you stick to plan A? Why not just give in, be hailed as the greatest guy ever and live the good life, La Dolce Vita, be able to sing, "I did it my way"?

I know that Jesus did die for us and our sins. I don't know how he did it. I don't know why sometimes when I think and see constantly how little we regard what he did for us. Call me Scrooge if you like, but I'm not happy that someone loved me so much to die in such a terrible way and that my life often does not reflect the measure of gratitude I ought to have.

We all will be saying, "Hosanna!" and "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel." Hopefully, by next Sunday more of us will actually mean it.

Prayerfully yours,

Fr. Bryan Patterson





READING I : Isaiah 50:4-7

(Proclaimed in Spanish)

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

Response: TE ALABAMOS, SEÑOR

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24



READING II : Philippians 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL: Mark 15:1-39

Gospel reading, please see insert.

Palm Sunday

Offertory: 749 - What Wondrous Love is this?
Communion 633: How Great Thou Art, vv1, (2,) & 3
God So Loved the World - Stainer (quartet)
Recession: 569 - O Sacred Head
Postlude: Lamentation - Henry Purcell 1659-1695
Postlude: *Erbarm Dich Mein* - Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

PALM SUNDAY, PASSION "B"

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK

Explanation of Symbols

✠ = Christ N = Narrator V = Voice C = Crowd

SHORTER FORM

15:1-39

N The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

N As soon as morning came,
the chief priests with the elders and the scribes,
that is, the whole Sanhedrin, held a council.
They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to
Pilate.

Pilate questioned him,

V *"Are you the king of the Jews?"*

N He said to him in reply,

✠ **"You say so."**

N The chief priests accused him of many things.
Again Pilate questioned him,

V *"Have you no answer?
See how many things they accuse you of."*

N Jesus gave him no further answer, so that Pilate was
amazed.

Now on the occasion of the feast he used to release to them
one prisoner whom they requested.

A man called Barabbas was then in prison
along with the rebels who had committed murder in a
rebellion.

The crowd came forward and began to ask him
to do for them as he was accustomed.

Pilate answered,

V *"Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?"*

PALM SUNDAY, PASSION “B” — Shorter Form

- N** For he knew that it was out of envy
that the chief priests had handed him over.
But the chief priests stirred up the crowd
to have him release Barabbas for them instead.
Pilate again said to them in reply,
- V** *“Then what do you want me to do
with the man you call the king of the Jews?”*
- N** They shouted again,
- C** *“Crucify him.”*
- N** Pilate said to them,
- V** *“Why? What evil has he done?”*
- N** They only shouted the louder,
- C** *“Crucify him.”*
- N** So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd,
released Barabbas to them and, after he had Jesus
scourged,
handed him over to be crucified.
- The soldiers led him away inside the palace,
that is, the praetorium, and assembled the whole cohort.
They clothed him in purple and,
weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him.
They began to salute him with,
- C** *“Hail, King of the Jews!”*
- N** and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon
him.
They knelt before him in homage.
And when they had mocked him,
they stripped him of the purple cloak,
dressed him in his own clothes,
and led him out to crucify him.

PALM SUNDAY, PASSION “B” — Shorter Form

They pressed into service a passer-by, Simon,
a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country,
the father of Alexander and Rufus,
to carry his cross.

They brought him to the place of Golgotha
—which is translated Place of the Skull—.
They gave him wine drugged with myrrh,
but he did not take it.

Then they crucified him and divided his garments
by casting lots for them to see what each should take.
It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him.
The inscription of the charge against him read,
“The King of the Jews.”

With him they crucified two revolutionaries,
one on his right and one on his left.
Those passing by reviled him,
shaking their heads and saying,

C *“Aha! You who would destroy the temple
and rebuild it in three days,
save yourself by coming down from the cross.”*

N Likewise the chief priests, with the scribes,
mocked him among themselves and said,

C *“He saved others; he cannot save himself.
Let the Christ, the King of Israel,
come down now from the cross
that we may see and believe.”*

N Those who were crucified with him also kept abusing him.

At noon darkness came over the whole land
until three in the afternoon.
And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

PALM SUNDAY, PASSION “B” — Shorter Form

✠ **“Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?”**

N which is translated,

✠ **“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”**

N Some of the bystanders who heard it said,

C *“Look, he is calling Elijah.”*

N One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying,

C *“Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down.”*

N Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

N The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom.

When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said,

C *“Truly this man was the Son of God!”*

The Gospel of the Lord.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION March 24, 2024

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."
Docility in prayer is essential to vocation discernment.
Are you open to a vocation to the priesthood
or consecrated life?

Talk to your priest or reach out to
Fr. Christopher J. Bethge, the Vocations Director
at 718-827-2454 or vocations@diobrook.org.

GOOD FRIDAY IS A DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE! March 29, 2024

ABSTINENCE (obliges one to abstain from flesh meat.)

"If prayer is a spiritual weapon, fasting is the spiritual
whetstone on which it is sharpened. It's the spiritual muscle
that, when exercised regularly, strengthens the thrust of that
weapon to pierce the Enemy and drive him away."
Paul Thigpen - The Manual of Spiritual Warfare

Under the current Canon Law, fasting is obligatory at age
14 until death on Good Friday and recommended on Holy
Saturday but not required.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2024 24 MARCH | PALM SUNDAY MASS | 11:00AM 28 MARCH | HOLY THURSDAY MASS | 7:30PM

29 MARCH | GOOD FRIDAY
* Way of the Cross Procession | 10:00AM
* Celebration of the Lord's Passion | 3:00PM

30 MARCH | EASTER VIGIL MASS | 7:30PM
31 MARCH | EASTER SUNDAY MASS | 11:00AM

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 with arms outstretched for the intention of making
reparation for sinners and priests.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY - 11:00 AM March 24, 2024	MONDAY - 12:00 PM March 25, 2024	TUESDAY - 12:00 PM March 26, 2024
Joseph & Bertha Goletz	Shouria Karnati	Shouria & Rajamma Puthota
WEDNESDAY- 12:00 PM March 27, 2024	THURSDAY - 12:00 PM March 28, 2024	FRIDAY- 12:00 PM March 29, 2024
Shouria Karnati	Mass of the Lord's Supper	Passion of Our Lord
LECTORS	March 24, 2024 Dan McCardel & Elina Cruz	March 31, 2024 Chul Lee & Mireyda Reyes
COFFEE HOUR	March 24, 2024 Potluck style - Bring a dish & share a smile	March 31, 2024 Potluck style - Bring a dish & share a smile

O Mary, you are forever connected
with Jesus as His Mother and as
His closest disciple. Let me never
hesitate to honor you for in doing so
I am honoring your Divine Son.

Amen.

*Obedience in
Faith*



YOUR DAILY CAMINO

24th MARCH - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

"But Jesus, with a loud cry, gave his last breath. At that moment the Temple curtain ripped right down the middle. When the Roman captain standing guard in front of him saw that he had quit breathing, he said, 'This has to be the Son of God!'"

25th MARCH - Monday of Holy Week

"These special holidays give rise to various liturgical calendars that suggest we should mark our days not only with the cycles of the moon and seasons, but also with occasions to tell our children the stories of our faith community's past so that this past will have a future, and so that our ancient way and its practices will be rediscovered and renewed every year."

~**Brian D. McLaren**

26th MARCH - Tuesday of Holy Week

"Know for a certainty that if men understood how terrible is even one solitary sin, they would rather be cast into a heated furnace, and there remain, living both in soul and body, than to support such a sight. And if the sea were all fire, they would cast themselves therein and never leave it, if they were certain of meeting the sin on doing so."

~**Saint Catherine of Genoa**

27th MARCH - Wednesday of Holy Week

"All unconverted persons have their beloved sins, their bosom sins, their darling sins.... Nebuchadnezzar's beloved sin was pride, and Herod's beloved sin was uncleanness, and Judas his beloved sin was covetousness."

~**Thomas Brooks**

28th MARCH - Holy Thursday

"When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now."

~**Saint Teresa of Kolkata**

29th MARCH - Good Friday

"No pain, no palm; no thorns, no throne; no gall, no glory; no cross, no crown."

~**William Penn**

30th MARCH - Holy Saturday

"Just as when we were children, we were afraid to be alone in the dark and could only be assured by the presence of someone who loved us. Well, this is exactly what happened on Holy Saturday, the voice of God resounded in the realm of death. The unimaginable occurred; namely, love penetrated Hell."

~**Robert Cardinal Sarah**

WEEKLY PRAYERS (SAINTS OBVIOUS AND UNFAMILIAR)

PRAYER TO SAINT GABRIEL THE ARCHANGEL

(Feastday March 24)

O blessed Archangel Gabriel, we beseech thee, do thou intercede for us at the throne of divine mercy in our present necessities, that as thou didst announce to Mary the mystery of the Incarnation, so through thy prayers and patronage in heaven we may obtain the benefits of the same, and sing the praise of God forever in the land of the living. Amen.

SAINT DISMAS (THE GOOD THIEF) PRAYER

My Crucified Jesus, wash me with your most Precious Blood. Look upon me as the good thief, who hung on the cross next to You at Calvary. A sinner, paying for his crimes, but recognizes your divinity and begs for mercy and forgiveness and asks: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom". Dear Lord, look upon me like the Good Thief. And I should be so lucky, full of Peace. Amen.

PRAYER OF SAINT LUDGER

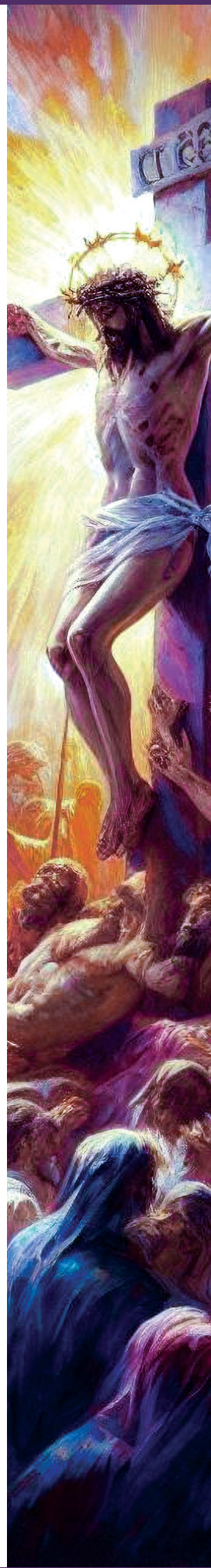
Father, you chose Saint Ludger to become an instrument to make your love known who worked very hard to bring the good news of Jesus to people and many of the pagan Saxons became Christians. May his prayers help us to walk in the light of your truth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

A PRAYER BY SAINT JOHN DAMASCENE

For Thou art a God of mercy and generosity and love for mankind, and to Thee we send up glory, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

PRAYER OF SAINT ZOSIMUS OF SYRACUSE

Almighty and eternal God, who gave your holy Church blessed Zosimus as Bishop, grant that what he taught when moved by the divine Spirit may always stay firm in our hearts; and as by your gift we embrace him as our patron, may we also have him as our defender to entreat your mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Blessed is the King who comes...

“Just as the Lord entered the Holy City that day on a donkey,” said Benedict XVI, “so the Church saw him coming again and again in the humble form of bread and wine.” Therefore, the scene of Palm Sunday is repeated in some way in our own life. Jesus comes to the city of our soul in the humble guise of ordinary life: in the simplicity of the sacraments; or in gentle suggestions, like these: Fulfill your duty punctually; smile at whoever needs cheering up, even though there is sorrow in your soul; devote the necessary time to prayer, without haggling; go to the help of anyone who looks for you; practice justice and go beyond it with the grace

of charity; forgive and/or ask for forgiveness. We can also consider the significance of the donkey in this scene: There are hundreds of animals more beautiful, more deft and strong. But it was a donkey Christ chose when He presented Himself to the people as king in response to their acclamation. For Jesus has no time for calculations, for astute-ness, for the cruelty of cold hearts, for attractive but empty beauty. What He likes is the cheerfulness of a young heart, a simple step, a natural voice, clear eyes, attention to His affectionate word of advice. That is how He reigns in the soul. Whoever welcomes Jesus with humility and simplicity can bring Him everywhere.



HOLY WEEK WITH SAINT FAUSTINA

All entries taken from her Diary, Divine Mercy in my Soul:

Monday of Holy Week. I asked the Lord to let me take part in His Sorrowful Passion that I might experience in soul and body, to the extent that this is possible for a creature, His bitter Passion. I asked to experience all the bitterness, in so far as this was possible. And the Lord answered that He would give me this grace, and that on Thursday, after Holy Communion, He would grant this in a special way. (1034)

This day, the 23rd, that is, Tuesday of Holy Week, is a day on which the Lord has granted me many graces. (1043)

March 24, 1937. Wednesday of Holy Week. My heart is languishing for God. I desire

to become united with Him. A faint fear pierces my soul and at the same time a kind of flame of love sets my heart on fire. Love and suffering are united in my heart. (1050)

March 25, 1937. Holy Thursday. During Holy Mass, I saw the Lord, who said to me, Lean your head on My breast and rest. The Lord pressed me to His Heart and said, I shall give you a small portion of My Passion, but do not be afraid, be brave; do not seek relief, but accept everything with submission to My will. (1053)

March 26, 1937. Friday. In the morning, I at once felt the torture of His five wounds in my body. This suffering continued until three o'clock. Although there is no outward sign of it, the torture is no less painful. I am glad that Jesus is protecting me from people's eyes. (1055)



March 24th
**SAINT
GABRIEL THE
ARCHANGEL**

In the New Testament, Gabriel, described as “an angel of the Lord,” first appears to Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist. He tells him, “Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth.” Luke 1:13.

After Elizabeth conceived and was six months pregnant, Gabriel appears again. The Book of Luke states he was sent from God to Nazareth to visit the virgin married to a man named Joseph. Gabriel said to Mary, “Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.” Luke 1:28.

After the Annunciation of Mary, Gabriel is not spoken of again. Gabriel’s attributes are the Archangel; he is clothed in white; and is seen carrying a lily, a trumpet, a shining lantern, a branch from Paradise, a scroll or a scepter. In art, Gabriel is most commonly represented in the scene of the Annunciation. He is occasionally cited as the one who blows God’s trumpet to indicate the Lord’s return to Earth. However, the person designated with this task varies; different passages cite different people. The earliest known identification of Gabriel as the trumpet holder comes in 1455 represented in Byzantine art. Gabriel is recognized as the patron saint of messengers, telecommunication workers, and postal workers. His feast day is celebrated on March 24th.

The Psalm - The Whole Psalm - And Nothing But The Psalm

Have you ever sat by the sickbed of a devout person? Maybe they’re holding their rosary or Jesus beads. Maybe their lips are moving in an inaudible prayer. But once in a while, you actually hear a recognizable snippet. And once you hear “give us this day” or “the Lord is my shepherd” or “now and at the hour” you know exactly what prayer or psalm is being recited. Even though you only hear a brief phrase, you know the whole text is being prayed.

Today, from the cross, Jesus - sleep deprived, cruelly beaten & scourged, light-headed from loss of oxygen*, and possibly having swallowed a sedative - begins praying Psalm 22: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” The most common interpretation is that in his final minutes, Jesus is feeling abandoned by his Abba - his Daddy - and is experiencing a moment of doubt and loss of faith. I disagree.

Many times over the years, I’ve been called upon to sing the entirety of Psalm 22 during Holy Thursday’s Stripping of the Altar. While it’s true that Verses One thru Twenty-One are a detailed lament and prayer for rescue from an awful situation, at Verse 22 the tone of the psalmist changes. The forsaken person vows to tell of God’s goodness to all the assembly and that ages to come will know all the good that God has done for his chosen. Having started in sorrow, the psalm ends in triumph. I believe that in his delirium, Jesus prayed Psalm 22 - the whole of Psalm 22 and rather than show a lack of faith preached one final sermon from the pulpit of the cross; a sermon in which - even in his agony - his whole trust is in his Father whose Kingdom he proclaimed for his final three years of life.

* Crucifixion was slow and conscious asphyxiation. The crucified didn’t die of blood-loss. The crucified died when - after hanging in the sun for hours or even days with no food or water- he was too weary to lift up his rib cage to take another breath.

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