



THE SAINT JAMES EXPERIENCE

The Saint James Cathedral-Basilica Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 7, 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

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FROM THE RECTOR OF SAINT JAMES CATHEDRAL-BASILICA

Dear parishioners and friends of Saint James,

In the famous tragedy of William Shakespeare, Hamlet, in Act III, scene 1, Hamlet states in a monologue “To be, or not to be, that is the question . . .” His father is suspected to have been killed by his uncle Claudius. It is not immediately clear whether he asks this question because he wonders what is better for himself or for his uncle to die or whether by taking revenge on his father’s death he will condemn his own soul to eternal damnation. Either way, it is a rather good question that may be the most famous in English language literature.

A closer look reveals that we most often interpret the question as “To do or not to do?” We regularly define ourselves and others by what they do and therefore conclude that is what they are (be). We don’t very often take into account that a person must ‘be’ before they can ‘do’. We then underestimate others and ourselves because we don’t look deeper to see that there is more (being) to us than what we appear to be doing.

In all our readings for today, people are either seriously threatened or outright killed because what they are doing contradicts what was believed they were. Ezekiel had no right to be criticizing the behavior of the people regarding their upholding of the Covenant. Saint Paul had to endure “weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ”, as he showed people their ways were not truly of God. The Lord Jesus himself, going back to his hometown, his family and the people he grew up with, greatly offended them by having knowledge and acting in ways that went against what they had always thought of him.

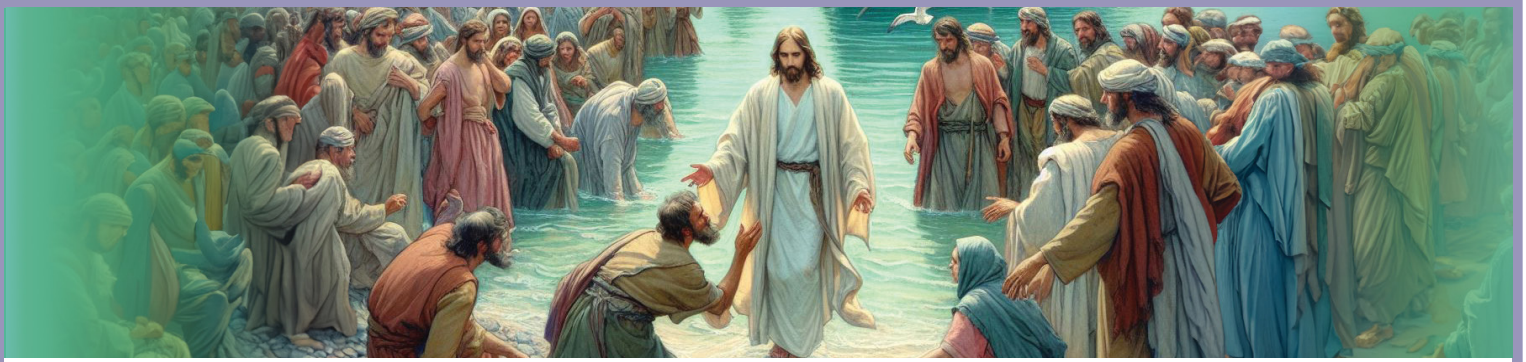
The truth of the matter was that all this “doing” by these people was because they were serving the very origin of Being itself, the Lord God. The Prophet Ezekiel, Saint Paul and the Lord Jesus could easily have been the subject of the famous 1971 hit song by Jean Knight, “Mr. Big Stuff”, and asked, derisively, “Who do you think you are?”

Every Christian is more, way more than they appear to be or think they are. Because of God’s Holy Spirit, each one of us is admonished to do what Jesus did and then some because he has gone to the Father. The Church is desperately in need of people who will step out of the comfort zone of popular assumptions and become and do what is possible for a child of God, despite the threat of misunderstanding and opposition.

So, it really isn’t, “Who do you think you are?” it’s more like “To be or not to be?” Will you be what God has called you to be and therefore do what you have been called to do? That’s the question.

His grace is sufficient for you,

Fr. Bryan Patterson



READING I : Ezekiel 2:2-5**(Proclaimed in Spanish)**

As the LORD spoke to me, the spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me: Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have revolted against me to this very day. Hard of face and obstinate of heart are they to whom I am sending you. But you shall say to them: Thus says the LORD GOD! And whether they heed or resist—for they are a rebellious house—they shall know that a prophet has been among them.

Response: TE ALABAMOS, SEÑOR

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : 123:1-2, 2, 3-4

READING II : 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Brothers and sisters: That I, Paul, might not become too elated, because of the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan, to beat me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me. Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

GOSPEL: Mark 6:1-6

Jesus departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples. When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands! Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.” So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time B - Gloria**Open: 956 - The Master came to bring Good News****Offertory: 773 - When Jesus came preaching****Communion: 758 - Eye has not seen****Recession: 793 - Lord, whose love in humble service cc 3, 4***Postlude: March - Louis Lefebure-Wely 1817-1869**Postlude: Erbarm Dich Mein - Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750*

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 7, 2024

"My grace is sufficient for you." Consider a calling to the priesthood or consecrated life. God's grace is all you need. 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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Sunday, August 18 at 10:00AM

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THANK YOU

Dear St. James Cathedral Family,

With great joy and gratitude, I want to thank my Cathedral family, friends, and family for giving me the best birthday surprise of my life! Every detail was just perfect, and your thoughtfulness means the world to me. I am truly blessed to have such wonderful people in my life. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart!

With sincere gratitude,

Isabel Navarro

THE CHRISTIAN CALL TO RACIAL JUSTICE

July 8, 2024

The Sacrament of Marriage should be celebrated. All The Amityville Dominican Sisters' committee, *We Move Forward Together*, welcomes you to this important event. Join our own Sister Selena Wilson as she participates in the Medical Mission Sisters commitment to advocate for racial justice. Examining white privilege and systemic racism and its implications we will ask, "Where do we go from here?" We will explore the multiple systems of injustice with a focus on the intersection of racism, migration and climate crisis. This takes us to a level of engagement that goes to the heart of remembering who we are and whose we are as followers of Jesus.

Date: Monday, July 8, 2024

Time: from 7:00 - 8:30 pm via Zoom

Presenters: Sister Selena Wilson, OP; Sister Maria Hornung, MMS; & Mary Crane, MMS Associate

Registration: <https://bit.ly/4bCON0T>

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY: July 7, 2024	MONDAY: July 8, 2024	TUESDAY: July 9, 2024
People of the Parish	For the Health and Well-being of Nicholas & Carol Gargano	Leema Rose Karnati
WEDNESDAY: July 10, 2024	THURSDAY: July 11, 2024	FRIDAY: July 12, 2024
Carlos Mosquea	For the Health and Well-being of Frank Goletz	Louis & Sara Kuhlmann
LECTORS	July 7, 2024	July 14, 2024
	Beatrice DiCostanzo & Mireyda Reyes	Evan Zorn & Elina Cruz
COFFEE HOUR	July 7, 2024 (Enjoy your Summer)	July 14, 2024 (Enjoy your Summer)
	No Coffee Hour	No Coffee Hour



YOUR DAILY CAMINO

7th JULY - SUNDAY

"Jesus told them, 'A prophet has little honor in his hometown, among his relatives, on the streets he played in as a child.'" ~Gospel of Mark 6:4

8th JULY - MONDAY

"Since every person is an image of God, His love cannot dwell in those, who do not love their neighbor." ~Saint Anthony Maria Zaccaria

9th JULY - TUESDAY

Before having his skin removed while still alive, Saint Chi Zhuzi said, "Every piece of my flesh, every drop of my blood will tell you that I am Christian."

10th JULY - WEDNESDAY

"If you want your children to turn out well, spend twice as much time with them as you think you should and half the amount of money." ~Esther Selsdon

11th JULY - THURSDAY

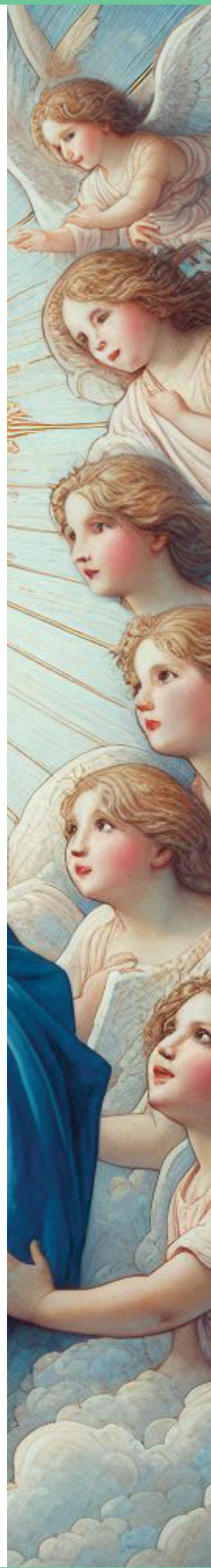
"It is useless to subdue the flesh by abstinence, unless one gives up his irregular life, and abandons vices which defile his soul." ~Saint Benedict of Nursia

12th JULY - FRIDAY

"Take a day to heal from the lies you've told yourself and the ones that have been told to you." ~Maya Angelou

13th JULY - SATURDAY

Saint Henry II is the patron of Benedictine Oblates, Bamberg in Germany, against sterility, childless people, disabled people, dukes, kings, and people rejected by religious orders.



WEEKLY PRAYERS

(SAINTS OBVIOUS AND UNFAMILIAR)

PRAYER OF SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS

Cyril and Methodius, through your intercession, may God grant that we of many ancestries, may continue the work of Christ through His Church, in our lives, our families and all peoples and may we have strength to overcome all hatred and to conquer all evil with good. Amen.

SAINT THERESA OF THE ANDES PRAYER TO JESUS AND MARY

"Oh, my Jesus and my Mother, may I belong to Him forever. May nothing on earth claim my attention but the tabernacle. Preserve me pure for Yourself so that when I die I can say: how happy I am now that at last I can lose myself in the infinite Ocean of the Heart of Jesus. Amen"

PRAYER OF SAINT ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL

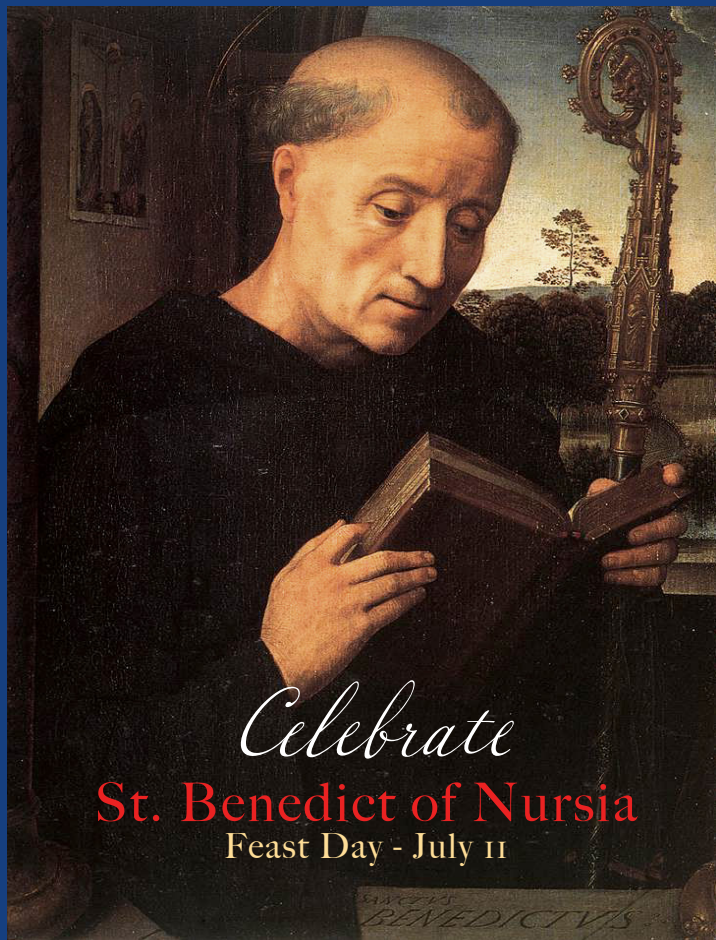
Saint Elizabeth, whom I have chosen as my special patron, pray for me that I, too, may one day glorify the Blessed Trinity in heaven. Obtain for me your lively faith, that I may consider all persons, things, and events in the light of almighty God. Amen.

PRAYER OF POPE SAINT PIUS I, MARTYR

Obtain for us through your intercession, O St. Pius, the grace to return to the veneration and love with Faith for the Chalice of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus, that richest treasure of earth. Amen.

PRAYER OF SAINT OLIVER PLUNKETT

Glorious Martyr, Oliver, who willingly gave your life for your faith, help us also to be strong in faith. May we be loyal like you to the See of Peter. By your intercession and example may all hatred and bitterness be banished from the hearts of men and women. Amen.



Celebrate

St. Benedict of Nursia
Feast Day - July 11

ABOUT ST. BENEDICT

Founder of Western Monasticism:

St. Benedict of Nursia is often called the father of Western monasticism due to his influential Rule, which became the foundation for monastic life in the Western Church.

The Rule of St. Benedict:

Written around 516 AD, the Rule of St. Benedict outlines a balanced, community-oriented approach to monastic life, emphasizing prayer, work, and study.

Monte Cassino:

St. Benedict founded the famous monastery of Monte Cassino in Italy, which became a center of learning and spirituality.

Twin Sister:

Benedict had a twin sister, Saint Scholastica, who also dedicated her life to God and founded a community of nuns.

Miracles:

St. Benedict is credited with performing many miracles, including exorcisms, healing the sick, and even raising the dead.

ABOUT THE MEDAL OF ST. BENEDICT

Origins:

The Medal of St. Benedict dates back to at least the 11th century and became more widespread in the 17th century when Pope Benedict XIV approved its use.

Design:

The front of the medal features an image of St. Benedict holding a cross and the Rule, with the words “Eius in obitu nostro praesentia muniamur!” (“May we be strengthened by his presence in the hour of our death!”).

Reverse Side:

The reverse side of the medal displays a cross with the initials C.S.P.B. (“Crux Sancti Patris Benedicti”) and other letters representing a powerful exorcism prayer: V.R.S.N.S.M.V. (“Vade Retro Satana; Nunquam Suade Mihi Vana”) and S.M.Q.L.I.V.B. (“Sunt Mala Quae Libas; Ipse Venena Bibas”).

PAX:

Above the cross on the reverse side, the word “PAX” (peace) is often inscribed, emphasizing the Benedictine motto of peace and stability.

Uses:

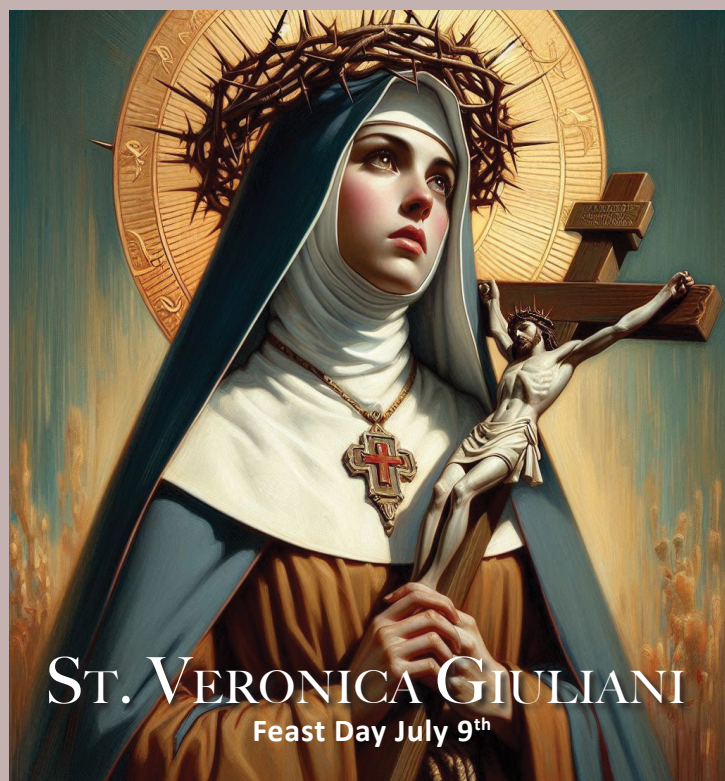
The Medal of St. Benedict is used for protection against evil, exorcism, healing, and invoking the saint’s intercession. It is a popular sacramental among Catholics for its powerful spiritual significance.





Weekly HIGHLIGHT

Saint James Cathedral-Basilica



ST. VERONICA GIULIANI
Feast Day July 9th

Saint Veronica Giuliani, an Italian Capuchin nun and mystic, Saint Veronica Giuliani is known for her deep spirituality and her experiences of the stigmata.



BAPTISM

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



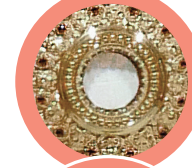
FAITH FORMATION

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.-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.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION