



# THE SAINT JAMES EXPERIENCE

The  
**Saint James Cathedral-Basilica**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 21, 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*

*Deacon Ronald Rizzuto, Pastoral Administrator*

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## FROM THE RECTOR OF SAINT JAMES CATHEDRAL-BASILICA

Dear parishioners and friends of Saint James,

In case you didn't know or if you did let me remind you that in Bishop Brennan's recent visits to Saint James, he stressed that fact that we are indeed the Diocesan Cathedral and that because of the upcoming Jubilee Year, we have been fast-tracked for our necessary renovations and repairs. Soon, I will be sharing more information about the 2025 Jubilee and what it means. Pope Francis announced the theme will be "Pilgrims of Hope". A Jubilee is a special year of grace, in which the Church offers to the faithful the possibility of asking for a plenary indulgence – a remission of sins for themselves or deceased loved ones. I recently wrote about indulgences. The Jubilee will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and the climate crisis.

In the Gospel today, Jesus says that he is the Good Shepherd and contrasts himself with those hired to take care of sheep. He says that those shepherding for pay run for their lives the minute they see a wolf, leaving the sheep to fend for themselves. Rather than fending, unless maybe if they are urban sheep, most of them will end up in wolves' stomachs, happy to have such an easy catch. Jesus not only says he will stick around for the fight, but that he is willing, even intending to die for the sheep.

Perhaps people don't often consider it but as heroic as dying for the sheep sounds, what are the sheep supposed to do once the shepherd goes down? How can a dead shepherd be a good shepherd? Jesus says, "I lay down my life in order to take it up again." His death is part of his shepherding.

The Letter of John states, "Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is." As God's children, as the Lord's sheep, he intends to extend his whole life to us, including the resurrected life. This is more than the Good Shepherd; this is the Best Shepherd. the sheep no longer have to worry about the fragility and precariousness of being a sheep – they are becoming like the Shepherd himself who has conquered death once for all.

So, when you are tempted to believe you are hopelessly unworthy and lost, that your particular or latest sin is oh so bad, sinner though you may be, remember you have a Good Shepherd, Jesus. He knows how to bring you back to the fold. His rod and his staff, his support and authority will bring you back in line in time to inherit immortality. Other have rejected him. Don't be one of them.

Let's let ourselves be led,

**Fr. Bryan Patterson**





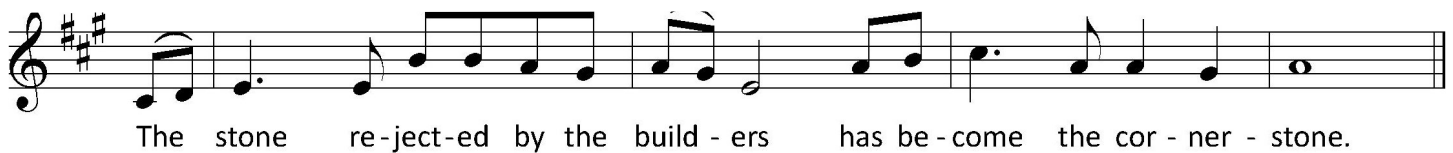
**READING I: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19**

**(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 : 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29**



**READING II : 1 John 3:1-2**

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

**GOSPEL: John 10:11-18**

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father."

**Fourth Sunday of Easter - Gloria**  
**Open: 849- All people that on earth do dwell**  
**Offertory: 766 - The King of Love my shepherd is**  
**Communion 910: Take and eat v 3 ff**  
**Anthem: With a Shepherd's Care**  
**Recession: 602 - Christ the Lord is risen today**  
**Postlude: Gloria! - James Denton**  
Postlude: Erbarm Dich Mein - Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**World Day of Prayer for Vocations**  
**April 21, 2024**

“There is no salvation through anyone else.”  
 Let us pray for those who are called to follow the Lord as a priest or religious brother or sister that they may generously say YES. 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).

*Please Join*  
**THE BRIDGE TO LIFE**  
 32nd Anniversary

gala

*Honoring:*  
**Deacon Kevin McCormack**  
*Superintendent of Catholic Schools  
 in Brooklyn and Queens*

**Saturday, May 4, 2024**  
*12 pm - 5 pm*

**Leonard's Palazzo**  
*555 Northern Blvd  
 Great Neck, NY 11021*

*Music | Dancing | Raffles | 50/50  
 Tickets \$125 Per Person*

You may also register at [www.thebridgetolife.org](http://www.thebridgetolife.org)  
 If you have any questions please call 718-463-1810  
 or email [Events@thebridgetolife.org](mailto:Events@thebridgetolife.org)



*Celebrating Life, Celebrating Moms.*

**SPECIAL THANK YOU**

We extend a sincere “thank you” to each of you who generously donated to our Easter flowers collection adding beauty and warmth to our cherished Cathedral. Your thoughtful contributions reflect the unity and spirit of love within our parish community.

**Special thanks to:**

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| MS. ELENA ANDERSON          | LINDIA WHITE          |
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| MARY THOMPSON               | GIUSEPPE TRAMONTANA   |



OPEN HOUSE

JOIN US ON CAMPUS

**High School Students and Transfer Students**

**Saturday, April 27**  
**2 p.m. - 4 p.m.**

495 Western Hwy Orangeburg, NY 10962

SCAN NOW TO RSVP



## MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY April 21, 2024	MONDAY April 22, 2024	TUESDAY April 23, 2024
Alison Flateau Brooks	Thatiana Alexandre & Children <i>(Special Intentions)</i>	Anne & Tullio Versachelli
WEDNESDAY April 24, 2024	THURSDAY April 25, 2024	FRIDAY April 26, 2024
Dorothy Olesak <i>(Birthday Wishes)</i>	Christopher Wright	Joseph R. Lyons
LECTORS	April 21, 2024 Beatrice DiCostanzo & Mireyda Reyes	April 28, 2024 Chul Lee & Elina Cruz
COFFEE HOUR	April 21, 2024 Potluck style - Bring a dish & share a smile	April 28, 2024 Potluck style - Bring a dish & share a smile



## YOUR DAILY CAMINO

### 21<sup>st</sup> APRIL - SUNDAY

"I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd puts the sheep before himself, sacrifices himself if necessary. A hired man is not a real shepherd. the sheep mean nothing to him. He sees a wolf come and he runs for it, leaving the sheep to be ravaged and scattered by the wolf. He's only in it for the money. The sheep don't matter to him."

~Gospel of John 10:11-13

### 22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL - MONDAY

"The shepherd drives the wolf from the sheep's throat, for which the sheep thanks the shepherd as his liberator, while the wolf denounces him for the same act as the destroyer of liberty. Plainly, the sheep and the wolf are not agreed upon a definition of liberty."

~Abraham Lincoln

### 23<sup>rd</sup> APRIL - TUESDAY

"For St George knew very well what all real soldiers know; that the only way to be even approximately likely to kill a dragon is to give the dragon a heavy chance of killing you. And this method, which is the only one, is much too unpleasant to be talked about."

~G.K. Chesterton

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

"It is because of faith that we exchange the present for the future."

~Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen

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

"Mark's Gospel is a narrative proclamation that Jesus is the Messiah and Son of God, whose death and resurrection paid the penalty for our sins and achieved victory over Satan, sin, and death. With this joyful announcement comes the call to all believers for faith and cross-bearing discipleship."

~Mark L. Strauss

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

"The Jesus way wedded to the Jesus truth brings about the Jesus life. Jesus as the truth gets far more attention than Jesus as the way. Jesus as the way is the most frequently evaded metaphor among the Christians with whom I have worked for fifty years as a North American pastor."

~Eugene H. Peterson

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

"Negligence in prayer withers the inner man. Nothing can be a substitute for it, not even Christian work. Many are so preoccupied with work that they allow little time for prayer. Hence, they cannot cast out demons. Prayer enables us first inwardly to overcome the enemy and then outwardly to deal with him."

~Watchman Nee



## WEEKLY PRAYERS (SAINTS OBVIOUS AND UNFAMILIAR)

### PRAYER OF SAINT MARK

O Glorious St. Mark through the grace of God, our Father, you became a great Evangelist, preaching the Good News of Christ. May you help us to know Him well so that we may faithfully live our lives as followers of Christ. Amen.

### PRAYER BY SAINT ANSELM

Look upon us, Lord; hear us, enlighten us, show yourself to us. Give yourself to us that it may be well with us, for without you it goes so ill for us. Have pity upon our efforts and our strivings towards you, for we can avail nothing without you. Teach me to seek you, and reveal yourself to me as I seek, because I can neither seek you if you do not teach me how, nor find you unless you reveal yourself. Let me seek you in desiring you; let me desire you in seeking you; let me find you in loving you; let me love you in finding you. Amen.

### PRAYER OF SAINT GEORGE

O God, who didst grant to Saint George strength and constancy in the various torments which he sustained for our holy faith; we beseech Thee to preserve, through his intercession, our faith from wavering and doubt, so that we may serve Thee with a sincere heart faithfully unto death. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### PRAYER OF SAINT ZITA

Dear St. Zita, patron saint of domestic workers, teach us to perform our daily tasks with diligence, and to find joy and meaning in even the simplest work. May we always carry out our duties with a loving heart, and may our work bring glory to God and serve our neighbors. In moments of frustration and weariness, grant us the patience and strength to persevere, just as you did throughout your life. Amen.

### PRAYER OF SAINT EUPHRASIA

Saint Euphrasia, dearly beloved daughter of Mother Mary, we entrust to you, each one of us, Mother Church and the whole world. Help us to offer our sufferings at the foot of the cross, and to progress in life's journey trusting in divine providence. Teach us to seek the Kingdom of God and his justice. Amen.

# SAINT MARK, THE EVANGELIST

(Feast Day April 25<sup>th</sup>)



## 10 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT SAINT MARK

### **Author of the Gospel**

Saint Mark is traditionally believed to be the author of the Gospel of Mark, one of the four canonical Gospels in the New Testament.

### **Companion of Saint Paul and Saint Peter**

Mark is mentioned in the New Testament as a companion of both Saint Paul and Saint Peter. He accompanied Paul and Barnabas on their missionary journey and later served as Peter's interpreter.

### **Founder of the Church in Alexandria**

According to tradition, Mark traveled to Alexandria in Egypt, where he founded the Christian community and became its first bishop. The Coptic Orthodox Church considers him the founder of their church in Egypt.

### **Martyrdom**

Tradition holds that Saint Mark was martyred in Alexandria around the year 68 AD. He was reportedly dragged through the streets and killed during a pagan festival.

### **Symbolism of the Lion**

Saint Mark is often symbolized by a winged lion, representing courage, strength, and royal authority. This symbol is derived from his Gospel's emphasis on Jesus as the powerful and triumphant Son of God.

### **Patron Saint**

Saint Mark is the patron saint of Venice, Italy, where his relics are believed to be housed in the famous Saint Mark's Basilica. He is also venerated as the patron saint of notaries and lawyers.

### **Legacy**

Saint Mark's Gospel is valued for its vivid storytelling, its emphasis on Jesus' miracles and actions, and its portrayal of Jesus as the suffering servant and Son of God. It continues to be studied and revered by Christians worldwide.

### **Papias' Testimony**

The early Christian writer Papias, who lived in the 2nd century AD, is one of the earliest sources to attribute the authorship of the Gospel of Mark to Saint Mark. He describes Mark as Peter's interpreter and states that Mark accurately recorded Peter's teachings about Jesus.

### **Missionary Work**

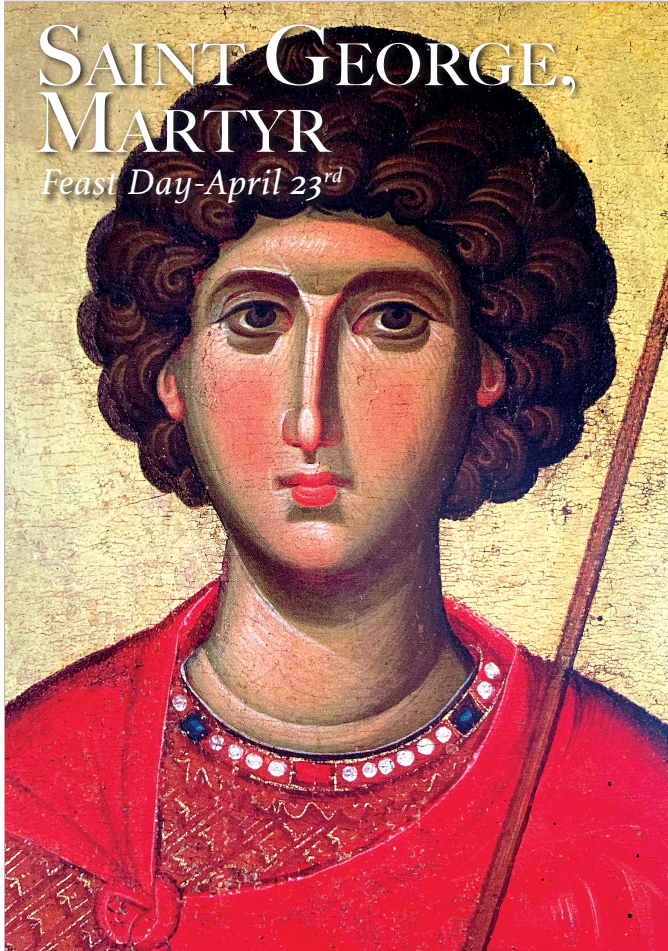
Saint Mark played a significant role in spreading the Christian faith, both through his writing of the Gospel and through his missionary activities in Egypt and beyond.

### **St. Mark's Burial**

While St. Mark was martyred in Alexandria, he is currently buried in the Italian city of Venice. Today, his relics are venerated in St. Mark's Basilica.

# SAINT GEORGE, MARTYR

Feast Day-April 23<sup>rd</sup>



It is uncertain when Saint George was born and historians continue to debate to this day. However, his death date is estimated to be April 23 303 A.D.

The first piece of evidence of George's existence appeared within the works of the Bollandists Daniel Papebroch, Jean Bolland, and Godfrey Henschen's Bibliotheca Hagiographica Graeca. George was one of several names listed in the historical text, and Pope Gelasius claimed George was one of the saints "whose names are justly revered among men, but whose actions are known only to God."

George was born to a Gerontios and Polychronia, a Roman officer and a Greek native of Lydda. Both were Christians from noble families of the Anici and George, Georgios in the original Greek, was raised to follow their faith.

When George was old enough, he was welcomed into Diocletian's army. by his late 20's, George became a Tribunus and served as an imperial guard for the Emperor at Nicomedia.

On February 24, 303 A.D., Diocletian, who hated Christians, announced that every Christian the army passed would be arrested and every other

soldier should offer a sacrifice to the Roman gods.

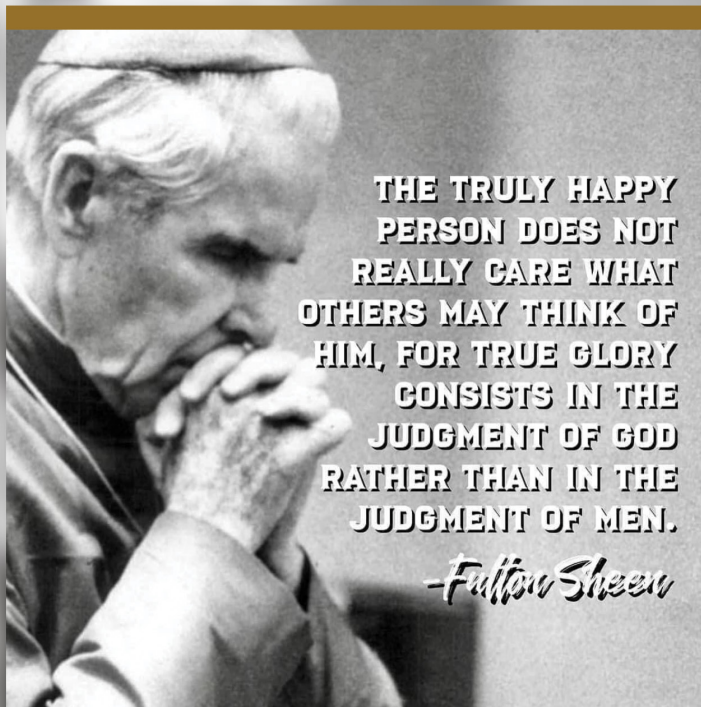
George refused to abide by the order and told Diocletian, who was angry but greatly valued his friendship with George's father.

When George announced his beliefs before his peers, Diocletian was unable to keep the news to himself.

In an effort to save George, Diocletian attempted to convert him to believe in the Roman gods, offered him land, money and slaves in exchange for offering a sacrifice to the Roman gods, and made several other offers that George refused.

Finally, after exhausting all other options, Diocletian ordered George's execution. In preparation for his death, George gave his money to the poor and was sent for several torture sessions. He was lacerated on a wheel of swords and required resuscitation three times, but still George did not turn from God.

On April 23, 303 A.D., George was decapitated before Nicomedia's outer wall. His body was sent to Lydda for burial, and other Christians went to honor George as a martyr.



**THE TRULY HAPPY  
PERSON DOES NOT  
REALLY CARE WHAT  
OTHERS MAY THINK OF  
HIM, FOR TRUE GLORY  
CONSISTS IN THE  
JUDGMENT OF GOD  
RATHER THAN IN THE  
JUDGMENT OF MEN.**

*- Fulton Sheen*



## 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