

Saint James Cathedral-Basilica Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 23, 2024



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 Mrs. Rosa Paulsen-Williams, Secretary Mrs. BeeYean Y. Santos, Creative Director

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From The Rector of Saint James Cathedral-Basilica

Dear parishioners and friends of Saint James,

Today is the first full week of summer. I've not seen any jumping fish or cotton of any height but perhaps the living can be easy. When we see the short reading from Job we might forget just how much Job suffered and for no apparent reason. God's final response to him and all his losses is "I AM The Lord AND THERE IS NO OTHER." At first this doesn't seem like the most loving, caring way to answer someone who is wondering why they have going through so much.

However, God opens Job's mind to perceive the great mystery behind appearances. After everything, Job could say, as we will in the Psalm, "Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting." Saint Paul tells us that Christ's love impels us to look beyond what has so far seemed the obvious, that we might live not for ourselves but for the one who died for us. Now with the eyes of Christ, we are a new creation, the old having passed away.

Job experienced it but a baptized Catholic Christian has been given the fullness of it. What ancient folks and even angels longed to see, we have before us at all times. Saint Paul was greatly saddened that his kinsfolk did not come to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour. How sad it is indeed that this greatest of treasures, the Church and the Sacraments are so misunderstood and underappreciated by so many.

Jesus almost matter-of-factly calms a life-threatening storm at sea and his disciples are all exasperated. Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" or perhaps in our language, "Y'all still don't get it?"

"Do not wait until you are dying to go on vacation. I think if I had to give you one piece of advice that would be it. We put things off. We do not mean to, but we do. We carry around the assumption that there is plenty of time to do whatever needs to be done." Marty Cauley

So, the point I'm trying to make is that now is a good time to find out what changed all these people, why God said what he said to Job, why Jesus is surprised at his disciples, why Saint Paul insists we become a new creation in Christ.

If not now, then when?

Fr. Bryan Patterson

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READING I: Job 38:1, 8-11

(Proclaimed in Spanish)

The Lord addressed Job out of the storm and said: Who shut within doors the sea, when it burst forth from the womb; when I made the clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling bands? When I set limits for it and fastened the bar of its door, and said: Thus far shall you come but no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stilled!

Response: TE ALABAMOS, SEÑOR

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31



READING II: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Brothers and sisters: The love of Christ impels us, once we have come to the conviction that one died for all; therefore, all have died. He indeed died for all, so that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. Consequently, from now on we regard no one according to the flesh; even if we once knew Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know him so no longer. So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.

GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41

On that day, as evening drew on, Jesus said to his disciples: "Let us cross to the other side." Leaving the crowd, they took Jesus with them in the boat just as he was. And other boats were with him. A violent squall came up and waves were breaking over the boat, so that it was already filling up. Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion. They woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" They were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?"

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME June 23, 2024

"He indeed died for all, so that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him who for their sake died and was raised." Is Christ calling you to die to self and live for Him 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

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Mass at 11AM

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THE ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

September 28, 2024

The Sacrament of Marriage should be celebrated. All couples regardless of the anniversary year are invited to renew their vows. Bring your family to witness your exchange and the continued commitment to one another. The Wedding Anniversary Mass will begin promptly at 11:30 AM and one of our bishops will be the main celebrant. All couples married in the Catholic Church are invited to attend with their families. Special recognition will be given to couples who are celebrating their 25th, 50th, and 75th Anniversary. All registered couples will receive a personalized certificate and those couples in attendance will have their picture taken with the Bishop. The fee is \$35 per couple. For more information about the Registration and Payment options go to link below:

https://catholicgatherings.org/event/weddinganniversary-mass

Any questions please email: precana@diobrook.org

Saturday, September 28, 2024 11:30 AM

St. Thomas Aquinas Church 1550 Hendrickson St., Brooklyn, NY 11234

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 you 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

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY: June 23, 2024	MONDAY: June 24, 2024	TUESDAY: June 25, 2024
People of the Parish	Alfie Santos Birthday Wishes	Walter V. Salamone
WEDNESDAY: June 26, 2024	THURSDAY: June 27, 2024	FRIDAY: June 28, 2024
Joseph R. Lyons	Inniah & Mariamma Karnati	Shouriah Karnati
LECTORS	June 23, 2024 Mary Pradt & Mireyda Reyes	June 30, 2024 Chul Lee & Elina Cruz
COFFEE HOUR	June 23, 2024 Potluck style - Bring a dish & share a smile	June 30, 2024 (Last Coffee Hour till Sept) Potluck style - Bring a dish & share a smile



YOUR DAILY CAMINO

23rd JUNE - SUNDAY

"'Quiet! Settle down!' The wind ran out of breath, the sea became smooth as glass. Jesus reprimanded his disciples, 'Why are you such cowards? Don't you have any faith at all?'"

~Gospel of Saint Mark 4:39-40

24th JUNE- MONDAY

"The true secret of love consists in this: we must forget self like Saint John the Baptist and exalt and glorify the Lord Jesus."

~Saint Peter Julian Eymard

25th JUNE- TUESDAY

"Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability."

~Sam Keen

26th JUNE - WEDNESDAY

"In the end, kids won't remember that fancy toy or game you bought them, they will remember the time you spent with them."

~Kevin Heath

27th JUNE - THURSDAY

"We must note, therefore, that he that does things pleasing to God, serves Christ but he that follows his own wishes, is a follower, rather of himself and not of God."

~Saint Cyril of Alexandria

28th JUNE - FRIDAY

"He who was the Son of God became the Son of man, that man . . . might become the son of God."

~Saint Irenaeus of Lyons

29th JUNE - SATURDAY

"There is one day for the passion of two apostles. But these two also were as one; although they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, Paul followed. We are celebrating a feast day, consecrated for us by the blood of the apostles. Let us love their faith, their lives, their labors, their sufferings, their confession of faith, their preaching."

~Saint Augustine



WEEKLY PRAYERS (SAINTS OBVIOUS AND UNFAMILIAR)

PRAYER OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

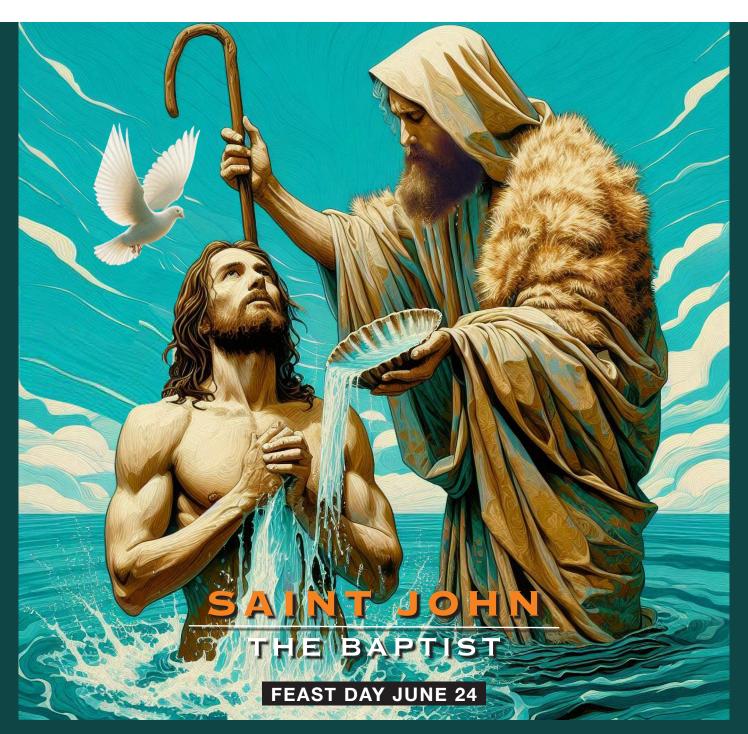
Holy and illustrious John the Baptist, chosen friend of Jesus Christ, faithful herald of God, welcome forerunner of the Lord, standard bearer of the martyrs, greatest among the sons of men, how can I adequately honor and glorify you? For so great is your wealth of grace that your glory outshines that of all the saints. Be mindful of me, I implore you, and by my prayers obtain pardon of the Supreme Judge for my sins. Plant in my heart the seeds of virtue, so that, free from sin, I may be worthy to be filled with the grace of the Holy Ghost; and when the battle of life is ended may I, by your help, come to the gate of endless bliss. Amen

PRAYER OF SAINT PETER

O Holy Apostle, because you are the Rock upon which Almighty God has built His church; obtain for me I pray you, lively faith, firm hope and burning love; complete detachment from myself, contempt of the world, patience in adversity, humility in prosperity, recollection in prayer, purity of heart, a right intention in all my works, diligence in fulfilling the duties of my state of life, constancy in my resolutions, resignation to the will of God and perseverance in the grace of God even unto death; that so, by means of your intercession and your glorious merits, I may be worthy to appear before the chief and eternal Shepherd of souls, Jesus Christ, Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.

PRAYER BY SAINT IRENAEUS

It is not thou that shapest God, it is God that shapest thee. If thou art the work of God, await the hand of the artist who does all things in due season. Offer Him thy heart, soft and tractable, and keep the form in which the artist has fashioned thee. Let thy clay be moist, lest thou grow hard and lose the imprint of his fingers. Amen.



THE feast of the Nativity, or birthday, of St. John the Baptist, the precursor of the Messiah and born six months before Him, is observed on June 24, and is one of the oldest feasts in the liturgy of the Church. He was the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, a cousin of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Tradition places the home and birthplace of the Baptist near the village of Ain-Karim, six miles west of Jerusalem, where a Franciscan church marks the site. The church is called "St. John in the Mountains."

What we know of this Saint, than whom a greater prophet had not arisen, from his sanctification before his birth to his martyrdom under King Herod, is set down in Holy Scripture. He has always had a chief place in the veneration given by Holy Church to the heroic servants of God. While the feast of other Saints are celebrated on the day of their death, when their final victory is won, the birthday of St. John the Baptist is his feast day, as he was born free from original sin.

We have also the feast of the Birth of Mary Immaculate. Thirty years after the birth of Jesus, John began his mission on the banks of the Jordan. He was the last of the prophets of the Old Covenant. His work was to prepare the way and announce the coming of the long expected Messiah, the Redeemer, in Whom all flesh would see "the salvation of God."

Before St. John was born, an angel announced that "many would rejoice in his birth," and so June 24 is ranked among the joyous feasts of the year. In former times, and in other lands, it was observed with greater holiday rejoicing and greater outward display than in our age. On the eve of St. John's day "St. John's fires" were lighted on the hills and mountains in many countries, as they are still lighted in some places "Scarce had the last rays of the setting sun died away, when all the world over, immense columns of flame arose from every mountain top, and in an instant every town and village and hamlet was lighted up."

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES FEAST DAY - JUNE 29

Who was Saint Peter and why was he

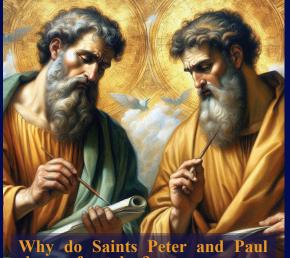
important? Saint Peter was one of Jesus' original twelve Apostles and the first Pope. Peter was a Jewish fisherman before he was called to be an Apostle. Jesus changed his name from Simon to Peter ("Rock") and gave Him the keys to the kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 16:19), which is why Saint Peter is often depicted with keys.

What is Saint Peter the patron saint of? Saint Peter is the patron saint of fishermen, net makers, and ship builders. Together with Saint Paul, he is also the patron saint of Rome.

How did Saint Peter die?

Saint Peter was crucified in Nero's circus on Vatican Hill, sometime between 64 and 68 A.D.. He was crucified upside down because he felt unworthy to die the same way as his Lord. Afterwards he was laid to rest in a nearby cemetery. That cemetery can be seen today in excavations under St. Peter's Basilica, and the remains of a 2nd century shrine built over the burial spot. In the 1960s bones believed to be Peter's were found preserved in its wall and today the box containing them can be seen in a chapel under the papal altar.

Courtesy of EWTN)



share a feast day

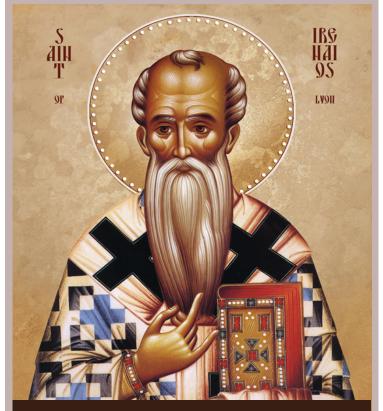
St. Augustine of Hippo said of Sts. Peter and

(They) share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labors, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith.

Who was Saint Paul?
Saint Paul (originally known as Saul), was a self-righteous young Pharisee, almost fanatically anti-Christian. When the Resurrected Lord appeared to Him on the road to Damascus, he suddenly converted (Acts 9:1-9). From that point, he went on to evangelize throughout the Mediterranean world from the Holy Land to Rome to Spain.
His zeal and reach entitles him to be known as
the "Apostle to the Gentiles." "The Gentiles"
means "the nations." For Jews it meant the
non-Jewish people. For the Church it means the non-Jewish unbelievers in Christ - that is, the greater part of mankind of all generations.

What is Saint Paul the patron saint of? Saint Paul is one of many patron saints of missionaries, evangelists, writers, and public workers.

How did Saint Paul die?
Tradition holds that Saint Paul was martyred in Rome, probably about 64 AD. This was the year of the great fire, blamed on the Christians, but likely set by order of Nero. The church commencer and is death of the Christians of the Mortrad as a Set Pool of The Church of the Martyrdom of St. Paul at Three Fountains. The name is a reference to the result of the manner of his death. Being from Tarsus Paul was a Roman citizen, so he was beheaded rather than crucified. His head, bouncing three times, brought forth three springs, still existing.



"The glory of God is the human person fully alive."

~ Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

Feast Day June 28



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

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.-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 P.M.-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.



