

THE SAINT JAMES EXPERIENCE



April 5, 2026 | The Resurrection of the Lord

** 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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Monday - Friday: 12:00 Noon
Verizon FiOS: channel 48 | Spectrum: channel 97
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Monday - Friday: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
(Closed on Holidays & For Special Events)



FROM THE RECTOR AT SAINT JAMES CATHEDRAL BASILICA

To the faithful parishioners of St. James Cathedral,

Easter Sunday, often celebrated with spring imagery, chocolate eggs, and festive family gatherings, holds a profound Christian meaning that is far more important than its popular commercial traditions. At its core, Easter Sunday is the most holy day in the Christian calendar, marking the resurrection of Jesus Christ three days after his crucifixion. It is the culmination of the passion narrative, representing Jesus' definitive victory of life over death, hope over despair, and love over sin. The true meaning of Easter lies in the transformative promise of resurrection, offering believers not only the hope of eternal life but also the renewal of spiritual life in the present.

To grasp the true meaning of Easter, we must first recognize the importance of the events preceding it. Jesus was executed by Roman authorities on a cross on Good Friday, a moment representing the depths of human sin and separation from God. Yet, as the Gospels testify, the story did not end there. On the third day, women disciples, including Mary Magdalene, found the tomb empty, and angels proclaimed, "He is not here; he has risen".

Theologically, this resurrection is the cornerstone of Christianity. As the Apostle Paul emphasized, if Christ has not been raised, faith is futile. The resurrection validates Jesus's identity as the Son of God, confirming his teachings and his promise of salvation. It acts as a divine "Emancipation Proclamation," breaking the power of death and sin, ensuring that Jesus, as the new Passover Lamb, paid the ultimate price for humanity once and for all.

The core message of Easter is one of hope and new beginnings. It is an affirmation that death is not the final word. For believers, the resurrection means that just as Christ was raised from the dead, we too can experience a resurrection from the "death" of sin, despair, or brokenness in our own lives.

This transformation is not solely focused on eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven; it is an invitation to experience renewal in the present. Easter encourages the faithful to "die" to our old ways—selfishness, greed, or apathy—and resurrect into a new way of living characterized by love, forgiveness, and compassion. It is a celebration of the power of love to endure and triumph, mirroring the love God demonstrated by sacrificing his only Son for humanity.

Easter repairs the relationship between humanity and God, which, according to our Catholic faith, was broken by sin. Through his life, death, and resurrection, Jesus opened the "Kingdom of Heaven" to all who receive him. The event is a testament to God's enduring love, offering a personal relationship with the Creator.

Easter Sunday is a day of profound, joyful celebration, where Christians reflect on the reality that we are forgiven and given a new purpose. The resurrection signifies that God makes all things new, providing resurrection power to live fully alive and free from condemnation.

While eggs, lilies, and the Easter Bunny have become popular cultural symbols of new life, the true meaning of Easter focuses squarely on the empty tomb. It is a call to focus on the spiritual, rather than the commercial aspect, putting aside the distractions to honor the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus and his subsequent victory over the grave. In essence, Easter Sunday calls Christians to be people of hope, living out the values of the resurrection in a broken world. It offers comfort to the mourner, strength to the weak, and the promise that, regardless of the darkness faced, the light of Christ has already conquered.

The true meaning of Easter Sunday is that love is stronger than death and that the Resurrection is not just an historical event, but a living, ongoing reality that offers humanity a new beginning. It is a moment of victory, signaling that through faith in Jesus Christ, redemption is possible, hope is guaranteed, and eternal life is assured. It is a day of triumph, a day of new life, and a day to celebrate the enduring love of God.

~Fr. Joseph R. Gibino



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If you think that God may be calling you to be a priest, religious sister, or brother, please call or email me. I would love to hear from you! Fr. Chris Bethge



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"For I know well the plans I have
in mind for you, plans for your
welfare and not for woe, plans to
give you a future full of hope."

Jeremiah 29:11

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READINGS OF THE WEEK

APR 05 - APR 12

SUNDAY

April 5

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9

MONDAY

April 6

Octave of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33
Matthew 28:8-15

TUESDAY

April 7

Octave of Easter

Acts 2:36-41
John 20:11-18

WEDNESDAY

April 8

Octave of Easter

Acts 3:1-10
Luke 24:35-48

THURSDAY

April 9

Octave of Easter

Acts 3:11-26
Luke 24:35-48

FRIDAY

April 10

Octave of Easter

Acts 4:1-12
John 21:1-14

SATURDAY

April 11

Octave of Easter

Acts 4:13-21
Mark 16:9-15

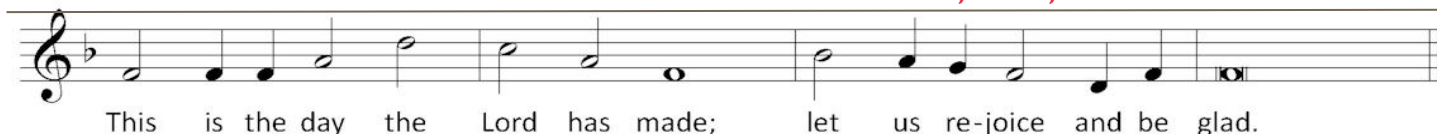
SUNDAY

April 12

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 2:42-47
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24



Easter - Gloria

Open: 593 - Jesus Christ is risen today

Offertory: 578 - At the Lamb's high feast we sing

Communion: 580 - Resucito

Recession: 587 - The strife is o'er

Postlude: Fanfare - Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens 1823-1881
Erbarm Dich Mein by JS Bach

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**EASTER SUNDAY OF
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**
APRIL 5, 2026

"Christ indeed from death is risen..."

Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, brothers and sisters. If you think God may be inviting you to such a vocation, contact the Vocation Office, Fr. Christopher J. Bethge, at (718) 827-2454 or email, vocations@diobrook.org

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WORKSHOPS 2026**

**MAY
30**

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Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion,
Lectors, and Ministers of Hospitality, and
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9 AM - 3:30 PM

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**100TH
ANNIVERSARY
GALA**

SUNDAY, MAY 24TH, 2026

6.00 PM

EL CARIBE COUNTRY CLUB CATERERS
5945 STRICKLAND AVENUE, BROOKLYN, N.Y.

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Church: 4402 Avenue D, Bklyn, N.Y.
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(718) 451-1500

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION
**EASTER OFFERING FOR
SUPPORT OF RETIRED PRIESTS**
APRIL 5, 2026

Proceeds from the second collection today will go
to the **retired priests fund**. Please consider fostering
the seeds of faith with your continued generosity.
Thank you.



NO COFFEE HOUR

Sunday of April 5, 2026,
in observance of the **Easter Sunday**.

Coffee Hour will resume the following Sunday. Thank you
for your understanding, and we invite everyone to join us in
worship as we gather together to celebrate these holy and
joyful occasions.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 4/05/2026	People of St. James
MONDAY 4/06/2026	Anne and Tullio Versachelli
TUESDAY 4/07/2026	Louis Mallavarapu
WEDNESDAY 4/08/2026	Leema Rose Karnati
THURSDAY 4/09/2026	Leema Rose Karnati
FRIDAY 4/10/2026	Marcella Godinez

LECTORS	COFFEE HOURS
4/05/2026 Diane Wilson Mireyda Reyes	NO COFFEE HOUR (HAPPY EASTER)
4/12/2026 Lindia White Elina Cruz	Coffee Hour Potluck style Bring a dish & share a smile

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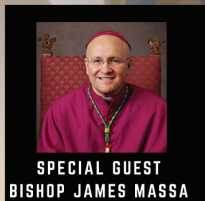
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BISHOP JAMES MASSA



Fr. Chris Bethge
Vocation Director

SUNDAY, APRIL | 19th | 2026

11:15 am Mass | 12:15 pm Lunch and Conversation

An opportunity for young men to learn more about the priesthood.

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Visitation of NOTRE DAME DU CAP

Close out the month of
Mary with a morning
Marian devotion,
candlelight procession,
and mass.

*Bring your bible and
your rosary.*

Bring a flower to place
at the feet of our
Blessed Mother...



Saturday, May 30, 2026 | 10:00 AM

St. Therese Of Lisieux Church
4410 Avenue D, Brooklyn, NY 11203



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 high drama of the Triduum.



Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn

Pro Vita Mass

Sponsored by the Long Island Chapter Knights of Columbus

Join the Knights of Columbus of Kings and Queens Counties as we
celebrate the gift of life and pray for a respect for life at all stages.

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THE FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY MEDAL FOR LIFE
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THE BISHOP THOMAS VOSE DAILY PRO VITA AWARDS
DEACON JAMES J. GIORGIO (KINGS COUNTY)
SIR KNIGHT BORIS MUSICH (QUEENS COUNTY)

Sunday, April 26, 2026, 11:00am Mass
St. Joseph Co-Cathedral, Brooklyn



S.K. Fr. Michael L. Gelfant, PGK, New York State Chaplain
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YOUR DAILY CAMINO

5th APRIL- SUNDAY

"Do not hold Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'"

~ John 20: 17

6th APRIL- MONDAY

"Let devotion accompany your studies: consult God, the giver of all science and ask Him with humility to make you understand what you read and learn. Interrupt your application by short prayers: never begin or end your studies but by prayer. Learning is a gift of the Father of Lights; do not, therefore, consider it a fruit of your own intellect or industry."

~ Saint Vincent Ferrer

7th APRIL- TUESDAY

"You cannot please both God and the world at the same time."

~ Saint Juliana of Cornillon

8th APRIL- WEDNESDAY

"Peace is the greatest pledge of God's love for you. Preserve this precious treasure carefully."

~ Saint Julie Billiart

9th APRIL- THURSDAY

"The more you love Jesus Christ, the sweeter your sufferings become".

~ Saint Ezechiel

10th APRIL- FRIDAY

"No one, however weak, is denied a share in the victory of the cross. No one is beyond the help of the prayer of Christ."

~ Pope Saint Leo the Great

11th APRIL- SATURDAY

"If you really want to love Jesus, first learn to suffer, because suffering teaches you to love."

~ Saint Gemma Galgani



WEEKLY PRAYER

PRAYER OF SAINT VINCENT FERRER

(Intercession)

O Saint Vincent Ferrer, our guardian, because God our eternal Father has blessed you with an inexhaustible fountain of grace and blessing, we beg you to hear our prayers and to assist us with your powerful intercession which is even more effective now that you are in heaven than it was when you were on earth. Full of confidence in your mercy and compassion, we kneel in prayer before you, and commend to your powerful intercession all our needs, those of our families, our friends, relatives, and especially (mention request here...). Glorious Saint Vincent Ferrer, let not our hope and confidence in your protection be deceived. Intercede for us before the throne of God. Watch over our eternal welfare. If our trials and tribulations in this world multiply, may they serve to give us spiritual joy and happiness. If God will only grant us the grace of ever increasing patience to the end that we may save our souls. Amen.

PRAYER OF SAINT JULIANA OF CORNILLON

Lord God, You gave St. Juliana the crown of eternal joy because she gave her life rather than renounce the virginity she had promised in witness to Christ. Encouraged by her generosity, help us to rise out of the bondage of our earthly desires and attain the glory of your kingdom. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF SAINT LEO THE GREAT

Dear Lord, we thank You for giving us Pope St. Leo the Great as an example of holiness. Help us to imitate the love of You he showed in choosing to respond to Your call to the diaconate and the papacy. You served the Church faithfully as a deacon, and You became known for Your virtues. Then, You answered God's call to lead His Church as the Pope. Pray for me, that I may always be open to doing God's will in my life, no matter what He might call me to. Pray that I may be as devoted a servant of God as You were. Amen.

SAINT GEMMA GALGANI'S PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

My Jesus, I place all my sins before you. In my estimation They do not deserve pardon, But I ask you To close your eyes To my want of merit And open them To your infinite merit. Since you wished To die for my sins, Grant me forgiveness For all of them. Thus, I may no longer feel The burden of my sins, A burden that oppresses me Beyond measure. Assist me, dear Jesus, For I desire to become good No matter what the cost Take away, destroy, And utterly root out Whatever you find in me That is contrary To your holy will. At the same time, dear Jesus, illuminate me So that I may walk in your holy light. Amen.

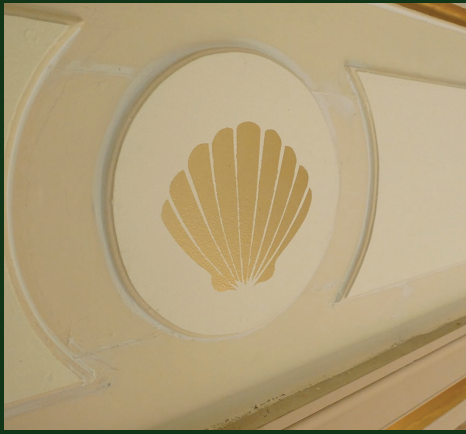




RENOVATION UPDATE PHOTOS

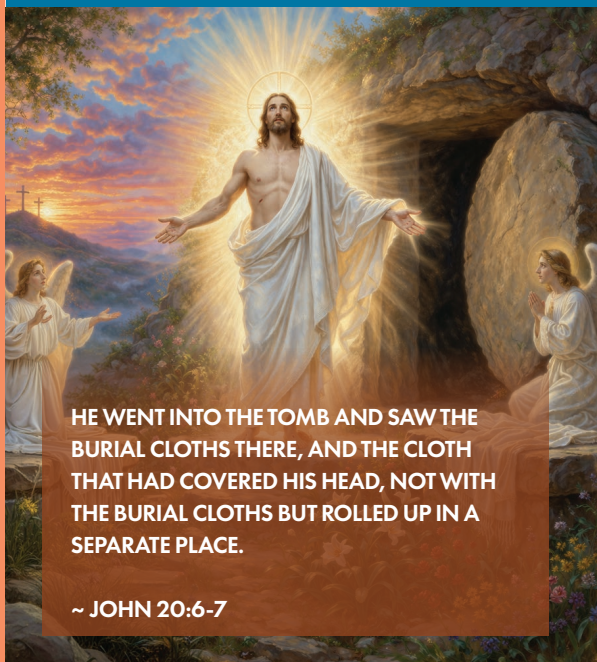
These renovation photos show the ongoing work around St. James Cathedral Basilica, revealing the urgent need to preserve it. Time, weather, and constant use have taken a toll on our historic Cathedral. Essential renovations and repairs are now underway to protect the structure and ensure that this holy place remains safe and welcoming for generations to come. Please consider making a special donations to the St. James Cathedral Basilica Renovation Fund.

Thank you for your generous support.



Inspiration of the Week

Even as the disciples saw the empty tomb and the discarded burial cloths, they did not understand what had happened. But they kept faith, trusting that the Lord was at work. Let us keep that same faith when we do not find God where we expect Him to be.



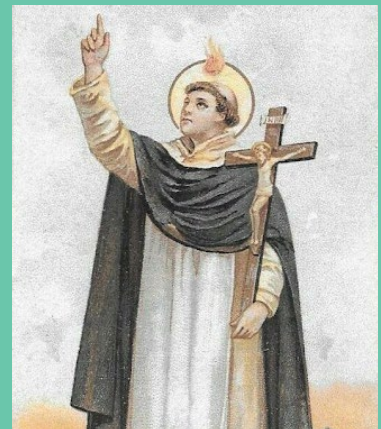
HE WENT INTO THE TOMB AND SAW THE BURIAL CLOTHS THERE, AND THE CLOTH THAT HAD COVERED HIS HEAD, NOT WITH THE BURIAL CLOTHS BUT ROLLED UP IN A SEPARATE PLACE.

~ JOHN 20:6-7

SAINT VINCENT FERRER (Feast Day April 5th)

The Miracles performed before his birth.

St. Vincent Ferrer was born on January 23, 1350 to William and Constance Ferrer, a very pious couple living in Valencia, Spain. Vincent was the fourth of eight children. The miracles started with this child even before his birth. To start, the mother felt none of the usual pains which always accompanied her pregnancies. During her pregnancy, Constance went to give her monthly alms to a blind woman. After asking the blind woman to pray for a safe child birth, the blind woman bent her head over onto the mother's bosom and said "May God bestow that favor on you!". At that instant the blind woman could see. The baby Vincent in his mother's womb started to jump, as John the Baptist did. In the time just before his birth, Constance heard the child give utterances to cries like that of a little barking dog – resembling what the mother of St. Dominic encountered.



In the weeks before his birth, his father had a dream where he entered the church of the Dominicans at Valencia. The preacher at the pulpit turned to him and said "I felicitate you, William; in a few days you will have a son who will become a prodigy of learning and sanctity; ...the world will resound with the fame of his wondrous deeds; ... he will put on the habit which I wear, and will be received in the Church with universal joy, as one of its first Apostles."

(Courtesy of miraclesofthesaints.com)