



THE SAINT JAMES EXPERIENCE

The
Saint James Cathedral-Basilica
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 18, 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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Mrs. Rosa Paulsen-Williams, Secretary

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

Dear Friends and Parishioners of St. James, Shalom !!

On this 20th Sunday, Jesus asserts that to eat the 'Bread that has come down from Heaven' is to have eternal life.

In the first reading, taken from the Book of Proverbs, Lady Wisdom, representing God, offers wisdom and understanding in the form of a rich banquet to all those who are willing to heed her invitation. The early Christians often identified Jesus as the Wisdom of God. They regarded the Eucharist as Wisdom's banquet, where they shared in the Divine Wisdom, the Incarnate Word - Jesus.

Paul advises the Gentile Christians to show their gratitude to God for calling them, along with the Jews, to Christianity, and for giving them a share in Christ's life. They will be able to receive this life by avoiding their former foolish ways of drunkenness and adultery. Instead, they are to be Spirit-filled with their talk edifying, always trying to discern and do the will of God.

In the Gospel passage, Jesus asserts that eating the Living Bread, himself, allows us to participate in his life and to grow here and now in our eternal life with God. Jesus emphasizes the eternal-life dimensions of eating his Body and drinking his Blood – that those who have faith in Jesus and do so have already stepped into Heaven in this life, sharing in God's own life and therefore in eternal life.

Our participation in the Eucharist also concretizes and energizes our relationship with Christ and with one another. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ in the Holy Eucharist, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one Body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's Body for the life of the world.

After the feast of the Glorious Assumption of Our Lady body and soul into Heaven, what remains is her Queenship. During this week we celebrate the Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary! She is crowned, by the Father and her Beloved Son Jesus, as the queen of heaven and earth! Mary attained this through her submission to the will of God and through the process of continuous discernment of God's will.

The heavenly Queen invites all of us to be wise, ever discerning God's will and to be united with Him through the worthy reception of the Body and Blood of the Lamb!

Happy Sunday and Blessed week!

Fr. Joshy Vazhappilly CMI





READING I : Proverbs 9:1-6

(Proclaimed in Spanish)

Wisdom has built her house, she has set up her seven columns; she has dressed her meat, mixed her wine, yes, she has spread her table. She has sent out her maidens; she calls from the heights out over the city: "Let whoever is simple turn in here; To the one who lacks understanding, she says, Come, eat of my food, and drink of the wine I have mixed! Forsake foolishness that you may live; advance in the way of understanding."

Response: TE ALABAMOS, SEÑOR

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7



READING II : Ephesians 5:15-20

Brothers and sisters: Watch carefully how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise, making the most of the opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not continue in ignorance, but try to understand what is the will of the Lord. And do not get drunk on wine, in which lies debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and playing to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father.

GOSPEL: John 6:41-51

Jesus said to the crowds: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time B - Gloria

Open: 4 - This day God gives me

Offertory: 759 - O Jesus, joy of loving hearts

Communion: 910 - Take and eat

Recession: 707 - Let all things now living

Postlude: Toccata in A Minor - Jan Pieterzoon Sweelinck 1562-1621

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 18, 2024

"Always give thanks for all things." Give thanks to the priests, sisters, and brothers who answered God's call with open hearts to serve Him. Is Christ calling you to serve as a priest or in 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>



ST. JAMES SUMMER MINISTER REV. JOSHY VAZHAPPILLY CMI August 25, Sunday, 11 AM



We have been truly blessed to have **Rev. Joshy Vazhappilly CMI** as our summer minister throughout the month of August. His dedication and spiritual guidance have touched many hearts here at St. James. As he prepares to return to his mission in India after the Holy Mass on **Sunday, August 25th**, we invite you to join us for Mass on that day as an expression of our gratitude.

Let us come together as a community to wish Fr. Joshy a safe and peaceful journey. We are deeply thankful for his service. We continue pray that, with God's grace, we will have the joy of welcoming him back to St. James next summer. Until then, may his mission in India continue to flourish, bringing hope and light to all those he serves.

EUCCHARISTIC 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 18, 2024	MONDAY: August 19, 2024	TUESDAY: August 20, 2024
People of St. James Parish	Cesar Alfonso Gonzalez	Joseph Derubba
WEDNESDAY: August 21, 2024	THURSDAY: August 22, 2024	FRIDAY: August 23, 2024
Jesus Maria Gonzalez & Rosario DeGonzalez	Francis Mallavarapu	Guissepe D'Amato
LECTORS	August 18, 2024 Mary Pradt & Mireyda Reyes	August 25, 2024 Beatrice DiCostanzo & Elina Cruz
COFFEE HOUR	August 18, 2024 (Enjoy your Summer) No Coffee Hour	August 25, 2024 (Enjoy your Summer) No Coffee Hour



YOUR DAILY CAMINO

18th AUGUST - SUNDAY

"I am the Living Bread that came down out of heaven. If anyone eats of this Bread, he will live forever. And the Bread that I will give for the life of the world is My flesh."

~John 6: 51

19th AUGUST - MONDAY

"Our wish, our object, our chief preoccupation must be to form Jesus in ourselves, to make his spirit, his devotion, his affections, his desire, and his disposition live and reign there."

~Saint John Eudes

20th AUGUST - TUESDAY

"There are those who seek knowledge for the sake of knowledge; that is curiosity. There are those who seek knowledge to be known by others; that is vanity. There are those who seek knowledge in order to serve; that is Love."

~Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

21st AUGUST - WEDNESDAY

"If there were one million families praying the Rosary every day, the entire world would be saved."

~Pope Saint Pius X

22nd AUGUST - THURSDAY

"I am not only the Queen of Heaven but also the Mother of Mercy."

~Our Lady to Saint Faustina

23rd AUGUST - FRIDAY

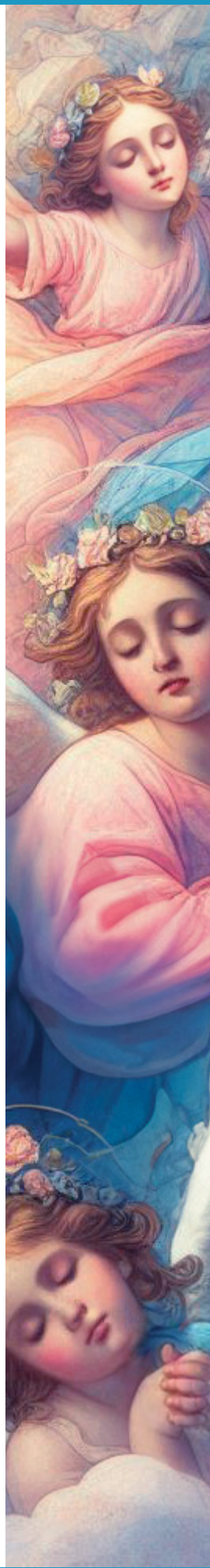
"When we serve the poor and the sick we serve Jesus. We must not fail to help our neighbors, because in them we serve Jesus."

~Saint Rose of Lima

24th AUGUST - SATURDAY

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

~Saint Bartholomew



WEEKLY PRAYERS

(SAINTS OBVIOUS AND UNFAMILIAR)

PRAYER IN HONOR OF THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY

Most Holy and Adorable Trinity, You Who did crown with glory in Heaven the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Savior, grant that all her children on earth may acknowledge her as their Sovereign Queen, that all hearts, homes, and nations may recognize her rights as Mother and as Queen. Mary Immaculate Queen, triumph and reign! Amen.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF KNOCK

Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland, you gave hope to your people in a time of distress and comforted them in sorrow. You have inspired countless pilgrims to pray with confidence to your divine Son, remembering His promise, "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find". Help me to remember that we are all pilgrims on the road to Heaven. Fill me with love and concern for my brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those who live with me. Comfort me when I am sick, lonely or depressed. Teach me how to take part ever more reverently in the Holy Mass. Give me a greater love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Pray for me now and at the end of my death. Amen.

PRAYER OF SAINT BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE

O Almighty and everlasting God, who didst give to thine Apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach thy Word: Grant, we beseech thee, unto thy Church, to love that Word which he believed, and both to preach and receive the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SAINT BERNARD PRAYER OF THE HOLY MOTHER

Saint Stephen of Hungary, you Oh sweet, oh great, oh most lovely Mary, thy name can not be pronounced by any one that thou dost inflame with thy love; neither can those who love thee think of thee without feeling them selves encouraged to love thee more. Oh blessed Lady, help our weakness. And who is more fit to speak to our Lord Jesus Christ than thou, who dost enjoy, so near to him, his sweet conversation? Speak, speak, oh Lady, be cause thy Son listens, and thou wilt obtain from him whatever thou shalt demand. Amen.

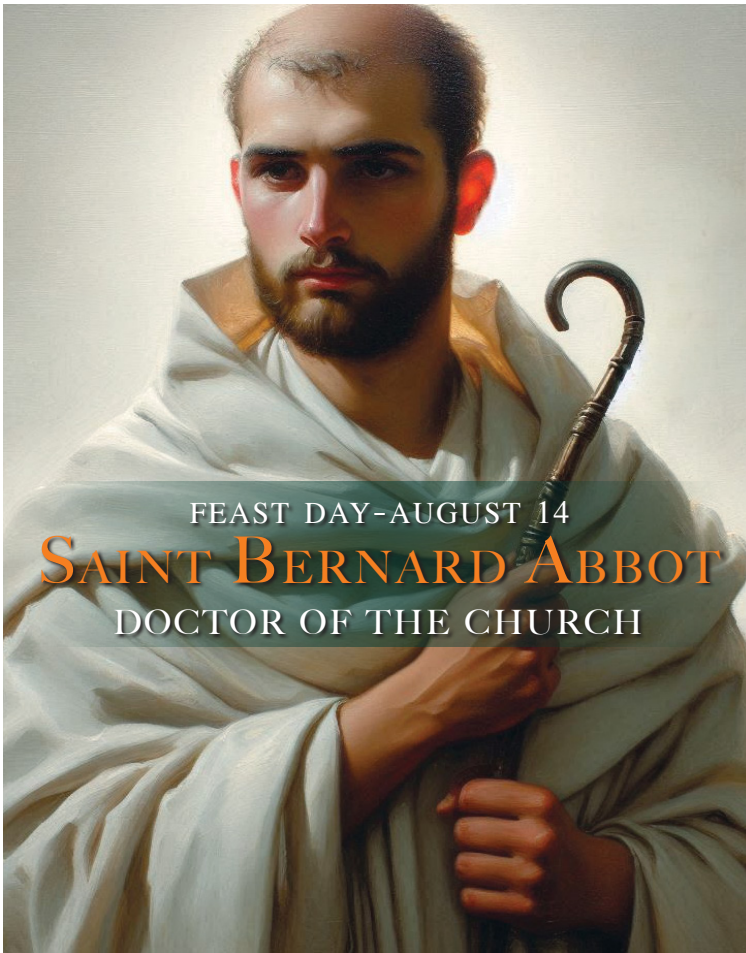


AUGUST 17 THE FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF KNOCK

The story unfolds in Ireland in the village of Knock, on the twenty-first of August, 1879. On her way home, a girl noticed a strange gleam on the wall of the church. A little later, a young woman named Mary McLoughlin saw the same light. She saw three silhouettes on the wall, which she thought were statues. She returned to the church with a neighbor, and both women saw that the figures moved. Little by little, curious onlookers stopped, perhaps twenty or so. Convinced that this was an apparition, Mary McLoughlin went to find the priest. But he wouldn't come to see, judging that the phenomenon was simply due to a play of light from the windows.

Eventually, fifteen witnesses were questioned, and their statements all agreed. They had seen the Virgin floating about three feet above the ground, dressed in white, crowned with light, her eyes upturned, with a rose at her brow. Beside her, Saint Joseph and Saint John stood over an altar that held a lamb. None of the three spoke, but they remained visible for two hours. In the days following, the story spread and pilgrims arrived in large numbers. Then the first healing occurred and little girl who had been deaf recovered her hearing. Miracles continued, and the apparition was recognized at an initial inquest. The apparition of Our Lady of Knock has been made official as a visitation of the Virgin Mary, and visits to the site by Mother Teresa and Pope John Paul II have been documented.

(Excerpted from The Little Book of Mary)



FEAST DAY-AUGUST 14

SAINT BERNARD ABBOT DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Saint Bernard was born of noble parentage in Burgundy, France in the castle of Fontaines near Dijon. Under the care of his pious parents he was sent at an early age to a college at Chatillon, where he was conspicuous for his remarkable piety and spirit of recollection. At the same place he entered upon the studies of theology and Holy Scripture. After the death of his mother, fearing the snares and temptations of the world, he resolved to embrace the newly established and austere institute of the Cistercian Order, of which he was destined to become the greatest ornament. He also persuaded his brothers and several of his friends to follow his example.

In 1113, St. Bernard, with thirty young noblemen, presented himself to the holy Abbot, St. Stephen, at Cîteaux. After a novitiate spent in great fervor, he made his profession in the following year. His superior soon after, seeing the great progress he had made in the spiritual life, sent him with twelve monks to found a new monastery, which afterward became known as the celebrated Abbey of Clairvaux. St. Bernard was at once appointed Abbot and began that active life which has rendered him the most conspicuous figure in the history of the 12th century. He founded numerous other monasteries, composed a number of works and undertook many journeys for the honor of God. Several Bishoprics were offered him, but he refused them all. His reputation spread far and wide; even the Popes were governed by his advice. He was commissioned by Pope Eugene III to preach the second Crusade.

In obedience to the Sovereign Pontiff he traveled through France and Germany, and aroused the greatest enthusiasm for the holy war among the masses of the population. The failure of the expedition raised a great storm against the Saint, but he attributed it to the sins of the Crusaders. St. Bernard was eminently endowed with the gift of miracles. He died on August 20, 1153, and was canonized in 1174 by Pope Alexander III.

(Courtesy of Catholic Book Publishing)

ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

Bartholomew was one of the Twelve Apostles, brought to Jesus by Saint Philip. He is reputed to have brought Christianity to Armenia where tradition states that he was later flayed alive and crucified head down. After his martyrdom, his body is said to have been washed to Lipari (a small island off the coast of Sicily) where he is now the patron Saint. It is not clear where his remains ended up, but both Benevento and the church of San Bartolomeo in Rome claim him. There are also numerous reliquaries in the museums and churches of Europe said to contain some portion of his body.

There is a magnificent altarpiece (shown in the banner above) in the Alte Pinakothek in Munich that depicts the Apostle, with St Agnes and St Cecilia. The artist, active 1470–1510, in Cologne, is unknown and has been given the title of the “Master of the St Bartholomew altarpiece”.

(Courtesy of greatstbarts.com)



FEAST DAY-AUGUST 24



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