



THE SAINT JAMES EXPERIENCE

The
Saint James Cathedral-Basilica
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 4 , 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

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**FROM THE SUMMER MINISTRY:
VISITING PRIEST AT SAINT JAMES CATHEDRAL-BASILICA**

IN THE GLORIOUS LIGHT OF TRANSFIGURATION.....

Dear Friends and Parishioners of St James, Shalom !!

On 6th of August falls the Solemnity of Transfiguration!

St. Thomas Aquinas says it was fitting for Christ to manifest his glory to his select Apostles, because those who walk an arduous path need a clear sense of the goal of their journey. The arduous path, for Aquinas, is this life, with all of its sufferings, failures, trials and tribulations, setbacks and disappointments, anxieties and injustices. Beset by all of this negativity, a pilgrim on life's way can easily succumb to despair unless he is granted a glimpse of the glory that is to come at the end. And this is why Jesus let the light to shine through him and be manifested to his disciples.

Though we live and move in the confines of this world of space and time, we are not meant to belong here, rather are summoned to a life on high with God, in a transformed way of existence. The Transfiguration, therefore should awaken in us a sense of wonder and should steer our spirits to face the darkness here below.

At one point, Peter tells Jesus that it is good that they are here and offers to set up three tents for Jesus and the two prophets. This, however, is not to be; they are not meant to stay on the mountain. They must return. When we have powerful experiences of God, it can transform the way we see everything. Physical spaces take on a heightened, new aura. People whom we encounter seem more precious to us. Thank God for those moments and the way they propel our spirits! They remind us of the power of God and the goodness that comes from union with the Creator. We must find ways to bring those feelings with us as we descend from the mountaintop. The truth is that all of creation is filled with the glory of God. All matter and all creatures are pulsing and are powered by God's spirit dwelling within them.

When Jesus was transfigured before his disciples on the mountaintop, he was revealing to them a highly concentrated truth about who he was. When we experience moments of transfiguration, may we carry those moments in our hearts to remind us of the inherent goodness of life.

Fr. Joshy Vazhappilly CMI





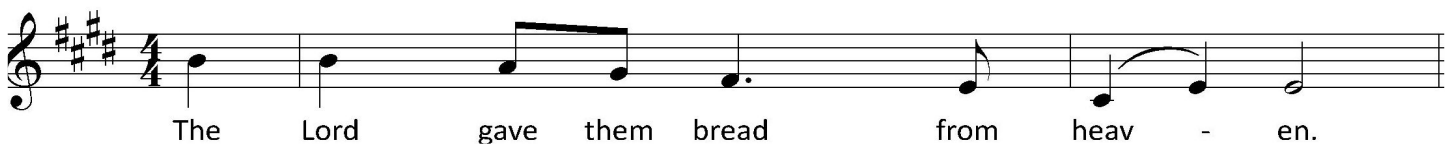
READING I: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

(Proclaimed in Spanish)

The whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, "Would that we had died at the LORD's hand in the land of Egypt, as we sat by our fleshpots and ate our fill of bread! But you had to lead us into this desert to make the whole community die of famine!" Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will now rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not. "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them: In the evening twilight you shall eat flesh, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread, so that you may know that I, the LORD, am your God." In the evening quail came up and covered the camp. In the morning a dew lay all about the camp, and when the dew evaporated, there on the surface of the desert were fine flakes like hoarfrost on the ground. On seeing it, the Israelites asked one another, "What is this?" for they did not know what it was. But Moses told them, "This is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

Response: TE ALABAMOS, SEÑOR

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54



READING II: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Brothers and sisters: I declare and testify in the Lord that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds; that is not how you learned Christ, assuming that you have heard of him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus, that you should put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth.

GOSPEL: John 6:24-35

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. And when they found him across the sea they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus answered them and said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal." So they said to him, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent." So they said to him, "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written: He gave them bread from heaven to eat." So Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." So they said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time B - Gloria

Open: 621 - This holy covenant was made

Offertory: 653 - Word of God, come down to earth

Communion: 928 - Eat this bread

Recession: 931 - I am the bread of life

Postlude: Prince Rupert's March / Aria del Gran Duca - Playford / Zanetti

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 4, 2024

“The bread of God is that which comes down from heaven.”
Reflect upon the sacred nature of the divine bread and contemplate if He is calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to **Fr. Christopher J. Bethge**, the Vocations Director at (718) 827-2454 or vocations@diobrook.org

Wedding Anniversary Mass

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.

Saturday, September 28, 2024
11:30 AM

St. Thomas Aquinas Church
1550 Hendrickson Street, Brooklyn

Information is due by September 15, 2024

For More information on registration and payment options
Please email: precana@diobrook.org
Visit: <https://learn.bqfaith.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).



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: August 4, 2024	MONDAY: August 5, 2024	TUESDAY: August 6, 2024
In Thanksgiving for Blessing received for Lindia White	Elizabeth Hoxsie	Lindia White Birthday Wishes
WEDNESDAY: August 7, 2024	THURSDAY: August 8, 2024	FRIDAY: August 9, 2024
Alice Fateau Birthday Wishes	Leema Rose Karnati	Mariarosa Corredor
LECTORS	August 4, 2024 Evan Zorn & Candida Perez	August 11, 2024 Diane Wilson & Elina Cruz
COFFEE HOUR	August 4, 2024 (Enjoy your Summer) No Coffee Hour	August 11, 2024 (Enjoy your Summer) No Coffee Hour



YOUR DAILY CAMINO

4th AUGUST - SUNDAY

Jesus replied to them, "I am the Bread of Life. The one who comes to Me will never be hungry, and the one who believes in Me will never be thirsty.

~John 6:35

5th AUGUST- MONDAY

"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."

~Barack H. Obama

6th AUGUST- TUESDAY

"Listen to Jesus and follow him. That's the message of the Transfiguration."

~Pope Francis

8th AUGUST - WEDNESDAY

"When the heart is pure and simple it cannot help loving, because it has discovered the source of love which is God."

~Saint John Vianney

9th AUGUST - THURSDAY

"A man who governs his passions is master of his world. We must either command them or be enslaved by them. It is better to be a hammer than an anvil."

~Saint Dominic

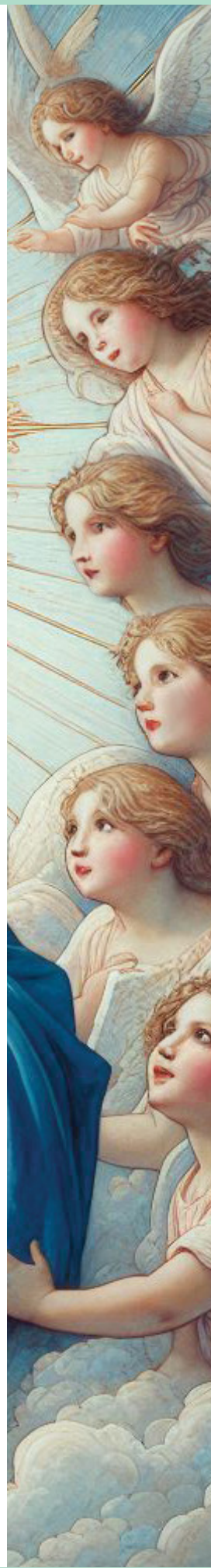
10th AUGUST - FRIDAY

"Don't seek for everything to happen as you wish it would, but rather wish that everything happens as it actually will—then your life will flow well." ~Epictetus

11th AUGUST - SATURDAY

"My body is well done. Turn it over; it is roasted enough on that side."

~Saint Lawrence (said while being burned to martyrdom)



WEEKLY PRAYERS

(SAINTS OBVIOUS AND UNFAMILIAR)

PRAYER TO OUR TRANSFIGURED LORD

My Transfigured Lord, You promise suffering and death to all who follow You, but You also promise the hope that awaits those who endure. Grant me the grace to endure every cross in life, uniting my sufferings with Yours, so that I may one day partake in the glory of eternal life in Heaven. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF SNOWS

In all my necessities I have recourse to thee with unbounded confidence. Our Lady of the Snows, O Help of Christians, O Mother of Mercy, I beseech thee now to hear my prayer, and to obtain for me of thy divine Son the favor that I request. (Here mention your petitions).

PRAYER OF SAINT DOMINIC

O most kind father, St. Dominic, by your saintly life and death, bless and guide us in the path of your holy rule, that persevering until death, we may, through it, attain the eternal joys of heaven. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

O Saint John Vianney, by your shining example, grant me a love of the sacrament of reconciliation. Teach me that it is in confessing my sins that God's mercy is poured out upon me and I draw nearer to Christ. Obtain for me a deep hatred of sin and the grace to resist temptation. Amen.

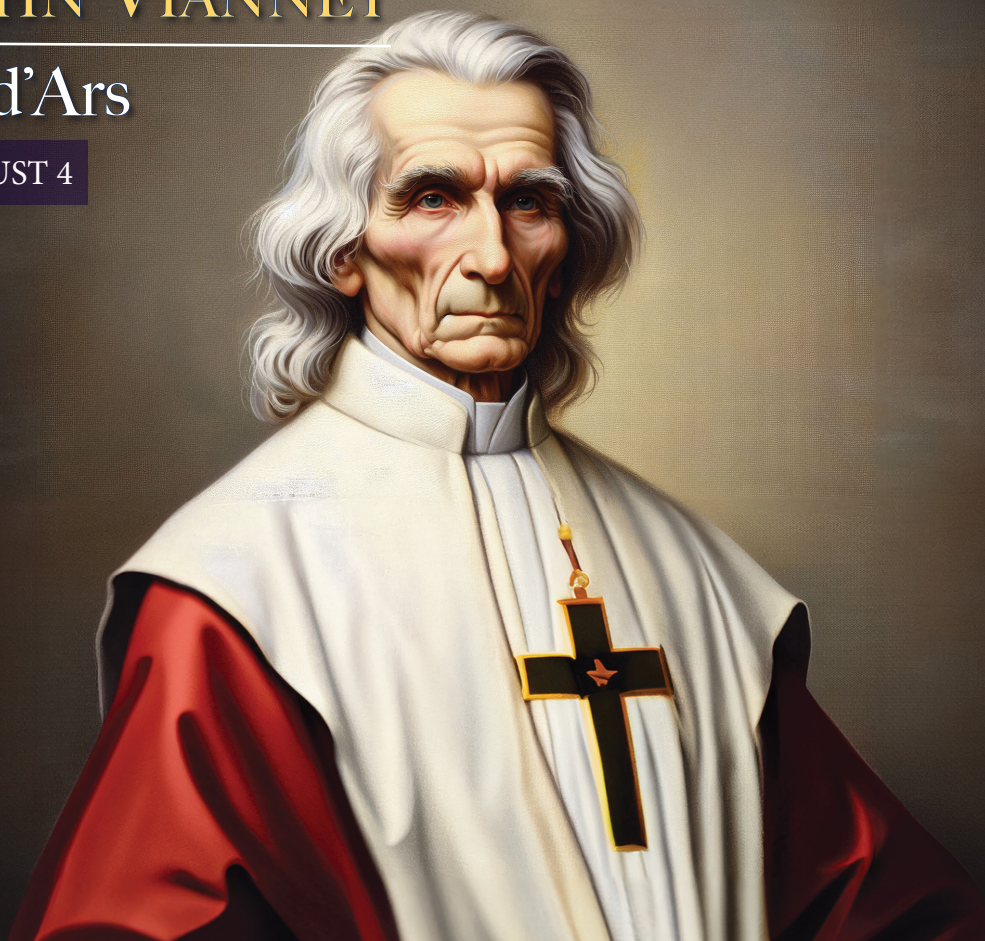
PRAYER OF SAINT SIXTUS AND MARTYRS

O God, You permit us to celebrate the heavenly birthday of Your holy Martyrs, Sixtus, Felicissimus and Agapitus; grant that we may rejoice in their companionship in everlasting bliss. 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.

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

The Curé d'Ars

FEAST DAY - AUGUST 4



When He Lived

St. John Vianney, also known as the Curé d'Ars, lived from May 8, 1786, to August 4, 1859.

Where He Lived

St. John Vianney lived in the village of Ars-sur-Formans in the Rhône department of France. This small and humble village became the center of his ministry and pilgrimage site for Catholics around the world.

Overworked and Neglected

St. John Vianney often spending up to 18 hours a day in the confessional, subsisting on a diet of just a few boiled potatoes, and getting only a few hours of sleep each night. His relentless schedule and austere lifestyle severely impacted his health, causing physical deterioration. Despite this, he continued his pastoral duties with unwavering dedication, often working alone without much assistance, addressing the needs of the countless people who sought his spiritual guidance.

Time in Confessional

He is famous for spending up to 16 hours a day hearing confessions. People from all over France, and even beyond, traveled to Ars specifically to confess to him because of his reputed ability to read souls and provide profound spiritual guidance.

Patronage

St. John Vianney is the patron saint of priests and parish priests due to his significant role as a pastor and his dedication to the spiritual care of his community. He is also the patron saint of the village of Ars-sur-Formans and has become a symbol of simple and unwavering faith, drawing countless pilgrims seeking his intercession and inspiration.

Interesting Facts About St. John Vianney

* Because of St. John Vianney's commitment to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the devil hated him so much. St. John Vianney was repeatedly attacked by the devil, who even burned his bed while the saint was sleeping.

* St. John Vianney had a deep devotion and love for St. Philomena, a young Christian martyr. He attributed many miracles that happened in his parish to the saint's intercession.

* Commemorating the 150th anniversary of St. John Vianney's death in 2009, Pope Benedict XVI declared 2009 the Year for Priests. He wrote a Letter to the Clergy where he encouraged all priests to look to the Curé of Ars as an example of dedication to one's priestly vocation.

* St. John Vianney is one of the "incorrupt saints". His body, many years after his death, remains intact and did not decompose.

* St. John Vianney attempted to run away from Ars four times! This was because he really wanted to become a monk. After his fourth attempt, he finally decided that it was not to be.

* St. John Vianney was known to possess the gift of prophecy. He often made predictions about the future, which were later verified to be true. He also had an uncanny ability to know details about people's lives and sins, even without them telling him.

(Courtesy of Saintoftheday.com)



Weekly HIGHLIGHT

Saint James Cathedral-Basilica

FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

Hymn of the Month

Starting in October we will resume expanding our repertoire with the Hymn of the Month. At present I have only 5 hymns selected:

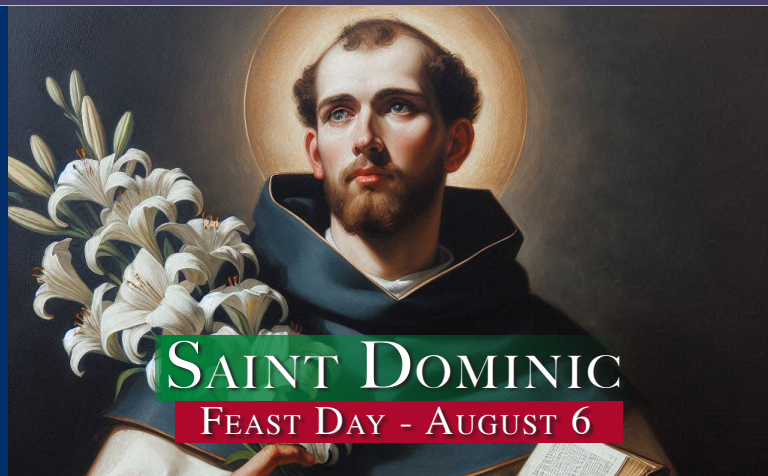
- 620 - *Sing Praise to Our Creator*
- 809 - *I Danced in the Morning*
- 843 - *On This Day the First of Days*
- 883 - *Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above (during May)*
- 921 - *A the Grains of Wheat*

Numbers 620 and 843 are good hymns of praise. Number 843 is Sunday-specific. Number 921 is a short but lovely hymn for Communion. Number 883 is a triumphal hymn in honor of Our Lady.

The liturgical calendar has many feast days celebrating Mary. Knowing more Marian hymns will add musical variety to those feast days.

These are the hymns I have selected. If we've yet to sing any of your beloved hymns that appear in our hymnal (Ritual Song) let me know and I'll add them to our musical To-Do List.

Nick Martellacci
Music Director of St. James Cathedral



St. Dominic founded the Order of Preachers (the "Dominicans") initially to combat the teachings of the Cathars in Southern France and Italy. The order spread widely, especially in Spain, where it emphasized preaching to Muslims in the reconquered territories. It also reached the Americas, focusing on preaching and conversion.

Specific symbolic imagery often depict specific attributes of St. Dominic such as:

- * Lilies: A stalk of lilies symbolizes his notable chastity.
- * Dog with a Torch: According to legend, St. Dominic's mother dreamt that she would give birth to a dog holding a torch, representing his role as a "dog of the Lord."
- * Star Above the Forehead: At his baptism, a star appeared on his forehead.
- * The Rosary: Although a tradition credits him with introducing the Rosary, historical evidence is lacking. Many images show Mary and the Child dispensing rosaries to Dominic and St. Catherine of Siena.
- * Other Imagery: St. Dominic is portrayed as contemplative, kneeling before the Cross or embracing it. Legends also describe him protecting the church of St. John Lateran in a dream.
- * Miracles: Numerous miracles are attributed to him, including the survival of his book in a fire test against Cathar beliefs.

(Courtesy of christianiconography.info)