

THE SAINT JAMES EXPERIENCE



June 14, 2026 | Eleventh 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)

CONFESSION

Friday: Immediately after the Noon Mass

WATCH THE LIVE MASS ON TV

Monday - Friday: 12:00 Noon
Verizon FiOS: channel 48 | Spectrum: channel 97
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LIVE-STREAMED ON THE INTERNET

<https://netny.tv>

OFFICE HOURS

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,

Celebrating 45 years of priesthood is a profound milestone. Please allow me the opportunity to reflect on this honor. Reflecting on 45 years of Catholic priesthood means looking back at nearly five decades of being a bridge between God and God's holy people. It has been a journey defined not by grand, sweeping triumphs, but by quiet, profound consistency: breaking bread, walking with the brokenhearted, and bearing witness to enduring grace.

Four and a half decades ago, on June 13, 1981, the feast of St. Anthony of Padua, at St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco, California, I was sent into the vineyard of the Lord. Thinking back over all these years is an opportunity that invites both profound gratitude and quiet introspection. As I look back over the span of 45 years in the Catholic priesthood, I am struck less by the passage of time than by the mysterious, unchanging heartbeat of the vocation itself. Time is a curious thing in the life of a priest; days can be long and exhausting, but the years slip by in a blur of baptisms, weddings, funerals, and the quiet rhythm of the daily Mass.

When I prostrated myself on the floor of St. Mary's so many years ago, the promises I made felt clear and distinct. I knew I was stepping into a life of service. Yet, no amount of seminary formation or theological study can fully prepare a man for the sheer depth of human experience he will be privileged to witness. The priesthood is, at its core, a life of accompaniment. To be a priest is to be granted a passkey into the most intimate, sacred moments of people's lives. I have sat with families in the dark, sterile rooms of hospitals as they breathed their last, and I have rejoiced with young couples as they embarked on the adventure of marriage. I have baptized the children of the children I once baptized. In all these moments, a priest is called to be an instrument—a conduit of God's peace, mercy, and presence in a world that so desperately needs it.

One of the most profound graces of these 45 years has been the realization that my role is not to fix the world, but to bring Christ into the midst of it. In persona Christi, acting in the person of Christ, takes on flesh not just at the altar during the consecration of the Eucharist, but in the confessional, in the parish office, and on the sidewalk. It means looking into the eyes of the marginalized, the grieving, and the struggling, and assuring them that they are infinitely loved by God. There is a profound humbling that comes with this. Over the years, my own human frailties and limitations have been laid bare. I am the same man with the same human weaknesses, yet I have been given the extraordinary gift to absolve sins, to anoint the sick, and to make the Lord present on the altar. The priesthood has taught me daily that God does not always call the most qualified; rather, He qualifies those whom He calls.

Naturally, these decades have not been without their seasons of hardship and shadows. The Church and the world have undergone immense, sometimes turbulent, changes since my ordination. We have navigated cultural shifts, generational transitions, and times of scandal and institutional crisis that have tested the faith of the flock and the shepherds alike. There have been moments of exhaustion, and moments where the weight of the cross felt incredibly heavy. Yet, it is precisely in these crucibles of discernment that the true meaning of the priesthood is refined. The difficulties have stripped away romanticized notions of the vocation, leaving behind the pure, unadulterated reality of the Gospel: a call to take up one's cross daily and follow the Good Shepherd. These trials have deepened my reliance on prayer. They have forced me to get on my knees and surrender, recognizing that the Church does not ultimately rest on my shoulders, but on His.

Moreover, a priest does not walk this path alone. The people I have served have been my greatest teachers, my anchors, and my source of profound spiritual nourishment. Your resilience in the face of suffering, your quiet acts of charity, and your vibrant faith have continually inspired me. Over the last 45 years, countless parishioners have held my hands up, so to speak, just as Aaron and Hur held up the hands of Moses. In the faithful men and women I have encountered across parishes such as St. Mathias, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Holy Trinity, and now here at St. Charles and St. James, I have seen the face of the living God. You have taught me patience, compassion, and what it truly means to be a servant.

As I reflect on the years that have passed, I find myself thinking about the Eucharist. Day after day, year after year, the action of taking bread, blessing it, breaking it, and sharing it is the central metaphor of the priesthood. The priest's life, like the bread, is meant to be taken, blessed, broken, and shared for the life of the world. It is a life poured out. And in the pouring out, there is no loss, only gain. There is a profound, quiet joy that comes from emptying oneself for the sake of the Gospel.

Looking toward the future, whatever it may hold, my heart overflows with a sense of wonder and thanksgiving. I am deeply honored and profoundly humbled that the Lord has chosen to use me as His instrument for 45 years. If I had the chance to go back and begin again, to choose vocation all over, I would say yes without hesitation. The priesthood is not a career, nor is it a path to earthly glory. It is a mystery of love, a lifetime of intimacy with Christ, and a beautiful, demanding, and utterly fulfilling way to spend one's life. I pray that the Lord will continue to grant me the grace to be a faithful shepherd, a man of prayer, and a joyful witness to His Resurrection for as long as I may live.

~Fr. Joseph R. Gibino



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St. James
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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**

JUNE 14 - JUNE 21

SUNDAY

June 14

11th Week in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 17:1-6
1 Corinthians 10:16-17
John 6:51-58

MONDAY

June 15

11th Week in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 21:1-16
Matthew 5:38-42

TUESDAY

June 16

11th Week in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 21:17-29
Matthew 5:43-48

WEDNESDAY

June 17

11th Week in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 2:1, 6-14
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

THURSDAY

June 18

11th Week in Ordinary Time

Sirach 48:1-14
Matthew 6:7-15

FRIDAY

June 19

Saint Romuald, Abbot

2 Kings 11:1-4, 9-18, 20
Matthew 6:19-23

SATURDAY

June 20

11th Week in Ordinary Time

2 Chronicles 24:17-25
Matthew 6:24-34

SUNDAY

June 21

12th Week in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:10-13
Romans 5:12-15
Matthew 10:26-33

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 100:1-2, 3, 5



11th Sunday in OT A - Gloria

Open: 849 - All people that on earth do dwell

Offertory: 740 - On eagle's wings

Communion: 663 - How great thou art

Anthem: *Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring*

Recession: 772 - Bring forth the kingdom

Postlude: *Prelude & Fugue in Bb Major "Little" - Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750*
Erbarm Dich Mein by JS Bach

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
June 14th, 2026

**“And as you go, preach, saying the
 ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’”**

How has Jesus called you to help Him build his Church?
 If you are discerning your vocation, contact the Vocation
 Office, **Fr. Christopher J. Bethge**, at
(718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org

CORONA SELF-HELP CENTER VISIT JUNE 28TH, 2026

On **Sunday, June 28**, the Corona Self-Help Center will be with us at St. James Cathedral Basilica to share a brief message of hope, recovery, and support for those affected by addiction. An information table will be available at the Cathedral entrance.

We encourage you to connect with them at their table. They will be offering T-shirts for \$20, and every contribution directly supports their outreach and prevention programs.

45 YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD

Very Reverend
Fr. Joseph Gibino

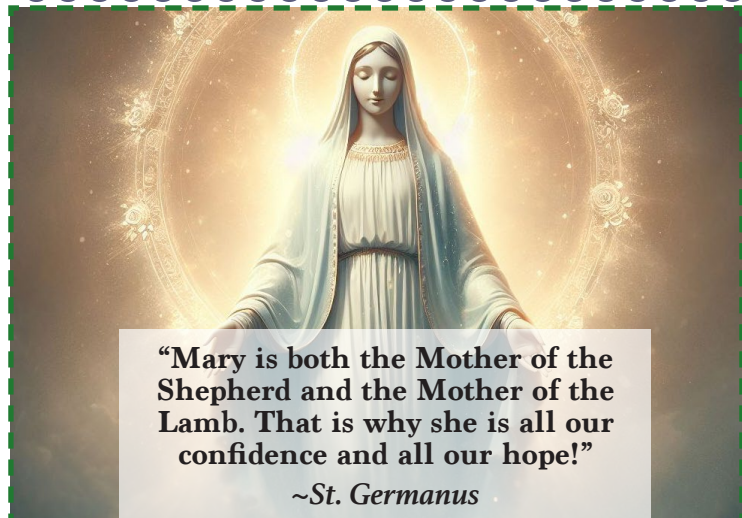
On June 13, 1981, Fr. Joseph Gibino answered the call to the priesthood. Forty-five years later, we are blessed to have his wisdom, faith, and shepherd's heart guiding us here at St. James.

Please join us next Sunday, June 14, 2026, at the Cathedral Center Coffee Hour to celebrate this incredible milestone. Let's gather as a parish family to express our deepest gratitude for his decades of holy ministry.



THE CELEBRATION:
SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2026
 TIME:
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 11:00AM MASS
 PLACE:
THE CATHEDRAL CENTER
 250 CATHEDRAL PLACE,
 BROOKLYN, NY 11201 | (718) 852.4002

Join us for refreshments, fellowship, and celebration!
 ALL ARE WELCOME.



“Mary is both the Mother of the Shepherd and the Mother of the Lamb. That is why she is all our confidence and all our hope!”

~St. Germanus



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Thank you to all who have already pledged to the **2026 Annual Catholic Appeal at Cathedral Basilica of St. James**. If you have not yet made your gift, we warmly invite you to participate. Reaching our parish goal of **\$14,297.00** is essential to supporting vital ministries across Brooklyn and Queens while helping those most in need.

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 Visit AnnualCatholicAppeal.org
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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 6/14/2026	James Kernochan
MONDAY 6/15/2026	For the people of St. James Parish
TUESDAY 6/16/2026	Katherine Foley
WEDNESDAY 6/17/2026	For the Health and Well-being of Manoune Alexandre and Children
THURSDAY 6/18/2026	Jennie Scavione
FRIDAY 6/19/2026	Anne Versachelli

LECTORS

6/14/2026	Lindia White Candida Perez
6/21/2026	Diane Wilson Mireyda Reyes

COFFEE HOURS

Coffee Hour Potluck style
 Bring a dish & share a smile

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ONLINE GIVING



Monday, June 29 - Friday, July 24th
Father Troike Summer Leadership Program

This program is designed for rising LEADERS in sixth, seventh, and eighth grades, challenging young men to grow spiritually, academically, athletically, and socially.

Academic - TACHS Prep - Sports - Activities and Games - Prayer and Community



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Centennial Gala

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2026

6:30 PM

LEONARD'S PALAZZO IN GREAT NECK
 555 NORTHERN BLVD, GREAT NECK, NY 11021
 RESERVATIONS: \$125 (ADULTS 21+)

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Join us for an evening of gratitude as we celebrate 100 years of St. Andrew Avellino School/Catholic Academy.

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JUNE 27, 2026 9 AM TO 5 PM

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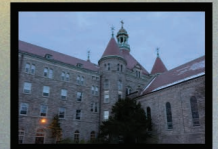
Jeremiah Project

2025 - 2026 Retreats

October 31st - November 2nd
 January 16th - 18th
 February 13th - 15th
 May 1st - 3rd
 July 24th - 26th (Huntington)

"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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— THE GREATER —



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— Saturday, July 25, 2026 —

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JUNE 19, 2026

JUNE TEENTH

June 19, 2026, marks the observance of Juneteenth. We invite our parish community to gather together for the 12:00 Noon Mass at St. James Cathedral Basilica as we celebrate the blessing of freedom, honor Black history, and reflect on our shared commitment to love, justice, and unity in Christ. May we all have a blessed and meaningful Freedom Day.

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10:00 am - 3:00 pm

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Basement Level

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

JUNE 21, 2026

Prayer for Fathers on Father's Day

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, his foster father. Bless all fathers and grandfathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience, give them the ability to love in a way that reflects your love. Support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation. Help us to love them in a way that would bring honor to You and them. Bless and heal all those wounded by the imperfections of their fathers and grant an eternal rest to our fathers you have called from this life to yourself, through Jesus Christ Lord.

Amen.



Honoring the gifts of our Heavenly Father,
our Spiritual Fathers, and our Earthly Fathers