

THE SAINT JAMES EXPERIENCE



June 28, 2026 | Thirteenth 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

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Monday - Friday: 12:00 Noon
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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,

As we prepare to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, it is easy to forget that the Catholic church provided several heroic leaders to this cause. The Catholic Founding Fathers, principally Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Daniel Carroll, and Thomas FitzSimons, played an indispensable role in the American Revolution. Overcoming severe political and religious prejudice, these men brought vital resources, civic organization, and deeply rooted natural law principles to the founding of the United States.

American history often paints the Founding era as an exclusively Protestant or Deist enterprise. While practicing Catholics were a small minority in the 13 colonies, their contributions to the establishment of the republic were profound. Figures like Charles and Daniel Carroll of Maryland, and Thomas FitzSimons of Pennsylvania, proved the notion that one could be both a devoted Roman Catholic and a patriotic American. By integrating their faith's deep intellectual tradition with Enlightenment political philosophy, these men helped secure the religious liberty and constitutional structures that define the United States.

To understand the Catholic Founders, we must first look at the history of Maryland. Founded in the 17th century by the Catholic Calvert family as a colony for religious tolerance, Maryland eventually stripped Catholics of their civil rights during the Penal Period following the Glorious Revolution. Thus, by the time of the American Revolution, Catholics in the colonies were acutely aware of the dangers of state-sponsored religious persecution.

Charles Carroll of Carrollton was the most prominent of these figures. The wealthiest man in the American colonies, Carroll, risked his fortune and personal safety to support the revolution. He advocated for independence, served on the Continental Congress, and became the only Catholic to sign the Declaration of Independence. Prior to independence, he used his considerable intellect to defend freedom of conscience, arguing that the power to govern is derived solely from the consent of the governed. Later in his life, Carroll was heavily involved in the political and governmental frameworks that structured the newly formed United States.

Alongside him was his cousin, Daniel Carroll. As a delegate to the Constitutional Convention, Daniel Carroll was instrumental in designing the United States Constitution. He firmly believed in a system by which power was placed in the hands of the people rather than an unchecked president. He also played a vital role in the ratification and establishment of the federal government, advocating for the location of the new national capital along the Potomac River.

Another essential, though often overlooked, Catholic Founding Father was Thomas FitzSimons of Pennsylvania. An Irish immigrant and successful merchant, FitzSimons provided vital financial support to the Continental Army during the darkest days of the Revolutionary War. He was elected to the Constitutional Convention, where he was one of the signers of the United States Constitution. Once the new government was formed, he served in the U.S. House of Representatives, where he focused on rebuilding the fragile national economy and establishing America's naval and tariff policies.

The political philosophy of these Catholic Founders was not disconnected from their faith. Catholic theology emphasizes the concept of natural moral law, the idea that fundamental rights and duties are inscribed by the Creator into human nature and can be grasped by human reason. These ideas are found in the Declaration of Independence, which states that rights are endowed by the Creator. In this way, Catholic thought provided a philosophical grounding for the new republic's embrace of unalienable rights.

The Catholic Founders helped shape the religious freedom that became a hallmark of the American experiment. Because of their personal experiences with unjust laws, they understood the necessity of protecting the rights of all religious minorities. John Carroll, the cousin of Charles and Daniel Carroll, was the first Catholic bishop in the United States and a close friend of Benjamin Franklin. As a spiritual and intellectual, John Carroll championed the separation of church and state, recognizing that religious neutrality at the federal level would allow the Catholic Church to grow without governmental interference.

As we celebrate this Fourth of July, let us remember and pray in gratitude for our Catholic Founding Fathers. Their patriotism, financial sacrifices, and defense of liberty helped establish the Catholic presence in a Protestant nation. By participating in the formation of the republic at the highest levels, Charles, Daniel, and Thomas paved the way for future generations of Catholics to participate fully in American civic and political life, demonstrating that their faith and their loyalty to their country could exist in perfect harmony.

~Fr. Joseph R. Gibino



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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 28 - JULY 5

SUNDAY

June 28

13th Week in Ordinary Time
2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a
Romans 6:3-4, 8-11
Matthew 10:37-42

MONDAY

June 29

Solemnity of Sts. Peter & Paul
Acts 12:1-11
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18
Matthew 16:13-19

TUESDAY

June 30

13th Week in Ordinary Time
Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12
Matthew 8:23-27

WEDNESDAY

July 1

13th Week in Ordinary Time
Amos 5:14-15, 21-24
Matthew 8:28-34

THURSDAY

July 2

13th Week in Ordinary Time
Amos 7:10-17
Matthew 9:1-8

FRIDAY

July 3

Saint Thomas, Apostle
Ephesians 2:19-22
John 20:24-29

SATURDAY

July 4

13th Week in Ordinary Time
Amos 9:11-15
Matthew 9:14-17

SUNDAY

July 5

14th Week in Ordinary Time
2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a
Romans 6:3-4, 8-11
Matthew 10:37-42

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19



13th Sunday in OT A - Gloria

Open: 848 - As we gather at your table

Offertory: 808 - Take up your cross

Communion: 810 - Wherever He leads

Recession: 803 - The Church of Christ in Every Age sung to Old 100th

tlude: Hornpipe - George Friedrich Handel 1685-1759

Erbarm Dich Mein by JS Bach

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
June 28th, 2026

"Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

Find your life by answering God's call in your life. Seek him as you strive for holiness. If you are discerning your vocation, contact the Vocation Office contact the Vocation Office, Fr. Christopher J. Bethge, at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org



Annual Catholic Appeal 2026
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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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Coffee Hour Summer Break

Please note that **Sunday, June 28** will be our last Coffee Hour before the summer break. Coffee Hour will be paused for July and August, and will resume on **September 20**. We thank everyone who has joined us and helped create a spirit of fellowship each week. Have a blessed and restful summer!

Volunteers Needed for Parish BBQ – July 26, 2026

St. James will be hosting our Patron Feast Day Celebration BBQ on Sunday, July 26, 2026, immediately following the 11:00 AM Mass, and we are looking for volunteers to help make this a joyful and welcoming event for our parish family. Your time and generosity are greatly appreciated. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve our parish community, meet fellow parishioners, and share in the spirit of fellowship. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Rectory Office at (718) 852-4002
"Many hands make light work."
We look forward to serving alongside you!



CONSECRATED LIFE

*Stories of faith,
service and purpose*

With Sr. Maryann Lopiccio



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 6/28/2026	Shouriah Karnati
MONDAY 6/29/2026	Anne Karnati
TUESDAY 6/30/2026	Joseph R. Lyons
WEDNESDAY 7/01/2026	Craig Walker and Marry Bevins
THURSDAY 7/02/2026	Eleanor Rouff
FRIDAY 7/03/2026	Mary Chinnamma Mallavarapu

LECTORS

6/28/2026	Chul Lee Elina Cruz
7/5/2026	Lindia White Candida Perez

COFFEE HOURS

Last Coffee Hour Potluck style
Bring a dish & share a smile
No Coffee Hour
(Summer Break)

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION JUNE 28, 2026

Proceeds from the second collection on **SUNDAY, JUNE 28** will go to the

THE HOLY FATHER: PETER'S PENCE

Please consider fostering the seeds of faith with your continued generosity.
Thank you.

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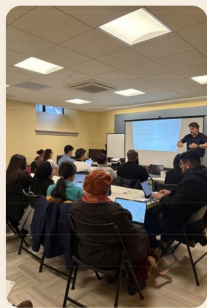
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WITH FATHER
JOE GIBINO



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**Saturday
September 19th, 2026**

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The CHOSEN

**AUGUST 12, 2026
7:00 PM**



St. Therese of Lisieux Church, Brooklyn

BIBLE STUDY

Join us in a Bible Study based on the hit series
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by our pastor, Fr. Liju Augustine!

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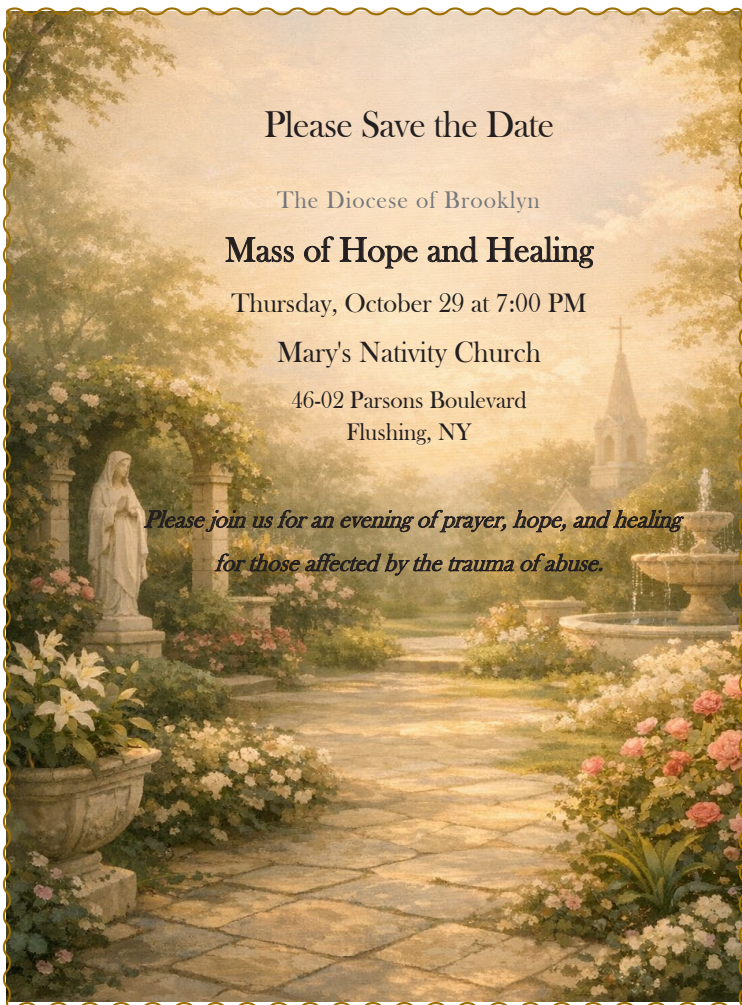
Mass of Hope and Healing

Thursday, October 29 at 7:00 PM

Mary's Nativity Church

46-02 Parsons Boulevard
Flushing, NY

*Please join us for an evening of prayer, hope, and healing
for those affected by the trauma of abuse.*



YOUR DAILY CAMINO

28th JUNE- SUNDAY

"Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me."

~Matthew 10:40

29th JUNE- MONDAY

"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

~Saint Paul the Apostle

30th JUNE- TUESDAY

"Always go forward and never turn back"

~Saint Junipero Serra

1st JULY- WEDNESDAY

"Through the sacrament of baptism you have become a temple of the Holy Spirit. Do not drive away so great a guest by evil conduct and become again a slave to the devil, for your liberty was bought by the blood of Christ."

~Pope Saint Leo the Great

2nd JULY- THURSDAY

"Our way of thinking is attuned to the Eucharist, and the Eucharist in turn confirms our way of thinking."

~Saint Irenaeus

3rd JUNE- FRIDAY

"Are you not afraid of death, which we shall all face in a little while? How are we to look on the fearsome angels, as they come to take us from the body? How are we to journey on that long and unending road, if we have not obtained the necessities for the journey?"

~Saint Theodore the Soudite

4th JUNE- SATURDAY

"We manifest our love for God in our observance of His commandments and in our readiness to obey, even His smallest decree."

~Saint Anthony Mary Zaccaria



WEEKLY PRAYER (SAINTS OBVIOUS AND UNFAMILIAR)

USA PRAYER FOR JULY 4TH

Father of all nations and ages, We recall the day when our country claimed its place among the family of nations; for what has been achieved we give you thanks, for the work that still remains we ask your help, and as you have called us from many peoples to be one nation, grant that, under your providence, our country may share your blessings with all the peoples of the earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

SAINT PAUL PRAYER FOR PATIENCE

O glorious St. Paul, who from a persecutor of Christianity, did become a most ardent apostle of zeal; and who to make known the Saviour Jesus Christ to the ends of the world did suffer with joy imprisonment, scourging, stonings, shipwrecks and persecutions of every kind, and in the end did shed your blood to the last drop, obtain for us the grace to receive, as favours of the Divine Mercy, infirmities, tribulations, and misfortunes of the present life, so that the vicissitudes of this our exile will not render us cold in the service of God, but will render us always more faithful and fervent. Amen.

PRAYER OF SAINT JUNIPERO SERRA

Saint Junipero Serra, from early childhood you experienced prolonged pain and suffering, yet with youthful innocence you did not lose faith, hope or charity. You placed your trust in God and His holy purpose during your novitiate and were able to overcome untold afflictions. Obtain for me the grace to deepen my belief in what God has revealed. Strengthen my hope in Him and intensify my love of Him in heart and deed. This we pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF SAINT PROCESSUS AND MARTINIAN

O God, You surround us and protect us by the glorious confession of Your holy martyrs, Processus and Martinian; grant us both to profit by their example and to rejoice in their intercession. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who being God, lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME
FR. PAUL ZWOLAK



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Bishop Robert Brennan
invites you to journey with the
Diocese of Brooklyn!



August 1–9, 2027



*I look forward
to being with you
in Seoul!*

Most Reverend Robert Brennan
Bishop of Brooklyn

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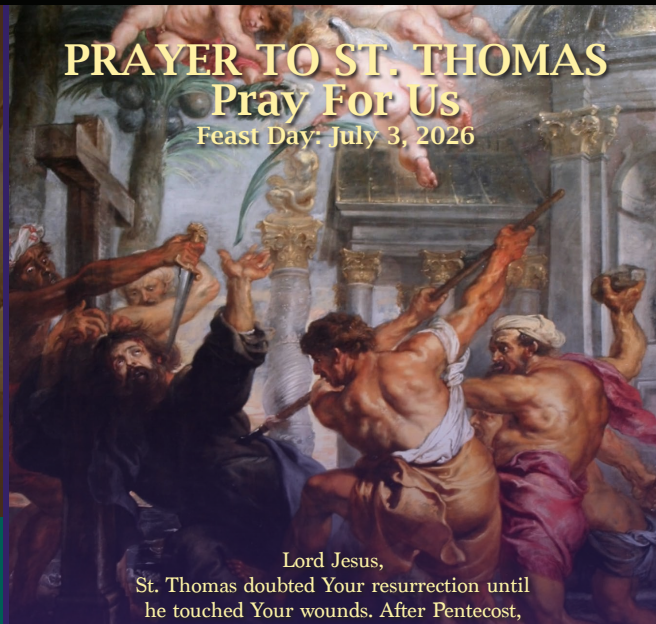


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Virtues, Explained!

God Himself is Truth. Therefore, if we belong to God, we must live truthfully - in small matters and in large ones, so that the witness we bear to the ultimate Truth of God shall always be taken seriously.



PRAYER TO ST. THOMAS
Pray For Us
Feast Day: July 3, 2026

Lord Jesus,
St. Thomas doubted Your resurrection until
he touched Your wounds. After Pentecost,
You called him to become a missionary in India,
but he doubted again and said no. He changed his mind only after
being taken into slavery by a merchant who happened to be
going to India. Once he was cured of his doubt,
You freed him and he began the work You had called him to do. As
the patron saint against doubt, I ask him to pray for me
when I question the direction in which
You are leading me. Forgive me for mistrusting You, Lord,
and help me to grow from the experience.
Saint Thomas, pray for me.
Amen.