

THE SAINT JAMES EXPERIENCE



May 3, 2026 | Fifth Sunday of Easter

** 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)

CONFESSION

Friday: Immediately after the Noon Mass

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Verizon FiOS: channel 48 | Spectrum: channel 97
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FROM THE RECTOR AT SAINT JAMES CATHEDRAL BASILICA

To the faithful parishioners of St. James Cathedral,

The Catholic Church describes itself in the Nicene Creed as “One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic”. When the Holy Father visits a country in his official capacity it is more than a trip, journey, or vacation. A papal visit highlights the apostolic nature of this pilgrimage, or state visit in the traditional political sense. Instead, the Catholic Church characterizes these rare events as Apostolic Journeys or Apostolic Visits. An apostolic visit is a profound, multi dimensional action that combines the spiritual, pastoral, diplomatic, and symbolic dimensions of the papacy. It is a living embodiment of the Church’s mission to connect with local communities, provide moral guidance, and offer witness to the Gospel on a global stage.

At its heart, a papal visit is a pastoral act, an expression of the cura pastoralis (pastoral care) the Pope has for the worldwide Church, which consists of over 1.3 billion Catholics. The primary goal is to “strengthen our brothers and sisters in faith”. When the Pope arrives, he is functioning not just as a head of state, but as the Chief Shepherd coming to visit his flock.

Pope Leo’s decision to make Africa one of the early destinations of his new papacy indicates the continent’s importance for worldwide Catholicism. His April 2026 visit reflects both his personal love Africa and the rapid growth of Christianity across the continent. His 10-day pilgrimage to Algeria, Angola, Cameroon and Equatorial Guinea is also historically significant. In Algeria, for instance, Pope Leo experienced a spiritual awareness very dear to his heart: his Augustinian roots. He will journey in the footsteps of St. Augustine of Hippo. This signifies the importance of his spiritual father and highlights the African roots of Christianity.

This interaction is deeply significant in areas where Catholics are a minority, where they are suffering from poverty or violence, or where the church is experiencing a “lapsed” phase, needing a “shot in the arm”. The apostolic visit provides moments for mass celebration of the sacraments, blessings, and direct engagement with the faithful that they would otherwise never experience. As Pope Francis has emphasized, such visits are a time to bring the joy of the Gospel directly to people where they live.

The Pope’s presence is a living link to Saint Peter and the twelve apostles. By visiting distant countries, the Pope affirms that the Catholic Church is not solely a Western or Italian institution but a truly universal (Catholic) church. The visit creates a visible sign of unity, connecting the local Church directly to the See of Peter, the center of communion. It reminds local communities that they are not alone but are part of a massive global family of faith. By choosing to visit Africa now, Pope Leo is making a clear statement: Africa matters.

While fundamentally a pastoral journey, the Pope’s visit also acts on a diplomatic level because the Pope is recognized as the Head of State of Vatican City and the sovereign leader of the Holy See. As such, these visits usually stem from an official invitation by both the local Bishops’ Conference and the host country’s President or Head of State. This creates a dual character:

- * **The Spiritual Journey:** Focused on Masses, prayer, and pastoral encounters.
- * **The Diplomatic Visit:** Focused on addressing world leaders, encouraging peace, justice, and human rights, and building bridges between nations and religions.

These visits often include addresses to governments, NGOs, and civil society, where the Pope speaks to the “global human family” rather than just Catholics. Pope Leo’s visit offers a powerful historical reminder of the continent’s foundational role in shaping the church, particularly in its first five centuries. The continent has long provided deep cultural, spiritual and theological roots for Christianity. This includes Joseph and Mary’s flight into Egypt when the life of Jesus was threatened by Herod after his birth, and the catechetical school of Alexandria, the world’s oldest centre of Christian higher learning.

In recent decades, particularly under Pope Francis, apostolic visits have prioritized going to “peripheries”—places where people are suffering or marginalized. This is not just a visit to the local cathedral but often includes stops at refugee camps, prisons, hospitals, and homes for the elderly. This aspect of the visit means that the Pope is bringing the compassionate and merciful face of Christ to the marginalized. It challenges the local Church to also reach out to the margins of society, demonstrating that the Church is “a field hospital” for the wounded, as Pope Francis has described it.

A papal visit is designed to produce a “rejuvenation of faith” that lasts long after the Pope has left. Studies, such as those after Pope Francis’s 2015 visit to the USA, have shown that such visits can positively impact the public’s view of the Church, encourage returning Catholics, and boost a sense of hope. These journeys also play a role in ecumenical and interfaith dialogue. For example, Pope Leo XIV’s 2025 visit to Turkey and Lebanon was designed to engage with Orthodox Christian and Muslim leaders to promote peace and unity.

When the Pope makes an apostolic visit, he is acting as a “living bridge” connecting the Apostolic tradition with the modern world. It is a high-stakes, spiritual, and diplomatic endeavor meant to inspire, unify, and heal. It serves as a reminder that the Church is a living, missionary, and global community of faith that brings the joy of the Gospel to the corners of the earth, reinforcing that every person is a child of God.

~Fr. Joseph R. Gibino



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Jeremiah 29:11

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READINGS OF THE WEEK

MAY 3 - MAY 10

SUNDAY

May 3

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7

1 Peter 2:4-9

John 14:1-12

MONDAY

May 4

Fifth Week of Easter

Acts 14:5-18

John 14:21-26

TUESDAY

May 5

Fifth Week of Easter

Acts 14:19-28

John 14:27-31a

WEDNESDAY

May 6

Fifth Week of Easter

Acts 15:1-6

John 15:1-8

THURSDAY

May 7

Fifth Week of Easter

Acts 15:7-21

John 15:9-11

FRIDAY

May 8

Fifth Week of Easter

Acts 15:22-31

John 15:12-17

SATURDAY

May 9

Fifth Week of Easter

Acts 16:1-10

John 15:18-21

SUNDAY

May 10

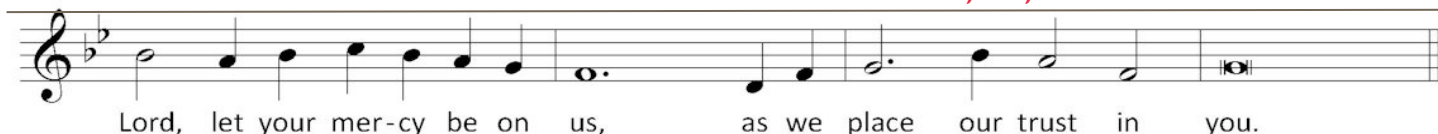
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

1 Peter 3:15-18

John 14:15-21

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19



Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

5th Sunday of Easter A - Gloria

Open: 777 - Christ's church shall glory vv 2, 4

Offertory: 705 - Father we thank Thee

Communion: 717 - Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

Anthem: Ave Maria (di Caccini)

Recession: 601 - Christ is alive v 2, 4, 5

Postlude: Lobe den Herrn - Johann Gottfried Walther 1684-1748
Erarm Dich Mein by JS Bach

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 3, 2026

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know my Father."*

Are you being called to do the work of the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If you are considering this possibility, contact the Vocation Office, **Fr. Christopher J. Bethge**, at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org

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2026 Keynote Speaker

S. Ave Clark, OP

Sister Ave Clark, OP is a pastoral counselor and Amityville Dominican Sister for over 60 years. Over 30 years ago she founded Heart to Heart, a ministry of love and healing that began as an inspiration to share prayerful moments in creative ways. Reaching all walks of life, S. Ave shares spiritual retreats and evenings of prayer for parishes, diocesan agencies, and those in need. Her ministry prayer-line and website go across the United States and beyond. S. Ave helps women and children fleeing domestic violence and provides compassionate care and counselling for those in distress. A prolific writer, she has authored numerous books and articles, celebrating the blessings of goodness.

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Weekday Noon Mass Update

Due to ongoing construction in the sanctuary area of the St. James Cathedral Basilica, the weekday 12:00 PM (noon) Mass will be celebrated **downstairs in the Cathedral Center**. Beginning **4/27/2026** this week and continuing until further notice. However, all Sunday Masses will remain in the main church to accommodate the larger Sunday congregation.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as this necessary work is completed to maintain and improve our sacred worship space.

NO COFFEE HOUR

Mother's Day, May 10, 2026

Please note that there will be no Coffee Hour on **Mother's Day, May 10, 2026**. We encourage everyone to spend this special day honoring and being present with their mothers, grandmothers, and families. On this day, the Church invites us to reflect with gratitude on the gift of motherhood. Let us keep all mothers, living and deceased, in our prayers, asking the Lord to bless them abundantly for the love they have given so generously.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 5/03/2026	Elenore Wrublski
MONDAY 5/04/2026	Matthew Kinnane Sr.
TUESDAY 5/05/2026	Shouriah Karnati
WEDNESDAY 5/06/2026	Anne Karnati
THURSDAY 5/07/2026	Leema Rose Karnati
FRIDAY 5/08/2026	Chinnaia and Innatamma Pothacamuri

LECTORS	COFFEE HOURS
5/03/2026 Diane Wilson Elina Cruz	<i>Coffee Hour Potluck style Bring a dish & share a smile</i>
5/10/2026 Lindia White Candida Perez	<i>Coffee Hour Potluck style Bring a dish & share a smile</i>

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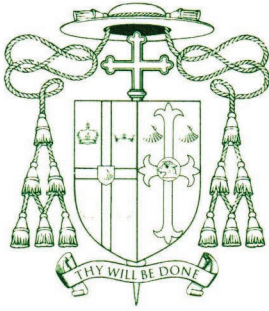
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April 14, 2026

Very Reverend Joseph R. Gibino
Cathedral Basilica of St. James
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Dear Father Gibino,

Christ is Risen! Happy Easter!

As we reflect on the results of the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal, I want to express my sincere gratitude for your leadership and your parishioner's generosity in the remarkable results that Cathedral Basilica of St. James achieved. Your commitment to the Appeal, and the trust your people place in you, was evident in every part of last year's record-breaking success.

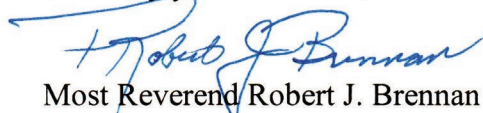
Thanks to the collective work of our parishes, \$11 million was raised last year. That support has not only eased financial pressures but has also allowed us to sustain and strengthen parish ministries in real, practical ways. In so many of our parishes, ACA funding has helped serve families, accompany the poor, and deepen the Church's mission at the local level. It is heartening to see this work bear fruit.

I am keenly aware of the many responsibilities that rest upon you, and I know that inviting parishioners to support diocesan initiatives requires time, care, and steady pastoral presence. Please know how deeply I appreciate your efforts and the generosity they inspired. You have helped advance the work of charity, formation, and evangelization across the Diocese, and for that, I am truly grateful.

As 2026 is well underway, please know that the people of Cathedral Basilica of St. James remain in my prayers. I look forward to hearing how things are going and to continue to support you and your parish community in every way we can.

Please accept my thanks once again for your partnership in the Appeal and for your daily service to God's people. Be assured of my continued prayers for you, and the entire parish of Cathedral Basilica of St. James, especially in these most joyful days of Easter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan
Bishop of Brooklyn

YOUR DAILY CAMINO

3th MAY- SUNDAY

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it in abundance."

~John 14: 1

4th MAY- MONDAY

"Each day is a coin that God gives us to buy his Glory."

~Saint Monica

5th MAY- TUESDAY

"A good life with contentment is itself a great wealth. For we brought nothing with us into this world, and we can take nothing out of it. So if we have enough of what we need, let us be content with that."

~Saint Timothy

6th MAY- WEDNESDAY

"Let no one defend me, I have one Defender - God, on Whom I trust."

~Saint Maura

7th MAY- THURSDAY

"Better to die for truth than to live in silence while evil reigns."

~St. Stanislaus of Kracow

8th MAY- FRIDAY

"Grace is given not to them who speak their faith, but to those who live their faith."

~Saint Gregory

9th MAY- SATURDAY

"Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak"

~Saint Anthony



WEEKLY PRAYER (SAINTS OBVIOUS AND UNFAMILIAR)

PRAYER OF SAINT ATHANASIUS

HEARKEN oh most holy Virgin, to our prayers, and remember us. Dispense to us the gifts of thy riches, and the abundant graces with which thou art filled. The archangel salutes thee and calls thee full of grace. All nations call thee blessed; the whole hierarchy of heaven blesses thee, and we, who are of the terrestrial hierarchy, also say to thee: "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;" pray for us, oh mother of God, our Lady and our Queen. Amen.

PRAYER OF SAINT TIMOTHY

Saint Timothy, pray for me that I, too, may one day glorify the Blessed Trinity in heaven. Obtain for me your lively faith, that I may consider all persons, things, and events in the light of almighty God. Pray that I may be generous in making sacrifices of temporal things to promote my eternal interests, as you so wisely did. Set me on fire with a love for Jesus, that I may thirst for His sacraments and burn with zeal for the spread of His kingdom. By your powerful intercession, help me in the performance of my duties to God, myself and all the world. Win for me the virtue of purity and a great confidence in the Blessed Virgin. Protect me this day, and every day of my life. Keep me from mortal sin. Amen.

SAINT MONICA PRAYER FOR WAYWARD CHILDREN

St. Monica, troubled wife and mother, Many sorrows pierced your heart during your lifetime. Yet you never despaired or lost faith. With confidence, persistence and profound faith, you prayed daily for the conversion of your beloved husband, Patricius, and your beloved son, Augustine. Grant me that same fortitude, patience and trust in the Lord. Intercede for me, dear St. Monica, for (mention your petition here) and grant me the grace to accept his will in all things, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.



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"And to young people, I say: Do Not Be Afraid! Accept the invitation of the Church and of Christ the Lord!"

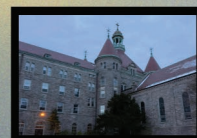
-Pope Leo XIV



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Why do Sts. Philip and James share the same feast day?

The apostles St. Philip and St. James the Lesser share the same feast day simply because their relics were placed in the same church in Rome. While many of the twelve apostles have their own separate feast, Sts. Philip and James the Lesser share the same day on May 3.

Why is that? Are they related?

Date of the transfer of their relics

Sts. Philip and James the Lesser are not related by blood, and share the same feast day simply because their relics were transferred to Rome to the same church.

According to the St. Andrew Daily Missal, "May 1 [the saints' feast day prior to the 1950s], celebrates the solemn translation of their relics to the church of the Holy Apostles at Rome, which is dedicated to them, and where they still rest."

Originally their shared feast was on May 1, but when that day became dedicated to St. Joseph the Worker, their feast was moved to May 3, the first available day on the general calendar.

While their remains are interred in the same church in Rome, the two apostles had gone their separate ways after the Ascension of Jesus. While their remains are interred in the same church in Rome, the two apostles had gone their separate ways after the Ascension of Jesus, with

St. James staying in Jerusalem and St. Philip preaching in Turkey.

Scholars believe that Saint James the Less authored the "Epistle of St. James" found in the New Testament. After the apostles dispersed and left Jerusalem, James remained and became the first bishop in the holy city. He remained there for several decades until he was stoned to death by the Jewish authorities in the year 62. Some of his relics can be found in the Basilica Santi Apostoli, in Rome. It is also believed his tomb is located at the St. James Cathedral in Jerusalem.

In the years following Pentecost, Philip ministered to Greek-speaking communities. Little is known about his adventures, except that he was martyred around 80 AD. His relics are located in the Basilica Santi Apostoli, in Rome.

One thing to keep in mind is that when reading through the Acts of the Apostles, chapters 6 and 8 can be confusing, as they mention a man named Philip, and at first glance he appears to be one of the original twelve.

However, when those passages are more closely examined, they reveal an entirely different person, often referred to as Philip the Deacon. Philip the Deacon has his own feast day, and that day in the Roman Rite is October 11, though it is not on the universal calendar of the Church.

~ Courtesy of aleteia.org

May 3rd SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES

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