

THE SAINT JAMES EXPERIENCE



February 15, 2026 | Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

** Parish founded in 1822 * Designated Cathedral in 1853 * Elevated to Minor Papal Basilica in 1982*



The CATHEDRAL BASILICA of SAINT JAMES

MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday: 12:00 Noon
Weekday Solemnity: 11:00 AM
Saturday : Closed
Sunday : 11:00 AM

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday: 11:00 AM
(Temporarily paused due to construction through April, 2026)

CONFESSION

Friday: Immediately after the Noon Mass

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FROM THE RECTOR AT SAINT JAMES CATHEDRAL BASILICA

To the faithful parishioners of St. James Cathedral,

For many Catholic families, the arrival of Lent can feel like a spiritual Olympic marathon. We have to decide what sacrifices we want to make, how to manage a busy schedule, and how to approach the three pillars of the Lenten season: prayer, fasting, and works of charity. We have to do all these and not have Lent become another “thing” to check off our list. However, when we approach Lent with intention, this season offers a unique opportunity for the “Domestic Church,” the family, to enter these forty days with Christ and reach Easter refreshed and renewed.

The Church gives us three traditional pillars to guide our Lenten journey. For families, these are not just individual duties but communal opportunities for growth.

Prayer is the foundation that keeps the family connected to God. While individual prayer is vital, communal family prayer provides a visible witness of faith to children.

Adding a decade of the Rosary or the Divine Mercy Chaplet to our evening routine can create a moment of peace in a hectic day. Creating a Lenten Centerpiece, not unlike the visual reminder of the Advent Wreath, with sand, stones, or a purple cloth, helps our families visualize the “desert” of Lent. Attending Stations of the Cross at Church allows children and adults “walk” with Jesus through His Passion.

Fasting is the second pillar of the Lenten season. It isn’t just about “giving something up.” It is about training the soul. If we are able to say “no” to small things, then we are able to say “yes” to God. While young children aren’t required to fast from meals, they can practice “fasting” from video games, toys, or favorite snacks. A popular practice is the “Sacrifice Jar.” Every time a child performs a hidden good deed or makes a sacrifice, they place a bean in the jar. On Easter, the beans are replaced with jelly beans or chocolate. Turning meatless Fridays into a family event witnesses to children the value of making a family sacrifice for God.

Works of charity turn our focus outward to those in need, imitating Christ’s self-giving love. Participating in the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl program is a hands on way for children to see how their small sacrifices (like the cost of a missed treat) can feed the hungry. A modern practice is the 40 Bags in 40 Days challenge, where families declutter one bag of items daily to donate to local charities. Simple acts, such as writing cards for the homebound or visiting a nursing home, help our families realize that “real penance is to live life well.”

The goal of family Lenten practices is not perfection but the conversion of the . Parents are encouraged to focus on one or two key practices rather than trying to do everything and burning out. Receiving the Sacrament of Penance is also an important spiritual practice for families. Children learn more from seeing their parents’ dedication to Reconciliation and prayer than from forced rules. Every family may use the forty days of Lent to talk about Jesus’ sacrifice, helping all understand that Lent is a journey toward the joy of the Resurrection.

Ultimately, Lenten practices for families should be about rearranging priorities. By carving out small moments of grace in the middle of a busy life, families can transform their homes into a place where the love of Christ is both learned and lived.

~Fr. Joseph R. Gibino



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give you a future full of hope."

Jeremiah 29:11

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READINGS OF THE WEEK

FEB 15 - FEB 22

SUNDAY

February 15

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 58:7-10
1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Matthew 5:13-16

TUESDAY

February 17

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
James 1:12-18
Mark 8:14-21

THURSDAY

February 19

After Ash Wednesday
Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Luke 9:22-25

SATURDAY

February 21

After Ash Wednesday
Isaiah 58:9b-14
Luke 5:27-32

MONDAY

February 16

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
James 1:1-11
Mark 8:11-13

WEDNESDAY

February 18

ASH WEDNESDAY
Joel 2:12-18
2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

FRIDAY

February 20

After Ash Wednesday
Isaiah 58:1-9a
Matthew 9:14-15

SUNDAY

February 22

First Sunday of Lent
Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19
Matthew 4:1-11

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34



Sun OT 6 A - Gloria

Open: 652 - Praise to you, O Christ, our savior

Offertory: 758 - Eye has not seen

Communion: 916 - In Christ there is a table set for all

Recession: 782 - O Christ, the great foundation

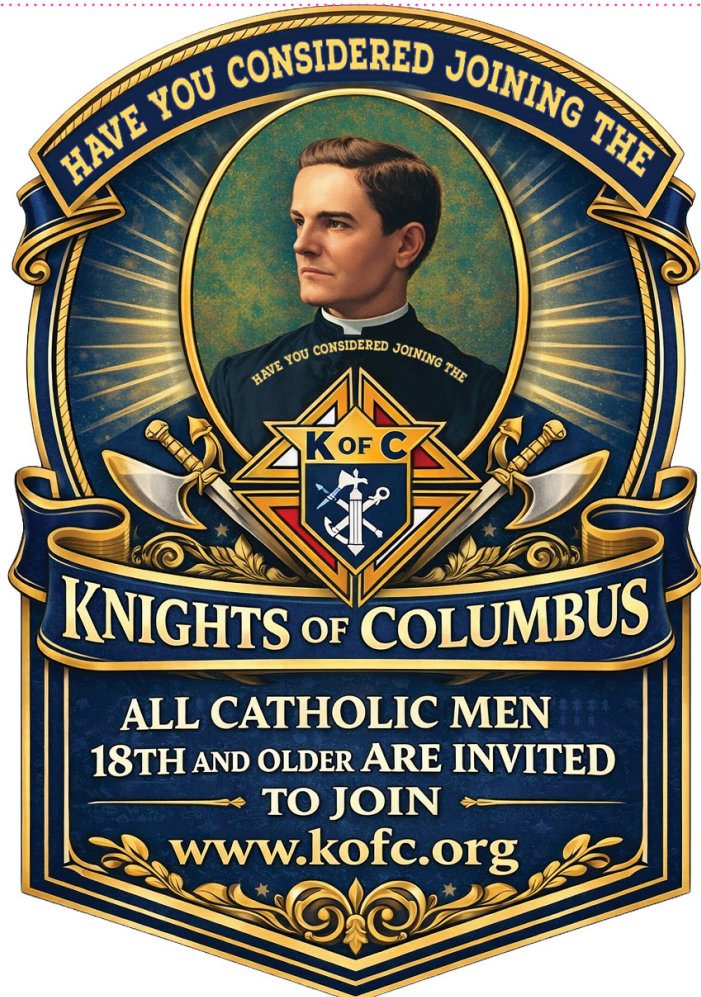
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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 15th, 2026

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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 2/15/2026	People of St. James Parish
MONDAY 2/16/2026	Frank and Dianne DeLizzo
TUESDAY 2/17/2026	Ronald Paulsen
WEDNESDAY 2/18/2026	Imelda Mallavarapu Sr.
THURSDAY 2/19/2026	Albert Munday
FRIDAY 2/20/2026	Richard Lyons

LECTORS	COFFEE HOURS
2/15/2026 Diane Wilson Mireyda Reyes	Coffee Hour Potluck style Bring a dish & share a smile
2/22/2026 Beatrice DiCostanzo Elina Cruz	Coffee Hour Potluck style Bring a dish & share a smile

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TAKE A PILGRIMAGE
TO PARISHES
THROUGHOUT THE
DIOCESE OF
BROOKLYN THIS
LENTEN SEASON.

The pilgrimage invites people to visit a different parish each day, except Sundays, during Lent. This year, parishes are designated for specific days on the itinerary where people can visit to experience the church's beauty and the community's beauty. At each stop, pilgrims can join local parishioners at Mass, or in Eucharistic Adoration, prayer, and reflection.

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FEBRUARY

- 18- St. James Basilica, Bk - Ash Wednesday
- 19- Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Qns
- 20- Our Lady of Miracles, Bk
- 21- Our Lady of the Cenacle, Qns
- 23- Mary Queen of Heaven, Bk
- 24- St. Thomas the Apostle, Qns
- 25- Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Bk
- 26- St. Joan of Arc, Qns
- 27- Mary, Mother of the Church (at St. Gabriel), bk
- 28- St. Elizabeth, Qns

March

- 2- St. Anastasia, Qns
- 3- St. Gabriel, Qns
- 4- Holy Cross, Bk
- 5- Our Lady of Miraculous Medal, Qns
- 6- St. Catherine of Alexandria
- 7- St. Edmund, Bk
- 9- St. Columba, Bk
- 10- St. Mary, Mother of Jesus, Bk

- 11- St. Martin of Tours (at St. Peter Claver), Bk

- 12- St. John Vianney, Qns

- 13- St. Margaret, Qns

- 14- St. Catherine of Genoa, Bk

- 16- Queen of All Saints, Bk

- 17- St. Patrick, Qns- St. Patrick's Feast Day

- 18- St. Thomas Aquinas, Flatlands

- 19- Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph, Bk- Feast of St. Joseph

- 20- San Damiano Mission, Bk

- 20- St. Vincent Ferrera, bk

- 21- Holy Child Jesus-St. Benedict Joseph Labre, Qns

- 23- Our Lady of Guadalupe, Bk

- 24- Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Qns

- 25- St. Helen, Qns

- 26- St. Athanasius-St. Dominic (at St. Athanasius), Bk

- 27- Our Lady of Mercy, Bk

- 28- St. Francis of Assisi, Astoria

- 30- RECONCILIATION MONDAY

- 31- St. John the Baptist (at Our Lady of Good Counsel), Bk

April

- 1- Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary-St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr, Qns



2026 LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

FEB 18, 2026
DAY 1
CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF
ST. JAMES

Pilgrimage & Retreat

- 9:00 AM:
Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 9:30 AM:
Rosary
- 10:00 AM:
Silent Eucharistic Adoration
- 12:00 PM:
Angelus and Mass
- 1:30 PM:
Stations of the Cross
- 2:15 PM:
Silent Eucharistic Adoration
- 3:00 PM:
Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 4:00 PM:
Confessions
- 5:00 PM:
Benediction

YOUR DAILY CAMINO

15th FEBRUARY- SUNDAY

"Do not think that I came to do away with or undo the Law of Moses or the writings of the Prophets; I did not come to destroy but to fulfill."

~Matthew 5:17

16th FEBRUARY- MONDAY

"He [Christ] did not say: You will not be assailed, you will not be belabored, you will not be disquieted, but he did say: You will not be overcome"

~Saint Julian

17th FEBRUARY-- TUESDAY

"I was a broom for the Virgin Mary; when she no longer needed me she put me in my right place, which was behind the door."

~Saint Bernadette Soubirous

18th FEBRUARY- WEDNESDAY

"When the divine light shines upon a man and he feels the warmth of the Spirit, then the heart melts, the tears flow in abundance, and the whole body is transformed."

~Saint Simeon

19th FEBRUARY- THURSDAY

"Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you."

~Saint Gabinus

20th FEBRUARY- FRIDAY

"If men knew what eternity is, they would do everything to change their lives."

~Saint Jacinta

21th FEBRUARY- SATURDAY

"The path to Heaven is narrow, rough and full of wearisome and trying ascents, nor can it be trodden without great toil; and therefore wrong is their way, gross their error, and assured their ruin who, after the testimony of so many thousands of saints, will not learn where to settle their footing."

~Saint Robert Southwell



WEEKLY PRAYER

PRAYER FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Compassionate and Holy God, stir the dust of our lives and help us remember who we are. Scatter this dust upon the field of our fear and give us the courage to yield to redemption... As we carry the ash tattoo of the cross upon our foreheads, kindle within us memories of your mercy. Give us the courage to turn away from sin and return to You. Amen.

PRAYER OF SAINT BERNADETTE

Help us, O Dear Saint Bernadette to follow your example, so that irrespective of our own pain and suffering we may always be mindful of the needs of others, especially those whose sufferings are greater than ours. As we await the Mercy of God, remind us to offer up our pain and suffering for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins and blasphemies of mankind. Pray Saint Bernadette, that like you, we may always be obedient to the will of Our Heavenly Father, and that through our prayers and humility we may bring consolation to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary that have been so grievously wounded by our sins. Holy Saint Bernadette of Lourdes, Pray for us. Amen.

PRAYER OF SAINT JULIAN THE HOSPITALER

O God, who alone are holy and without whom no one is good, command, we pray, through the intercession of Saint Julian, that we be numbered among those who do not deserve to be deprived of your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF SAINTS FAUSTINUS AND JOVITA

O God, from whom faith draws perseverance and weakness strength, grant, through the example and prayers of the Martyrs Faustinus and Jovita, that we may share in the Passion and Resurrection of your Only Begotten Son, so that with the Martyrs we may attain perfect joy in your presence. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF SAINT ONESIMUS

St. Onesimus, once lost but found in Christ, pray for us that we may embrace the freedom that comes from living in God's grace. Help us to seek reconciliation where needed, to trust in the Lord's plan for our lives, and to treat others with the love and dignity they deserve. May we always remember that our true identity is in Christ. Amen.

What To Give Up? A Lent Refection

GIVE UP WORRY - TRUST IN THE LORD

GIVE UP COMPLAINING - FOCUS ON GRATITUDE

GIVE UP PESSIMISM - BECOME AN OPTIMIST

GIVE UP HARSH JUDGMENTS - THINK KIND THOUGHTS

GIVE UP DISCOURAGEMENT - BE FULL OF HOPE

GIVE UP BITTERNESS - TURN TO FORGIVENESS

GIVE UP HATRED - RETURN GOOD FOR EVIL

GIVE UP PETTINESS - BECOME MATURE

GIVE UP GLOOM - SEEK BEAUTY AROUND YOU

GIVE UP NEGATIVISM - BE POSITIVE

GIVE UP ANGER - BE MORE PATIENT

GIVE UP JEALOUSY - PRAY FOR TRUST

GIVE UP GOSSIPING - CONTROL YOUR TONGUE

GIVE UP SIN - TURN TO VIRTUE

GIVE UP GIVING UP - HANG IN THERE

Fasting on Ash Wednesday

For many Christians, especially Catholics, Ash Wednesday is a day of both fasting and abstinence. This means eating only one full meal, with two smaller meals that don't add up to a full one. Snacking is avoided, and meat is not allowed. These practices apply to Catholics ages 18 to 59, while those 14 and older are required to abstain from meat. The idea isn't just about skipping food—it's about creating space for God, seeking His presence, and relying on Him rather than earthly comforts.

Traditionally, only one meal was allowed in the evening, with meat, fish, eggs, and butter prohibited. In the Eastern Church, fasting rules are even stricter, also restricting wine, oil, and dairy products. Over time, the Western Church has relaxed these guidelines. The strict Roman Catholic fasting laws were lifted during World War II, and today, only Ash Wednesday and Good Friday remain obligatory fast days during Lent.

In addition to fasting from food, some Christians and Catholics may give up certain foods, while others fast from distractions like social media.

Fasting strengthens both our faith and discipline, drawing us closer to God. Spiritually, it deepens prayer, builds self-control, and fosters humility by reminding us of our dependence on Him. It also heightens our awareness of His presence and the needs of others.

On a personal level, fasting helps reset unhealthy habits, boosts mental clarity, and cultivates gratitude for God's daily provision. Ultimately, it's not just about what we give up—it's about what we gain: a closer walk with God and a heart aligned with His will.

Should Catholics eat meat on Ash Wednesday?

Catholics do not eat meat on Ash Wednesday nor on the Fridays of Lent. In place of meat, Catholics often eat fish or other non-meat alternatives on Fridays in Lent. Abstaining from meat on Fridays commemorates Good Friday, the day Jesus Christ was crucified.



DEVOTIONS

Fasting was practiced by righteous men and women of the Old Testament and later by Christ himself. It remains an important part of the Christian devotional life today, being most strongly associated with the penitential season of Lent.

PEAYER FOR CHRISTIAN LIFE

Dear Jesus,
Help me to pray for and bless everyone I encounter, whether that be easy or hard. Help me to act in the mercy I have known through you. Help me to demonstrate generosity, as you have given so much to me. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS February 20th - March 27th, 2026

Join us at St. James Cathedral Basilica **Every Friday** during Lent for the Stations of the Cross, as we prayerfully meditate on the Passion and sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ. This sacred devotion takes place **immediately following the Noon Mass**, offering a meaningful time for spiritual reflection and preparation for the joy of Easter. All are warmly invited to walk this journey of faith together.



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