

THE SAINT JAMES EXPERIENCE

The
Saint James Cathedral-Basilica
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 14 , 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)

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FROM THE RECTOR OF SAINT JAMES CATHEDRAL-BASILICA

Dear parishioners and friends of Saint James,

Last Sunday I ended the homily with, “Particularly in this time of extreme spiritual drought and famine, each of us is called to evangelization and to make God known. If we are not seeking the Kingdom of God above all else, if we don’t have authentic spiritual experiences of God, how will it happen. We are all called to be prophets but all people are concerned about is making profits.”

I would still stand by those words and not change anything. I wonder, though, as we are in the midst of a heat wave and the daily “what next?”, how it was understood. “With everything going on” maybe right now we don’t want to be bothered. It seems in so many ways we are those people described in the Gospel for last Tuesday, “At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd.”

I very rarely speak directly about politics or outright name politicians. One of the reasons for this is because I’m really not sure how much of anything we read or hear about today is actually what was said and done. That uncertainty itself is unsettling. All over the world there is this struggle between this candidate and that one, this party and that one and when there is an election, it turns out to be razor thin, no one in a clear majority. The fight goes on. It is even said a struggling politician staged a coup against himself to bolster popularity. That may not be an isolated case. What next?

In dioceses all over the country, churches are closing or being merged, Catholic institutions of all types being sold or leveled. An outspoken cardinal is excommunicated. The economy. The environment. The youth. What next?

It is against the backdrop of all this that I preach the way I do. Last week it was Ezekiel, Paul and Jesus, today we hear from the Prophet Amos. He is trying to tell the people to change their ways and come back to the Lord but they aren’t having it. Amaziah, the priest in charge of the king’s sanctuary in Beth-El tells Amos to go on back down south and stay there, don’t be peddling your prophecy up here – it’s bad for business! Amos was kicked back to Judah where it is said the son of Amaziah had him killed. All this animosity but Amos was right and Israel and the Ten Tribes were destroyed and dispersed. Judah was next.

Jesus sends the Twelve Apostles out on a mission, “The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.” There is hope in Jesus and this is what I am trying to point out. We cannot keep going along with the crowd and still expect to escape the consequences of where all this is heading. I know it is dry-as-dust preaching. But given the circumstances, what am I to do?

Our hope, then, is built on the Saviour, Jesus Christ alone. As the hymn by Edward Mote goes, “*When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.*” All other ground is sinking sand.

Prayerfully yours,

Fr. Bryan Patterson



READING I : Amos 7:12-15

(Proclaimed in Spanish)

Amaziah, priest of Bethel, said to Amos, "Off with you, visionary, flee to the land of Judah! There earn your bread by prophesying, but never again prophesy in Bethel; for it is the king's sanctuary and a royal temple." Amos answered Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor have I belonged to a company of prophets; I was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

Response: TE ALABAMOS, SEÑOR

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14



Praise the Lord, — praise the Lord, who heals the bro - ken - heart - ed.

READING II : Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved. In him we have redemption by his blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of his grace that he lavished upon us. In all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will in accord with his favor that he set forth in him as a plan for the fullness of times, to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth. In him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, so that we might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ. In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised holy Spirit, which is the first installment of our inheritance toward redemption as God's possession, to the praise of his glory.

GOSPEL: Mark 6:7-13

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick — no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them." So they went off and preached repentance. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time B - Gloria
Open: 654 - God has spoken by his prophets
Offertory: 773 - When Jesus came preaching
Communion: 920 - Life-giving bread, saving cup
Recession: 775 - The Kingdom of God

Postlude: Lobe den Herrn - Johann Gottfried Walther 1684-1748

Postlude: Erbarm Dich Mein - Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 14, 2024

"He began to send them out two by two." Just as Jesus was sending out His disciples in pairs, perhaps you too are being called to discipleship for this shared mission 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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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).



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION HOUR OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

You are invited to spend time with Jesus during Eucharistic Adoration Hour of the Blessed Sacrament.

Every Friday at 11:00 AM
(before the Noon Mass)

Eucharistic Adoration offers a profound opportunity to deepen our faith and share intimate moments with Jesus. In the stillness and silence, we can open our hearts to His grace, seek His guidance, and find solace in His presence. We look forward to seeing you there and sharing in this beautiful time of worship together.



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY: July 14, 2024	MONDAY: July 15, 2024	TUESDAY: July 16, 2024
Rita Corozzo	Bogden Rundbaken Birthday Wishes	In Thanksgiving to St. James
WEDNESDAY: July 17, 2024	THURSDAY: July 18, 2024	FRIDAY: July 19, 2024
Lucas Rangel Celaya	Lourdu Thomas Mallavarapu	For The Special Intentions of Ita Gelus
LECTORS	July 14, 2024 <i>Evan Zorn & Elina Cruz</i>	July 21, 2024 <i>Dan McCardell & Candidad Perez</i>
COFFEE HOUR	July 14, 2024 (Enjoy your Summer) <i>No Coffee Hour</i>	July 21, 2024 (Enjoy your Summer) <i>No Coffee Hour</i>



YOUR DAILY CAMINO

14th JULY - SUNDAY

"They preached with joyful urgency that life can be radically different, right and left they sent demons packing, they brought wellness to the sick, anointing bodies, healing their spirits."

~Gospel of Saint Mark 6:12-13

15th JULY - MONDAY

"Since happiness is nothing else than the enjoyment of the Supreme Good, and the Supreme Good is above us, no one can enjoy happiness unless he rises above himself."

~Saint Bonaventure

16th JULY - TUESDAY

The scapular was given by Mary in a vision to Saint Simon Stock. It is a version of Mary's own garment, calling the wearers to consecrate themselves to her in a special way.

17th JULY - WEDNESDAY

"I will willingly abandon this miserable body to hunger and suffering, provided that my soul may have its ordinary nourishment."

~Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

18th JULY - THURSDAY

"Brother, if you commit a sin and take pleasure in it, the pleasure passes but the sin remains. But if you do something virtuous, even though you are tired, the tiredness passes but the virtue remains."

~Saint Camillus de Lellis

19th JULY - FRIDAY

"We all live under the same sky, but we do not all have the same horizon."

~Konrad Adenauer

20th JULY - SATURDAY

"We therefore grossly deceive ourselves in not allotting more time to the study of divine truths."

~Saint Apollinaris of Ravenna



WEEKLY PRAYERS

(SAINTS OBVIOUS AND UNFAMILIAR)

PRAYER OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Tender God, refuge of the poor, You filled Vincent de Paul with the strength of the apostles to work for the salvation of the poor and the instruction of the clergy. May we who follow the example of his life be driven by unceasing charity to continue the mission of Your Son in the world. Amen.

PRAYER OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for us. With loving provident care, O Mother Most Amiable, you covered us with your Scapular as a shield of defense against the Evil One. Through your assistance, may we bravely struggle against the powers of evil, always open to your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER OF THE BROWN SCAPULAR

O my God, in union with the Immaculate Heart of Mary (here kiss the scapular as a sign of your consecration), I offer Thee the Precious Blood of Jesus from all the altars throughout the world, joining with It the offering of my every thought, word and action of this day. O my Jesus, I desire today to gain every indulgence and merit I can, and I offer them, together with myself, to Mary Immaculate, that she may best apply them to the interests of Thy most Sacred Heart. Precious Blood of Jesus, save us! Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us! Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us! Amen.

SAINT BONAVENTURE PRAYER TO JESUS

Pierce, O most sweet Lord Jesus, my inmost soul with the most joyous and healthful wound of Thy love, and with true, calm and most holy apostolic charity, that my soul may ever languish and melt with entire love and longing for Thee, may yearn for Thee and for thy courts, may long to be dissolved and to be with Thee. Amen.



*Feast Day
July 16*

The Story of **OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL**

Beginnings on Mount Carmel

The devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel traces its roots back to the 12th century on Mount Carmel in the Holy Land. This mountainous region, mentioned in the Bible, was home to hermits who lived in imitation of the Prophet Elijah. These hermits formed a community, dedicating their lives to prayer and contemplation. They built the first church dedicated to the Virgin Mary under the title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, which became the cornerstone of their spiritual life.

The Vision of St. Simon Stock

In the early 13th century, the small community of hermits faced a In the early 13th century, the Carmelites faced significant challenges. They were transitioning from a hermitic to a mendicant order and needed a sign of divine approval. According to tradition, on July 16, 1251, St. Simon Stock, the Prior General of the Carmelites, received a vision of the Virgin Mary. She appeared to him holding the Brown Scapular, a piece of cloth worn over the shoulders, and said, "Receive, my beloved son, this Scapular of thy Order: whosoever dies wearing it shall not suffer eternal fire. It shall be a sign of salvation, a protection in danger, and a pledge of peace".

The Promise of the Brown Scapular

The Brown Scapular quickly became a symbol of Marian devotion and protection. It is believed to represent a spiritual armor against the forces of evil and a commitment to live a life of faith and piety. Over time, the scapular has been associated with several miraculous events and promises. One of the most significant is the Sabbatine Privilege, which claims that those who die wearing the scapular will be released for fulfilled certain conditions such as prayer and the practice of chastity according to their state of life.

Endorsements and Miracles

Throughout history, the Brown Scapular has received numerous endorsements from Popes, which have reinforced its significance. Pope Pius XII referred to the scapular as a "sign of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary," and Pope John Paul II, who wore the scapular from a young age, spoke of its importance in his spiritual life. These papal endorsements have helped maintain the scapular's prominence in Catholic devotional practice.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel at Fatima

In 1917, during the apparitions at Fatima, Portugal, the significance of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and the Brown Scapular was reaffirmed. In her final appearance to the young seer Lucia, the Virgin Mary appeared as Our Lady of Mount Carmel, holding the Brown Scapular. This vision underscored the importance of the scapular in the message of Fatima, which called for prayer, penance, and conversion.

Symbolism in Art and Devotion

Our Lady of Mount Carmel is often depicted in religious art holding the Infant Jesus and the Brown Scapular. These images highlight her role as a loving mother and a powerful intercessor. The scapular itself is a visible sign of the wearer's devotion to Mary and their commitment to living a life in accordance with Christian virtues.

A Legacy of Faith

Today, the Brown Scapular continues to be a significant sacramental in the Catholic Church, worn by millions of faithful around the world. It serves as a constant reminder of Mary's promises and a call to live a life of faith, prayer, and devotion. The story of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and the Brown Scapular remains a powerful testament to the enduring bond between Mary and her children, offering spiritual protection and guidance through the ages.

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, also known as “Lily of the Mohawks,” was born in 1656 in the Mohawk village of Ossernenon (present-day Auriesville, New York). She was the daughter of a Mohawk chief and a Catholic Algonquin mother.

At the age of four, Kateri contracted smallpox, which left her with scarring on her face and weakened eyesight. As a result, she was considered a “marked woman” in her village. Despite this, she grew up to be a devout Catholic and was known for her piety and devotion to prayer.

In 1675, Kateri converted to Catholicism and was baptized by French Jesuit missionary Father Claude Chauchetiere. She was the first Native American to be canonized by the Catholic Church. Her canonization was on 21 October 2012 by Pope Benedict XVI.

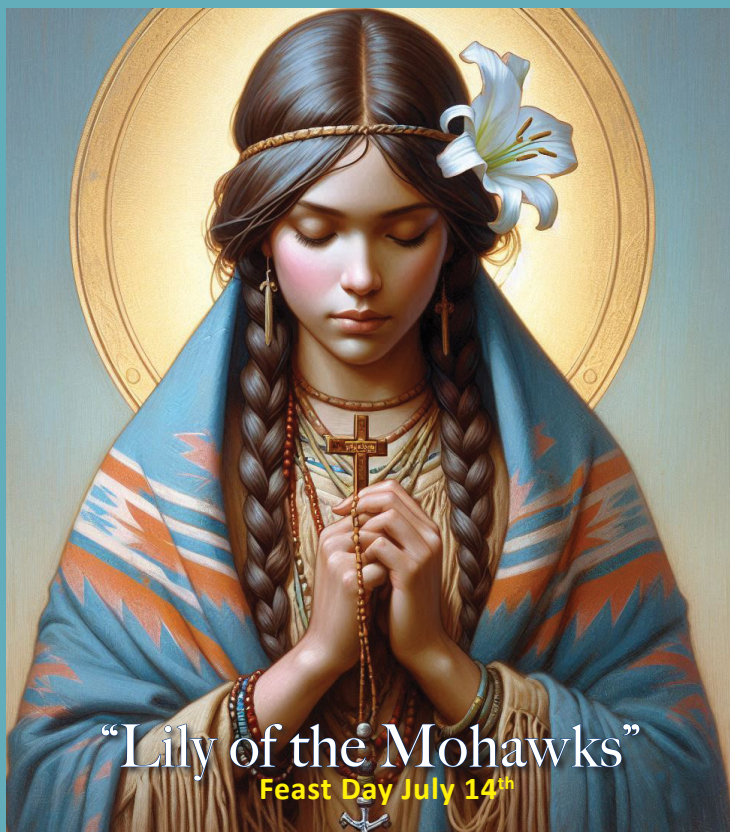
Kateri’s devotion to her faith led her to leave her village and move to the mission village of Caughnawaga (present-day Fonda, New York) to live with other Christian converts. There, she lived a life of piety and devotion, dedicating herself to prayer and acts of charity.

Kateri died on April 17, 1680, at the age of 24. Her death was considered miraculous by those who knew her, as she had not been ill and her body remained incorrupt for many years after her death.

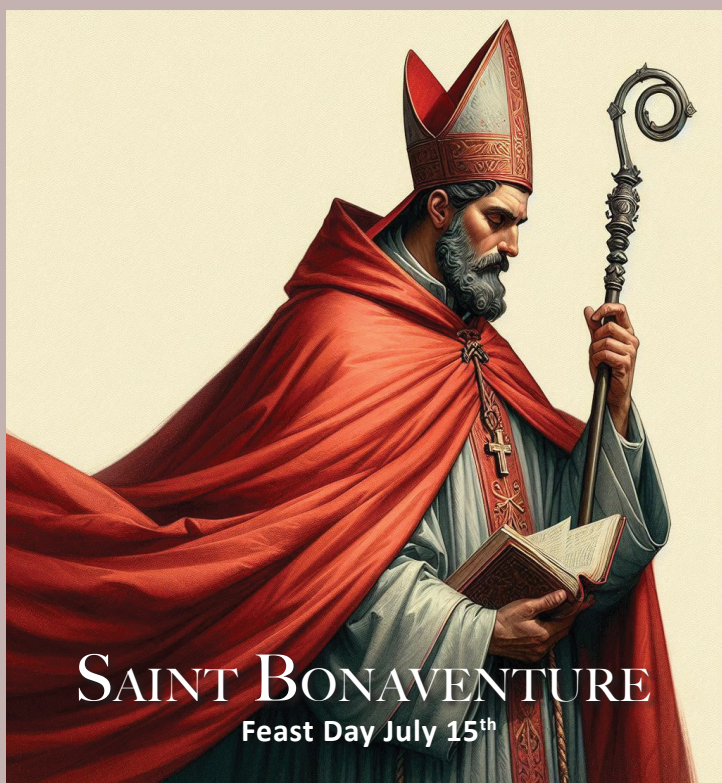
She is considered a patron saint of the environment, ecology, Native Americans and World Youth Day. The feast of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha is celebrated on July 14.

Today, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha is revered by Catholics and Native Americans alike for her devotion to her faith and her commitment to living a virtuous life. She is an inspiration for all those who seek to live a life of holiness and service to others.

ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA



“Lily of the Mohawks”
Feast Day July 14th



SAINT BONAVENTURE
Feast Day July 15th

“THE SERAPHIC DOCTOR”

Saint Bonaventure, widely known as “The Seraphic Doctor,” was born at Bagnorea in Tuscany, in 1221. He was originally called John but received the name of Bonaventure in consequence of an exclamation of St. Francis of Assisi, when, in response to the pleading of the child’s mother, the Saint prayed for John’s recovery from a dangerous illness, and, foreseeing the future greatness of the little John, cried out, “O buona ventura” — O good fortune!

At the age of twenty-two St. Bonaventure entered the Franciscan Order. Having made his vows, he was sent to Paris to complete his studies under the celebrated doctor Alexander of Hales, an Englishman and a Franciscan. After the latter’s death he continued his course under his successor, John of Rochelle.

In Paris he became the intimate friend of the great St. Thomas Aquinas. He received the degree of Doctor, together with St. Thomas Aquinas, ceding to his friend, against the latter’s inclination, the honor of having it first conferred upon him. Like St. Thomas, he enjoyed the friendship of the holy King, St. Louis.

At the age of thirty five he was chosen General of his Order and restored a perfect calm where peace had been disturbed by internal dissensions. He did much for his Order and composed the life of St. Francis. He also assisted at the translation of the relics of St. Anthony of Padua. He was nominated Archbishop of York by Pope Clement IV, but he begged not to be forced to accept that dignity. Gregory X obliged him to take upon himself a greater one, that of Cardinal and Bishop of Albano, one of the six suffragan Sees of Rome. Before his death he abdicated his office of General of the Franciscan Order.

He died while he was assisting at the Second Council of Lyons, on July 15, 1274, and was canonized in 1482 by Pope Sixtus IV.

A Doctor of the Church and cardinal bishop, he is the patron saint of theologians, students, higher education, and the Franciscan Order. He is also invoked for healing bowel disorders, stemming from his miraculous recovery in youth.