

# St. Patrick Catholic Church

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## Mass Times

Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:15 p.m.

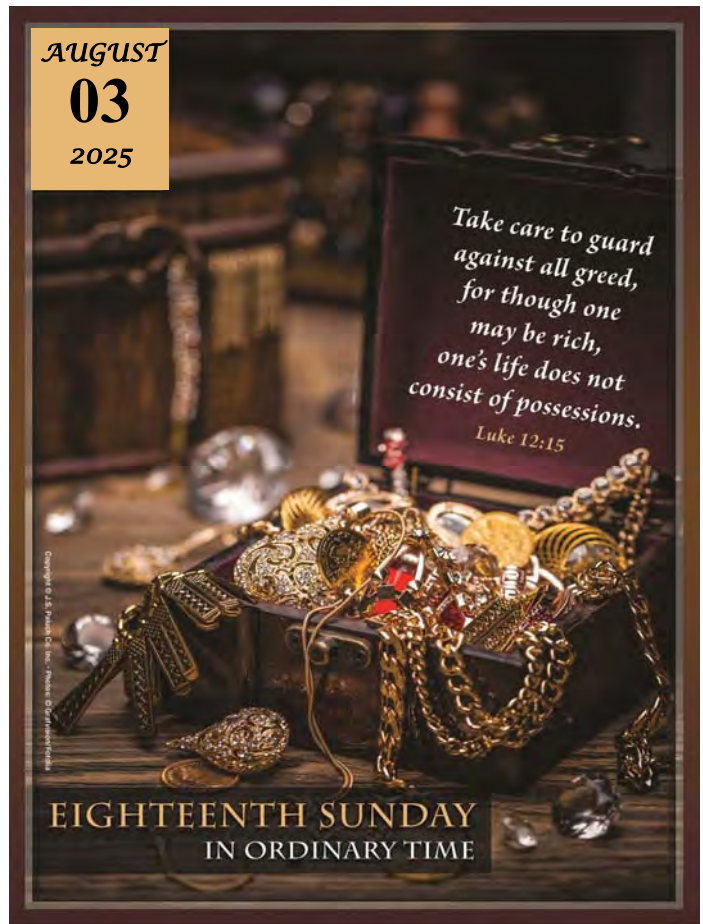
Saturday: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 5:15 p.m.

Tagalog Mass: 1st Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Family Mass: 2nd Sunday at 12:00 p.m.

Charismatic & Healing Mass: 3rd Sunday at 2:00 p.m.



## August 03, 2025 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Teach us to number our days aright,  
that we may gain wisdom of heart. ~ Psalm 90:12*





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*Ecccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 95:1-2,6-9; Col 3:1-5,9-11; Lk 12:13-21*

Listen carefully to the voice of the Lord (Ps); set your heart on what will last forever (2). We only fool ourselves (1) if we believe that our possessions will bring us happiness and life. Instead, "grow rich in the sight of the Lord" (3).

### ***The Center of a Meaningful Life***

Today's readings invite us to reflect upon some of life's deepest questions, and to explore the meaning of faith. We hear of the universal human search for meaning in our lives in the book of Ecclesiastes. In Luke's Gospel, we hear Jesus' parable about one who foolishly seeks ultimate security through the accumulation of wealth. In Colossians, faith in the crucified and resurrected Christ is proclaimed as the path to a richly purposeful and meaningful life. The path of Christian faith places our work, our sufferings, and our limitations within the larger picture of God's purposes for all of us. In Jesus, God is revealed as our companion in human suffering and limitation. God's love is at the center of a meaningful life. We place our trust in this loving God, who created us to share in this love, and to share this love with others.

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### ***Treasures From Our Tradition***

When Pope Pius XII died in 1958, there was the usual buzz of speculation about likely successors. Cardinal Agagianian, Patriarch of the Armenians, was highly thought of as a likely choice. This took many Catholics by surprise, since he had never celebrated the same liturgy as Pope Pius, but followed ancient Armenian customs according to the Eastern Church, which veils the Eucharistic liturgy from sight by a series of curtains, and in which the priest kneels while the people stand for Communion.

In the years that followed, the Second Vatican Council would affirm the dignity and independence of the Eastern Churches, in complete union with Rome, yet different in patterns of life and worship. We have the same faith, the same sacraments, and the same pope. Yet everywhere in the world our separate Churches are combined into families held together by the ministry of bishops. All of this serves as warning: If you ever say, "But we've always done it this way," you are on very thin ice indeed!

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### ***Prayer of the Week***

#### **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Draw near to your servants, O Lord,  
and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,  
that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide,  
you may restore what you have created  
and keep safe what you have restored.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

#### **Reflection question:**

How has the Lord answered my prayers?

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### ***Congratulations, Fr. Spyrow!!***

Fr. Andrew Spyrow was installed as the 12th Pastor of St. Patrick Church by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone last Sunday, July 27 during the 12:00 p.m. Mass.



*Fr. Andrew Spyrow with Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone and Fr. Patrick Summerhays, JCL, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia for the Archdiocese of San Francisco*

### ***Living Stewardship Now***

Wealthy or not, there are many ways to share God's blessings:  
**Give away** gently-used clothes and household items to local charities.

**Buy locally** and support businesses in your neighborhood.

**Resist advertising**; buy only as much as you need.

**Spend time** with family and friends.

**Share** non-perishable food with local food banks.

**Support** your parish and good causes with your time and skills.

**Turn off the TV** and try biking, hiking, fishing, reading, or just take a walk.

**Be good to the earth**: Reduce waste, recycle, plant a garden.

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### ***The Effects of Prayer***

Whoever prays much by night, that person's face is fair by day.

*~ Islamic saying*

### ***Happy Birthday!!***

Happy Birthday to our Parishioners  
celebrating a birthday this week.

Athena Bolivar	8/3	Ricky Joves	8/7
David Joseph Espanol	8/5	Steven Sampaga	8/8
Jean Saint Aubin	8/5	Phong Hoang	8/9
Michael Stout	8/5	Cecil Listana	8/9
Aaron Joshua Lenon	8/6		

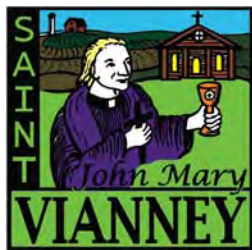
### ***Please Pray for Pope Francis' Intention for August***



**Pope's Intention:** For mutual coexistence. Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

## Saint John Mary Vianney (1786-1859)

August 04



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A busy pastor jokingly suggests the secret of John Vianney's holiness: "He died seventeen years before telephones!" Call they didn't, but visit they did, keeping Vianney eighteen hours a day in the confessional. Stories abound of reading hearts and exorcisms, but Vianney's first miracle was getting ordained. Difficulty with studies delayed him, prompting the rector's apology to the bishop, "So far to ordain just one, especially *this* one!" The bishop, who could not know he was ordaining the future patron saint of parish priests, replied, "No burden to ordain one good priest!" In Ars, only an elderly handful attended Mass, "praying," one told Vianney, "for a priest with brains." But he stayed forty-two years, fulfilling the promise he made the day he arrived. In a sculpture just outside the village Vianney points skyward: "Show me the way to Ars," he tells a boy, "and I'll show you the way to heaven." To someone who feared there was no heaven beyond the grave, Vianney smiled, "My child, it would have been heaven enough to have lived as Jesus' disciple on earth."

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## Living God's Word

Christians have a great treasure in Jesus Christ, who personified for us the loving kindness of God. Whenever we feel overwhelmed by our vulnerability we can turn in hope to the life and love that flow from his cross.

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## Religious Education Classes

The staff and catechists of St. Patrick Church are dedicated to helping your children grow in faith and be closer to God. As parents, you are the primary educators of your children and are their best teachers. Your children learn the most from the example you set when you pray together and actively participate in Mass and the sacraments as a family.

Our Religious Education Program is designed to assist you in the faith formation of your children. Enroll your child after all Masses every Sunday in August. First-time students must provide a valid baptismal certificate. Classes begin on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> and run through May. Class hours are from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

## Are You Someone or Do You Know Someone Who...

- ...has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- ...has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- ...was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is an opportunity for you to come together in a small group to learn more about the Catholic faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights, and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact the parish office during normal business hours.

## Saints & Special Observances

Monday: Memorial ~ St. John Vianney, Priest

Tuesday: optional memorial ~

*The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major*

WEDNESDAY: FEAST ~

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Thursday: optional memorial ~

*St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs*

optional memorial ~ *St. Cajetan, Priest*

Friday: Memorial ~ St. Dominic, Priest

Saturday: optional memorial ~

*St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin, Martyr*

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Readings for the Week

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2,10-14

WEDNESDAY: Dn 7:9-10,13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13; Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1,12,18-22; Heb 11:1-2,8-9 or 11:1-2,8-12;

Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity! (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23).

**Psalm** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 90).

**Second Reading** — You too will appear with Christ your life in glory (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11).

**Gospel** — For though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions (Luke 12:13-21).

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## THE TRANSFIGURATION



OF THE LORD

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## Mass Intentions for Aug 03 - 09

Date	Time	Intention
<b>Sunday 03</b>	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Marcos & Milagros Gomez SI Corazon M. Ambata † Rene Perez SI Perla Andanas SI Rev. Roberto Andrey
<b>Monday 04</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Fernando Balbuena FH David Sun SI Joy, Jen & Jackie Bandelaria
<b>Tuesday 05</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Valente Banez SI Evelyn Bird SI Maria Bravo
<b>Wednesday 06</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	BD Giselle Regaspi † Charlie Yparraguirre SI Mercedita Cadiz
<b>Thursday 07</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Marilyn Sumulong † Luis Platero & All Souls In Purgatory BD Joseph Beck
<b>Friday 08</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI MC Canlas TG Domingo Ordoveza † Mario Villanueva
<b>Saturday 09</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI John & Judith Casper † Asuncion Nepomucino SI Dr. Beverly Lynn Bolinger

## Parish Schedule

### Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation (in the Rectory)

(appointments are preferred)

Monday through Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Every Tuesday after the 12:00 p.m. Mass

### Sto. Niño Devotion

Every Friday after the 12:00 p.m. Mass

### Sacred Heart

First Friday of the month at 11:00 a.m.

## Communion in the Home

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available to bring Communion to those who are unable to attend Mass. Please call the office at 415-421-3730 for more information.

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**[www.stpatricksf.org](http://www.stpatricksf.org)**

## St. Patrick Church Lifetime Donors

You can still make a donation by going to our parish website: [www.stpatricksf.org](http://www.stpatricksf.org). On our homepage scroll down and click Online Giving. Create an account if you don't have one. Once you have created an account, please choose the Lifetime Donor option. We are asking a Lifetime Donor to donate a minimum of \$20 a week or \$80 a month. Your privacy and financial information are safe with us. And we recommend that you use your credit card for an easier and faster transaction.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

For more information,

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or call us at 415-421-3730

**We have 93 Lifetime Donors as of 14 July 2025**

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## LEGION OF MARY - ST. PATRICK CHURCH

JOIN THE LEGION OF MARY, OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL **PRÆSIDIUM**

Meeting - Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in Bitanga Hall



The Legion Family Worldwide  
On all continents  
In over 170 countries  
4 million active members  
5 million auxiliary members



The Founder Frank Duff  
1889 - 1980

### Legion of Mary's History

The Legion of Mary was founded in Dublin, Ireland on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September in 1921.

It is a lay Catholic organization giving service to the Church on a voluntary basis in almost every country.

### Legion of Mary's Aim

The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary's and the Church's works.

### Legion of Mary's Unit

The unit of a Legion of Mary is called a praesidium, which holds a weekly meeting where prayer is intermingled with reports and discussions. Persons who wish to join the Legion must apply for membership in a praesidium.

### Legion of Mary's Active Works

The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of everyone. The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick, both in homes and hospitals and through collaboration in every apostolate and missionary undertakings sponsored by the parish. The works are more of spiritual works of mercy.

### Legion of Mary's Active Membership

This membership is open to all faithfully practicing Catholics. Members attend weekly meetings and engage in prayers and active works. Candidates under 18 years of age can be received in a Junior Praesidium.



## Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Jesus said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist ..."

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I	E	P	S
O	F	S	
O	N	S	

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Answer: *one's life does not consist of possessions*

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saint snippets

It is always  
springtime in the  
heart that loves God.

**St. John Vianney**

19th-century parish priest in Ars, France known for his love for the Blessed Mother and the Sacrament of Confession. He radically transformed his parish and is known as the patron of priests.

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August 4

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Trust in God  
who helps you  
in all things.

**St. Mary MacKillop**

20th-century Australian nun who founded a religious order that focuses on educating the rural poor. In 2010, she became the first Australian to be canonized.

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August 8

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Arm yourself with  
prayer rather than  
a sword.

**St. Dominic**

The founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) and fervent preacher of the power of the Rosary

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August 8

saint snippets

If anyone comes  
to me, I want to  
lead them to Him.

**St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross**

Doctor of Philosophy and atheist who converted to Catholicism. She joined the Carmelites and was martyred by the Nazis in 1942.

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August 9

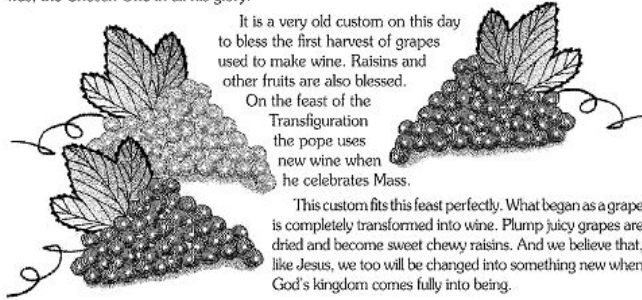




# CATHOLIC CORNER

## FIRST FRUITS

Tuesday we celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. To "transfigure" means to change something to make it better or more beautiful. Jesus went up a mountain to pray with his friends Peter, James, and John. There he was transfigured before them—his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. His friends were able to see Jesus as he truly was, the Chosen One in all his glory.



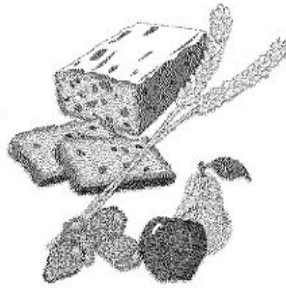
It is a very old custom on this day to bless the first harvest of grapes used to make wine. Raisins and other fruits are also blessed.

On the feast of the Transfiguration the pope uses new wine when he celebrates Mass.

This custom fits this feast perfectly. What began as a grape is completely transformed into wine. Plump juicy grapes are dried and become sweet chewy raisins. And we believe that, like Jesus, we too will be changed into something new when God's kingdom comes fully into being.

On the feast of the Transfiguration, fill your table with delicious fruits. Serve a variety of grapes—green and red and purple. Fill a bowl with raisins or bake some bread with raisins in it. (Think of the amazing change that happens to the ingredients used in making bread!) If you like, you can include other sweet summer fruits.

As part of your meal prayer, ask God to change you, to transfigure you, so you can be like Jesus here on earth and part of God's kingdom forever.



## The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Jesus said to them, "Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does one's life consist of one's possessions." Lk 12:15

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If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

COLOSSIANS 3:1

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 3, 2025



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"I assure you, my going to a PG movie isn't a sin. What is a sin is the price of this popcorn with a soda"

CHRIS McDONOUGH

## Using Our Time Wisely

A jar of honey lasts practically forever. The oldest jar of honey ever discovered was over five thousand years old. Honey is quite different from market-fresh produce, then; because most fruits and vegetables last only a few days, we treat them carefully. At this time of summer, we rush to find recipes for cherries and cucumbers so we won't waste a single one. We wouldn't feel that same urgency about honey.

In our own way, we are as delightful and fragile as ripe produce. Today's readings urge us not to spoil, but to make good use of our limited time on earth. Ecclesiastes reminds us that because God provides for us now and always, we can manage our daily affairs without anxiety. Saint Paul encourages the Colossians to keep thoughts of heaven in everything they do, and Jesus himself asks us to treasure not earthly wealth, but God alone.

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## Treasures From Our Tradition

Apart from the period from Thanksgiving through Christmas, the summer is a favored time for family reunions. We trace family trees and recall our origins. Worship has a family tree as well, and the way we celebrate today has been influenced by various styles and customs through the centuries. We are Western Christians of the Latin Rite. By far, we are the most numerous Western Christians, but there are other ritual families as well. The Archdiocese of Milan in Italy follows the Ambrosian Rite, Toledo in Spain preserves the Mozarabic Rite and the Arab language, and Lyons in France is home to the Gallican Rite. Other liturgical families, such as the Celtic in Ireland and the Sarum in England, faded away after the Reformation. Until recent times, members of some ancient religious orders such as Carmelites and Trappists followed a pattern of Mass that varied slightly from the plan observed in Latin Rite parishes.

Isn't the Catholic Church the same everywhere? Not at all. It never has been! The existence of so many liturgical families in the West reminds us that unity, not uniformity, is what the Church seeks to achieve among her children. We are united in faith, but wonderfully diverse in rituals, ceremonies, languages, customs, and spirituality.

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## Hitting it Big

It seems to be commonly accepted nowadays that everyone wants to win the lottery, hit the slots big at the casino, or be a millionaire. This attitude is akin to what the first hearers of the parable of the successful farmer would have thought: Why, of course he'd want to find a way to preserve his good fortune for the future, to secure for himself a life of leisure, eating, drinking, and merriment. It's exactly the kind of life that the right ticket, hand of cards, or quiz show answer might bring us today. Being surrounded by this "common wisdom" makes the words of Qoheleth, the psalmist, Paul, and Jesus all that much harder to hear today. Perhaps good fortune will be ours, perhaps it will not be. But if we make that fortune or the quest for it the heart, the very center, of our lives, then we will live to regret it. We will not achieve the future security we pursue, and we will lose the present moment in the chase.

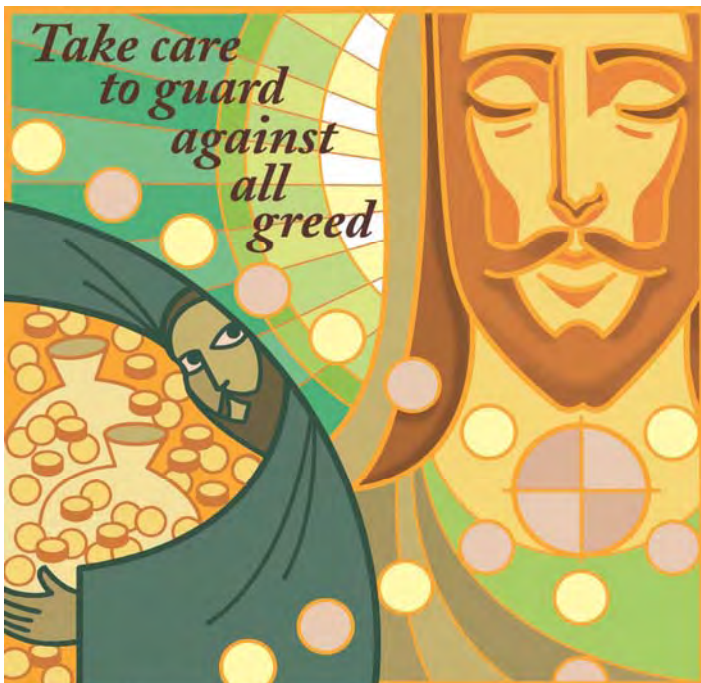
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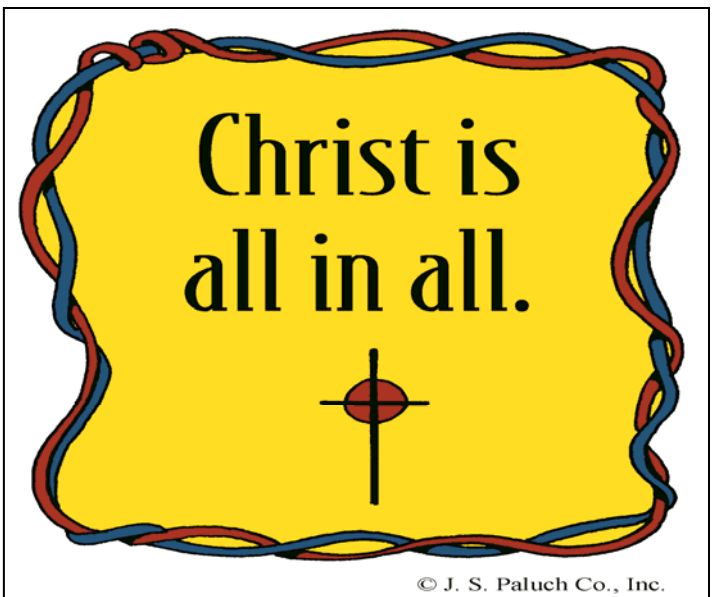
Sometimes the treasures of art can provide us with clues about traditions. Take, for example, the miter, the conical hat with lappets, or back-flaps that fall to the shoulders. This cap is worn by bishops in the Catholic West. Eastern Catholics favor a crown, but we have this curious headpiece. In Greek, the word means "turban." Old paintings and mosaics provide clues about headgear for bishops, and there is very little artistic evidence for the miter before the year 1000. Before then, some kind of head covering might have been worn to offset the damp and chill of unheated churches. The pope, as far back as the seventh century, often wore a cap called a *camelaucum*. Around that time, artists painting St. Peter began to portray their subject wearing this hat. By the year 1000 or so, the pope began to grant similar helmet-shaped headgear as gifts to visiting abbots and bishops. They returned home with these new chapeaus, and before long everybody wanted one!

Today, miters are granted not only to bishops, but to certain favored abbots and occasionally abbesses. Pope Benedict XVI set aside the tradition of the papal tiara in favor of the miter, even on his coat of arms. Pope Paul VI was the last pope to have a coronation. As recently as the 1960s, miters were towering skyscrapers of jewels and rich silks, but now a simplicity of style is favored by bishops. Miters are here to stay, and experienced altar servers know how to await the bishop's removing of the miter, since he does not wear it when he is saying the presidential prayers or the Eucharistic Prayer.

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### ***Time to Dust***

Ruth Hulburt Hamilton wrote a poem called "Song for a Fifth Child" about the many demands on a mother's time. The poem's final two lines show how the mother has sorted out her priorities as she urges the cobwebs and dust to quiet down and go to sleep so that she can rock her baby because "babies don't keep." This popular poem has helped countless caregivers resolve to spend less time working and more time playing with their children. Ecclesiastes seems to affirm this resolution, suggesting that a perfectly tidy and well-dusted house will eventually come to nothing.

And yet, we don't want children to grow up in squalor. At some point even less important work needs to get done. We ask the Lord, then, to guide our hearts and help us choose how to spend our time in a way that pleases God best. Even the thankless, repetitive task of dusting the house can help us pray in this way. Dust reminds us where we came from and where we're headed. Human beings are made from dust, and to dust we will return (see Ecclesiastes 3:20).

### ***Cinderella Story***

We are made from dust and will surely die one day. This may seem depressing at first, but we should really rejoice! The psalm confirms that we will "wilt and fade," but Saint Paul reminds us that we have been raised with Christ. Our lives are not pointless drudgery. No! Christ himself has chosen us dusty people to appear with him in glory. Therefore, every item on our daily to-do lists relates to our salvation. Knowing we will die helps us prioritize our earthly labors. Knowing we will live forever in heaven helps us grow in joyful intimacy with Jesus. And when we live in union with Jesus, offering him all we do, we see more clearly how to store up the right kind of treasure. Life in Jesus will make us "rich in what matters to God."

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## ***Are You a Registered Parishioner?***



Please do not take for granted that you are registered in the parish just because you attend Mass here. Are you on our mailing list? Do you receive envelopes? If not, it could be quite embarrassing to us, to you and to your family when someone wants to make wedding plans, have a baby baptized, or if you are asked to act as sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation requiring a note of Catholicity from us. If we have no record of your membership, we cannot do this. Please take the time to register and be a part of the St. Patrick faith community. Forms are available in the back of the church, or stop by the office during normal business hours.

## ***Robbing a Bank***



The second reading from the Letter to the Colossians goes well with the first reading and the Gospel. Those passages warn how useless material wealth will be when we die. St. Paul continues this warning by reminding us that we have already died with Christ in baptism and risen to new life. To live this new life we must put to death whatever tendencies keep us from Christ.

Wealth can be a gift from God. The abuse is not necessarily in the possession of wealth. More likely, we abuse wealth either in the ways we attain it or use it—or both. How do we abuse the attainment of wealth? I can give an obvious answer, such as robbing a bank, but this makes it too easy to justify myself. Do I work a full day for my pay, or do I spend a lot of time visiting with other employees, surfing the Web, taking extra-long breaks, or texting my friends? Am I honest with my customers, charging only for work I have done?

As for using our wealth, we usually think of family first. Do we spoil our kids, so they can "have the things I couldn't afford when I was young"? Or do we teach them to work for what they get? Do we also think of the poor and homeless? Do we teach our children to be generous to others?

Notice that Paul does not mention wealth. Instead he goes deeper, pointing out the thoughts and desires that lead to a life centered in wealth. In baptism, we put to death passion and greed, tendencies that push us to own more or to control another person. Paul uses the image of taking off these vices as if they were clothing and putting on a new self that shows Christ in us. When we have been renewed that way, then Christ becomes visible in all people. We no longer have reason to look down on anyone for being poor or sickly or of another race. We begin to see Christ in them, for as Paul says, "Christ is all and in all" (Colossians 3:11).

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## ***Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

***August 03, 2025***

Teach us to number our days aright,  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.

*~ Psalm 90:12*



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## ***Barns Filled With Riches***

The mortgage is paid off. So are the loans that were taken out for college tuition and children's weddings. The second home that was once a far-off dream is now so close that it seems safe to dig out the real estate magazines. And then . . . a daughter or son can no longer take care of a child. It's time to start over, this time as grandparents in the parents' role. Thousands of older adults face this situation today, becoming temporary or permanent guardians of their grandchildren.

Vanity of vanities. The years of toil with sights set on a great reward now belong to someone else: food, clothing, braces, summer camps, and school tuition.

But, as one grandmother said of her 13-year-old granddaughter, Megan, "It has all been worth it. She brings such joy. What would I do without her?"

And so the barns filled with "riches" are again taken down and new and true riches are discovered. Once again a new self is found in Christ, and the storehouse is filled with life that is truly pleasing to God.

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## ***Reflecting on God's Word***

"You can't take it with you," Aunt Frances used to say. "I never saw a hearse pulling a U-Haul." Aunt Frances had a point. We expend a lot of effort making money for our families, planning for retirement, and managing our investments. Yet we have no control over when our lives will be demanded of us. And wealth may not be the only "treasure" that we "store up."

We have many ways to preserve a false sense of security, to mask the vulnerability that we humans share. We may install security systems, move into gated communities, or buy a gun. We may buy SUVs with antilock brakes. We may store up good deeds that allow us to feel smug and self-satisfied, or grudges that put others in our debt. The scriptures today remind us that whatever we might be banking on to keep us safe is mere "vanity."

~ Virginia Stillwell

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## ***Values To Live By***

Today's scriptures contain some catch phrases that are still quite familiar in our world: "All is vanity," and "Eat, drink, and be merry" are both scriptural in origin. In the same way that it is easy to pray last week's Lord's Prayer thoughtlessly, it is easy to let the potent passages of scripture that are built on these common sayings glide right off our slick ears.

Last week's scriptures instructed us to listen attentively to the Lord, so that we might pray carefully. Our listening and our prayer are intimately connected. In the same way, this week we learn that our values and our living are connected as well. It has become quite common to ask, "Do you own your possessions or do they own you?" Like the familiar maxims from today's readings, we might be tempted to quote this saying flippantly, and think that in the quoting of it we have truly considered it, perhaps lived it. Not true, Qoheleth, Paul, and Jesus tell us today. It is not wrong to treasure or cherish things of earth or of our own humanity; it is only wrong when those things we cherish are not of God, are not of the self-giving Christ.

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## ***Nothing Better***

Nothing . . . is sweeter than love; nothing higher, nothing stronger, nothing larger, nothing fuller, nothing better, in heaven or on earth.

~ Thomas à Kempis

## ***Shake it Off and Step Up***



One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a well. The animal cried miserably for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do. Finally he decided that the animal was old and the well needed to be covered up anyway, it just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey anymore.

He invited his neighbors to come over and help him. They all grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well. At first, the donkey realized what was happening and cried horribly. Then, to everyone's amazement, he quieted down. A few shovel loads later, the farmer finally looked down the well and was astonished at what he saw.

With every shovel of dirt that hit his back, the donkey was doing something astonishing. He would shake it off and take a step up. As the farmer's neighbors continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal, he would shake it off and take a step up. Pretty soon, everyone was amazed as the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and trotted off!

Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The trick to getting out of the well is to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a stepping-stone. We can get out of the deepest wells just by not stopping, never giving up! Shake it off and take a step up!

## ***The Window of Life***



A young couple moved into a new neighborhood. The next morning while they were eating breakfast, the young woman saw her neighbor hanging the wash outside.

"That laundry is not very clean," she said. "She doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs better laundry soap."

Her husband looked on, but remained silent.

Every time her neighbor would hang her wash to dry, the young woman would make the same comments.

About one month later, the woman was surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and said to her husband,

"Look, she has learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her this."

The husband said, "I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows."

And so it is with life. What we see when watching others depends on the window through which we look.

## ***No One's Enemy***

May I be no one's enemy, and may I be the friend of that which is eternal and abides.

~ St. Eusebius of Vercelli

## ***Worry***

Don't tell me that worry doesn't do any good. I know better. The things I worry about *never* happen.

~ Anonymous

## ***Travelers Alert***

Mass times and locations of Catholic Churches throughout the country are available at [www.Masstimes.org](http://www.Masstimes.org).

## Hitting it Big

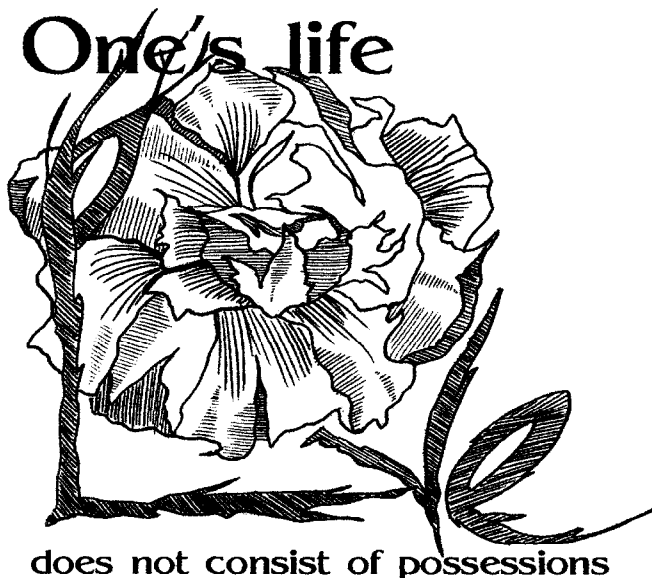
It seems to be commonly accepted nowadays that everyone wants to win the lottery, hit the slots big at the casino, or be a millionaire. This attitude is akin to what the first hearers of the parable of the successful farmer would have thought: why, of course he'd want to find a way to preserve his good fortune for the future, to secure for himself a life of leisure, eating, drinking, and merriment. It's exactly the kind of life that the right ticket, hand of cards, or quiz show answer might bring us today. Being surrounded by this "common wisdom" makes the words of Qoheleth, the psalmist, Paul, and Jesus all that much harder to hear today. Perhaps good fortune will be ours, perhaps it will not be. But if we make that fortune or the quest for it the heart, the very center, of our lives, then we will live to regret it. We will not achieve the future security we pursue, and we will lose the present moment in the chase.

## Treasures From Our Tradition

Sometimes the treasures of art can provide us with clues about traditions. Take, for example, the miter, the conical hat with lappets, or back-flaps that fall to the shoulders. This cap is worn by bishops in the Catholic West. Eastern Catholics favor a crown, but we have this curious headpiece. In Greek, the word means "turban." Old paintings and mosaics provide clues about headgear for bishops, and there is very little artistic evidence for the miter before the year 1000. Before then, some kind of head covering might have been worn to offset the damp and chill of unheated churches. The pope, as far back as the seventh century, often wore a cap called a *camelaucum*. Around that time, artists painting St. Peter began to portray their subject wearing this hat. By the year 1000 or so, the pope began to grant similar helmet-shaped headgear as gifts to visiting abbots and bishops. They returned home with these new chapeaus, and before long everybody wanted one!

Today, miters are granted not only to bishops, but to certain favored abbots and occasionally abbesses. Pope Benedict XVI has set aside the tradition of the papal tiara in favor of the miter, even on his coat of arms. Pope Paul VI was the last pope to have a coronation. As recently as the 1960s, miters were towering skyscrapers of jewels and rich silks, but now a simplicity of style is favored by bishops. Miters are here to stay, and experienced altar servers know how to await the bishop's removing of the miter, since he does not wear it when he is saying the presidential prayers or the Eucharistic Prayer.

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## Easy Words, Harsh Words

"If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above," we hear today (Colossians 3:1). "Think of what is above" as well. Easy to comprehend. Good advice. Only common sense. But the ability to seek and think of what is above, Paul tells us, comes only at a price. In order to have truly died so that our life of glory is with Christ in heaven, we must put to death—as Christ was put to death on a cross—all those things about our life "below" that impede our living for Christ and with Christ as our all in all. We cannot really seek and think about things above while we maintain the worst of our human passions, perpetuate our deceitfulness, and emphasize our differences. In this way we not only continue the lying to one another, but still lie to ourselves, and imagine that we can deceive God. Only in the stopping of this can we truly show forth our baptismal image: that of Christ, who is the image of the unseen God. Only then can we take off that old self and be that new creation, the image of our Creator fully restored in Christ.

## Harsh Words, Heavenly Words

There are all sorts of reverberations of these themes throughout today's scriptures. Qoheleth (the "Preacher") instructs us that, ultimately, everything of our life on earth is but an empty vanity when we are called from this life. Jesus shows us our true selves in the example of the man who expends all his energy to store his harvest to ensure the luxury of his future. Qoheleth, Paul, and Jesus are all of a like mind on this issue. We have been made in the image of our Creator, we believe that God's creation is graced and good, but we need to keep this in perspective. For all creation and all creatures—humans included—will have naught for a destiny unless that destiny is joined to that of Christ. He preaches that we can be, indeed we must be, rich with treasure—but only the kind of treasure that truly matters to God.

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## The Pizza Guy

Thomas Monaghan is a businessman who has made a fortune through a hugely successful chain of pizza stores. Brought up in an orphanage, he once thought the accumulation of expensive possessions was justifiable, even necessary. Yet, in reading *Mere Christianity* by the noted author C. S. Lewis, Monaghan realized that the root motivation beneath his love for wealth and show was the need to impress others, which is a form of pride. Released from the hold that possessions once exercised over his heart, Monaghan simplified his life—no private jet, no fancy cars, no huge mansion—and now experiences joy in giving to causes that further Christ's kingdom. A few years ago he described his new understanding of stewardship and discipleship. He said that people think that he is making huge sacrifices, but he believes that they do not understand giving. He credits God for everything he has, so any money he has is also God's. Yes, he certainly had to work hard, but where did the enthusiasm, the energy, the willpower and persistence to work hard come from? From God. Monaghan is convinced that he has no right to credit himself for abilities and skills that came from God. So whatever he has produced with those talents is not ultimately his: it all belongs to God. So, Monaghan says that his motivation for the so-called sacrifices he makes is blindingly obvious. He was brought up with this belief that the true value of life is to get to heaven while dragging along as many people as he can with him! He is always taken aback when people refer to him as a devout Catholic for sharing so much wealth. He is very flattered by the compliment, but says he is too much of a struggling sinner to deserve such praise.

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### June 24: A Dialogue About Religious Freedom in California

Join the Office of Human Life & Dignity for an important discussion on the state of religious liberty in California, on June 24, at 7 p.m. at St. Raymond Catholic Church in Menlo Park, featuring Lance Christensen and Will Swaim from the California Policy Center. This evening will explore how religious freedom is being restricted through legislative and administrative means, and provide attendees with tools for advocacy and engagement. The evening includes fellowship, a panel discussion and a Q&A.

### June 27: Religious Persecution in Nicaragua: First-Person Accounts by Exiled Catholics

Join the Office of Human Life & Dignity on June 27 at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption's Event center for a powerful evening featuring testimony from exiled Nicaraguan Bishop Silvio José Báez and the Noguera Family, exiled Catholics who have experienced religious persecution in Nicaragua firsthand. Please come and hear their story and stand in solidarity with persecuted Christians around the world. 6 p.m. – Vespers with Bishop Silvio José Báez in the cathedral; 7 p.m. presentations in the event center. Light snacks and drinks.

### July 5–6: Veneration of Relics of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Mass with Archbishop Cordileone

Join St. Raphael Catholic Church in San Rafael for a two-day event honoring Blessed Carlo Acutis. On Saturday July 5, a relic of the heart of Blessed Carlo Acutis will be open for veneration between 9 a.m. – 8:30 p.m., with a pause for the Vigil Mass at 5 p.m. On Sunday, July 6, veneration will continue beginning at 12:30 p.m. and ending at 5 p.m. Archbishop Cordileone will celebrate the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, July 6.

### Aug. 15 – 16: Relics of St. Padre Pio at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Redwood City

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Redwood City invites you to venerate the relics of St. Padre Pio this August. On Aug. 15, veneration will take place from 1 p.m. – 8 p.m. with a Healing Mass taking place at 6 p.m. On Aug. 16, veneration will take place from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. with a Vigil Mass in honor of St. Padre Pio at 5 p.m.



*“Do everything for  
the glory of God.”*

1 Corinthians 10:31



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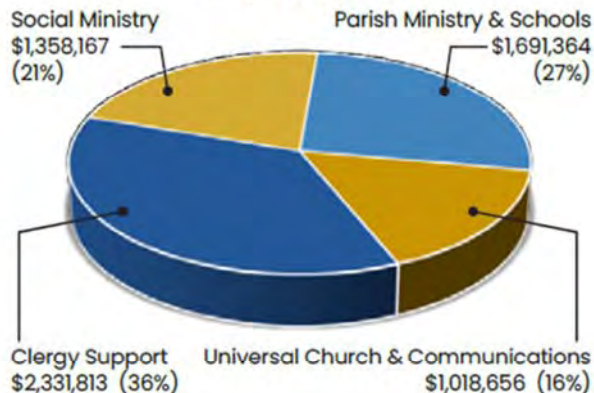


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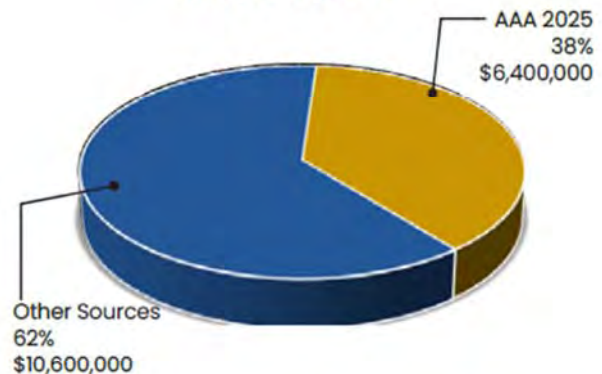


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# What does it mean to be Filipino Catholic?

## Youth Summer Workshop

Preserving, Promoting, & Celebrating the  
Filipino Cultures & Traditions

The Filipino Ministry of the Archdiocese of San Francisco is offering a **FREE** Youth Summer Workshop for those interested in learning about the Filipino Cultural Traditions in a fun and interactive way!



### Workshop Overview:

- Open to all parish Youth within ADSF, ages 12 to 17
- Parental consent & waiver required to attend
- Two Workshop Sessions to choose from (Saturday Sessions)
- Parade Preparation and Practice (all participants invited)
- **Johnny Veloso**, Cultural Director Pistahan Parade & Professional Choreographer will be teaching the Festival Dance for the Pistahan Parade

#### **WORKSHOP 1:**

**May 10 | 10am to 1pm**

Mater Dolorosa Church, South San Francisco

**May 17, 31 and June 7 | 10am to 1pm**

Saint Bruno Church, San Bruno

#### **WORKSHOP 2:**

**June 14 and 2 | 10am to 1pm**

Saint Bruno Church, San Bruno

**July 12 | 1pm to 4pm**

**July 19 | 10am to 1pm**

Our Lady of Mercy Church, Daly City

#### **PARADE PREPARATION & PRACTICE**

(ALL PARTICIPANTS):

**July 26 and August 2 | 11am to 4:30pm**

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Saturday, August 9 in San Francisco

(More info to follow)



Participants will engage in a collective faith journey together to explore their identity as a Filipino Catholic through food, faith sharing and creative expression. Learn the origin and purpose of these popular Philippine Festivals: Sinulog Festival, Ati-Atihan Festival, and Masskara Festival.



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# SANTA MISA EN HONOR A LA FIESTA DEL DIVINO SALVADOR DEL MUNDO EN EL CENTRO DE REHABILITACIÓN DE SAN QUENTIN

LA MISA SERA OFICIADA POR EL PADRE ARMANDO GUTIERREZ  
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## 8 DE AGOSTO DE 2025

### Fe, Conmemoración y Redención

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*Friday, August 15, 2025 - 6:00 pm*

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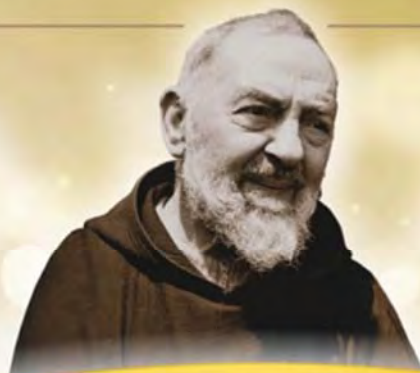
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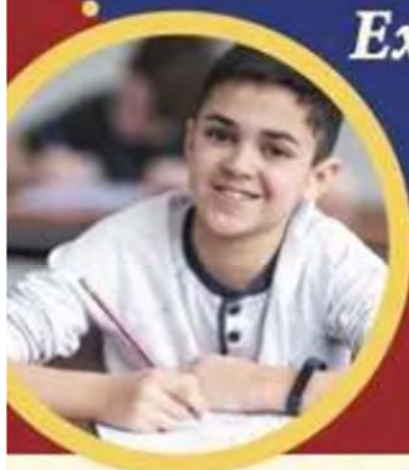




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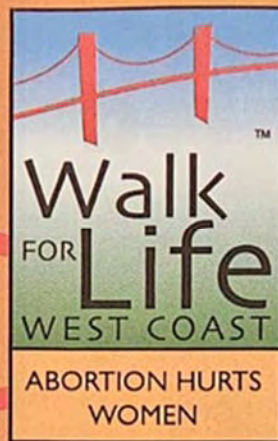
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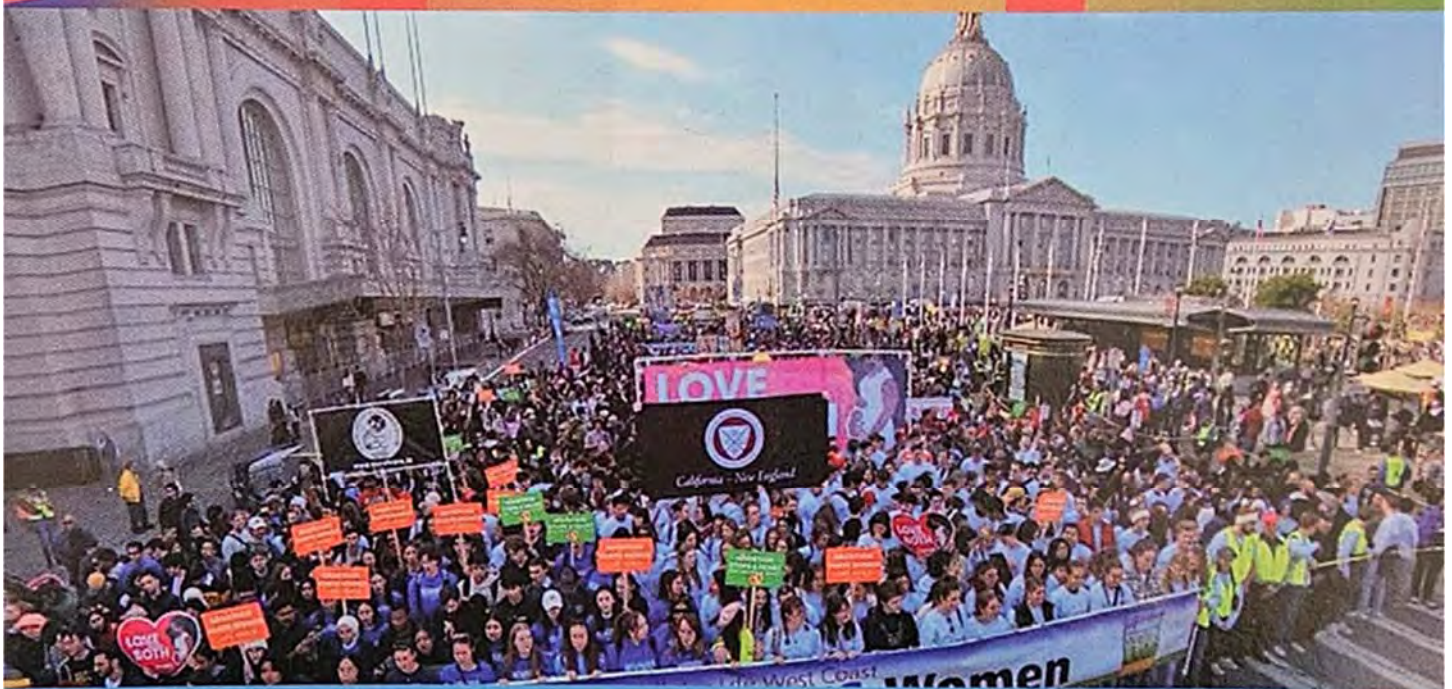
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**27 January | Arrival in Cebu**

Welcome reception at the airport by the Department of Tourism and Rajah Tours Philippines. Transfer to hotel and check-in. Rest of the day free at leisure. Mass at the hotel before dinner. Welcome dinner at the hotel.

**28 January | Simala Monastery and Minor Basilica de Sto. Niño**

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart for a whole day Cebu Tour. Visit Simala Monastery of the Holy Eucharist. Lunch at a local restaurant. Head back to Cebu City. Stop at the Archbishop Teofilo Camomot Shrine. Mass at Minor Basilica de Sto. Nino de Cebu and then visit Magellan's Cross. Head to a local restaurant for dinner then transfer to hotel.

**29 January | Travel from Cebu to Tagbilaran**

Breakfast at the hotel. Head to Cebu Port for the your morning ferry to Tagbilaran. Arrive in Bohol and meet and greet at Tagbilaran Port. Commence Bohol Countryside Tour. Proceed to Baclayon Church for Mass. After the Mass proceed to River Cruise Lunch at Loboc. After lunch continue tour and visit Chocolate Hills and the Tarsier Sanctuary. Head to your hotel and check in.

**30 January | Free day**

Breakfast at the hotel. Free day. Optional activities to be offered.

- Balicasag Island Tour
- Food Tour
- Cadapdapan Rice Paddies and Can-Umantad Waterfalls

Mass before Dinner. Dinner at the resort.

**31 January | Bohol – Cebu – Cagayan de Oro**

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out and proceed to the pier for ferry to the Cebu. Arrive in Cebu and transfer to Mactan Airport for flight to Cagayan de Oro. Arrive in Cagayan de Oro and proceed to hotel and check in. Free time. Mass before dinner. Dinner at a local restaurant.

**01 February | Bukidnon Day Trip**

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Dahilayan Adventure Park, Bukidnon. During this visit, the guests will experience Panampulot, a ritual of Manobo Tribe. Banog-Banog dance will welcome the arriving guests and they will experience 8 different stations of Manolo Fortich Culture. Various activities available such as Tsokolate making, Bead making, Coffee Making, Binake wrapping & Tasting Corn Grinding, Corn Grilling, Panampulot Ritual, Binukid Language Learning. Lunch at Ricardo's restaurant. After lunch proceed to the Abbey of Transfiguration for Mass. Head back to Cagayan de Oro in the afternoon. Dinner at the hotel.

**02 February | Cagayan de Oro City Tour**

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart for Cagayan de Oro City Tour. Mass at St. Augustine Metropolitan Cathedral. After Mass, proceed to Cagayan De Oro City Museum, Museo de Oro and Plaza Divisoria. Lunch at Panagatan Seaside Restaurant. After lunch, proceed to Divine Mercy Shrine. Head back to the hotel. Free time. Dinner at the hotel.

**03 February | Cagayan de Oro – Legaspi (via Manila)**

Packed breakfast at the hotel. Check out and proceed to airport for your early flight to Legaspi. Arrive in Legaspi and proceed to Albay Tour. Highlights are Cagsawa Ruins, Sumlang Lake, Daraga Church, Casa Simeon for lunch, Tiwi Pottery, Mt. Masaraga Volcano Camp Site for spectacular views of Mayon Volcano. After the tour, proceed to your hotel for dinner and check in. Mass before dinner. Dinner at the hotel.

**04 February | Bicol tour options**

Breakfast at the hotel. Tour options are:

- Donsol Eco Tour – Whale Shark Interaction
- Culinary Tour
- Ticao Island Hopping

Head back to the hotel. Mass at St. Gregory the Great Cathedral. Dinner at the hotel.

**05 February | Legaspi – Naga**

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out and proceed to Naga City for Mass at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Peñafrancia. Lunch at a local restaurant. Proceed to St John The Evangelist Metropolitan Cathedral, Museo del Seminario Conciliar de Nueva Caceres. After the tour, proceed to the hotel and check in. Dinner at the hotel.

**06 February | Naga – Quezon**

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out and proceed to Quezon stopping at town churches along the way. Lunch at a local restaurant. Proceed to Kamay ni Hesus Healing Church. Mass at Kamay ni Hesus. Proceed to Villa Escudero and check in. Barrio Fiesta themed dinner at Villa Escudero.

**07 February | Quezon – Batangas**

Breakfast at Villa Escudero. Check out and proceed to Montemaria Shrine in Batangas City. Lunch at a local restaurant. Proceed to Taal Heritage Town. Mass at Minor Basilica of St. Martin of Tours. Proceed to Pico de Loro and check in. Dinner at the resort.

**08 February | Pico de Loro – Manila via Tagaytay**

Breakfast at the resort. Check out and proceed to Tagaytay for sightseeing. Lunch at Farmer's Table. Head to Manila after lunch. Mass at Manila Cathedral. Dinner at Illustrado restaurant, Intramuros.

**09 February | Antipolo – Manila**

Breakfast at the hotel. Proceed to Antipolo Cathedral for Mass. Lunch at Pinto Art Museum. Head to Manila after lunch. Proceed to Quiapo Church and Binondo Church then to Baclaran Church. Dinner at the hotel

**10 February | Manaoag – Tarlac**

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out and proceed to Manaoag for Mass at the Minor Basilica of Our Lady of Manaoag. Lunch at a local restaurant. Proceed to Monasterio de Tarlac for a visit. Visit Death March Monument. Depart for Clark and check in at hotel. Farewell Dinner at the hotel

**11 February | Departure day**

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out and proceed to airport.



# Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope



As the Universal Church looks toward the Jubilee Year 2025, the USCCB is thrilled to support the Holy Father in this "event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church."

Pope Francis stated in his February 2022 letter announcing the Jubilee 2025: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire..."

The Jubilee Year will offer the faithful opportunities to participate in various jubilee events at the Vatican and in their own dioceses. The great tradition of opening the Holy Door will begin when Pope Francis opens the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica on December 24, 2024. Other holy doors will be opened at the Rome basilicas of St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major and St. Paul Outside the Walls. For pilgrims who cannot travel to Rome, bishops around the world are expected to designate their cathedrals or a popular Catholic shrine as special places of prayer for Holy Year pilgrims, offering opportunities for reconciliation, indulgences and other events intended to strengthen and revive faith.



Pope Francis has asked that the year 2024 be dedicated to a "great symphony of prayer" as the Church prepares for the Jubilee of 2025. The Jubilee prayer can be found below.

Additional information about Jubilee events and materials can be found in the Calendar of Events below, or on the Vatican website [here](https://www.vatican.va). As information becomes available for specific initiatives of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, that information will be available on this web page.

USCCB Jubilee Calendar: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/jubilee-celebration-calendar-2025>  
Vatican website: <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>





# Information for Jubilee 2025 Preparation and Participation

*Prepared by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for use in local dioceses and eparchies across the United States.*

In preparation for Jubilee 2025 in the local Church, the USCCB has prepared this document for your reference.

## JUBILEE WEBSITE

<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>  
(English)

<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/es.html>  
(Spanish)

## JUBILEE MOBILE APP

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/iubilaeum25/id6467652982?platform=iphone>  
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<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=va.iubilaeum2025.app&pli=1>  
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*The digital app for mobile devices, which makes registration for Jubilee 2025 events easier, can be downloaded from the App Store for iOS and from the Play Store for Android. By using the mobile app, which is available in six languages, a person can access all the latest news on the Jubilee, register as a pilgrim for the Holy Year, and obtain the Pilgrim Card for free. Once registered on the portal, individuals will also be able to register for Jubilee events and pilgrimages to the Holy Door.*

## THE JUBILEE LOGO

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## THE JUBILEE PRAYER

*Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.*

*May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.*

*May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.*

The official prayer can be found here in sixteen languages, other languages are being added.

## THE JUBILEE HYMN ("PILGRIMS OF HOPE")

- The official Jubilee hymn has been available for download.
- The necessary information (audio and sheet music) can be found at the following link.
- Currently, the hymn is available in Italian, English, Spanish, and French.
- The translations for other major languages are currently being worked on.

The Vatican invites all of us to use the hymn as widely as possible and in liturgical assemblies.

## THE JUBILEE CALENDAR

- The *Opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica* will be December 24, 2024.
- The Jubilee celebrations for various audiences will take place from January to December 2025.
- The **overview calendar** and **tentative schedule** for the Jubilee celebrations in Rome can be found in a separate information sheet, available [at this link](#)

## DIOCESAN AND EPARCHIAL PILGRIMAGES TO ROME

- Dioceses and eparchies are welcome to coordinate pilgrimages to Rome for the Jubilee celebrations.
- Dioceses and eparchies may come to Rome at any time throughout 2025 to celebrate the Jubilee, or they can choose to coordinate a visit in conjunction with one of the particular Jubilee events on the calendar.
- Dioceses and eparchies may consider working with a reputable local or national travel agency that specializes in overseas and/or pilgrimage travel. It may also be helpful to have **1 or 2 point person(s)** at the diocesan/eparchial level who can coordinate activities for the group(s) and liaison with the travel agency.
- For official registration of diocesan or eparchial pilgrimages and large groups for the Jubilee, point persons should contact [pilgrim@iubilaeum2025.va](mailto:pilgrim@iubilaeum2025.va) and communicate the dates of the intended pilgrimage and an indicative estimate of the number of participants. Staff from the Vatican Dicastery for Evangelization will respond accordingly.





- As the Jubilee year approaches, as soon as practicably possible, it will be necessary for point persons to send the list of names of those from the local diocese or eparchy who will take part in Jubilee events.
- The Dicastery for Evangelization will register the participants among the official list of those enrolled.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

The USCCB is NOT coordinating any *national* activities in Rome during the Jubilee Year, nor is the USCCB coordinating any official *national delegation* to Jubilee events.

## JUBILEE VOLUNTEERS

If people from dioceses/eparchies are interested in volunteering, here are the requirements and expectations.

#### Who can serve as a volunteer for the 2025 Jubilee?

- Any adult member of the faithful who intends to offer their availability for a fixed period of one week, from Saturday to Saturday, or for specific events and/or jubilees.
- It will also be necessary to present a letter from the volunteer's parish priest at the time of application which attests to the volunteer's Catholic faith and active participation in parish life.
- Knowledge of the Italian language is preferable, but not mandatory.

#### How can one apply to become a volunteer for Jubilee 2025?

- Via the official Jubilee platforms, [www.iubilaeum2025.va](http://www.iubilaeum2025.va) or the **iubilaeum25 app**, applicants may submit their application and register the week of availability for service.
- Volunteers may also offer multiple weeks of service.

- The Secretariat will then contact the volunteer to confirm details depending on requirements.
- All travel expenses to and from Rome are the responsibility of the volunteers.
- The Dicastery for Evangelization will provide *food and accommodation* during the service period.

#### What will be expected of a Volunteer for the Jubilee of 2025?

- Volunteers will welcome pilgrims at the different meeting points, providing them with information on all available services; accompanying them along the routes specially reserved to access the Papal Basilicas; and will provide assistance/ further services that may be necessary in various circumstances.
- He/she offers this service freely and without payment He/she is committed to carrying out the tasks assigned by the Jubilee Secretariat, based on the logistical-operational needs of the Jubilee program.

## COORDINATING "STATESIDE" CELEBRATIONS

- Recognizing that many cannot or choose to not travel to Rome for the Jubilee, it is **highly recommended** that dioceses and eparchies (and/or parishes and other organizations, apostolates, movements, and communities) develop "stateside" celebrations in conjunction with the Jubilee Year.
- The USCCB will be sharing **ideas on how to develop these "stateside" local events**, which will be posted on the bishops-only and public websites as they are created.





- Dioceses, eparchies, and local communities may wish to host their “stateside” activity in conjunction with the timing of the Jubilee celebrations of particular groups who will be gathered with the Holy Father in Rome throughout the year (i.e., catechists, families and children, young people, the elderly, the poor, etc.).
- The audience-specific “stateside” events **can occur concurrently** with events taking place in Rome; dioceses, eparchies, and local communities can also *live-stream* the Vatican celebrations with the Holy Father as part of their particular “stateside” celebration.
- Dioceses, eparchies and local communities may also wish to coordinate a **domestic Jubilee pilgrimage** to Catholic sites and destinations across the United States throughout the year or at a specific moment that corresponds to one of the audience-specific celebrations taking place in Rome.

## FAQs ON THE JUBILEE

### Should our diocese/eparchy coordinate a trip to Rome or plan a “stateside” event?

Both options can be done. However, to ensure engagement of the most Catholics with regard to the Jubilee, it is highly recommended that “stateside” activities and resourcing local communities be carried out in 2025.

### Will our diocese/eparchy be able to see the Holy Father?

Throughout the year, the agenda for most Jubilee celebrations involve programs at which the Pope is present, such as a Mass or particular audience. The exact details of those experiences are yet to be shared.

### What are the “Jubilee rites” that are listed on the agenda for the various Jubilee celebrations?

These are special moments of prayer that will take place at various basilicas and locations around Rome. The exact details of those experiences are yet to be shared.

### If we take a group to Rome, how do we get accommodation, meals, and transportation?

Should your diocese or eparchy or local group be working with a travel agency, those companies are able to book those elements of travel for or with you. If you are not going with an outside agency, diocesan/eparchial leaders may need to explore these options on their own as they would with any personal trip abroad.

### Will there be any U.S. activities happening in Rome during the Jubilee?

The USCCB is not coordinating any U.S. events during any of the Jubilee celebrations.

### What about the groups or ministries not included on the Jubilee calendar?

While the Holy See has designated a number of groups and ministries on their Jubilee calendar, not everything was included. However, in your local diocese or eparchy, or in collaboration with other dioceses, eparchies, or organizations, you can hold a special celebration for another population, ministry, or area of celebration in your local area. You can also celebrate the already-listed groups on alternative days, based on local circumstances.

### For any additional questions, you are welcome to contact the following individuals on staff at USCCB:

- Marilyn Santos, Secretariat of Evangelization and Catechesis, [msantos@usccb.org](mailto:msantos@usccb.org)
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***Sto. Niño  
Devotion***  
(every Friday  
after the  
12:10 p.m. Mass)

*Judy Labaria  
Alma Raymundo  
Cathy Bohol  
Sheila Montemayor  
Anonymous*



***Black  
Nazarene***  
***Feast Day  
January 9***

*Rosie Drapiza  
Lydia Cagampan  
Rene & Elsa Tuazon  
Celia & Paul Gravador*



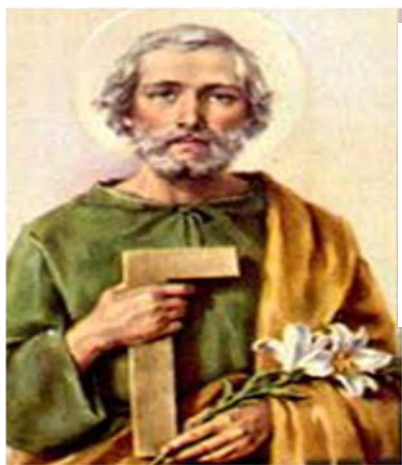
***Our Lady of  
Perpetual Help  
Devotion***  
(every Tuesday  
after the  
12:10 Mass)

*Raya & Gamboa  
Families*



***San Lorenzo Ruiz***  
***First  
Filipino Saint***  
***(Sep 28)***

*Fe Macatangay  
Jeanette Chafe  
John & Gemma O'Donnell  
Evelyn Grande  
Mely Saavedra*



***Saint  
Joseph***

***Feast Day  
March 19***

*Xenia Villamejor*

***St. Anne***  
***Feast Day  
July 26***



***Sacred  
Heart***

***First Friday  
Schedule***

***4pm Holy Hour  
5:15 Mass***



***OUR  
LADY  
OF  
FATIMA***

***Pray the  
rosary***





The Graceful Chapter

## Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,

3 He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

The Graceful Chapter

*Yap Family*



### *St. Patrick Charismatic Prayer Group*

*Charismatic & Healing Mass:  
Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 2:00 p.m.*

**Matt Dorsey**  
SAN FRANCISCO SUPERVISOR

I'm proud to represent you in City Hall — and grateful for the faith community we share at St. Patrick's. For help with city matters, feel free to call my office at (415) 554-7970 or email [Matt.Dorsey@sfgov.org](mailto:Matt.Dorsey@sfgov.org).

Best,

*Matt Dorsey*

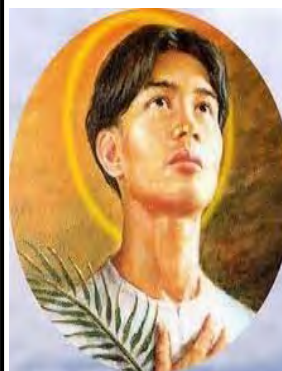


*Our Lady  
of Guadalupe*

*Feast Day  
December 12*



*St. Pedro Calungsod  
2<sup>nd</sup> Filipino Saint (April 2)*



*Elena & Mark Ramoran Gayapa  
Family,  
Romeo & Antonina Real Family,  
Dan & Annie Lacap Family,  
Jesus, Jr. & Malou Paningbatan,  
Vida Ventura,  
Nenette Murata,  
Cristin Salangsang*