



# THE SAINT JAMES EXPERIENCE

The  
**Saint James Cathedral-Basilica**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday of Divine Mercy**  
**April 7, 2024**



SAINT JAMES  
CATHEDRAL-BASILICA

**MASS TIMES:**

**Weekday Mass: Monday–Friday 12:00 PM**

**Sunday Mass: 11:00 AM**

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*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,

As some of you know, I have not yet fully digested the events surrounding our magnificent Triduum and Easter Sunday Mass. They were at least the best of my time here at the Cathedral and rival any in my entire priesthood. Bishop Brennan was with us on Good Friday and Easter Sunday and we are so appreciative of his presence and leadership as our good shepherd. A special thanks to our ushers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Nick Martelacci, our organist and the remarkable singers he organized, our little army of altar servers, Deacon Ron Rizzuto and the bishop's deacon Jaime Varela, the church decoration led by Edgar Ochoa and Tim Dietrichs, Beeyean Santos for the bulletins, and a super thanks to Michał Petka who came all the way from Poland to vigorously organize and guide our liturgies.

Since the year 2000, the universal Church has concluded the Octave of Easter by celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday. There are many ways in which a person may participate in celebrating the Divine Mercy. Attached to its celebration is a plenary indulgence. To me, 'indulgence' sounds a bit old-fashioned and even a tad controversial. However, I thought it might serve well to give a story to help explain why, after receiving the forgiveness of our sins in confession we would still need more, including indulgences. Confession forgives the guilt of sin but more is needed to remove the temporal effects of sin. Temporal effects?

*You are studying at college away from home and you have returned for the holidays. Your parents are away themselves buying a one-dollar house in a small town in Italy. They will be home tomorrow. Although they didn't say you could but didn't say you couldn't, you borrow the car and go hang out with your friends. You forgot to say your customary prayer before driving and on the way back, you total the car. You were only slightly injured. Out of fear and embarrassment, you return back to college.*

*Your parents learn from your friend's parents what happened, so they know you aren't hurt. But you don't message them or return their calls. For a while they are frantic and hurt. In time, they leave you alone. Your friends abandon you, your grades plummet and you come down with aches and pains not related to the accident. You can't bear to spend the money your parents had deposited in your account. No friends, poor health and no money, you've hit bottom. You decide to go back home.*

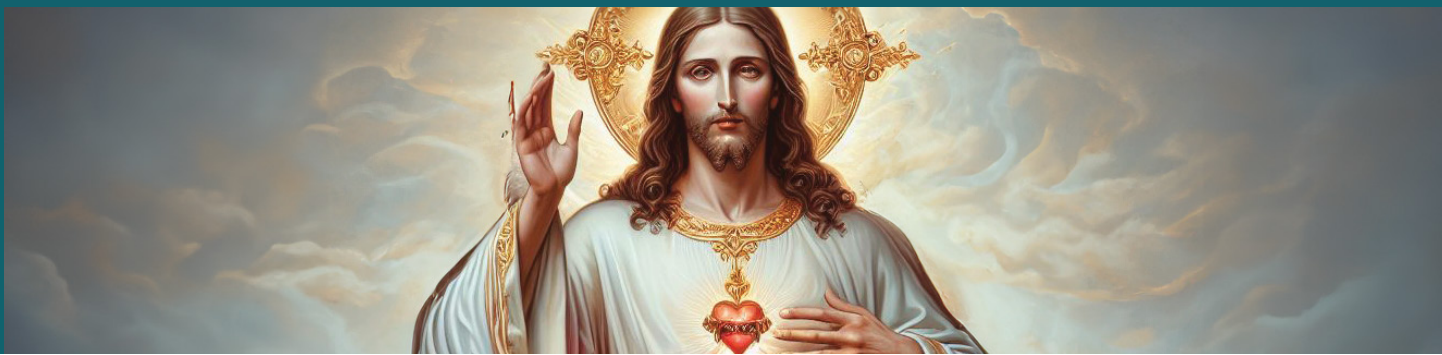
*You receive a frosty reception, especially from your father. Your parents just stare at you in disbelief. Unable to contain yourself, you burst out into tears and beg for forgiveness. You try to explain what happened but your parents are in tears as well, embracing you tightly, affirming their love and forgiveness for you. You are reconciled and all is well.*

*However, the car is still totaled. After a little pushback from your parents, you convince them that you will get a job to buy a new car and that your grades will rebound. In time your friends return, your health and grades rebound. Strangely enough, after your reconciliation and restitution, your life is actually better than it was before.*

Reconciliation with the parents represents forgiveness of the guilt and volunteering to replace the car, the temporal effects of the sin. This is why the Church offers indulgences. Wouldn't you rather work it off now than spend a second in Purgatory?

Peace,

**Fr. Bryan Patterson**



**READING I : Acts 4:32-35**

(Proclaimed in Spanish)

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.

**Response: TE ALABAMOS, SEÑOR**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM : 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24**



**READING II : 1 John 5:1-6**

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.

**GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

**Second Sunday of Easter - Sunday of Divine Mercy - Gloria**

Open: 590 - Sing to the mountains

Offertory: 579 - O sons and daughters vv 4-8

Communion 732: We walk by faith

Anthem: I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

Recession: 595 - Sing with all the saints in glory

Postlude: Prelude & Fugue in G Major "Little" - Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

Postlude: Erbarm Dich Mein - Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY) April 7, 2024

“As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.”  
Let us affirm our priests and help carry out Christ’s mission of spreading love and compassion in the world. Maybe God is also calling you to share in His saving mission as a priest. Talk to your priest or reach out to **Fr. Christopher J. Bethge**, the Vocations Director at 718-827-2454 or [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org).

### DIOCESAN WOMEN’S CONFERENCE 2024 “The Holy Women at the Empty Tomb” April 13, 2024

**Date:** SATURDAY, APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2024  
**Time:** 9 am-4 pm Doors open at 8 am.  
**Theme:** The Holy Women at the Empty Tomb  
**Where:** Immaculate Conception Center, 7200 Douglaston Pkwy, Douglaston, NY  
**Cost:** \$35/person before April 4<sup>th</sup> - \$40 after April 4<sup>th</sup>  
**Contact:** Joann Roa - [jroa@diobrook.org](mailto:jroa@diobrook.org) or 718-399-5986

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### DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL LOUIS ARMSTRONG STADIUM IN USTA BILLIE JEAN KING NATIONAL TENNIS CENTER Saturday April 20, 2024

A very limited number of free tickets for this event are available for parishoners of Saint James on a first come, first serve basis. To sign up, please email your **Name**, and **Phone Number** to **Alfie Santos** at [alfie@brooklyncathedral.net](mailto:alfie@brooklyncathedral.net)

### 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)



### SAINT STANISLAUS BISHOP AND MARTYR (Feast Day-April 11)

“Make no habit of evil deeds. Commence to reform in time. Picture to yourself the danger of eternal damnation, in which you are so long as you remain in mortal sin. Pray God to give you a true knowledge of this danger, and sufficient grace to enable you to tear yourself away from it.”

## MASS INTENTIONS

| SUNDAY<br>April 7, 2024     | MONDAY<br>April 8, 2024                                       | TUESDAY<br>April 9, 2024                                       |
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| Leema Rose Karnati          | John Sloan  | Milagros Rangel  |
| WEDNESDAY<br>April 10, 2024 | THURSDAY<br>April 11, 2024                                    | FRIDAY<br>April 12, 2024                                       |
| Susan Klutch                | Pat & Artie Tully   | Guiseppe & Maria D’Amato                                       |
| LECTORS                     | April 7, 2024<br>Diane Wilson & Mireyda Reyes                 | April 14, 2024<br>Mary Pradt & Elina Cruz                      |
| COFFEE HOUR                 | April 7, 2024<br>Potluck style - Bring a dish & share a smile | April 14, 2024<br>Potluck style - Bring a dish & share a smile |

Gate of heaven,  
Star of the sea.



O Mary, grant me a loving devotion to your holy Name. Let me repeat often each day an invocation to it like: “May every age be mindful of your holy Name.”

Amen.



## YOUR DAILY CAMINO

### 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL - Sunday

“Jesus provided far more God-revealing signs than are written down in this book. These are written down so you will believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and in the act of believing, have real and eternal life in the way he personally revealed it.”

~Gospel of Saint John 20:30-31

### 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL - Monday

“And so, when God’s birth is proclaimed to you, keep silent. Let Gabriel’s word be held in your mind for nothing is impossible to this glorious Majesty, who humbled Himself for us and was born of our humanity.”

~Saint Ephrem

### 9<sup>th</sup> APRIL - Tuesday

“Come now, insignificant man, fly for a moment from your affairs, escape for a little while from the tumult of your thoughts. Put aside now your weighty cares and leave your wearisome toils. Abandon yourself for a little to God and rest for a little in Him.”

~Saint Anselm of Canterbury

### 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL - Wednesday

“Science is organized knowledge. Wisdom is organized life.”

~Immanuel Kant

### 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL - Thursday

“I want eternity. I was born for greater things.”

~Saint Stanislaus Kostka

### 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL - Friday

“Woe to me if I should prove myself but a halfhearted soldier in the service of my thorn-crowned Captain.

~Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen

### 13<sup>th</sup> APRIL - Saturday

“If anyone in word and mind does not properly and truly confess according to the holy Fathers all even to the last portion that which has been handed down and preached in the holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church of God . . . let him be anathema.”

~Saint Martin I, Pope



## WEEKLY PRAYERS (SAINTS OBVIOUS AND UNFAMILIAR)

### SAINT GEMMA GALGANI’S PRAYER

O my crucified God, behold me at Your feet; do not cast me out, now that I appear before You as a sinner. I have offended You exceedingly in the past, my Jesus, but it shall be so no longer. Before You, O Lord, I place all my sins; I have now considered Your own sufferings and see how great is the worth of that Precious Blood that flows from Your veins. O my God, at this hour close Your eyes to my want of merit, and since You have been pleased to die for my sins, grant me forgiveness for them all, that I may no longer feel the burden of my sins, for this burden, Dear Jesus, oppresses me beyond measure. Assist me, my Jesus, for I desire to become good whatsoever it may cost; take away, destroy, utterly root out all that You find in me contrary to Your holy will. At the same time, I pray You, Lord Jesus, to enlighten me that I may be able to walk in Your holy light. Amen.

### PRAYER OF SAINT JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE

O God, You chose your blessed confessor Jean-Baptiste to give Christian education to the poor and to confirm young people in the way of truth, and through him You established a new religious congregation in your Church; grant that through his intercession and example, we may be inspired with zeal for Your glory and the salvation of souls, and be found worthy to share his reward in heaven. 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.

### PRAYER OF SAINT JULIA BILLIART

Saint Julia, through your great devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, you were miraculously cured and favored by many graces. By your powerful intercession, obtain for us above all, a great trust in God in all the difficulties of life, the strength to accomplish in all things the adorable will of God, and the special grace we now ardently ask of you. Amen.

# FEAST DAY OF THE ANNUNCIATION

## Why is the Annunciation celebrated on March 25?

The Solemnity of the Annunciation is celebrated nine months before the Nativity of the Lord, a feast which came about earlier historically. The Annunciation recalls the day when the Archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary and revealed God's will that she become the Mother of the Son of God, and she accepted. At that moment, the "Word became Flesh and dwelt among us" (**John 1:14**). In 2024, because it would otherwise fall during Holy Week, the Annunciation will be observed on **Monday, April 8**.

## Why is Mary's yes to God so important to us?

Through Mary's fiat, her "yes" to God, she made the Divine Plan of salvation effective in history. As Eve disobeyed and set humanity on a path of sin, Mary was perfectly obedient and set us on the path of grace. As Eve was the "Mother of All the Living" (Gen. 3:20), Mary is the Mother of All those Living "in Christ." We owe her a debt of justice, and a filial obligation of love.

## What were the five things that the archangel told Mary about her Son?

### Luke 1:32-33:

He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; The Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; His kingdom there will be no end.

## How old was Mary at the Annunciation?

We are unsure of her exact age, but we believe that she was a young teenager.

## How many children did Mary have after Jesus?

Mary had no other children, and she remained a virgin for her whole life. Thus, in 649 the Lateran Council unhesitatingly declared the dogma of Mary's perpetual virginity. Until the Reformation no orthodox Christian writer maintained that Mary had children of her own other than the Lord.





## *Holy Week* HIGHLIGHT

SAINT JAMES CATHEDRAL-BASILICA



**SAINT  
GEMMA  
GALGANI**  
(Feast Day - April 11)

GEMMA GALGANI was born at Camigliano near Lucca, Italy, on March 12 1878. At twenty years of age, St. Gemma was attacked by tuberculosis of the spine. After countless novenas to St. Gabriel, she was completely cured on the first Friday of March, 1899. At this time, apparently free from her recent illness, she sought to fulfill her lifelong wish of pursuing her religious vocation with the Passion-ist nuns, but her application, as previously, was rejected.

From 1899 on, this quiet and unexcitable girl who was endowed with a remarkably fervent religious disposition underwent many extraordinary religious experiences-all of which were carefully investigated by her confessor and spiritual director, Father Germano. The marks of Christ's crucifixion (stigmata) appeared intermittently for over eighteen months on her hands and feet, and she had ecstasies and visions. In 1902, she was again stricken with an illness which was thought to be tuberculosis and she fell asleep in the Lord in 1903. The fame of her sanctity spread rapidly all over the world. She was beatified by Pius XI on March 14, 1933, and canonized by Pius XII on Ascension Day, 1940.



### 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