



# THE SAINT JAMES EXPERIENCE

## The Saint James Cathedral Basilica Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time November 3, 2024



**SAINT JAMES  
CATHEDRAL-BASILICA**

### SCHEDULE:

*Weekday Mass: Monday to Friday 12:00 Noon*

*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*

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

*Deacon Ronald Rizzuto, Pastoral Administrator*

*Mrs. Isabel Navarro, Secretary*

*Mrs. Rosa Paulsen-Williams, Secretary*

*Nick Martellacci, Music Director*

*Mrs. Beeyean Y. Santos, Creative Director*

### WATCH THE MASS ON TV

Mass is broadcast live from The Saint James Cathedral-Basilica at 12:00 Noon Monday-Friday. You can watch us via Verizon FiOS (channel 48), Spectrum (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,

Hard as it is to believe we have begun November! For Catholics, the focus of this month is on remembering All Saints and All Souls. Family faith formation calls us to celebrate these special people in our lives. Here are some suggestions for family activities for the coming month; I hope they are helpful!

### All Saints' Day (November 1st):

Our goal here for families is to witness the importance of All Saints' Day, honoring all saints, known and unknown. Some ways parents and children can witness to each other and their neighbors is by:

- o **Storytelling:** Share stories of various saints and their contributions to our faith.
- o **Art Projects:** Create saint-themed crafts, such as saint masks or stained-glass windows, dress students as their favorite saint.
- o **Interactive Discussions:** parents, grandparents, children, and all family members share their favorite saints and why they inspire them. These may also be other family members and friends who have inspirational examples of faith.

Throughout November, we can continue the theme of sainthood and explore how students can embody saintly virtues in their daily lives. We do this through **Family Service Projects**; we organize a family service project to help the community, inspired by the charitable works of saints. The saints also inspire us to pray more; families can choose an evening to read scripture together, say the rosary, or attend a daily mass.

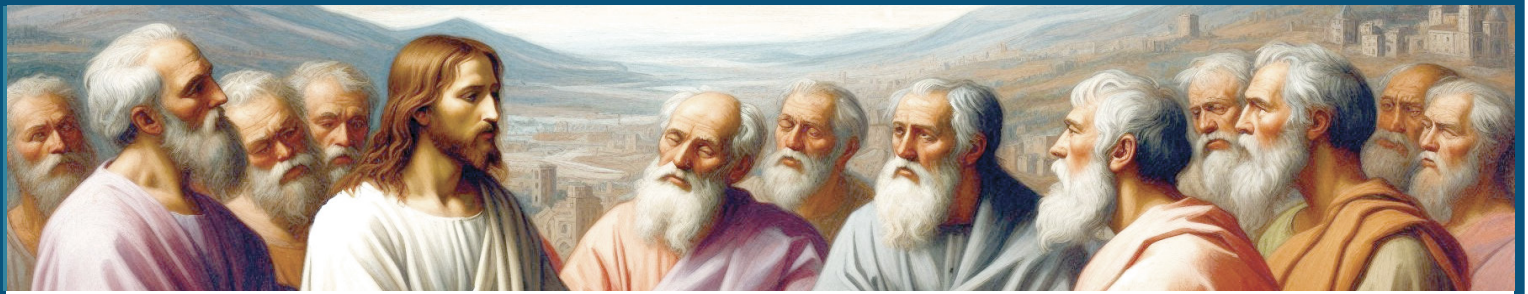
By the end of the month, we celebrate Thanksgiving and the beginning of the Advent Season. We prepare for the Advent season by connecting our experiences of the saints and the stories we have shared to the anticipation of Christ's birth. As families, we can make an **Advent Wreath** we place on our dining room table and light each night. We can also make a Jesse Tree. A **Jesse Tree** is a tree or tree-like representation that is decorated with ornaments to depict Jesus' family tree and the events leading up to his birth. The name comes from Isaiah 11:1, which refers to Jesus as a shoot from the stump of Jesse, the father of King David.

I hope these family prayer activities for each week provide a clear and engaging plan for your family faith activities in November. Let's pray for each other this month so that we may grow in sainthood!

Blessings,

*Fr. Joseph R. Gibino*





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**READING I : [Genesis 2:18-24](#)****(Proclaimed in Spanish)**

Moses spoke to the people, saying: "Fear the LORD, your God, and keep, throughout the days of your lives, all his statutes and commandments which I enjoin on you, and thus have long life. Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe them, that you may grow and prosper the more, in keeping with the promise of the LORD, the God of your fathers, to give you a land flowing with milk and honey. "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today."

**Response: TE ALABAMOS, SEÑOR**

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM : [18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51](#)**

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**READING II : [Hebrews 7:23-28](#)**

Brothers and sisters: The levitical priests were many because they were prevented by death from remaining in office, but Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them. It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the heavens. He has no need, as did the high priests, to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did that once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints men subject to weakness to be high priests, but the word of the oath, which was taken after the law, appoints a son, who has been made perfect forever.

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**GOSPEL: [Mark 12:28b-34](#)**

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

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**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time B - Gloria****Open: 676 - God we praise You****Offertory: 709 - We gather together****Communion: 929 - Let us be bread****Anthem: Pie Jesu****Recession: 621 - This holy covenant was made***Postlude: Prelude & Fugue in F Major "Little" - Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750**Postlude: Erbarm Dich Mein - Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750*

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**November 3, 2024**

**(National Vocation Awareness Week)**

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Are you being called to love the Lord with an undivided heart 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](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org)

## MEMORIAL MASS

**FOR DECEASED RELIGIOUS SISTERS AND BROTHERS THAT SERVED OUR DIOCESE**

**November 15, 2024**

St. James Cathedral Basilica will hold a Memorial Mass in honor of the deceased Religious Sisters and Brothers who devotedly served our Diocese on

**Friday, November 15, 2024, at 12:00 Noon**

You are encouraged to join in prayer and gratitude to remember their dedication and selfless service to our community. All are welcome.

## \*ATTENTION\* THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

On **Thursday, November 28, 2024**, please note that there will be NO Thanksgiving Day Mass at St. James Cathedral Basilica. However, all are warmly invited to celebrate with our neighboring community at **St. Charles Borromeo** (19 Sidney Pl, Brooklyn, NY 11201) for a special Thanksgiving Mass at **9:00 AM**.

Let's come together to give thanks for our many blessings and celebrate the spirit of Thanksgiving in unity.

## 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**

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>SUNDAY</b> 11/03/2024	People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY</b> 11/04/2024	John C. Meringolo
<b>TUESDAY</b> 11/05/2024	Joji Rayanna Karnati
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 11/06/2024	Venable White
<b>THURSDAY</b> 11/07/2024	Msgr. Edward Donnelly
<b>FRIDAY</b> 11/08/2024	Paolo and Giovanna Lirosi

## LECTORS

<b>11/03/2024</b>	Diane Wilson & Mireyda Reyes
<b>11/10/2024</b>	Mary Pradt & Elina Cruz

## COFFEE HOURS

**Potluck style**  
Bring a dish & share a smile

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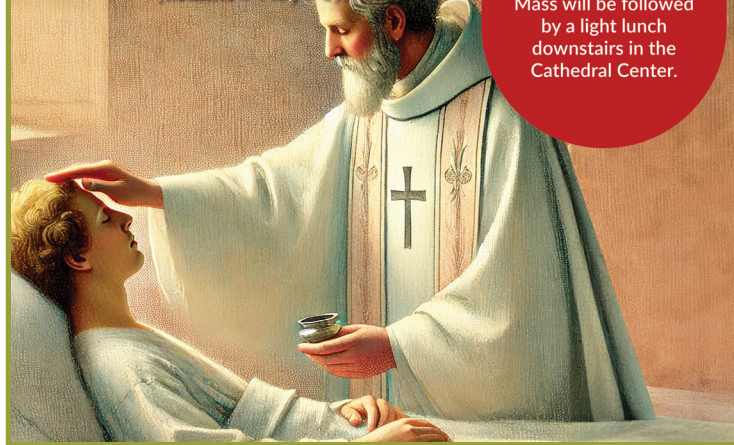
The origin of anointing and prayers for strength to accept sickness dates back to the time of Jesus.

In the Gospels we find many references to Jesus caring for the sick and disabled.

You will recall the story of the paralytic, where Jesus said:

*"Your sins are forgiven" "But to prove to you that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" - He said to the paralytic - "Get up and pick up your bed and go off home"*

(Matthew 9:3, 6-8).



Special Mass with

## Anointing of the Sick

**SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 14TH  
10:30 AM**

Mass will be followed by a light lunch downstairs in the Cathedral Center.



## 2024-2025 SCHEDULE OF WORKSHOPS DIOCESAN LITURGICAL NEW MINISTERS TRAINING WORKSHOPS

DATE	LOCATION	MINISTRIES	TIME
12/14/24	The Church of Saint Patrick 9511 Fourth Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11209	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Lectors Ministers of Hospitality/Ushers Altar Server Moderators	9:00AM 3:30PM

REGISTER ONLINE NOW FOR DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> REGISTRATION CLOSES DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>

Visit [www.bqliturg.org](http://www.bqliturg.org) and select Liturgical Formation

**CANCELLATIONS WILL NOT BE REFUNDED**

*For questions related to online registration contact Susan Santo, [ssanto@diobrook.org](mailto:ssanto@diobrook.org) or 718-631-4600.*

*For questions related to Liturgical training contact Christine Dost, [cdost@diobrook.org](mailto:cdost@diobrook.org) or 718-281-9612.*

**Vote, and the choice is yours. Don't vote, and the choice is theirs. Register, or you have no choice!**

*"In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation"*  
~ *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, No. 13*

**We urge you to register and vote in the upcoming election. If you are not registered or have moved recently, please take time to register.**

**\*Election Day: Tuesday, November 5, 2024, (6 AM-9 PM)**

**\*Early Voting: October 26 to November 3, 2024. (M-F: 8 AM-8 PM, Weekends: 8 AM-5 PM)**



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## Advent & Christmas Concert



Scan for tickets

Join us for an annual holiday tradition of song and fellowship!

Saturday, December 7, 2024 - 4:00pm (914) 968 - 6200 x 8201

Sunday, December 8, 2024 - 4:00pm 201 Seminary Avenue, Yonkers, NY

For tickets visit [SJS2024Concert.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sjs2024concert).

Tickets: Children 12 & under \$20.00 / adults \$35.00 general seating / VIP seating \$100.00  
Ticket holders are invited to a hot buffet reception following the concert!

Opening of the

## Holy Doors

JUBILEE YEAR  
2024-2025

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024

11:00 AM English Mass

Cathedral Basilica of St. James

12:30 PM Procession

(From St. James to St. Joseph weather permitting)

1:30 PM Spanish Mass

Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph



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## NOVEMBER A MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE AND GRACE.

PRAY FOR THE  
SOULS IN PURGATORY  
AT THE CEMETERY  
ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL BASILICA

NOVEMBER  
1<sup>ST</sup>, 8<sup>TH</sup>, 15<sup>TH</sup>, AND 22<sup>ND</sup>  
AT 11:00 AM

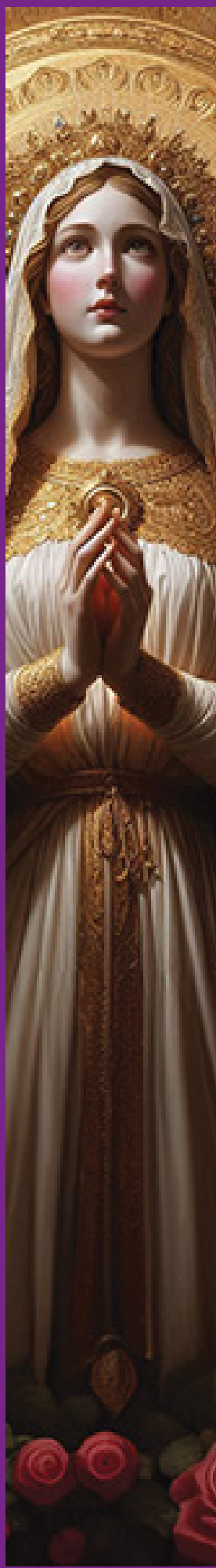
## RECEIVE A PLENARY INDULGENCE IN NOVEMBER

On the selected Fridays listed, the cemetery at St. James Cathedral Basilica will be open to pray for the deceased in order to receive the November plenary indulgence. This will coincide with the Friday 11:00AM Adoration Holy Hour and will only be open for that time. Devotional candles for the deceased will be available for purchase and envelopes to write your intentions will be provided. The envelopes will be collected and the intentions presented at the altar on the following Sunday.

A plenary indulgence is a grace from the Catholic Church that removes the temporal punishment for sin and it must be accompanied by a complete detachment from sin. In order to be capable of gaining indulgences one must be baptized, not excommunicated, and in the state of grace at least at the completion of the prescribed works. To gain an indulgence, one must have at least the general intention of doing so and must carry out the enjoined works at the stated time and in due fashion, according to the sense of the grant.

To receive the plenary indulgence this November, you must:

- \* Visit a cemetery
- \* Pray for the dead, even if only mentally
- \* Detach yourself from all sin, even venial sin



## YOUR DAILY CAMINO

### 3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER- SUNDAY

“You shall [unselfishly] love your neighbor as yourself.” There is no other commandment greater than these.”

~Mark 12: 31

### 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER- MONDAY

“For it is a commandment of the Lord not to be silent at a time when the Faith is in jeopardy. Speak, Scripture says, and hold not thy peace....”

~Saint Theodore of Amasea

### 5<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER- TUESDAY

“ In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

~Saint Zachary

### 6<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER- WEDNESDAY

“I believe, that, were it not for the Holy Mass, at this moment, the world would be in the abyss, unable to bear up, under the mighty load of its iniquities. Mass is the potent prop that holds the world on its base.”

~Saint Leonard

### 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER- THURSDAY

“Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less.”

~Marie Curie

### 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER- FRIDAY

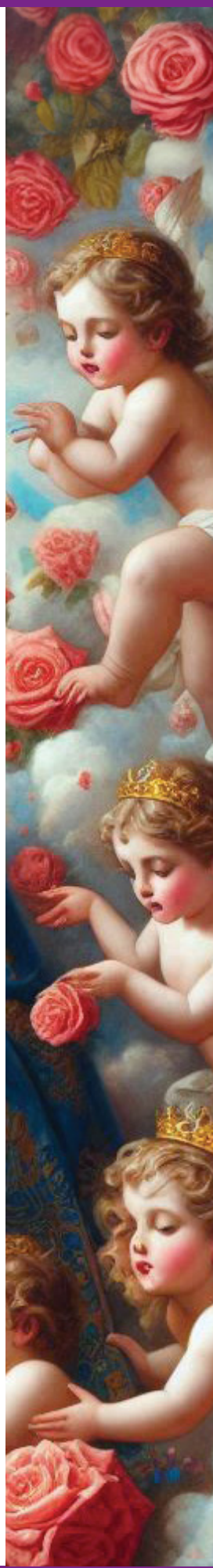
“Our faith is stronger than death, our philosophy is firmer than flesh, and the spread of the Kingdom of God upon the earth is more sublime and more compelling.”

~Dorothy Day

### 9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER- SATURDAY

“Presumption should never make us neglect that which appears easy to us, nor despair make us lose courage at the sight of difficulties.”

~Benjamin Banneker



## WEEKLY PRAYERS

(SAINTS OBVIOUS AND UNFAMILIAR)

### PRAYER OF SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO

O Lord, we beseech Thee, under the protection of blessed Charles Thy Confessor and Bishop; that through the intercession of him who became glorious by his watchful care over his flock, we may ever burn with love for Thee. Amen.

### CATHOLIC PRAYER BEFORE AN ELECTION

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty. We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender. We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom. Amen.

### PRAYER OF SAINT ELIZABETH (Intercession)

O Lord, our God, Who through Thine only-begotten Son, didst reveal heavenly secrets to blessed Elizabeth, grant us, Thy servants, by her kind intercession, to rejoice and be glad in the revelation of Thine eternal glory. Amen.

### PRAYER OF SAINT ZACHARY (Intercession)

O St. Zachary, you were a faithful servant of God and a loving father to John the Baptist. Your unwavering devotion to the Lord serves as an inspiration to us all. We ask for your intercession in our lives, that we may grow closer to God and live a life filled with love, hope, and peace. Amen.

### PRAYER OF SAINT THEODORE OF AMASEA

O God, who hast set about us the protection of the glorious confession of thy blessed Martyr Theodore, grant that we may ever profit by the following of his example, and be sustained by the succor of his intercession, through Jesus Christ our Lord.



## RED MASS

SAINT JAMES OCTOBER 24, 2024

## READINGS OF THE WEEK

NOVEMBER 4 - NOVEMBER 10

### MONDAY

November 4  
*Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo*  
 Philippians 2:1-4  
 Luke 14:12-14

### TUESDAY

November 5  
*Weekday*  
 Philippians 2:5-11  
 Luke 14:15-24

### WEDNESDAY

November 6  
*Weekday*  
 Philippians 2:12-18  
 Luke 14:25-33

### THURSDAY

November 7  
*Weekday*  
 Philippians 3:3-8A  
 Luke 15:1-10

### FRIDAY

November 8  
*Weekday*  
 Philippians 3:17-4:1  
 Luke 16:1-8

### SATURDAY

November 9  
*Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome*  
 Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12  
 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17  
 John 2:13-22

### SUNDAY

November 10  
*Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 1 Kings 17:10-16  
 Hebrews 9:24-28  
 Mark 12:38-44



## *Message from The Man Upstairs*

### ALL SOULS' DAY / EL DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

*Yesterday was the Feast of All Souls. At King of Peace Church in South Philadelphia, TWELVE Masses were celebrated starting at 6 a.m. and going until 9 a.m. In other words, one Mass every 15 minutes. Needless to say, being an altar boy on November 2 made for a much-delayed breakfast!*

*This morning we will honor our beloved dead with the "Pie Jesu" from Faure's Requiem. Historically, Requiems allowed composers to show off their talents by depicting the horrors of the Last Judgment in their setting of the Dies Irae (Day of Wrath). Faure skipped the Dies Irae completely. Instead, he offers a much more peaceful setting of the Funeral Mass.*

*The text being sung simply translates as: Pious Lord Jesus, grant them rest, eternal rest.*

**Nick Martellacci**

*Music Director of St. James*