

THE SAINT JAMES EXPERIENCE



July 5, 2026 | Fourteenth 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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FROM THE RECTOR AT SAINT JAMES CATHEDRAL BASILICA

To the faithful parishioners of St. James Cathedral,

As a Catholic in the United States, celebrating the Fourth of July offers an opportunity to reflect on the deepest meanings of faith, patriotism, and the responsibilities of citizenship. It is a time to honor the nation's foundational ideals while evaluating them through the lens of Catholic social teaching.

At the heart of the American experiment is a commitment to liberty and the inherent dignity of the human person. For Catholics, this resonates deeply with the theological concept of free will. God endowed humanity with the freedom to choose to do good, avoid evil, and form a just society, which creates a nation in which individuals can exercise that freedom.

Our national Founders, influenced by Enlightenment thinkers and classical philosophy, recognized that rights like life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are not merely granted by the state, but are inalienable gifts from the Creator. This aligns perfectly with Catholic anthropology, which holds that human dignity is derived from being made in the image and likeness of God. On Independence Day, Catholics can celebrate a government structured to recognize these transcendent truths, viewing the American constitutional order as a framework that protects the vulnerable and allows the Church to carry out its mission freely.

However, a Catholic reflection on the Fourth of July must also navigate the crucial distinction between healthy patriotism and disordered nationalism. In the Catholic tradition, patriotism is viewed as a virtue—an extension of the fourth commandment to honor one's father and mother, which includes honoring one's homeland and contributing to its common good.

Nationalism elevates the nation to an object of ultimate allegiance. St. Augustine famously wrote about the "City of God" and the "City of Man." He reminded Christians that while they are citizens of a nation here on earth their ultimate citizenship is in heaven. American Catholics celebrate our country with deep gratitude, but our ultimate loyalty remains with God. This spiritual detachment prevents patriotism from devolving into a form of idolatry where the nation can do no wrong. It frees Catholics to love our country profoundly while maintaining the moral clarity to critique its flaws.

The Fourth of July is also an occasion to measure the nation's progress against the timeless principles of Catholic Social Teaching (CST). While the United States has achieved unparalleled economic prosperity and technological advancement, CST calls us to examine how these benefits are shared across society, particularly regarding the most vulnerable.

A Catholic reflection on liberty inevitably asks: liberty for whom? True freedom, as understood by the Church, is not the license to do whatever one wants, but the freedom to do what one ought. It is ordered toward the truth and the common good. Therefore, the celebration of American independence is balanced by the Church's advocacy for the marginalized. This includes speaking up for the unborn, defending the dignity of immigrants and refugees, addressing systemic poverty, and working to heal the enduring wounds of historical injustices such as racism. On Independence Day, the American Catholic pledges to work toward a more perfect union where these principles are a reality for all people, not just a privileged few.

Historically, Catholics in the United States have had to navigate the tension between their religious identity and their national identity. In the nation's early history, Catholics faced severe prejudice, often suspected of dual loyalty to the Pope. Over time, Catholics proved themselves to be deeply committed, patriotic citizens, contributing heavily to the development of American society through education, healthcare, and charitable works.

Today, this legacy continues as Catholics bring the richness of our faith into the public square. The Fourth of July is a fitting time to reflect on the role of religious freedom in American life. The First Amendment ensures that the Church can operate independently of the state, allowing us to act as a moral compass for the culture. Faithful citizenship requires active participation in the democratic process—voting, engaging in civic discourse, and advocating for policies that respect human life and dignity from conception to natural death.

Ultimately, for a Catholic, celebrating the Fourth of July is an act of hope and a call to action. It is a day to thank God for the blessings of peace, religious freedom, and the democratic institutions that allow citizens to shape their society. Yet, it is also a reminder that the kingdom of God is not yet fully realized on earth.

As the fireworks light up the summer sky, the Catholic mind looks beyond the temporal achievements of the nation, recognizing that true liberation is found in Christ. Independence Day becomes not just a celebration of political freedom, but a day of rededication to the higher moral law. By embracing the principles of Catholic social teaching, American Catholics can lead the way in transforming the patriotic celebration of liberty into a lifelong commitment to justice, charity, and the common good, ensuring that the nation truly becomes a beacon of hope and dignity for all.

~Fr. Joseph R. Gibino



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Jeremiah 29:11

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READINGS OF THE WEEK

JULY 5 - JULY 12

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

MONDAY

July 6

14th Week in Ordinary Time
Hosea 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22
Matthew 9:18-26

TUESDAY

July 7

14th Week in Ordinary Time
Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13
Matthew 9:32-38

WEDNESDAY

July 8

14th Week in Ordinary Time
Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12
Matthew 10:1-7

THURSDAY

July 9

14th Week in Ordinary Time
Hosea 11:1-4, 8e-9
Matthew 10:7-15

FRIDAY

July 10

14th Week in Ordinary Time
Hosea 14:2-10
Matthew 10:16-23

SATURDAY

July 11

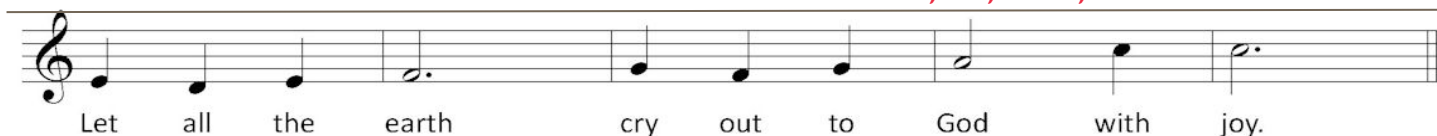
Saint Benedict, Abbot
Isaiah 6:1-8
Matthew 10:24-33

SUNDAY

July 12

15th Week in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 55:10-11
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14



14th Sunday in OT A - Gloria

Open: 696 - Glory and praise to Our God

Offertory: 965 - America the Beautiful

Communion: 964 - This is my song

Anthem: Lourdes Hymn (French)

Recession: 869 - Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory vv 1, 3

Postlude: Fugue on 'America' - Max Reger 1873-1916

Erbar dich Mein by JS Bach

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 5th, 2026

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SUNDAY 7/05/2026	For the People of St. James Parish
MONDAY 7/06/2026	Estella Torres and Roman Alvarado
TUESDAY 7/07/2026	Ryan Brandt Young
WEDNESDAY 7/08/2026	Leema Rose Karnati
THURSDAY 7/09/2026	Jamie Alvarado
FRIDAY 7/10/2026	Dilsukh Raininga

	LECTORS	COFFEE HOURS
7/5/2026	Lindia White Candida Perez	No Coffee Hour (Summer Break)
7/12/2026	Beatrice DiCostanzo Elina Cruz	No Coffee Hour (Summer Break)

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!

SWITCHING THINGS UP

Yesterday marked the **250th anniversary of American Independence**. Today we acknowledge that milestone musically. Not doing so would put me in the same hot water as Fr. Joe would be in should he fail to honor mothers on the second Sunday in May.

In 1846, the US Catholic Bishops petitioned Pope Pius IX to allow them to claim the Blessed Virgin Mary as patroness of the United States under her title of the Immaculate Conception. Permission was granted. Today we will honor our national patroness by singing the Lourdes Hymn in its original French. Remember - a large piece of what is now US territory (The Louisiana Purchase) originally belonged to France. Katie will sing the verses. The congregation will join in the Latin refrain: Ave Maria!

And everyone will be invited to join Katie in the Communion meditation in the singing of Hymn 964: **This Is My Song, O God of All the Nations**. In this hymn, we profess love for our country, while acknowledging God's Fatherhood of ALL countries.

Nick Martellacci

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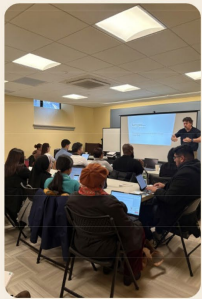
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Mass of Hope and Healing

Thursday, October 29 at 7:00 PM

Mary's Nativity Church

46-02 Parsons Boulevard
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*Please join us for an evening of prayer, hope, and healing
for those affected by the trauma of abuse.*

YOUR DAILY CAMINO

5th JULY- SUNDAY

"My yoke is easy to bear and My burden is light."

~Matthew 11: 30

6th JULY- MONDAY

"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

7th JULY- TUESDAY

"A good man is not a perfect man; a good man is an honest man, faithful and unhesitatingly responsive to the voice of God in his life."

Saint John Fisher

8th JULY- WEDNESDAY

Take something from yourself, to give to another, that is humane and gentle and never takes away as much comfort as it brings again.

~Saint Thomas More

9th JULY- THURSDAY

"True wealth is measured not in gold, but in the goodness of our souls."

~Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

10th JULY- FRIDAY

"He loves, He hopes, He waits. Our Lord prefers to wait Himself for the sinner for years rather than keep us waiting an instant."

~Saint Maria Goretti

11th JULY- SATURDAY

"Let us pray for the strength to endure our trials with courage."

~Saint Oliver Plunkett



WEEKLY PRAYER (SAINTS OBVIOUS AND UNFAMILIAR)

PRAYER OF SAINT ANTHONY MARY ZACCARIA

Saint Anthony Zaccaria, helper of the poor and the sick, you who devoted your life to our spiritual welfare, listen to my humble and hopeful prayer. Continue your work as doctor and priest by obtaining from God healing from my physical and moral sickness, so that free from all evil and sin, I may love the LORD with joy, fulfill with fidelity my duties, work generously for the good of my brothers and sisters, and for my sanctification. Amen.

SAINT JOHN FISHER'S PRAYER TO THE LORD

Good Lord, set in thy Church strong and mighty pillars that may suffer and endure great labours, which also shall not fear persecution, neither death but always suffer with good will, slander, shame, and all kinds of torments, for the glory and praise of thy holy Name. By this manner, good Lord, the truth of thy Gospel shall be preached throughout the world. Therefore, merciful Lord, exercise thy mercy, show it indeed upon thy Church. Amen.

SAINT THOMAS MORE PRAYER AGAINST TEMPTATION

Almighty God, who of your infinite goodness did create our first parents in the state of innocence, with present wealth and hope of heaven to come till through the devil's deceit their folly fell by sin to wretchedness: by Your tender pity of that Passion that was paid for their and our redemption, assist me with Your gracious help so that to the subtle suggestions of the serpent I never so incline the ears of my heart but that my reason may resist them and master my sensuality and keep me from them. Amen.

PRAYER OF SAINT CYRIL

Father, the bishop Cyril courageously taught that Mary was the Mother of God. May we who cherish this belief receive salvation through the incarnation of Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Interesting Facts About Maria Goretti

Child of Farmers

Maria was born into a family of poor farmers in Corinaldo, Italy, on October 16, 1890. Her family worked hard to make ends meet, and she contributed by helping with household chores from a young age.

Early Responsibility

After her father's death from malaria when she was nine, Maria took on significant responsibilities at home, including caring for her younger siblings while her mother worked in the fields.

Devout Faith

Despite her young age, Maria was known for her deep faith and frequent participation in religious activities. She made her First Holy Communion at the age of 11, which was unusually young at the time.

Life of Hardship

Maria's family lived in extreme poverty, and their living conditions were harsh. They shared a house with another family, including Alessandro Serenelli, her eventual attacker.

Forgiveness

Before her death, Maria forgave Alessandro, her attacker, saying, "I forgive Alessandro Serenelli...and I want him with me in heaven forever."

Miracles Leading to Canonization

Several miracles were attributed to Maria after her death, including the miraculous healing of a four-year-old boy who had been dying of meningitis.

Alessandro's Conversion

After spending nearly three decades in prison, Alessandro experienced a profound conversion. He later joined a Capuchin monastery and lived a life of penance and service.

Canonization

Maria Goretti was canonized on June 24, 1950, by Pope Pius XII. Her mother, Assunta Goretti, was present at the ceremony, making it the first time a parent witnessed their child's canonization.

Patronage

St. Maria Goretti is considered the patron saint of youth, young women, purity, and victims of rape. Her story has inspired many to value and uphold chastity and forgiveness.

Widespread Devotion

Her relics have toured various countries, spreading her story and devotion. These tours often attract large crowds, highlighting her continued influence and inspiration in the lives of many faithful.



Prayer of Pastoral Care

O God. Bless the souls You have entrusted to our care. As You hear every one of their prayers, help us to hear them. too. Answer their prayer intentions and personal needs through us and our ministry, as we all seek to do Your will.
Amen.



ST. MARIA GORETTI
FEAST DAY- JULY 6

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