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**Saint James Cathedral-Basilica**  
**Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord**  
March 31, 2024

THE SAINT JAMES EXPERIENCE



**MASS TIMES:**  
Monday–Friday: 12:00 PM  
Sunday: 11:00 AM

- \* PARISH FOUNDED IN 1822
- \* DESIGNATED CATHEDRAL IN 1853
- \* ELEVATED TO MINOR PAPAL BASILICA IN 1982



SAINT JAMES CATHEDRAL-BASILICA

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## FROM THE RECTOR OF SAINT JAMES CATHEDRAL-BASILICA

Dear parishioners and friends of Saint James,

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Since the days after the resurrection of Jesus to today, for thousands of Easter Sundays, Christians have greeted each other during the season of Easter with these or similar words. Saint James, the parish begun so long ago, now the Cathedral-Basilica, has seen 202 Easter Sundays. Thousands upon thousands of people have given thanks to God, have been encouraged and inspired by the Lord's resurrection on this very spot.

This Sunday and for the next fifty days until Pentecost Sunday, we will be overtly celebrating Jesus' resurrection. Abundant flowers, Easter eggs, chocolate bunnies, sumptuous meals, fantastic new clothes – and ladies' hats to talk about – it's a big deal! Yet, within a week, much of the thrill will be gone and life for the most part will fade back to the default mode.

I believe that if we put more effort into it, the resurrection of Jesus, greatly celebrated on the holy day, could become a part of our everyday lives. For many, Jesus' resurrection is a sign that death is not the end, that there is an afterlife. But Jesus told us in John's Gospel that “. . . the hour is coming when in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and will come out, those who have done good deeds to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked deeds to the resurrection of condemnation.” The question was never whether there was a resurrection but what kind of resurrection one will have.

To ensure a resurrection to life, we will have to do the work. It's not automatic but is for the baptized, those who have actually gone through the transformation. Saint Paul tells us, “If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.” This ‘raised with Christ’ happens before physical death. It is the fruit of one's spiritual practice. Jesus' resurrection shows us what we can expect as disciples of Christ, those who have died to sin before the end of their lives in time and space.

In his earthly life Jesus conspicuously tended to avoid large crowds and spectacles. Some people wonder why Jesus only appears to a chosen group of people, thinking that if he appeared to everyone more people would have believed. But we see that people didn't believe him who could see him. He was sent to his crucifixion by people who saw him regularly for years.

Jesus told Thomas that it is better to believe by faith than by seeing. Our ‘seeing’ is often quite inaccurate and the Jesus we ‘see’ may not have anything in common with the true Jesus at all. Just like the ninth-century Buddhist teacher who told his students, “If you see the Buddha on the road, kill him,” in this season of grace, we too should go beyond our conceptualizations and thinking we know it all to allowing the Lord to reveal himself to us as he truly is. He is risen indeed! May we strive to rise along with him, seeking what is above.

Christos anesti – Alithos anesti!

**Fr. Bryan Patterson**



# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Sunday

## THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

March 31, 2024

“The Lord is truly risen!” Are you being called to proclaim the truth of the Lord’s resurrection as a priest, religious sister, or brother? 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

## EASTER OFFERING FOR SUPPORT OF SENIOR PRIESTS

Sunday, March 31, 2024

Proceeds from the second collection on Sunday, March 31, 2024

will go to the support of senior priests. Please consider fostering the seeds of faith with your continued generosity.

THANK YOU

To All Parishioners

Thank you for making the coffee hour potluck a success with your delicious contributions. Your participation made it special. Let us carry this positive energy forward and continue building our church community.

## 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)

## 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).



## SAINT VERONICA - THE IMAGE OF COMPASSION

“Your face, Lord, do I seek.”

Hide not your face from me.

PSALM 27:8-9

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>SUNDAY - 11:00 AM</b> March 31, 2024	<b>MONDAY - 12:00 PM</b> April 1, 2024	<b>TUESDAY - 12:00 PM</b> April 2, 2024
People of the Parish	Carmelo Tramontana	Paula Francisca Ruano
<b>WEDNESDAY- 12:00 PM</b> April 3 2024	<b>THURSDAY - 12:00 PM</b> April 4, 2024	<b>FRIDAY- 12:00 PM</b> April 5, 2024
Bryan Evans	John Sloan	Victor Ayala
<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>March 31, 2024</b> Chul Lee & Mireyda Reyes	<b>April 7, 2024</b> Diane Wilson & Mireyda Reyes
<b>COFFEE HOUR</b>	<b>March 31, 2024: EASTER SUNDAY</b> No Hospitality Hour	<b>April 7, 2024</b> Potluck style - Bring a dish & share a smile

Gate of heaven,  
Star of the sea.



O Mary, you have the ear of God because you are the Mother of God. Place before Him the needs of the whole world and keep me close to you at every moment.

Amen.

## YOUR DAILY CAMINO

### 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH - EASTER SUNDAY

“For our Passover Festival is ready, now that Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us celebrate our Passover then, not with bread having the old yeast of sin and wickedness, but with the bread that has no yeast, the bread of purity and truth.”

~1 Corinthians 5:7-8

### 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL - MONDAY

“Christ the Lord is risen today, sons of men and angels say. Raise your joys and triumphs high; sing, ye heavens and earth reply.”

~Charles Wesley

### 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL - TUESDAY

“There is more to life than increasing its speed.”

~Mahatma Gandhi

### 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL - WEDNESDAY

“He that does good for good’s sake seeks neither paradise nor reward, but he is sure of both in the end.”

~William Penn

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

“Wealth is like seawater, the more we drink, the thirstier we become.”

~Arthur Schopenhauer

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

“Nothing is too wonderful to be true.”

~Michael Faraday

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

“The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.”

~Franklin D. Roosevelt

## WEEKLY PRAYERS (SAINTS OBVIOUS AND UNFAMILIAR)

### EASTER PRAYER OF SAINT POPE JOHN PAUL II

Blessed are you, O Mary, silent witness of Easter! You, O Mother of the Crucified One now risen, who at the hour of pain and death kept the flame of hope burning, teach us also to be, amongst the incongruities of passing time, convinced and joyful witnesses of the eternal message of life and love brought to the world by the Risen Redeemer. Amen.

### PRAYER OF SAINT MARY OF EGYPT

O Sweet Mary of Egypt, Mother of God, you gave birth to the Word made Flesh, Jesus Christ. Overlook my impurity and have compassion on me as I gaze upon your loveliness. Our good God, Who came forth from your spotless womb, became man to call sinners like me to repentance. Help me Ever-Virgin Mary and allow me to see the Holy Cross on which your Son suffered and shed His Precious Blood for the redemption of mankind. Pray that I will remain pure and never again give in to the temptations of this fallen world. O loving Mother, may God be glorified to receive the conversion of contrite souls who turn to you for help. Mary most pure, lead me by the hand along the path of repentance and open for me the doors to Christ your Son, that I may maintain my resolve to change my heart and live a holy life. Amen.

### PRAYER OF SAINT VINCENT FERRER

Glorious Saint Vincent Ferrer, let not our hope and confidence in your protection be deceived. Intercede for us before the throne of God. Watch over our eternal welfare. If our trials and tribulations in this world multiply, may they serve to give us spiritual joy and happiness. Amen.

### PRAYER OF SAINT ISIDORE OF SEVILLE

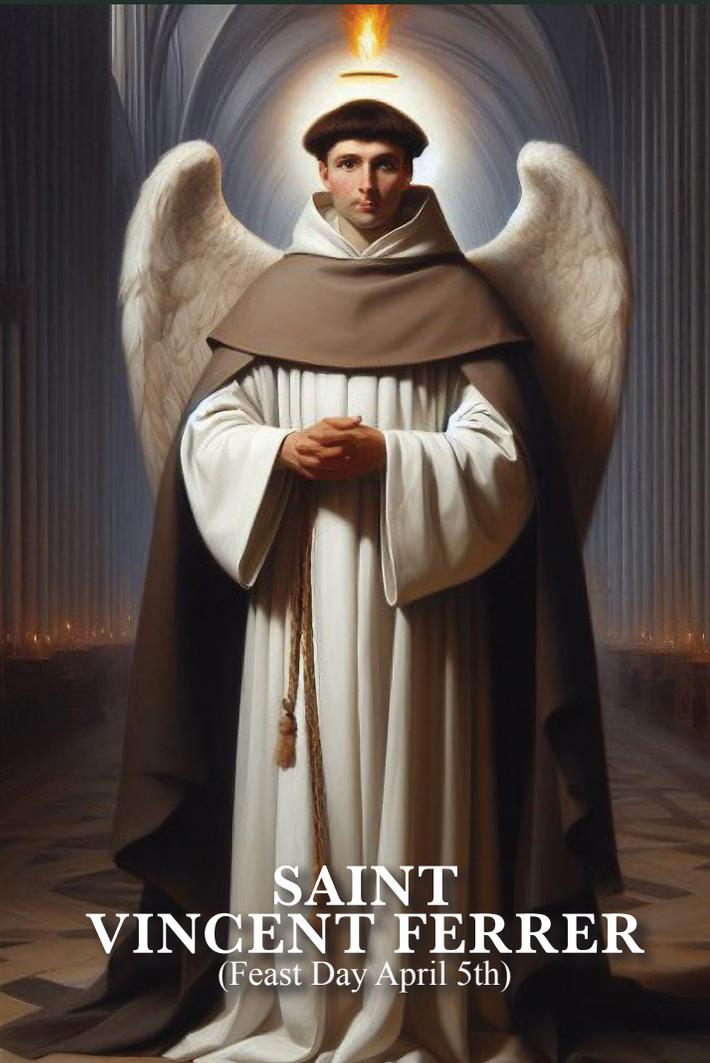
Almighty and eternal God, who hast created us in Thy image and hast bidden us to seek after all that is good, true, and beautiful, especially in the divine person of Thy only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, through the intercession of Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor, to direct our hands and eyes in our use of the internet to only that which is pleasing to Thee and treat with charity and patience all souls whom we encounter. Amen.



# SAINT VINCENT FERRER

Saint Vincent Ferrer was a Catholic priest and missionary who lived in the 14th and 15th centuries. He is known for his extensive preaching throughout Europe, which earned him the nickname "The Angel of the Judgment." He is the patron saint of builders. Vincent Ferrer was born in Valencia, Spain, on January 23, 1350. He was educated by the Dominicans, and later joined their order himself. In 1367, he was ordained a priest. He began his preaching ministry in 1399, traveling throughout Spain, France, Italy, and other parts of Europe, spreading the message of repentance and the coming of the end of the world. One of the most notable events of Vincent Ferrer's life was his participation in the Council of Constance, which was called to resolve the Western Schism, a split in the Catholic Church.

Vincent Ferrer played a key role in the council, which ultimately resulted in the election of Pope Martin V in 1417. Vincent Ferrer was also known for his miracles, including healing the sick and raising the dead. He was canonized by Pope Calixtus III in 1455, and his cult was approved by Pope Sixtus IV in 1483. Saint Vincent Ferrer died on April 5th, 1419, and the translation of his remains in 1455. His feast day is celebrated on April 5th. Saint Vincent Ferrer is an interesting figure in the Catholic Church's history. His reputation as a powerful preacher and miracle worker made him one of the most sought-after spiritual leaders of his time. Today, he is remembered as a patron saint of builders, reflecting his reputation as a spiritual foundation for many during his lifetime.



**SAINT VINCENT FERRER**  
(Feast Day April 5th)



**SAINT MARY OF EGYPT**  
(Feast Day April 2nd)

Mary began her life as a young woman who followed the passions of the body, running away from her parents at age twelve for Alexandria. There she lived as a harlot for seventeen years, refusing money from the men that she copulated with, instead living by begging and spinning flax. One day, however, she met a group of young men heading toward the sea to sail to Jerusalem for the veneration of the Holy Cross. Mary went along for the ride, seducing the men as they traveled for the fun of it. But when the group reached Jerusalem and actually went towards the church, Mary was prohibited from entering by an unseen force. After three such attempts, she remained outside on the church patio, where she looked up and saw an icon of the Theotokos. She began to weep and prayed with all her might that the Theotokos might allow her to see the True Cross; afterwards, she promised, she would renounce her worldly desires and go wherever the Theotokos may lead her. After this heart-felt conversion at the doors of the church, she fled into the desert to live as an ascetic. She survived for years on only three loaves of bread and thereafter on scarce herbs of the land. For another seventeen years, Mary was tormented by "wild beasts—mad desires and passions." After these years of temptation, however, she overcame the passions and was led by the Theotokos in all things. Following 47 years in solitude, she met the priest St. Zosima in the desert, who pleaded with her to tell him of

her life. She recounted her story with great humility while also demonstrating her gift of clairvoyance; she knew who Zosima was and his life story despite never having met him before. Finally, she asked Zosima to meet her again the following year at sunset on Holy Thursday by the banks of the Jordan. Zosima did exactly this, though he began to doubt his experience as the sun began to go that night. Then Mary appeared on the opposite side of the Jordan; crossing herself, she miraculously walked across the water and met Zosima. When he attempted to bow, she rebuked him, saying that as a priest he was far superior, and furthermore, he was holding the Holy Mysteries. Mary then received communion and walked back across the Jordan after giving Zosima instructions about his monastery and that he should return to where they first met exactly a year later. When he did so, he found Mary's body with a message written on the sand asking him for burial and revealing that she had died immediately after receiving the Holy Mysteries the year before (and thus had been miraculously transported to the spot where she now lay). So Zosima, amazed, began to dig, but soon tired; then a lion approached and began to help him, that is, after Zosima had recovered from his fear of the creature. Thus St. Mary of Egypt was buried. Zosima returned to the monastery, told all he had seen, and improved the faults of the monks and abbot there. He died at almost a hundred years old in the same monastery.



## Weekly HIGHLIGHT

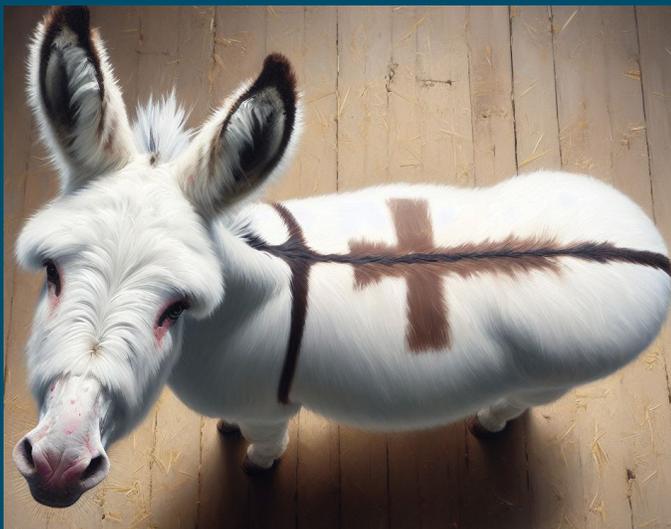
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## THE LEGEND OF THE DONKEY'S CROSS

It is said that the young donkey who carried Jesus through the cheering crowds into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday also followed him on his journey to Calvary.

When the Lord was crucified, the little donkey was so grief stricken that he had to turn his back but the loyal donkey could not leave.

The shadow of the cross fell across his back and shoulders and there it has always remained.



### 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