



The
Saint James Cathedral-Basilica
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024



**SAINT JAMES
CATHEDRAL-BASILICA**

SCHEDULE:

Weekday Mass: Monday to Friday 12:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 11:00 AM

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament: Friday 11:00 AM

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Friday 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

(Closed on Holidays & For Special Events)

Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan, D. D., Bishop

Reverend Bryan D. Patterson, S.T.L., Rector

Deacon Ronald Rizzuto, Pastoral Administrator

Mrs. Isabel Navarro, Secretary

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FROM THE RECTOR OF SAINT JAMES CATHEDRAL-BASILICA

Dear parishioners and friends of Saint James,

On Tuesday, I preached a homily about Saint Pius V. I was surprised that his day was an optional memorial. He was pope at a most difficult time in the Church and I would have thought he would have gotten more recognition. He was a pope in the heart of the Renaissance, a time of great change echoing still to this day.

When Europeans learned of the Americas from Christopher Columbus, human history as it had been known was completely altered. Everything about the newly discovered world was forever changed and the rest of the world after. Diseases unknown were spread, vast resources extracted and redistributed, new cultures and languages were introduced and transformed. The resulting colonialism and the rise of the trans-Atlantic slave trade also produced problematic issues that are still not fully resolved to this day.

Martin Luther with the promulgation of his 95 Theses in 1517 and other reformers began rallying for religious change. The Protestant Reformation totally changed the landscape of the Christian religion where it is said there are some 45,000 Christian denominations today. Pope Pius worked hard to preserve the Church, saddled with financial, liturgical and other abuses, to retain the clear message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Another factor in his day was the widespread diffusion of information as never seen before by Johannes Gutenberg's invention of the printing press. Average people now had access to knowledge only scholars and the elite knew about. The box of the 'all-gifted' Pandora had been opened.

Why am I bringing this all up? During the time of Pope Pius V, the world was experiencing unprecedented, bewildering change. Aren't we in a similar situation? The advent of the Internet, smartphones, tablets and the like has completely undone so much of what we took for granted, like what it means to be a family, to have a job, or even to be human. Now with Artificial Intelligence, we are seriously in uncharted territory.

In 1967, during the first global television link to twenty-five countries, the Beatles sang, "All You Need Is Love". Maybe it seems oversimplistic and hokey today but isn't that the truth? I look at the readings for this Sunday with very mixed emotions. I see the answers right there to this chaos being caused by rapid, directionless change.

The Holy Spirit came down upon Gentiles, pagans, which surprised Jews who had become Christians. To me, what had happened is Love came down upon them and everyone experienced the unity that Christ promised. In Saint John's Letter he writes, "Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God" and as a kind of final blow, just in case you still missed it, Jesus says in the Gospel, "This I command you: love one another."

So, what are we going to do? Love. Is it corny, unrealistic, overly idealistic? Honestly, I don't know what WE are going to do. I haven't any power to enforce change on the masses. But don't you see? Look into your own heart. Isn't this really the answer to the emptiness and pointlessness so many are feeling? All this despair and the answer is right there: Love.

We are commanded to do it. Love. How now, brothers and sisters, how now?

Peace,

Fr. Bryan Patterson

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER May 5, 2024

“The Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening.” Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to **Fr. Christopher J. Bethge**, the Vocations Director at (718) 827-2454 or vocations@diobrook.org.

THE SISTERS OF ST. DOMINIC OF AMITYVILLE CELEBRATE ANNUAL BEAUTY OF THE SPIRIT EVENT June 13, 2024

Help us celebrate **The Beauty of The Spirit of Women** - Their strength, compassion, and wisdom. Enjoy fantastic auctions and raffles, as well as an inspirational lecture from a sister keynote speaker, Sister Christine Sammons, OP. This year we will have a luncheon buffet reception where guests can choose from an array of delicious menu items. For more information, please contact the office of advancement at 631-842-6000 ext. 246 or visit: <https://sistersofstdominic.org/2024luncheon>.



DEEPEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD Meeting Christ in Prayer

May 6 - June 27, 2024

Meeting Christ in Prayer is an **8-week spiritual program** based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. Through prayer, reflection on scripture, and faith-sharing, the retreat gives an opportunity to see Jesus as a companion and encounter him anew. Brother Andy Richards will guide the group starting **May 9 thru June 27 at 6:30** at **St. Boniface (190 Duffield St)**.

You and your friends are welcome to share your faith journey, whether you are new to Ignatian Spirituality, or it's been years since your last Ignatian retreat. This retreat experience is ideal for existing small groups.

Please read details and register here:
<https://forms.gle/TFDxDp3Tsa3j9uFS8>

Any questions about the program?
Please contact **Brother Andy** at
arichards@oratorychurch.org

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).

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY May 5, 2024	MONDAY May 6, 2024	TUESDAY May 7, 2024
Carmen & Carlos Rivera	For the Health & Well being of Joyce Sevilla	John Flateau
WEDNESDAY May 8, 2024	THURSDAY May 9, 2024	FRIDAY May 10, 2024
Gregoria Lemus	Leema Rose Karnati	Carmencita Battle
LECTORS	May 5, 2024 Beatrice DiCostanzo & Candidad Perez	May 12, 2024 Diane Wilson & Elina Cruz
COFFEE HOUR	May 5, 2024 Potluck style - Bring a dish & share a smile	May 12, 2024 No Coffee Hour (Mother's Day)

YOUR DAILY CAMINO

5th MAY - SUNDAY

"You didn't choose me, remember; I chose you, and put you in the world to bear fruit, fruit that won't spoil. As fruit bearers, whatever you ask the Father in relation to me, he gives you. But remember the root command: Love one another."

6th MAY - MONDAY

"A wise man's questions contain half the answer."

~Solomon ben Yehuda ibn Gabirol

7th MAY - TUESDAY

"On one side, I saw the Lord calling me; on the other the world offering me its seducing charms and pleasures. How often did I embrace and reject, willed and not willed the same thing! But in the end Jesus Christ triumphed in me."

~Saint Hillary of Arles

8th MAY - WEDNESDAY

"We would never learn to be brave and patient if there were only joy in the world."

~Helen Keller

9th MAY - THURSDAY

"You ascended before our eyes, and we turned back grieving, only to find You in our hearts."

~Augustine of Hippo

10th MAY - FRIDAY

"Your neighbor is something that concerns Jesus Christ; therefore, the proof of the perfect love of our Lord is the perfect love of the neighbor."

~Saint John of Avila

11th MAY - SATURDAY

"Without a doubt, obedience is more meritorious than any other penance. And what greater penance can there be than keeping one's will continually submissive and obedient?"

~Saint Catherine of Bologna



WEEKLY PRAYERS (SAINTS OBVIOUS AND UNFAMILIAR)

PRAYER OF PRAISE BY SAINT GREGORY OF NAZIANZUS

O God, You alone are unutterable, from the time you created all things that can be spoken of. You alone are unknowable, from the time you created all things that can be known. All things cry out about you, those which speak, and those which cannot speak. All things honor you; those which think, and those which cannot think. For there is one longing, one groaning, that all things have for you. All things pray to you that perceive your plan and offer you a silent hymn. In you, the One, all things abide, and all things endlessly run to you who are the end of all. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER OF POPE SAINT PIUS V

God, Who, to the destruction of the enemies of thy Church and for the restoration of Thy holy worship didst vouchsafe to elect blessed Pius to be thy High Priest; grant us so to be defended by his protection, and so to remain steadfast in Thy service, that, overcoming the snares of all our enemies, we may enjoy perpetual peace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF SAINT JOHN OF AVILA

Almighty and eternal God, who gave your holy Church blessed John of Avila as Doctor, grant that what he taught when moved by the divine Spirit may always stay firm in our hearts; and, as by your gift we embrace him as our patron, may we also have him as our defender to entreat your mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF SAINT DAMIEN OF MOLOKAI

Saint Damien, You ministered to those in despair and isolation. I call upon you to open my heart and mind, to care for the poor, the sick, the weary, and those forgotten. Bestow upon me the inner strength of faith, and unconditional compassion to be a disciple of Christ. Amen.



10 Quotes by Saint John of Avila That Could Change Your Spiritual Life

01 – ‘He who relies on God does not let himself be overwhelmed by sufferings, anguish, death, or hell. He who does not lean on Him, how much fear he feels, how worried he walks!’

02 – ‘I would rather live without skin than live without devotion to the Virgin Mary.’

03 – ‘Remember what you have done offending God and what you have failed to do in His service; go to the confessor and throw away all your sins, sweep and clean your house.’

04 – ‘The priests, at Mass, place themselves at the altar in the person of Christ to perform the office of the Redeemer himself.’

05 – ‘Whoever has the truth and does not profess it or behave according to it is trapping the truth in injustice.’

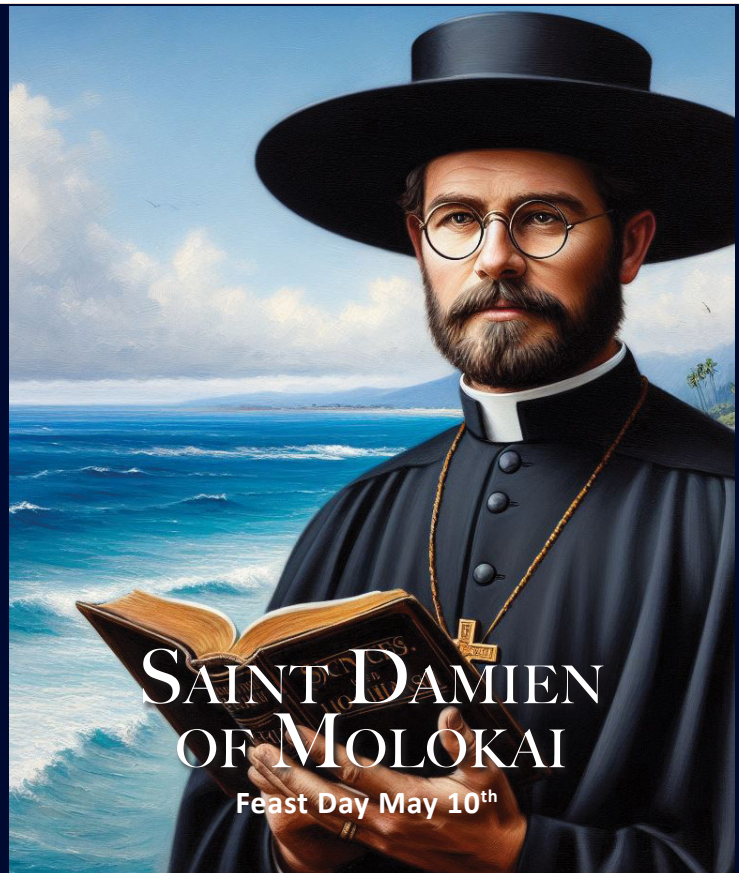
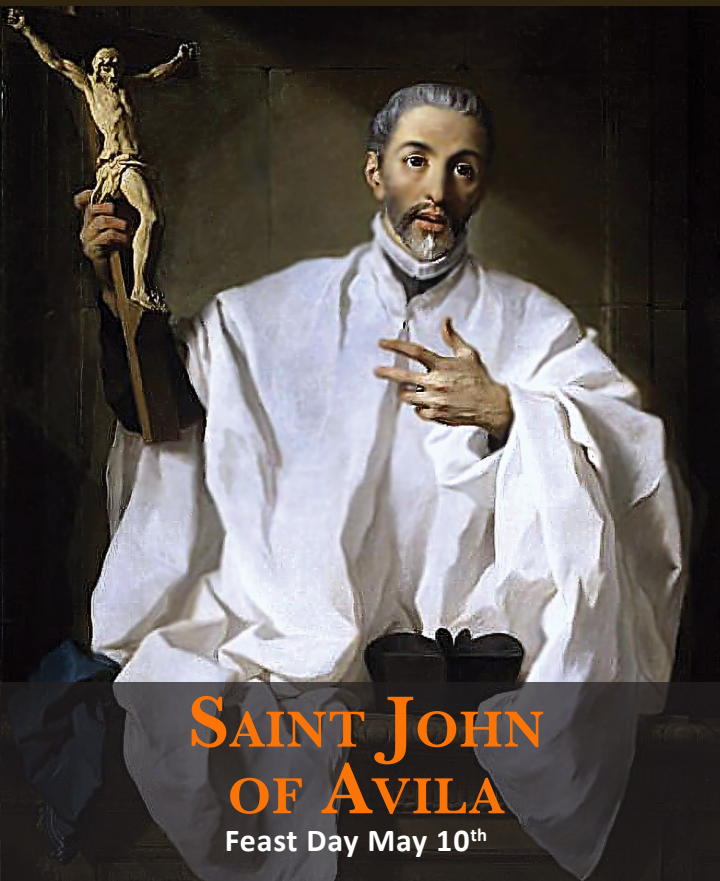
06 – ‘Your neighbor is something that concerns Jesus Christ; therefore, the proof of the perfect love of our Lord is the perfect love of the neighbor.’

07 – ‘The cause that in a greater measure stimulates our heart to the love of God is to consider deeply the love that He had for us. This, more than benefits, stimulates the heart to love because he who gives a benefit to another gives him something he possesses, but he who loves gives himself with all he has, without there being anything left to give.’

08 – ‘Enlarge your little heart to the immensity of love with which the Father offered us His Son, and with Him gave us Himself, the Holy Spirit, and all things.’

09 – ‘You think that by worrying too much you will be able to keep up. Woe to the man who does not lean on God but lives thinking whether it will rain a lot or whether it will not rain!’

10 – ‘The good preacher and the good confessor must go to the front. No one should say a good word without first putting it into practice.’



The Extraordinary Story of St. Damien de Veuster

Damien was born Joseph de Veuster in Tremelo, Belgium, in 1840. When he was only 13 he had to quit school to work on the family farm. At age 19, he joined the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. As a member of this religious community, he took the name Damien. He chose this name after a fourth-century physician and martyr.

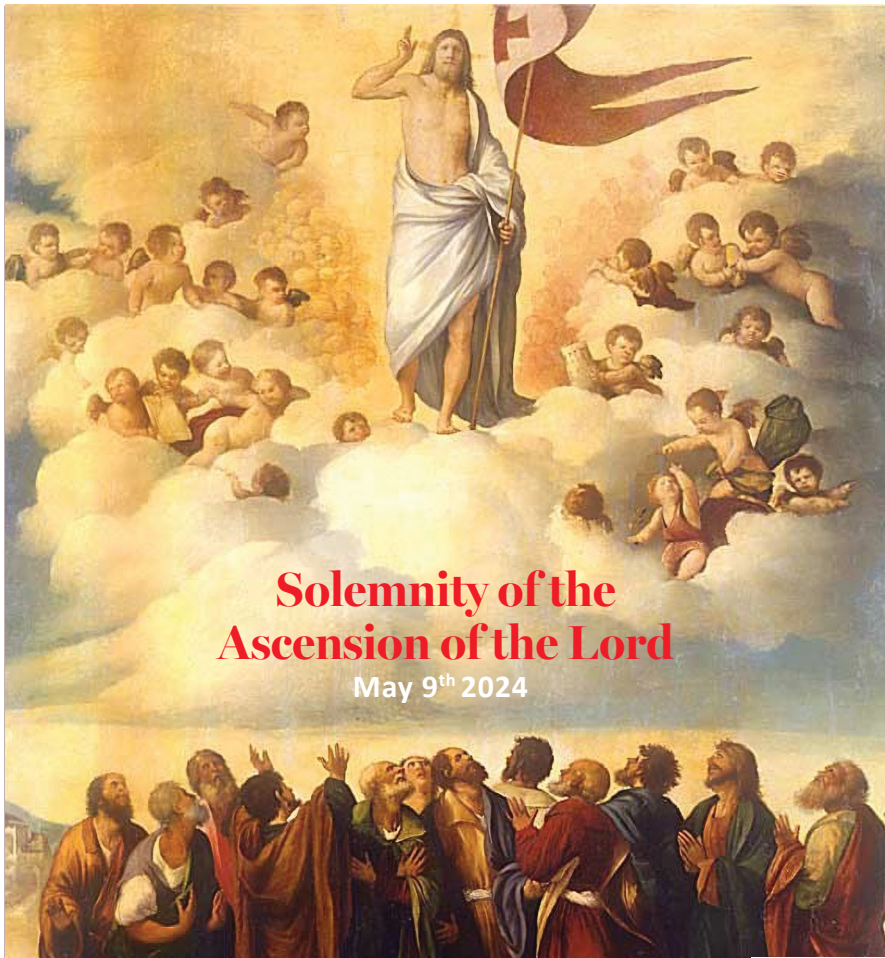
Damien had an older brother, Pamphile, who was a priest. When Pamphile was assigned to the Hawaiian Islands, he became ill and was unable to go. Damien immediately volunteered to go in his brother's place. Damien was ordained in 1864 after he completed his studies in Honolulu.

The Hawaiian government had a leper colony on the island of Molokai, where people suffering from Hansen's disease were kept isolated from the rest of the population. After nine years in Hawaii, Father Damien offered to serve the sick people who lived there.

He felt such compassion for the lepers that he asked permission to remain with the colony permanently. He cared for the people's physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. Damien also appealed to the Hawaiian government for money and services to help the lepers of Molokai. Soon, a school, homes, an orphanage, and a church greatly improved the colony through Father Damien's efforts. Most importantly, he helped his people know that God loved and cared for them.

Eventually, Damien caught leprosy and died from the disease in 1889. He had become so famous for his compassionate work among the lepers that a statue of Father Damien represents the state of Hawaii in Statuary Hall at the U.S. Capitol.

Damien of Molokai was declared a saint on October 11, 2009. He was the ninth saint to have worked, lived, and died in the United States.

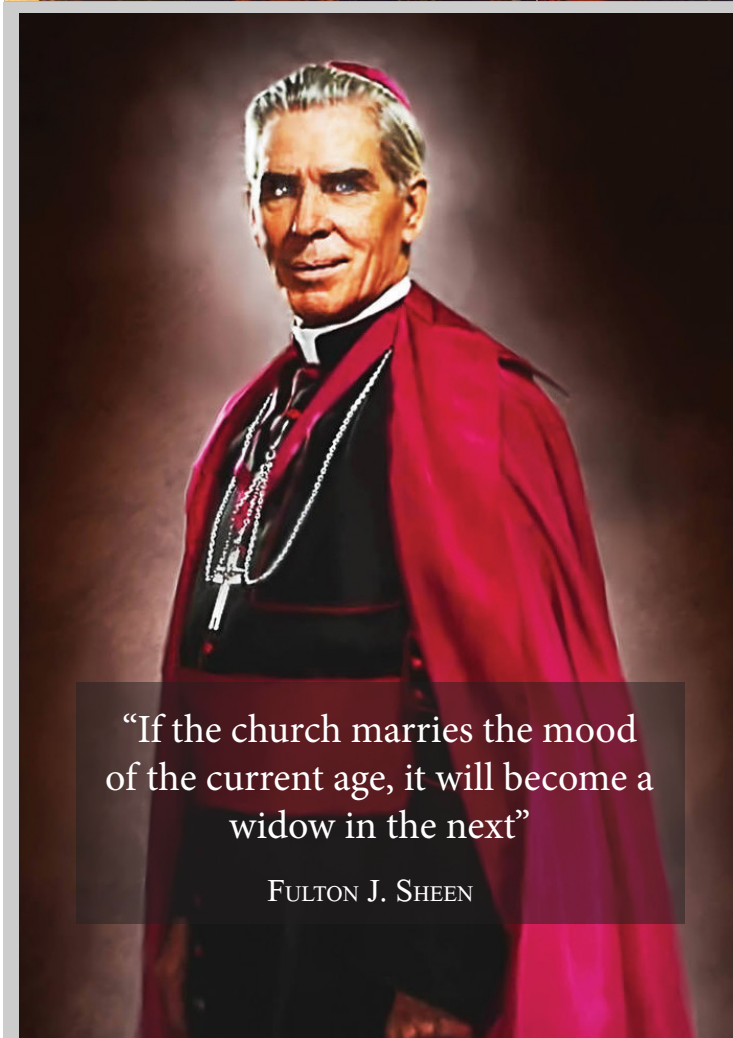


Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

May 9th 2024

Thursday, May 9, is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord in the ecclesiastical province of New York and a **Holy Day of Obligation**.

Forty days after Jesus' Glorious Resurrection, Our Lord ascended into Heaven (Acts 1:6-11). The Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraph 665) says, "Christ's Ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain, whence he will come again (Acts 1:11); this humanity in the meantime hides him from the eyes of men (Col 3:3)." Before ascending in the presence of His Apostles, He commissioned them to continue His ministry of redemption, saying, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the close of the age." (Mt. 28:18-20)



"If the church marries the mood of the current age, it will become a widow in the next"

FULTON J. SHEEN



BAPTISM

Parents are requested to contact the Rector to make the necessary arrangements for the Baptism of their child.



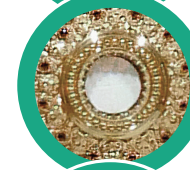
FAITH FORMATION

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