

THE SAINT JAMES EXPERIENCE

The
Saint James Cathedral-Basilica
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 1, 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

Deacon Ronald Rizzuto, Pastoral Administrator

Mrs. Isabel Navarro, Secretary

Mrs. Rosa Paulsen-Williams, Secretary

Nick Martellacci, Music Director

Mrs. BeeYean Y. Santos, Creative Director

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Mass is broadcast live from The Saint James Cathedral-Basilica at 12:00 Noon Monday-Friday and at 11:00 A.M. on Sundays via NET TV. You can watch us via Verizon FiOS (channel 48), Time Warner Cable (channel 97), and Cable Vision (channel 30), and live-streamed on the Internet at <http://netny.tv>

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FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR AT SAINT JAMES CATHEDRAL-BASILICA

To the Faithful parishioners of St. James Cathedral Parish,

I am grateful to Bishop Robert Brennan for the opportunity to introduce myself as your new administrator. I return to St. James after a 23 year absence and am overwhelmed by the opportunity to serve you again in this beautiful sacred space

I have served the Diocese of Brooklyn in many capacities. I am currently the Pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Brooklyn Heights, the Vicar for Evangelization and Catechesis, the Director of the Permanent Diaconate Program, Director of the Pilgrimage Office, and Planner of Major Events for the Diocese. Of all these ministerial opportunities the ones closest to my heart is that of celebrant of the Eucharist and one who serves in the healing sacraments of the Church

In addition to pastoral duties, I am also deeply involved in the educational ministries of the Church having taught in elementary school, high schools, seminaries, and several of the universities in our area, which aligns perfectly with our church's mission and values. We believe in the importance of our Catholic school presence and that this presence not only strengthens our faith community but also inspires us to grow and serve in new and meaningful ways.

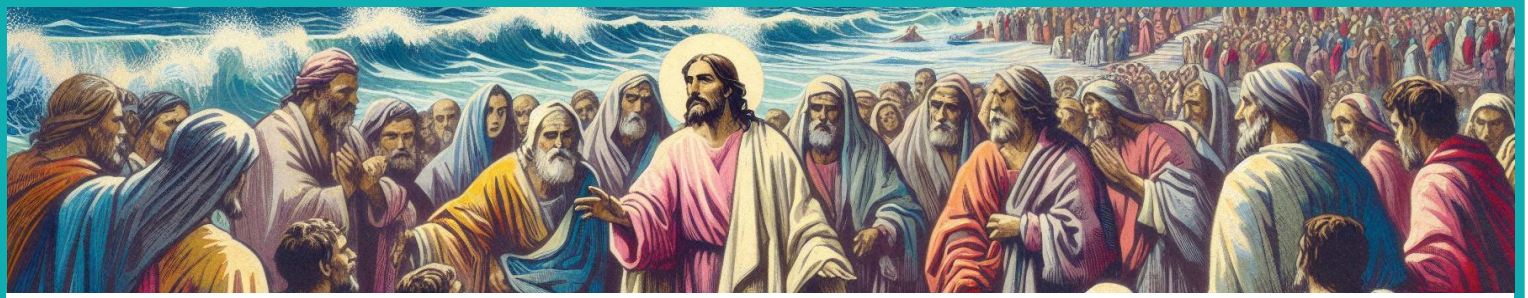
I look forward to greeting everyone and reinvigorating many prior relationships with the St. James community. Let us come together in prayer and fellowship as we embark on this new chapter in our parish's journey. Let us be a synodal Church with wisdom, compassion, and a renewed sense of grace ..

Thank you for your continued support and faithfulness.

Many Blessings,

Very Rev. Joseph R. Gibino, STM, Ph.D.





READING I : Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

(Proclaimed in Spanish)

Moses said to the people: "Now, Israel, hear the statutes and decrees which I am teaching you to observe, that you may live, and may enter in and take possession of the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. In your observance of the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I enjoin upon you, you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it. Observe them carefully, for thus will you give evidence of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations, who will hear of all these statutes and say, 'This great nation is truly a wise and intelligent people.' For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us whenever we call upon him? Or what great nation has statutes and decrees that are as just as this whole law which I am setting before you today?"

Response: TE ALABAMOS, SEÑOR

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5



READING II : James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Dearest brothers and sisters: All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change. He willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of first fruits of his creatures. Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands. —For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews, do not eat without carefully washing their hands, keeping the tradition of the elders. And on coming from the marketplace they do not eat without purifying themselves. And there are many other things that they have traditionally observed, the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds. — So the Pharisees and scribes questioned him, "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?" He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts. You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile. "From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile."

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time B - Gloria

Open: 696 - Glory and praise to Our God

Offertory: 801 - Moved by the Gospel, let us move

Communion: 913 - I received the living God

Recession: 707 - Let all things now living

Postlude: Prelude & Fugue in C Major "Little" - Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

TWENTY-SECONDS SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

"Keep the commandments of the Lord." Seek a life deeply aligned with His divine will and purpose. If you feel He is calling you to become 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

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>



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Evenings for Prayer at Thomas Berry Place



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Monthly evenings where we will offer instruction on different forms of prayer. These gatherings present an opportunity for you to meet people, share experiences & pray together. Light refreshments will be available.

- Wednesday, September 18
- Wednesday, October 16
- Wednesday, November 20
- Wednesday, December 11
- Wednesday, January 15
- Wednesday, February 12
- Wednesday, March 12
- Wednesday, April 9
- Wednesday, May 14
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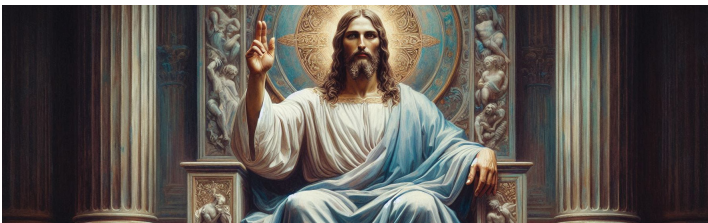
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FDNY - 9/11 MEMORIAL MASS September 7, 2024

Join us on Saturday, September 7, 2024, at 11:00 AM for the annual FDNY Memorial Mass at St. James Cathedral-Basilica, hosted by Tillary Street Firehouse. This special service is a time to pray for the souls of those firefighters lost on 9/11 and the continued safety and well-being of our brave firefighters. All are welcome to attend.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA September 1, 2024

Proceeds from the second collection on Sunday, September 1st will go to the **The University of America**. Please consider fostering the seeds of faith with your continued generosity.



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY: September 1, 2024	MONDAY: September 2, 2024	TUESDAY: September 3, 2024
People of St. James Parish	Guiseppe D'Amato	Eugene Ferdinand & The Deceased Members of The Ferdinand Family
WEDNESDAY: September 4, 2024	THURSDAY: September 5, 2024	FRIDAY: September 6, 2024
Birthday Wishes for Anne Karnati	Dora Cecilia Gonzalez	Leena Rose Kanarti
LECTORS	September 1, 2024 Beatrice DiCostanzo & Cadidad Perez	September 8, 2024 Diane Wilson & Mireyda Reyes
COFFEE HOUR	September 1, 2024 (Enjoy your Summer) No Coffee Hour	September 8, 2024 (Enjoy your Summer) No Coffee Hour



YOUR DAILY CAMINO

1st SEPTEMBER- SUNDAY

"You disregard and neglect the commandment of God, and cling to the tradition of men."

~Mark 7: 8

2nd SEPTEMBER- MONDAY

"No man can attain to the knowledge of God but by humility. The way to mount high is to descend."

~Saint Giles

3rd SEPTEMBER- TUESDAY

"Pray so that it expels idleness and sloth from you, and confers upon you the combined aid of all virtues in their entirety, enabling you to vanquish all enemies, both apparent and hidden."

~St. Stephen, King of Hungary

4th SEPTEMBER- WEDNESDAY

"Truly we are passing through disastrous times, when we may well make our own the lamentation of the Prophet: "There is no truth, and there is no mercy, and there is no knowledge of God in the land" (Hosea 4:1). Yet in the midst of this tide of evil, the Virgin Most Merciful rises before our eyes like a rainbow, as the arbiter of peace between God and man."

~Pope Saint Pius X

5th SEPTEMBER- THURSDAY

"How little is my suffering compared with that of the holy martyrs, who were tortured with burning torches and red hot irons, or roasted over a slow fire."

~Saint Lawrence Justinian

6th SEPTEMBER- FRIDAY

"Waking up in TRUTH is so much better than living in a lie."

~Idris Elba

7th SEPTEMBER- SATURDAY

"My lord, adjudge my strength, and set me where I bear a little more than I can bear."

~Elinor Wylie



WEEKLY PRAYERS

(SAINTS OBVIOUS AND UNFAMILIAR)

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT PARYER TO THE LORD

I beseech you, Lord Jesus Christ, that your Passion may be a strength for me, by which I may be fortified, protected, and defended. May your wounds be food and drink for me, by which I may be fed, inebriated, and delighted. May the sprinkling of your Blood be an ablation of all my sins. May your death be eternal glory for me. In these may refreshment, health, zeal, joy, delight, and desire of my body and soul be mine, now and forever. Amen.

SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA PRAYER FOR HAPPINESS

May, today, there be peace within you. May you trust God, that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities, that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing that you are a child of God. Let His presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, and to bask in the sun. It is there for each and every one of you. Amen.

POPE SAINT PIUS THE X PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

O Glorious St. Joseph, model of all who are devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace to work in the spirit of penance in expiation of my many sins; to work conscientiously by placing love of duty above my inclinations; to gratefully and joyously deem it an honor to employ and to develop by labor the gifts I have received from God, to work methodically, peacefully, and in moderation and patience, without ever shrinking from it through weariness or difficulty to work; above all, with purity of intention and unselfishness, having unceasingly before my eyes death and the account I have to render time lost, talents unused, good not done, and vain complacency in success, so baneful to the work of God. All for Jesus, all for Mary, all to imitate thee, O Patriarch St. Joseph! This shall be my motto for life and eternity. Amen.

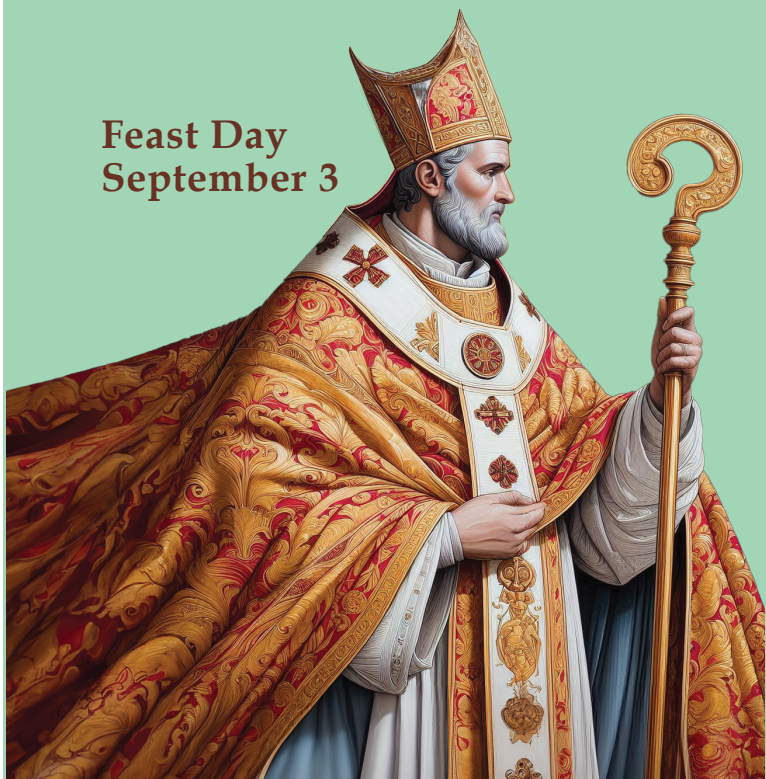
PRAYER OF SAINT REGINA

Lord God, You showered heavenly gifts Saint Regina. Help us to imitate her virtues during our earthly life and enjoy eternal happiness with her in heaven. Amen.

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

POPE, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

**Feast Day
September 3**



Gregory was the prefect of Rome before he was 30. After five years in office he resigned, founded six monasteries on his Sicilian estate, and became a Benedictine monk in his own home at Rome.

Ordained a priest, Gregory became one of the pope's seven deacons, and also served six years in the East as papal representative in Constantinople. He was recalled to become abbot, but at the age of 50 was elected pope by the clergy and people of Rome.

Gregory was direct and firm. He removed unworthy priests from office, forbade taking money for many services, emptied the papal treasury to ransom prisoners of the Lombards and to care for persecuted Jews and the victims of plague and famine. He was very concerned about the conversion of England, sending 40 monks from his own monastery. He is known for his reform of the liturgy, and for strengthening respect for doctrine. Whether he was largely responsible for the revision of "Gregorian" chant is disputed.

Gregory lived in a time of perpetual strife with invading Lombards and difficult relations with the East. When Rome itself was under attack, he interviewed the Lombard king.

His book, Pastoral Care, on the duties and qualities of a bishop, was read for centuries after his death. He described bishops mainly as physicians whose main duties were preaching and the enforcement of discipline. In his own down-to-earth preaching, Gregory was skilled at applying the daily Gospel to the needs of his listeners. Called "the Great," Gregory has been given a place with Augustine, Ambrose, and Jerome, as one of the four key doctors of the Western Church.

(Courtesy of midwestaugustinians.org)

The Story of St. Teresa of Calcutta

We will always remember Mother Teresa of Calcutta for her untiring will to help the last ones, the deprived and poor. Today she is a Saint, celebrated all over the world, and surely one of the most important figures in modern history, awarded with the Nobel Peace Prize and countless other awards. But we must not forget that she was first of all a woman: a simple woman who has consciously decided to devote all her life to others.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta was born in Albania. After a difficult childhood with the premature death of her father, she shows an early interest in charity and mercy; she became nun at eighteen and, after a short stay in England and Ireland, she was sent to India. Since very young she showed her love towards this country in her close correspondence with the Jesuit missionaries in Bengal.

In 1950, Mother Teresa founded the Missionaries of Charity, a congregation devoted to the mercy and care of the poor and those in need. As a robe Mother Theresa chose a white sari with blue stripes, the colors of the caste of the Untouchables. Mother Teresa's influence grew rapidly, also thanks to the worldwide media attention. With the help of local and foreign personalities, she opened reception centers and care for the poor, sick and lepers. She received the visit of heads of state, the most powerful men in the world, and had a long friendship with Pope John Paul II, who already considered her a living Patron of Hospitality.

She remained in charge of her congregation as long as her health permitted, continuing to serve among her people, and died in Calcutta the age of 87. Pope Saint John Paul II started a special beatification process for her, only two years after her death, to confirm the holiness that accompanied her throughout her life. Pope Francis canonized her at a ceremony on 2016 in St. Peter's Square in Vatican City. Her feast day is on September 5.

(Courtesy of holyart.com)





FEAST DAY-SEPTEMBER 4

THE PATRON SAINT OF
PALERMO, EVOLUTIONARY STUDIES,
PANDEMIC

SAINT ROSALIA

Rosalia was born of a Norman noble family that claimed descent from Charlemagne. Rosalia was known for piety, and was devoutly religious, even at an early age. She retired to a life as a hermit, in a cave on Mount Pellegrino, where she died alone, in 1166 at the age of 36. She was said to be a beautiful woman. Tradition tells us that she was led there, to that cave, by two angels. On that cave wall, where she spent her life as a hermit, she wrote on it's wall the following, "I, Rosalia, daughter of Sinibald, Lord of Roses, have taken the resolution to live in this cave for the love of my Lord, Jesus Christ".

In 1624, 458 years after Rosalia's death, a horrible plague struck Palermo. During this hardship, Rosalia appeared to a sick woman and healed her. She then appeared to a hunter, in which she indicated where her remains were to be found. She ordered him to bring her bones to Palermo, and have them carried in procession through the City.

The hunter climbed the mountain and found her bones in the cave, as

she had described. He did what she had asked of him in the apparition, and after the procession the plague ceased immediately.

After this great miracle, St. Rosalia would be venerated as the patron saint of Palermo, and a sanctuary was built in the cave where her remains were discovered.

This celebration called the "Festino" is still held each year in Palermo. It is one of the largest social and religious events in Palermo. Also an event related to the Festino and St. Rosalia; a tradition of walking barefoot from Palermo up to Mount Pellegrino is held annually to honor and venerate St. Rosalia. Also, in the United States, this September feast day, beginning in August, brings large numbers of visitors annually to the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn, in New York City, to honor St. Rosalia, and participate in the "Festino" in America.

(Courtesy of newmanministry.com)

SAINT REGINA

Saint Regina, also known as Sainte Reine (french), is a well-known patron saint of Chieri, Italy. She is also venerated by Catholics worldwide and considered the patron saint of torture victims, shepherds, and against poverty. Regina was born in the early 3rd century in Alise, France, and was raised as a Christian by her mother, who was a follower of the faith. Regina is said to have kept much of her time by tending the sheep and in prayerful meditation.

According to legend, Regina was only 15 years old when she was arrested and subjected to various forms of torture for refusing to renounce her faith. She was burned, and then was beheaded for her devotion to Christianity. Her death is said to have occurred around the year 286 AD. Despite the brutal nature of her martyrdom, young Regina remained steadfast in her faith until the very end.

Saint Regina's relics were moved from Alise to Chieri in the 6th century. Her feast day is celebrated on September 7th, and it is a time for Catholics to reflect on her courage and devotion to God. Regina was canonized by the Catholic Church in the 9th century.

In 864, Her relics were transferred again to Flavigny Abbey, a former Benedictine monastery, now occupied by the Dominicans, in Flavigny, France.

One interesting fact about Saint Regina is that her name means "queen" in Latin. It is said that she was given this name because of her regal bearing and dignified demeanor, even in the face of torture and death. Regina is often depicted in artwork with a lamb or a shepherd's crook, as a nod to her patronage of shepherds and her own work with sheep.

Another notable event in the life of Saint Regina is the miracle that is said to have occurred at her tomb. According to legend, a woman who had been suffering from a serious illness was cured when she touched the saint's relics. This event was seen as evidence of Regina's intercession with God and helped to cement her status as a beloved patron saint.

Saint Regina was a young woman, firm in her faith and devotion to God, and willing to sacrifice her life for it.

(Courtesy of catholic365.com)



FEAST DAY-SEPTEMBER 7

THE PATRON SAINT OF
POOR PEOPLE, SHEPHERDESSES,
TORTURE VICTIMS