

THE SAINT JAMES EXPERIENCE



March 15, 2026 | Fourth Sunday of Lent

** 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,

Lent is far more than forty days of prayer, charity, and self-sacrifice; it is a liturgical season meant to shake us out of our routines, wake up the sleeping soul, and initiate a deep, interior transformation known as *metanoia*: a turning around of the heart and mind toward God. Within the Catholic tradition, this season is a profound call to “continuing conversion,” a recognition that the spiritual life is not a once and for all state of holiness that comes with baptism, but a dynamic, lifelong journey. The “Call to Continuing Conversion,” often celebrated on the Second Sunday of Lent after the celebration of the Rite of Election, applies not only to those preparing to complete the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil, but also to all the faithful, inviting a renewed, intentional commitment to God’s will.

At the heart of the Lenten season is the concept of *metanoia*, a Greek term often translated as “repentance” or “conversion,” but which more accurately means a radical change of heart, mind, and direction. Lent calls us to “turn again to the Lord,” suggesting that even those who already walk in faith can drift away or become stagnant. This conversion is not about becoming “better” through sheer willpower, but rather allowing God to change the orientation of our desires, priorities, and actions. It is a transition from living on our own terms to living according to the Gospel, necessitating a “wake-up call” to the ways we have become self-reliant, prideful, or indifferent to the needs of others.

A very important aspect of the Lenten message is that conversion is not a one-time event, but a “continuing” process. While the Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, mark a significant beginning, they are, in reality, the starting point of a lifetime of transformation. The Rite of Continuing Conversion highlights this reality, demonstrating that all Christians—regardless of how long they have been in the Church—are called to constantly examine our hearts, seek the will of God, and act upon it. This ongoing conversion acknowledges the reality of human weakness and sin. We are called to “constantly be aware of the transformation of heart that God requires of us”. It is a humble admission that we have not yet fully arrived at the holiness to which we are called, and that our relationship with God is in constant need of renewal.

The Church has given us tools for this journey: prayer, fasting (sacrifice), and charity (service). These are rules but ways of fostering a heart that is free to love and obey.

- * **Prayer:** Lent invites us to “pray more,” which means creating space for God in our daily lives, moving beyond routine, and allowing our hearts to speak with God.
- * **Sacrifice:** Fasting or giving up luxuries is not about punishment; it is a way of letting go of those things that masks our spiritual growth. It is an act of “sacrificing deeply” to make us less dependent on the material world and to focus on the spiritual, recognizing that we do not live by bread alone.
- * **Service:** The call to action, or charity, directs our focus outward, breaking the bonds of selfishness. It challenges us to see Christ in others and to act as his hands and hearts in the world.

The Lenten season highlights the journey of conversion through the Elect (unbaptized) and Candidates (baptized) who are preparing for the Easter sacraments. The Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion are powerful reminders of this process, as these individuals publicly commit to finishing their journey to the Church.

Their visible commitment serves as a “mirror” for all Christians. Witnessing their desire for full communion reminds the baptized that we, too, are on a journey and are called to renew our own Baptismal Promises at Easter. The Elect inspire us to re-examine our own commitment to the faith, providing a renewed sense of purpose and direction during the Lenten season.

Lent is designed to be a “time of preparation,” where we are encouraged to take stock of our lives, examining our relationships with God, others, and ourselves. It is a time for “deepening” our trust in God, which requires letting go of the pride that tells us we can manage life on our own. This requires a willingness to confront our desires and to allow God to heal and reshape us. The “Call to Continuing Conversion” is a gentle but persistent call to move beyond a comfortable faith and to embrace a deeper, more demanding relationship with Christ, one that transforms us from the inside out and leads us to a life of greater love, service, and sacrifice.

The Lenten call to continuing conversion is an invitation to a, “new mindset, a new heart”. It is a call to recognize that the Christian life is an unfolding, developing journey, where the work of conversion is never truly finished. Through the intentional practices of prayer, sacrifice, and service, we are invited to deepen our communion with God, to renew our commitment to the Gospel, and to walk forward with a renewed heart, ready to experience the joy of the Resurrection. The Lenten season reminds us that we are all on a journey, and that God is always calling us to take the next step in our conversion.

~Fr. Joseph R. Gibino



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Jeremiah 29:11

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READINGS OF THE WEEK

MAR 15 -MAR 22

SUNDAY

March 15

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

MONDAY

March 16

Fourth Week of Lent

Isaiah 65:17-21

John 4:43-54

TUESDAY

March 17

Fourth Week of Lent

Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12

John 5:1-16

WEDNESDAY

March 18

Fourth Week of Lent

Isaiah 49:8-15

John 5:17-30

THURSDAY

March 19

Saint Joseph

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16

Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22

Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

FRIDAY

March 20

Fourth Week of Lent

Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22

John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

SATURDAY

March 21

Fourth Week of Lent

Jeremiah 11:18-20

John 7:40-53

SUNDAY

March 22

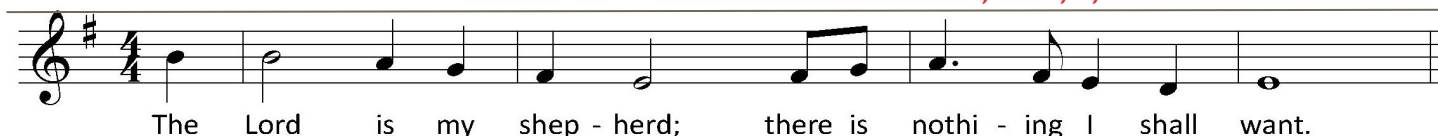
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Romans 8:8-11

John 11:1-45

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6



Lent IV - A

Open: 559 - Again we keep this solemn fast

Offertory: 951 - He Healed the Darkness of My Mind Jesu Dulcis Memoria

Communion: 737 - Amazing Grace

Anthem: He Touched Me

Recession: 729 - Awake, O sleeper, rise from death

Erbarm Dich Mein by JS Bach

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 15, 2026

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He listens to him."**

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Join Us for the Rosary

**Every Sunday During Lent
February 20th - March 27th, 2026**

During the holy season of Lent, the Rosary will be prayed immediately following the **11:00 AM Mass**. All parishioners are warmly invited to remain after Mass and join in this beautiful devotion as we meditate on the mysteries of Christ's life, deepen our Lenten prayer, and prepare our hearts for Easter.

Let us journey together in prayer during this sacred season.

Every Friday During Lent 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 3/15/2026	Mirna Garcia
MONDAY 3/16/2026	Rosemarie Leahy
TUESDAY 3/17/2026	Anne Karnati
WEDNESDAY 3/18/2026	Birthday Wishes for Lenore Pecci
THURSDAY 3/19/2026	Deacon John Flannery
FRIDAY 3/20/2026	Joseph R. Lyons

LECTORS	COFFEE HOURS
3/15/2026 Mireyda Reyes Candida Perez	Coffee Hour Potluck style Bring a dish & share a smile
3/22/2026 Lela Madoo Elina Cruz	Coffee Hour Potluck style Bring a dish & share a smile

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Tenebrae Evening Prayer

HOLY WEDNESDAY
The Cathedral Basilica of St. James
April 1, 2026
7pm



On Wednesday of Holy Week we will hold a Service of Tenebrae at 7 o'clock in the evening. Tenebrae is a "service of darkness" that takes place in a dimly lit church. As the service draws to a close the altar candles are gradually extinguished. This Vespers service will have the traditional evening psalms and chants with responses sung by the congregation. Fr. Joe will preside and offer a brief meditation. Deacon Ron will assist. Our professional schola will sing the chants and anthems. Please consider joining us for this calm prelude to the holy drama of the Triduum.

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HOLY WEEK

Schedule 2026

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 29
SUNDAY MASS-ST. JAMES 11AM

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

MARCH 30
CONFESSION
ST. JAMES 1-3PM
ST. CHARLES 4-6PM
ST. CHARLES 7-8:30PM

HOLY WEDNESDAY

APRIL 1
TENEBRAE EVENING PRAYER-ST. JAMES 7PM

HOLY THURSDAY

APRIL 2
HOLY THURSDAY MASS-ST. JAMES 7:30PM

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 3
THE WAY OF THE CROSS PROCESSION- ST. JAMES 10AM
(OVER THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE)
THE LORD'S PASSION-ST. JAMES 3PM
THE LORD'S PASSION-ST. CHARLES 3PM

EASTER VIGIL

APRIL 4
EASTER VIGIL MASS-ST. JAMES 7:30PM

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5
EASTER SUNDAY MASS-ST. JAMES 11AM
EASTER SUNDAY MASS-ST. CHARLES 9AM

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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, Qns
- 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, Qns

Palm Sunday Brunch

To help us prepare,
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March 22, 2025

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Palm Sunday Brunch **RSVP**

Full Name: _____

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RSVP required to help us prepare. Please submit your completed form & payment to the parish staff. Deadline: Sunday, March 22, 2026