



The  
**Saint James Cathedral-Basilica**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**April 14 , 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,

Apparently, we have survived The Apocalypse or whatever else was supposed to happen to us after Last Monday's Solar eclipse. The world or civilization as we've known it may not have come to an end but I do think there were some consequences. Seems so many people are tired or more tired than usual. But what would you expect after Palm Sunday, Holy Week, the Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday, a strong Nor' Easter, an earthquake, Divine Mercy Sunday and a Solar Eclipse? That's a lot.

Today is the Third Sunday of Easter. To me, it's an important moment in our liturgical calendar. Maybe we should call it Commitment Sunday. We had the expected crowds on Easter Sunday. We had the Low Sunday experience on Divine Mercy Sunday. Who will there be on the Third Sunday of Easter?

"A hen and a pig approached a church and read the advertised upcoming Sunday sermon topic, "What Can We Do to Help the Poor?" Immediately, the hen suggested they feed them bacon and eggs. The pig thought about that for a moment and said, "There is only one thing wrong with feeding bacon and eggs to the poor. For you it only requires a contribution, but for me it requires total commitment!"

Holy Week and Easter are history. For many, the thrill is gone away. The flowers are clearly past their peak, the decorations looking like they've always been there. We've heard most of the traditional Easter hymns. The Resurrection has been absorbed back into the regular fabric of urban life.

Our Gospel is the continuation of the Gospel for last Wednesday, with the disciples who had been going away from Jerusalem on the way to Emmaus. Jesus appears to them, rebukes them for their lack of faith and belief and eats a meal with them. They go back and tell everyone how they met Jesus alive and while they were saying this, Jesus appears again and they are all having panic attacks, ready to pass out. Jesus has to prove himself all over again. He has another meal with them. Then, he opens their eyes to understand the Scriptures. They probably knew most of the Bible by heart and didn't even realize they never really understood it.

The resurrection of Jesus is the most significant event to occur in human history and in the spacetime continuum. But to understand it will take more than popping in to church every-so-often, a prayer here and there. This isn't easy. Let's stop fooling ourselves. They say nothing arouses more false hope than the first four hours of a diet. People who knew Jesus in his earthly life and actually witnessed him as resurrected still didn't get it. It took time and God's grace.

To gain eternal life requires diligence and hard work – commitment.

Shalom,

**Fr. Bryan Patterson**



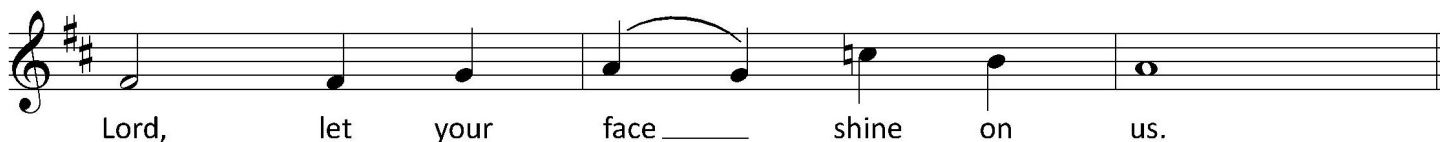
**READING I: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19**

(Proclaimed in Spanish)

Peter said to the people: "The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in Pilate's presence when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away."

**Response: TE ALABAMOS, SEÑOR**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9**



**READING II: 1 John 2:1-5a**

My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments. Those who say, "I know him," but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

**GOSPEL: Luke 24:35-48**

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread. While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

**Third Sunday of Easter - Gloria**

Open: 686 - Sing a new song

Offertory: 652 - Praise to you, O Christ, our savior

Communion 732: Let us be bread

Anthem: Alleluia

Recession: 599 - That Easter day with joy was bright

Postlude: Coro - George Friedrich Handel 1685-1759

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

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER April 14, 2024

“Peace be with you.” His peace will be fully felt when you are living the vocation that he has called you to.

If you think you may have a vocation to follow the Risen Lord as a priest or in 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](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org).

### Second Collection For CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS April 14, 2024

Proceeds from the second collection on **Sunday, April 14** will go to the **Catholic Home Missions**. Please consider fostering the seeds of faith with your continued generosity.

### 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)



### 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 submit your **Name, Phone Number & Email** to **Alfie Santos** at [alfie@brooklyncathedral.net](mailto:alfie@brooklyncathedral.net) or contact office: (718) 852-4002

**DATE:** Saturday April 20, 2024

**TIME:** 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

**ADDRESS:** USTA Billie Jean King  
National Tennis Center  
Flushing Meadow - Corona Park,  
Flushing, NY 11368



### THE PROMISE - SAINT FAUSTINA, DIARY, 699

“Our Lord Jesus said, “The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates throughout which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet... Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.”

## MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY April 14, 2024	MONDAY April 15, 2024	TUESDAY April 16, 2024
People of the Parish	Rita Joan Corozzo	Joan & Kay Blank
WEDNESDAY April 17, 2024	THURSDAY April 18, 2024	FRIDAY April 19, 2024
Bernadette & Richard Thimer	Dorothy L. Taylor	Kevin & Steven Burket
LECTORS	April 14, 2024 Mary Pradt & Elina Cruz	April 21, 2024 Beatrice DiCostanzo & Mireyda Reyes
COFFEE HOUR	April 14, 2024 Potluck style - Bring a dish & share a smile	April 21, 2024 Potluck style - Bring a dish & share a smile

*Gate of heaven,  
Star of the sea.*



*O Mary, you are our Lady of the Eucharist. Help me to participate fully in the Mass as often as possible and receive the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of your Son Jesus, in Holy Communion.  
Amen.*



## YOUR DAILY CAMINO

### 14<sup>th</sup> APRIL - SUNDAY

“He went on to open their understanding of the Word of God, showing them how to read their Bibles this way. He said, ‘You can see now how it is written that the Messiah suffers, rises from the dead on the third day, and then a total life-change through the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed in his name to all nations.’”

~Gospel of Luke 24:45-46

### 15<sup>th</sup> APRIL - MONDAY

“And so the love that brought Christ from heaven to earth, raised Stephen from earth to heaven; shown first in the King, it later shone forth in his soldier.”

~Saint Fulgentius of Ruspe

### 16<sup>th</sup> APRIL - TUESDAY

“The prophet and the martyr do not see the hooting throng. Their eyes are fixed on the eternities.”

~Benjamin N. Cardozo

### 17<sup>th</sup> APRIL - WEDNESDAY

“As in Philip’s time, many today have never really heard the Gospel. It has been said that of every hundred Catholics in a given parish, fifty will come to Church weekly, twenty-five will come regularly and the rest will not come at all. How then do people come back to the Lord and to the Church?”

~A Pilgrim

### 18<sup>th</sup> APRIL - THURSDAY

“Blessed Theodoret uses Saint Djan (the Ethiopian eunuch) as proof of Scripture’s sufficiency to guide someone to Christ, caveating it with the fact that the operation of the Holy Ghost is necessary to unite someone to Christ via the hands of His servants.”

~Kaleb of Atlanta

### 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL - FRIDAY

“The eternal spring is hidden in this Living Bread for our life’s sake, although it is night. It is here calling out to creatures; and they satisfy their thirst, although in darkness, because it is night. This living spring that I long for, I see in this Bread of Life, although it is night.”

~Saint John of the Cross

### 20<sup>th</sup> APRIL - SATURDAY

“It doesn’t say exactly what Dorcas did for the poor beyond clothing them, but she definitely made caring a habit. Over time she became very well-known and respected for this. It’s easy to start measuring what we do in terms of large or small. But if we are consistent to reach out with a heart for ministry, God will increase the influence of anything we do.”

~Heather Adams



## WEEKLY PRAYERS (SAINTS OBVIOUS AND UNFAMILIAR)

### PRAYER OF SAINT JUSTIN

O God who revealed to Saint Justin in the sufferings of the Cross, the great wisdom of Jesus Christ, grant that through the pleadings of Your Martyr and our Patron we may overcome the many errors that surround us and that our faith may grow ever stronger. Amen.

### PRAYER OF SAINTS TIBURTIUS, VALERIAN, AND MAXIMUS

Lord, we devoutly recall the sufferings of Saints Tiburtius, Valerian, and Maximus. Give success to our joyful prayers and grant us also constancy in our Faith. Amen.

### PRAYER OF SAINT ANASTASIA

O holy saint Anastasia, healer and minister to captives, who did suffer greatly as a martyr while relieving the suffering of the poor and the sick, pray for us who are ill in soul and in body. Relieve us by your intercessions from the illnesses of our minds, from all evil temptation that seeks to disturb us, and from the suffering of our many afflictions. We ask these things boldly of you as you boldly approach the throne of our Lord Jesus Christ who alone is the Healer and Lover of Mankind. Amen.

### PRAYER OF SAINT BENEDICT JOSEPH LABRE

(intercession)

Saint Benedict Joseph Labre, you gave up honor, money, and home for love of Jesus. Help us to set our hearts on Jesus and not on the things of this world. You lived in obscurity among the poor in the streets. Enable us to see Jesus in our poor brothers and sisters and not judge by appearances. Amen.

### PRAYER OF SAINT APOLLONIUS

Saint Benedict Joseph Labre, you gave Lord God, you call us to live a life of holiness and sanctity. Through the example of St. Apollonius we may be strengthened to proclaim Our Faith to the people who know You not. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# SAINT BERNADETTE

*(Feast Day April 16th)*



## THINGS YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT SAINT BERNADETTE

1. Bernadette's feast day is April 16th! People usually celebrate her story on the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (February 11th), and forget that Bernadette has her own feast day! In some countries, the Catholic Church celebrates Bernadette's feast on February 18, which is the day that Our Lady told her "I do not promise to make you happy in this world, but in the next."

2. At the age of 14, Bernadette was only 4 and a half feet tall...about the size of an average 7 year old! This is because she didn't eat a lot as a child, and was often sick.

3. Bernadette's body is incorrupt, which means that it is preserved by God from decay! You can see her body when you visit Nevers, France (the site of her convent...the Sisters of Charity still live and work there to this day!).

4. The story goes that Bernadette didn't like painted images of Mary...she said that they didn't look like her Lady at all. The only image she would pray with is this one (which tradition says was painted by St. Luke). She said this image looked the most like the Lady who appeared to her in the grotto. It's called Our Lady of Cambrai.

5. Franz Werfel, the man who wrote the famous book "The Song of Bernadette" was actually Jewish! During World War II, he and his family had to flee from Austria to France, then cross the Pyrenees mountains. While on the run, he took shelter in Lourdes for 5 weeks. He was so moved by the hospitality shown to him at Lourdes, that he promised St. Bernadette and Our Lady that if he made it to America alive, he would write a book about their story. He did indeed escape safely, and wrote the book "The Song of Bernadette".

6. Bernadette's favorite book was the Imitation of Christ, and her favorite saints were St. Joseph, St. Francis of Assisi, and St. Bernard of Clairvaux.

7. Bernadette prayed the Stations of the Cross every day, even when it wasn't Lent!

8. Here's a prayer Bernadette wrote herself and prayed often:

*O Jesus, give me, I beg You  
The bread of humility  
The bread of charity  
The bread of strength to break my will and to  
mold it to yours  
The bread of interior mortification  
The bread of detachment from creatures  
The bread of patience to bear the suffering my  
heart endures.  
O Jesus, You want me to be crucified...FIAT.  
The bread of strength to suffer as I ought  
The bread of seeing you alone in all things and  
at all times.  
Jesus, Mary, the Cross, I want no other friends  
but these.*



## *Holy Week* HIGHLIGHT

SAINT JAMES CATHEDRAL-BASILICA

*“The Eucharist is the heart and summit of the Church’s life, for in it Christ associates his Church and all her members with his sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving offered once for all on the cross to his Father; by this sacrifice he pours out the graces of salvation on his Body which is the Church.”*

-Catechism of the Catholic Church 1407



### 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