



The  
**Saint James Cathedral-Basilica**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**March 17, 2024**



**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*

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## From The Rector of Saint James Cathedral-Basilica

*Dear parishioners and friends of Saint James,*

Can you picture the following scenario? Two ladies are on their way back from some serious shopping. One is trying to call a mutual friend of theirs. She says, "I'm calling Janet and she won't pick up!" The other says, "Look at what time it is. It's Lent and she's probably in church at a class. Don't you know she's training to be a Spiritual Master?" Or, "Why are we waiting for Bob? You know he isn't coming. He's a lector at the Mass at 5:30 and will be deep in prayer this afternoon. He's changed a lot since he started that Catholic Spiritual Mastery course."

Last Sunday, we had the lecture on *The Forgotten Path of Spiritual Mastery*. I was surprised that so many people attended and even more surprised that so many made it to the end! It is a huge topic, probably at least a semester worth of classes. We must have been there at least an hour and a half and I barely scratched the surface. The basic idea is that in the same way we expect children to mature into adults and master life skills, Christians are expected to become mature in their faith.

Although I don't have the statistics, I'm certain that the ratio of mature Christians, masters, usually referred to these days as 'saints', to the number of professed Christians was much higher in earlier days. Much of Saint Paul's anxiety and stress came about because of his desire that every Christian become a 'holy one'. In the beginning of his Letter to the Romans, he writes, "To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints (hagiois-holy ones). "All God's beloved in Rome" can't be a select, small number of people.

Jeremiah prophesied that the Lord would make a new, interior Covenant with his people. The Law would be within them and written on their hearts. Jesus tells us that a seed doesn't produce more fruit unless it 'dies', stops being a seed and reaches its potential. That seed 'dying' and maturing to bear fruit is a process. Farmers are skilled at producing harvests and spiritual leaders are supposed to be skilled at producing Christians that are spiritually fruitful.

In many places it does appear that the Church is dying, at least limping along. Driving on my way to celebrate a Black History Month Mass with this very thought in mind, the verse came to me, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping" referring to the synagogue official's daughter who was thought to be dead. Jesus said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, get up!"

In his song, "City of God", David Schutte wrote, "Awake from your slumber, Arise from your sleep. A new day is dawning, For all those who weep . . ." The Church isn't dead but asleep, even if in some places, fast asleep. When each Christian comes to terms with the fact that we are on the Way of Perfection as disciples of Jesus, that we are called to Spiritual Mastery, then those trainers and teachers will arise and along with it the Body of Christ which is the Church.

The Church is not dead. She is just sleeping.

Ekkelsia koum! (Church, I say to you, rise!),

**Fr. Bryan Patterson**







## READING I

Jer 31:31-34

(Proclaimed in Spanish)

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

Response: TE ALABAMOS, SEÑOR

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15



## READING II

Heb 5:7-9

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

## GOSPEL

Jn 12:20-33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me. "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

## 3rd Sunday in Lent B

Open: 785 - What does the Lord require | Offertory: 544 - O sun of justice  
 Communion 558: Grant to Us, O Lord | Recession: 773 - When Jesus came preaching  
 Postlude: Lamentation - Henry Purcell 1659-1695  
 Postlude: Erbarm Dich Mein - Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750



## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT March 17, 2024

"The Father will honor whoever serves me." Are you called to belong to serve Christ alone as a priest or through consecrated life? 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.

### 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.

### 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 17, 2024	MONDAY - 12:00 PM March 18, 2024	TUESDAY - 12:00 PM March 19, 2024
Mirna Garcia	Andrew Crandell	Ed & Anna Harte
WEDNESDAY- 12:00 PM March 20, 2024	THURSDAY - 12:00 PM March 21, 2024	FRIDAY- 12:00 PM March 22, 2024
Paul Raja Puthota	Joseph R. Lyons	Anne & Tullio Versachelli
LECTORS	March 17, 2024 Beatrice DiCostanzo & Mireyda Reyes	March 24, 2024 Dan McCardel & Elina Cruz
COFFEE HOUR	March 17, 2024 Potluck style - Bring a dish & share a smile	March 24, 2024 Potluck style - Bring a dish & share a smile

O Mary, when Christians show love and honor to you they show love and honor to your Son. Let my love for you grow every day and redound to the glory of Jesus and to my salvation.

Amen.

*Obedience in Faith*







## YOUR DAILY CAMINO

### 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH - SUNDAY

"Listen carefully: Unless a grain of wheat is buried in the ground, dead to the world, it is never any more than a grain of wheat. But if it is buried, it sprouts and reproduces itself many times over. In the same way, anyone who holds on to life just as it destroys that life. But if you let it go, reckless in your love, you'll have it forever, real and eternal."

~Gospel of Saint John 12:24-25

### 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH - MONDAY

"The dragon sits by the side of the road, watching those who pass. Beware lest he devour you. We go to the Father of Souls, but it is necessary to pass by the dragon."

~Cyril of Jerusalem

### 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH - TUESDAY

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit."

~ Gospel of Matthew 1:20

### 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH - WEDNESDAY

"A servant is not holy if she is not busy; lazy people . . . is fake holiness."

~Saint Zita

### 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH - THURSDAY

"There is a harmony between the hidden inner man and the outer man when decency of life is joined with thoughts which are ordered in accord with Christ."

~Saint Gregory of Nyssa

### 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH - FRIDAY

"We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature-trees, flowers, grass-grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence . . . We need silence to be able to touch souls."

~Saint Teresa of Kolkata


### 23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH - SATURDAY

"Christ said 'I am the Truth', He did not say 'I am the custom.'"

~Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo

## WEEKLY PRAYERS

### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH



Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

### THE BREASTPLATE OF SAINT PATRICK PRAYER

I bind unto myself today the power of God to hold and lead, His eye to watch, His might to stay, His ear to hearken to my need: the wisdom of my God to teach, His hand to guide, His shield to ward; the Word of God to give me speech, His heavenly host to be my guard. Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort me and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in the hearts of all that love me, Christ in the mouth of friend and stranger. I bind unto myself the Name, the strong Name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three, of Whom all nature hath creation; Eternal Father, Spirit, Word: praise to the Lord of my salvation, salvation is of Christ the Lord. Amen.

### A PRAYER BY SAINT BENEDICT

O gracious and holy God, Give us wisdom to know you, Intelligence to understand you, Diligence to seek you, Patience to wait for you, Eyes to behold you, A heart to meditate upon you, A life to proclaim you. To the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, Amen. May we listen to others with the ear of our heart. Amen.

### PRAYER OF SAINT JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA

Merciful God, whose servant Joseph of Arimathea with reverence and godly fear prepared the body of our Lord and Savior for burial, and laid it in his own tomb: Grant, to us thy faithful people grace and courage to love and serve Jesus with sincere devotion all the days of our life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



# SAINT JOSEPH FEAST DAY

March 19<sup>th</sup>



## Things you should know about St. Joseph

- 1 In 1955, an additional feast day was declared by Pope Pius XII and is celebrated on May 1 as the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. This date is also International Workers' Day and believed to reflect Joseph as the patron saint of workers.
- 2 Symbols associated with Joseph include the carpenter's square and lily. The carpenter's square not only symbolizes Joseph's trade but also the concept of truth. The lily, represents purity and Joseph's celibate marriage to the Virgin Mary.
- 3 Joseph is the patron saint of the Universal Church, families, fathers, expectant mothers, travelers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers and working people, among others.
- 4 Joseph is also considered to be the patron saint of the New World, China, Canada, Korea, Mexico, Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Peru, Vietnam and several cities and dioceses. Commonly seen in chapels devoted to Saint Joseph are images of a sleeping St. Joseph, a weary traveler fleeing with his family to Egypt. Pope Francis keeps replica of one in his room. The pope places notes of special intercession on pieces of paper under the statue. Many people do the same, placing their intentions under the statue, asking the fatherly saint to intercede to God for a special need.
- 5 On the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis proclaimed a Year of St. Joseph beginning Dec. 8, 2020 through Dec. 8, 2021. In an opinion column for The Philadelphia Inquirer, Daniel Joyce, S.J. '88, executive director of mission programs, described the pope's official opening of a yearlong celebration as "a global call for solidarity and a renewed way of being family in the post-pandemic world."
- 6 Although we know Joseph as a working carpenter, he is descended from royal lineage, the line of David.
- 7 Joseph is portrayed in works of art with grey hair and a beard, an older figure next to Mary and Jesus, and often in the background. In the pope's Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris Corde*, he wrote, "In his relationship to Jesus, Joseph was the earthly shadow of the heavenly Father. He watched over him and protected him, never leaving him to go his own way. We can think of Moses' words to Israel: 'In the wilderness ... you saw how the Lord your God carried you, just as one carries a child, all the way that you traveled' (Deuteronomy 1:31). In a similar way, Joseph acted as a father for his whole life."
- 8 The scriptures mention nothing of Joseph's age and previous life. However, one early tradition believes he was an older man and a widower with children from a previous marriage.
- 9 The first apostolic mission entrusted by the Pope to the Society of Jesus was given on the Feast of St. Joseph, Mar. 19, 1539. On this auspicious feast day, the mission of the Jesuits began – and continues to this day around the world.
- 10 The Jesuits began their mission in Philadelphia in 1707, saying regular Masses under the patronage of St. Joseph in Quaker-owned boarding houses and shops, and the homes of Catholic families. This led to the establishment in 1733 of Old Saint Joseph's Church, the first permanent Jesuit ministry in the city.





## Weekly HIGHLIGHT

### SAINT JAMES CATHEDRAL-BASILICA

## The Great Vigil of Easter

Father Hubert Beaudoin, O. Praem. - my next door neighbor during my first two years of seminary - was an amazing artist. I loved to watch him working in his studio. During one visit he took a broad stick of charcoal and made several passes over a blank piece of paper. I looked at the page and asked him, "Are you designing Rorschach tests?" He turned his head, looked at me over the rim of his glasses, and shot me down with the acidic retort: "Snot!" Without missing a beat, he picked up a fine pointed ink pen and made a few thin scratches on the page. Suddenly, a choir of angels announcing the birth of Christ magically appeared on the page. His two minutes-worth of effort became one of the Christmas cards printed and sold at the Abbey that year!

Just as Fr. Hubert was able to create a choir of angels in a bunch of criss-crossing charcoal lines, he was able to explain one of the holiest - and most complex - ceremonies of the church year in an easy to understand analogy. Here's the introduction he gave to those attending the Abbey Easter Vigil:

Have you ever been on a camping trip? First, you establish camp by building a fire. Next, you go about finding water for cooking, drinking, and cleaning up. Then you sit around the fire telling stories while dinner is readied. Finally, you share the meal with your friends. That's what we'll be doing here tonight: blessing the new fire; blessing the font; listening to stories from salvation history; and sharing the Bread and Cup.

If you've attended an Easter Vigil you're probably sitting there nodding your head in agreement. If you haven't attended a Vigil, I hope Fr. Hubert's demystifying the service has piqued your interest in attending one in the future.

**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.