

THE SAINT JAMES EXPERIENCE

The
Saint James Cathedral-Basilica
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 22, 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 ADMINISTRATOR AT SAINT JAMES CATHEDRAL-BASILICA

To the faithful parishioners of St. James Cathedral,

This year's theme for religious education programs around the U.S. is the scripture passage "Lord, when did we see you hungry?" It is found in Matthew 25:37-40. This passage is part of the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats, where Jesus speaks about the final judgment. In this parable, Jesus explains that the righteous will inherit the kingdom of God because they have served Him by serving others.

The passage highlights the importance of compassion and service to others. When the righteous ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?" Jesus responds, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." This response emphasizes that acts of kindness and charity towards those in need are seen as acts of service to Jesus Himself.

This teaching challenges believers to recognize the presence of Christ in every person, especially those who are suffering or in need. It calls for a selfless love that goes beyond mere words and is demonstrated through actions. The passage encourages individuals to look beyond their own needs and to be attentive to the needs of others, seeing each act of kindness as a way to serve God.

Moreover, this scripture underscores the idea that true faith is not just about religious rituals or beliefs but is also about how one treats others. It suggests that the measure of one's faith is reflected in their willingness to help those who are less fortunate. This teaching is a powerful reminder of the Christian call to social justice and the importance of living out one's faith through tangible acts of love and mercy.

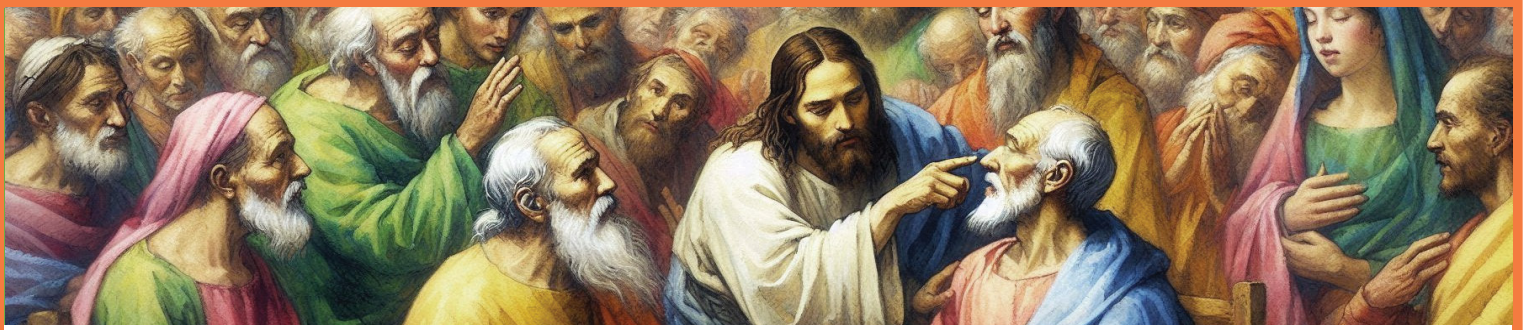
In essence, the passage "Lord, when did we see you hungry?" serves as a profound reminder of the connection between humanity and the divine. It calls believers to a higher standard of love and service, seeing every act of kindness as an opportunity to serve Christ Himself.

This week let us all promise to practice random acts of kindness in the service of our Risen Lord!

Peace,

Fr. Joseph R. Gibino

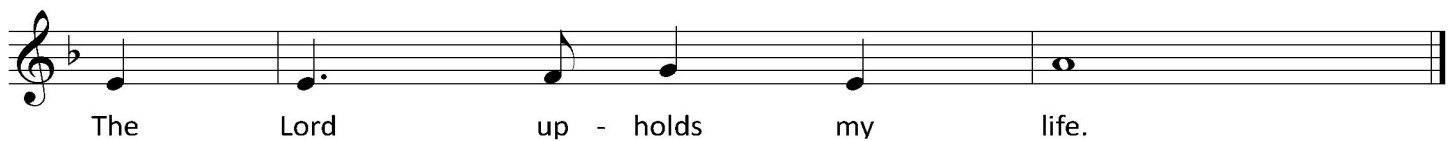




READING I : *Wisdom 2:12, 17-20***(Proclaimed in Spanish)**

The wicked say: Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us; he sets himself against our doings, reproaches us for transgressions of the law and charges us with violations of our training. Let us see whether his words be true; let us find out what will happen to him. For if the just one be the son of God, God will defend him and deliver him from the hand of his foes. With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test that we may have proof of his gentleness and try his patience. Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him.

Response: TE ALABAMOS, SEÑOR

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : *54:3-4, 5, 6 and 8*

READING II : *James 3:16 – 4:3*

Beloved: Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace. Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? Is it not from your passions that make war within your members? You covet but do not possess. You kill and envy but you cannot obtain; you fight and wage war. You do not possess because you do not ask. You ask but do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

GOSPEL: *Mark 9:30-37*

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him. They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time B - Gloria**Open: 844 - God is here!****Offertory: 907 - O breathe on me, O Breath of God****Communion: 909 - Pan de Vida****Recession: 791 - Glorious in majesty***Postlude: Processional - Wilbur Held**Postlude: Erbarm Dich Mein - Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750*

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 22, 2024

"The Lord upholds my life." He indeed is our strength and foundation. Pray and ask him sincerely if he could be 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@diobook.org



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Cardinal Dolan
Benediction

2:00 pm: Veneration of Blessed Carlo Acutis Relic
3:00 pm: Holy Hour, Confession, Rosary
4:00 pm: Holy Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral
4:45-5:45 pm: Eucharistic Procession Through Manhattan
5:50 pm: Benediction
6:15 pm: Event Concludes
6:15-8:30 pm: Veneration of Blessed Carlo Acutis Relic

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JOIN OUR USHER MINISTRY A CALL TO SERVE!

We invite you to become an usher at our church, a role that goes beyond welcoming people. As an usher, you will be the hands and feet of Christ, guiding His people with love, warmth, and humility. This is an opportunity to serve God's family, creating a space where all feel embraced and at peace. If you feel called to serve, we welcome you to join this ministry with a spirit of joy, dedication, and prayer. Together, let's make every person who walks through our doors feel the presence of Christ. Let the Holy Family guide your heart as you take this step. Join us in serving the Lord! Come and see **Deacon Ron** or **Alfie Santos** after Mass or call the office at **718.852.4002**



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Wednesday, October 16
Wednesday, November 20
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Wednesday, January 15
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Wednesday, March 12
Wednesday, April 9
Wednesday, May 14
Wednesday, June 11

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FRANCISCAN MONTH



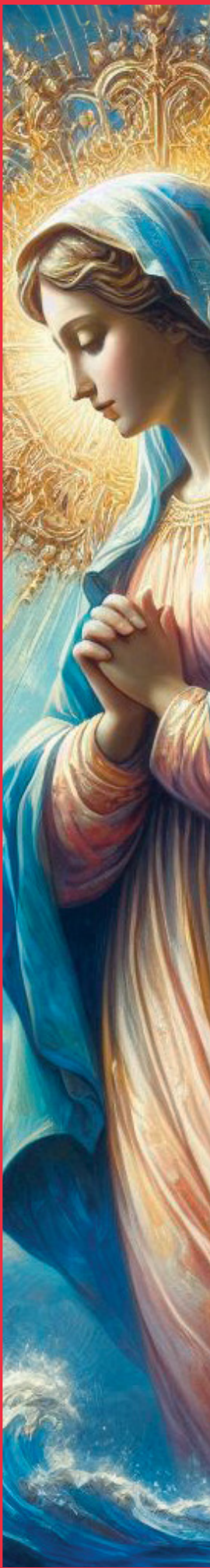
Have you ever wanted to learn more about St. Francis of Assisi? If so, did you know that nearby St. Francis College is leading an initiative to have October designated as Franciscan Month? This October, several events are occurring, and free resources being made available which will help celebrate St. Francis and demonstrate how the Franciscan way of life is applicable to YOU. As just one example, a Rosary Procession will occur at **2:00 pm** on the **Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, Monday, October 7th** at the College. All attending will receive a handmade Franciscan Crown Rosary.

Scan QR Code for more info



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY: September 22, 2024 Innocencia and Bienvenido Taveras and Ana Corona	MONDAY: September 23, 2024 Tullio Versachelli	TUESDAY: September 24, 2024 Anniversary Wishes Robert and Theresa Collette
WEDNESDAY: September 25, 2024 In memory of Elvire Guerrier	THURSDAY: September 26, 2024 Joseph R. Lyons	FRIDAY: September 26, 2024 Shouriah Karnati
LECTORS	September 22, 2024 Dan McCardell & Mireyda Reyes	September 29, 2024 Chul Lee & Elina Cruz
COFFEE HOUR	September 22, 2024 Potluck style - Bring a dish & share a smile	September 29, 2024 Potluck style - Bring a dish & share a smile



YOUR DAILY CAMINO

22th SEPTEMBER- SUNDAY

"If anyone wants to be first, he must be last of all [in importance] and a servant of all."

~Mark 9: 35

23th SEPTEMBER- MONDAY

"Pray, hope and don't worry. Anxiety doesn't help at all. Our Merciful Lord will listen to your prayer."

~Padre Pio

24th SEPTEMBER- TUESDAY

"Watch out for each other. Love everyone and forgive everyone, including yourself. Forgive your anger. Forgive your guilt. Your shame. Your sadness. Embrace and open up your love, your joy, your truth, and most especially your heart."

~Jim Henson

25th SEPTEMBER- WEDNESDAY

"To be kind is more important than to be right. Many times, what people need is not a brilliant mind that speaks but a special heart that listens."

~F. Scott Fitzgerald

26th SEPTEMBER- THURSDAY

"Be not afraid to pray--to pray is right. Pray, if thou canst, with hope; but ever pray, Though hope be weak or sick with long delay; Pray in the darkness, if there be no light.

~ Hartley Coleridge

27th SEPTEMBER- FRIDAY

"If God is the center of your life, no words are necessary. Your mere presence will touch hearts."

~Saint Vincent De Paul

28th SEPTEMBER- SATURDAY

"Every child born into the world is a new thought of God, an ever-fresh and radiant possibility."

~Kate Douglas Wiggin



WEEKLY PRAYERS

(SAINTS OBVIOUS AND UNFAMILIAR)

PADRE PIO'S PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Heavenly Father, I thank you for loving me. I thank you for sending your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, to the world to save and to set me free. I trust in your power and grace that sustain and restore me. Loving Father, touch me now with your healing hands, for I believe that your will is for me to be well in mind, body, soul and spirit. Amen.

PRAYER OF SAINT FINBAR

God, You made St. Finbar an outstanding exemplar of Divine love and the Faith that conquers the world, and added him to the roll of saintly pastors. Grant by his intercession that we may persevere in Faith and love and become sharers of his glory. Amen.

PRAYER OF SAINT PACIFIC OF SAN SEVERINO

God, the giver of all gifts, You adorned St. Pacific with the virtue of unusual patience and with the love of solitude. Through his intercession, may we walk in his footsteps and obtain a like reward. Amen.

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA'S PRAYER TO THE LORD

I will love you, Lord, in every way and without setting limits to my love. You set no limits to what you have done for me, you have not measured out your gifts. I will not measure out my love. I will love you, Lord, with all my strength, with all my powers, as much as I am able. Amen.

PRAYER OF ST. CONSTANTIUS

God, through the intercession of St. Constantius, grant that we may overcome all feelings of pride. May we always serve You with that humility which pleases You, through his merits and example. Amen.

SAINT PADRE PIO

FEAST DAY - SEPTEMBER 23



1. Padre Pio was only 5 years old when he expressed a strong desire to serve God: Born May 25, 1887, in Pietrelcina, Italy, as Francesco Forgione, he served as an altar boy at his local parish. At the early age of 5, he consecrated himself to Jesus. By the age of 10, his family looked to see how he could become a Capuchin friar.

2. Padre Pio was only 15 when he entered the Capuchin Friars Minor as a novice: Being a young teenager, Francesco was given the name Pio or Pius when he entered as a novice. He professed his solemn vows three years later. No stranger to suffering amid frail health throughout much of his studies, he was ordained a priest in 1910. He ascended the Gargano mountains to the rural friary outside of San Giovanni Rotondo in 1916. He remained there for 50 years, until his death on Sept. 23, 1968.

3. St. Pio received the visible wounds of Christ known as stigmata, just like St. Francis of Assisi: On Sept. 20, 1918, Padre Pio received the stigmata while praying in a church. The wounds remained visible on his body for the rest of his life. The wounds were on his hands, feet and side, corresponding to the wounds suffered by Jesus during his crucifixion.

4. The blood from his stigmata smelled of floral perfume: Referred to as the “odor of sanctity,” the blood that came from Padre Pio’s wounds is said to have smelled like perfume or as having a floral aroma. The trait has also been exhibited by other saints who manifested stigmata markings.

5. Padre Pio suffered attacks from the devil on a consistent basis: From a young age, Padre Pio was blessed with heavenly visions, but he also experienced spiritual warfare, including attacks of the devil.

6. He had the gift of bilocation, that, being in two places at once: Multiple eyewitness accounts attest to the ability of Padre Pio to be in multiple places at once. Fellow friars remember seeing him in prayer outside when they knew he was still in his room. Some accounts come from others who claim to have seen him on different continents all over the world. As to how Padre Pio experienced such feats, the closest he ever came to an explanation of bilocation was to say that it occurred “by an extension of his personality.”

7. Before dying at the age of 81, all his wounds healed without scars, just as he had foretold they would 50 years prior: A doctor examining the saint’s body who was present when he was dying observed that the wounds of the stigmata were completely healed, without any trace or scar. Padre Pio’s body was placed in a coffin in the church of the monastery to allow pilgrims to visit and pray.

8. A sighting of a “flying friar” kept war planes from bombing Padre Pio’s town during World War II: Among the most remarkable of the documented cases of bilocation was Padre Pio’s appearance in the air over San Giovanni Rotondo during World War II. While southern Italy remained in Nazi hands, American bombers were given the job of attacking the city of San Giovanni Rotondo. However, when they appeared over the city and prepared to unload their munitions, a brown-robed friar appeared before their aircraft. All attempts to release the bombs failed. In this way, Padre Pio kept his promise to the citizens that their town would be spared. Later on, when an American airbase was established at Foggia a few miles away, one of the pilots of this incident visited the friary and found, to his surprise, the friar he had seen in the air that day over San Giovanni.

9. Pilgrims can visit the rooms in which Padre Pio lived: All the cells where Padre Pio lived in Italy have been outfitted with vintage furnishings to make them look exactly like they were in the early 20th century. Each site also boasts a small museum with relics and artifacts from his life.

10. Many miracles have been attributed to Padre Pio. Several miracles have been attributed to the saint’s intercession, including the story of Gemma di Giorgio, a little girl who visited Padre Pio: Born blind without pupils in either eye, she miraculously regained her sight after visiting him. One truly miraculous factor about her healing was that, although she could see, she still lacked pupils. Another miracle was chronicled on EWTN.

11. He established a hospital: Living a life of suffering, made difficult by physical pain and sickness, Padre Pio was able to build a hospital with the help of generous sponsors. Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza, which means “Home for the Relief of the Suffering,” was inaugurated on May 5, 1956. The hospital sits atop a hill overlooking San Giovanni Rotondo. Starting with only about 250 beds and just enough equipment, the hospital is now known for its state-of-the-art facilities and services.

12. Even before his death in Sept. 23, 1968, Padre Pio reportedly spent his last moments in prayer: Beatified in 1999, St. Padre Pio was canonized on June 16, 2002, by the late Pope and now St. John Paul II. He is known among Catholics as St. Pio of Pietrelcina. More than 500,000 attended his canonization by Pope John Paul the Great.

(Courtesy of ncregister.com)



Weekly HIGHLIGHT

Saint James Cathedral-Basilica

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION



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.



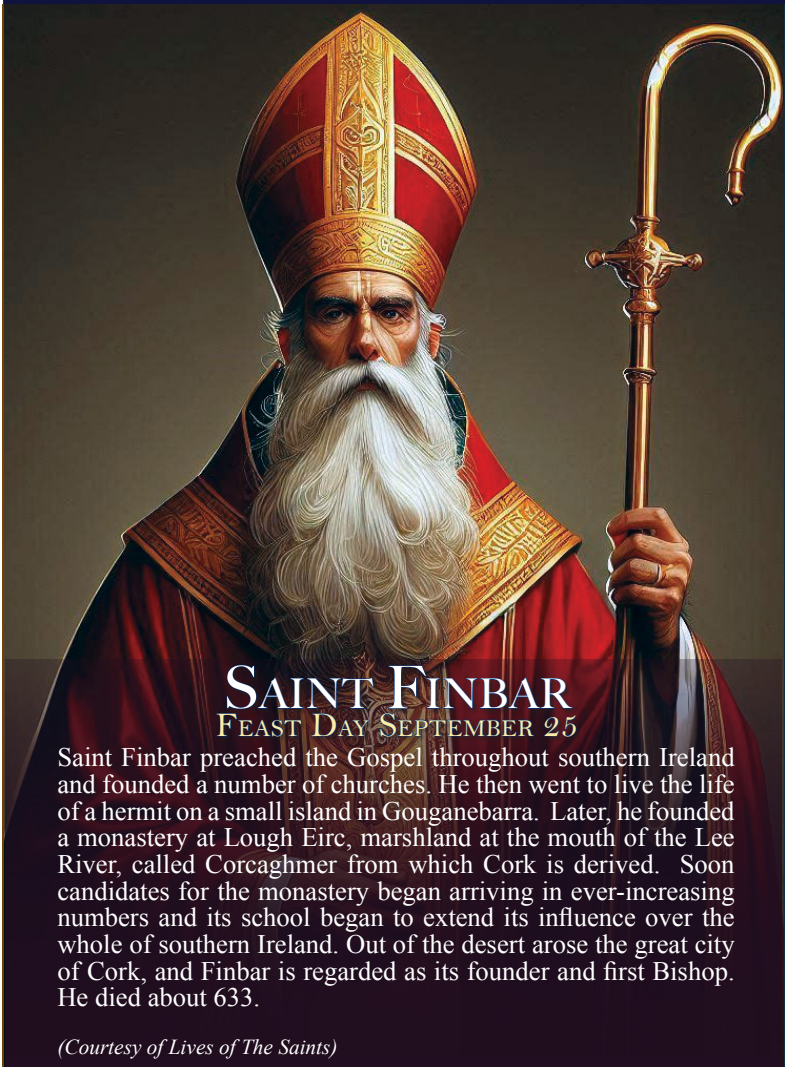
SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

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.



SAINT FINBAR

FEAST DAY SEPTEMBER 25

Saint Finbar preached the Gospel throughout southern Ireland and founded a number of churches. He then went to live the life of a hermit on a small island in Gouganebarra. Later, he founded a monastery at Lough Eirc, marshland at the mouth of the Lee River, called Corcaghmer from which Cork is derived. Soon candidates for the monastery began arriving in ever-increasing numbers and its school began to extend its influence over the whole of southern Ireland. Out of the desert arose the great city of Cork, and Finbar is regarded as its founder and first Bishop. He died about 633.

(Courtesy of Lives of The Saints)