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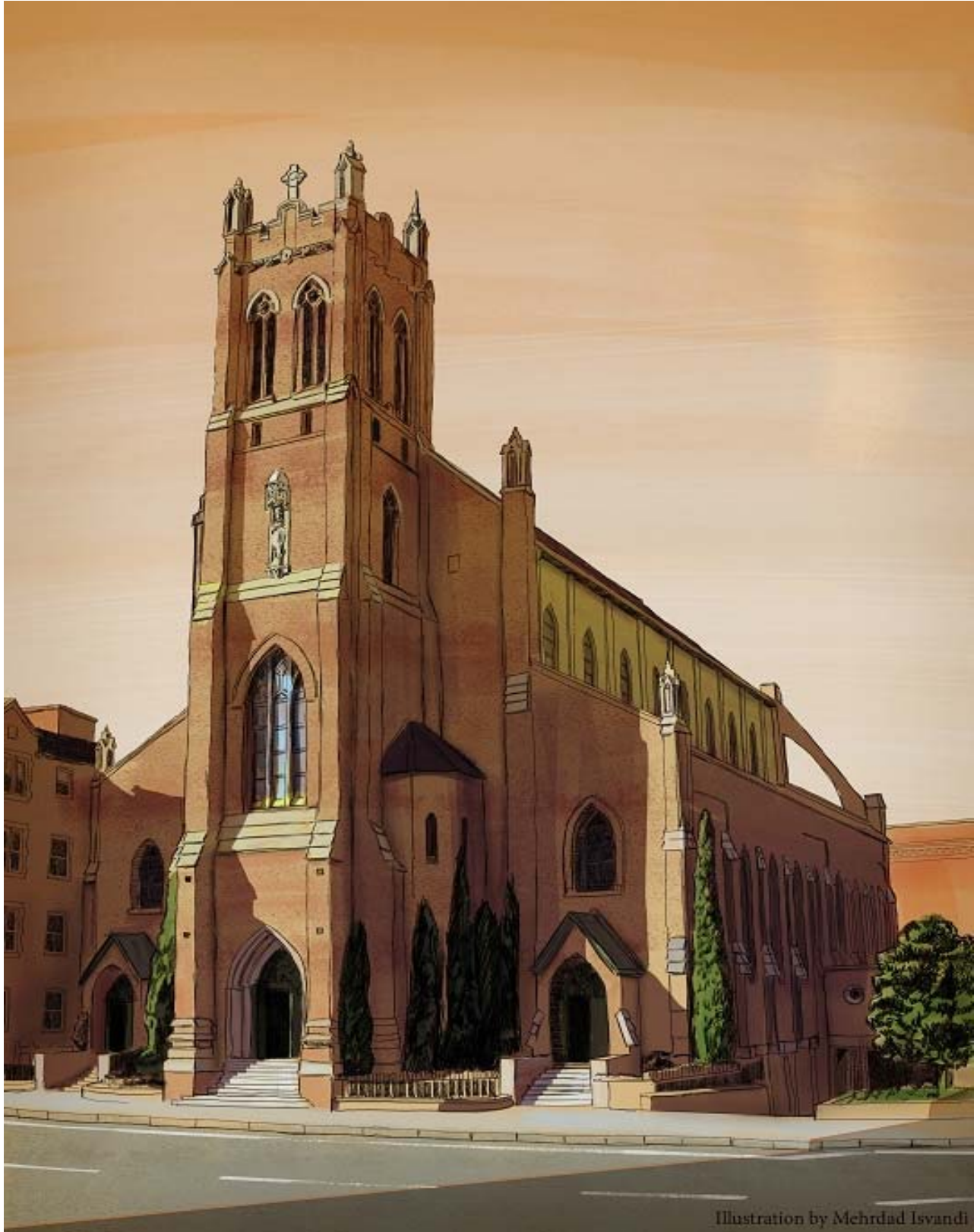
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January 04, 2026 - The Epiphany of the Lord

*They opened their treasures
and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ~ Matthew 2:11b*



January 04, 2026 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord ~ Year A

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13; Eph 3:2-3a,5-6; Mt 2:1-12

All nations are invited to sing the Lord's praises (1,Ps) for they have been called to hear the good news (2) and worship the long-awaited Messiah and King (3) with the gift of their lives.

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Andrew Spyrow - *Pastor*

Rev. Teodoro "Fr. Ted" P. Magpayo - *Parochial Vicar*

Rev. Celestine Tyowua - *Parochial Vicar*

Deacon Ferdinand Mariano - *OCIA Coordinator*

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Virginia Dilim - *Wedding Coordinator*

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Camelle Sudario - *Parish Receptionist*

Emy Pasion - *Bookkeeper*

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.

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

Sacred Heart

First Friday of the month at 4:00 p.m..

Sto. Niño Devotion

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

Our Lady of Fatima

First Saturday of the month at 11:30 a.m.

Welcome to St. Patrick, Fr. Celestine!!

Fr. Celestine Tyowua

New Parochial Vicar, St Patrick's Parish, SF



I was born into a devout Catholic family in Nigeria, where faith was woven naturally into the fabric of everyday life. My parents taught us not only how to pray, but how to live our faith with sincerity, discipline, and joy. Attending Mass together as a family was a constant and formative experience, one that quietly shaped my heart long before I could fully understand its meaning.

At the age of five, I became aware of God's call in a very simple yet powerful way. I was deeply drawn to the celebration of the Mass and especially to the priest at the altar. The prayers, gestures, and reverence captured my imagination. After every Mass, I would go home and imitate the priest, "celebrating" my own liturgy with complete seriousness. What began as childhood imitation gradually revealed itself as a genuine vocation. Even at that young age, I knew I wanted to be a priest.

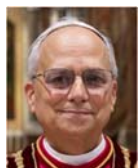
That call led me to the Major Seminary of St. Thomas Aquinas, an affiliate of the Pontifical Urbania University in Rome, where I spent ten formative years in prayer, study, and discernment. I earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy, a bachelor's degree in theology, and a master's degree in theology. Along the way, my academic formation strengthened my faith and prepared me, both intellectually and spiritually, for pastoral ministry. I also obtained a Postgraduate Diploma in Educational Management and Administration from Benue State University, broadening my understanding of leadership and organizational service.

Seventeen years ago, I was ordained a priest, a moment that remains one of the most extraordinary graces of my life. My ministry began in Nigeria, where I served as Parochial Vicar, Pastor, and school principal, ministering to communities of over 2,000 parishioners and 1,000 students. These experiences taught me the importance of listening, accompaniment, and faithful service, which I am eager to bring to St. Patrick's.

My journey eventually brought me to San Francisco, where I have been blessed to serve at St. Brendan Parish, Holy Name of Jesus Parish, St. Anne's Parish, and St. Cecilia Parish. I also served as a Chaplain at Laguna Honda Hospital, walking with patients, families, and staff through moments of illness, hope, and healing.

Now, I am grateful to be assigned to St. Patrick Parish in San Francisco. I am glad to be here to continue Christ's mission and to walk with this community in faith. I look forward to meeting everyone as we journey together, trusting in God's grace and growing together in love and service.

An expanded color version of our printed bulletin, with online-only content, is available on our website: www.stpatricksf.org



Please Pray for the Pope's Intention for January

Pope's Intention: For prayer with the Word of God - Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

The Epiphany of the Lord

In today's readings we hear again about the light from the star that first led shepherds and now kings to the baby Jesus. Isaiah and the psalm describe a life lived in the light of promise and peace. Matthew tells not only of the light but also of evil. Herod, who meets the magi on their way to see Jesus, lies. He pretends to be someone he is not. He pretends to believe in the power of this child. The struggle between truth and falsehood, between light and dark begins again. The magi are not deceived and the family is saved, but the threat that this child represents to the established order is clear. The Epiphany makes known the promise that this child, our Savior, is for the whole world, a promise that restores light to a world darkened by evil.

Life in the Dark

In Isaiah, we rejoice because a light has come to challenge the darkness that covers the earth. This light draws all to itself, kings and shepherds, daughters and sons. The psalm describes the wonder of life lived within the light: justice and peace flower, the poor are rescued, the afflicted are helped, and the lives of the lowly are saved. In Ephesians we are reminded that we are co-heirs of the promise, of the light, that is Jesus our Savior. But Matthew tells the rest of the story. There is opposition to the light and it is deadly. The magi are led by the light from a star, but when they encounter Herod, the light is lost to them. Herod lies to them about his intentions regarding this new king. The light returns only when the magi leave Herod. They reach the new king, a baby, and are warned to return along a way that avoids Herod, his lies and his evil intentions. They and the child are saved, but many will suffer because of the evil that lies within Herod.

Life in the Light

Today we are reminded that there is darkness in the world. There is evil. Herod is concerned with protecting his position and his power. Jesus is concerned about protecting the poor and the powerless. Evil disguises itself as good. Jesus offers himself with no disguise or pretense. Evil always puts its self-interest first. Jesus always puts the poor, the afflicted, and the lowly first. The holidays are over and we return to Ordinary Time. We return to our ordinary lives. This is the most important time because it is during these ordinary days that we strengthen our understanding of the good, of Jesus, and our resolve to do good in a world where evil often seems too powerful. The joy and the promise of Christmas are made real in these ordinary days. This is the Epiphany.

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Living Stewardship Now

A prayer for Epiphany:

Father,
you revealed your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star.
Lead us to your glory in heaven
by the light of faith.

(The Roman Missal,

Opening Prayer for the Epiphany of the Lord)

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January 04, 2026

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— Matthew 2:11b

Saints & Special Observances

Monday: Memorial ~ St. John Neumann, Bishop

Tuesday: optional memorial ~ St. André Bessette, Religious

Wednesday: optional memorial ~

St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

SUNDAY: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17,23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Is 42:1-4,6-7; Ps 29:1-4,3,9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

Today's Readings

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72)

Second Reading — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).

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Catholic Prayer Corner

Prayer at the Manger: With the Magi

Let your light shine on us, O God,
as the star showed the way
to those who searched for Christ.
Fill us with wisdom;
help us walk in your ways,
now and forever. Amen.

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All Share in the Promise

Picture a nativity scene in your mind's eye. The scene likely includes figures arriving on camels, some elaborately dressed, with jeweled boxes containing precious gifts. These magi arrived from distant lands to pay homage to the Christ Child. We know little about the magi, but we do know that these visitors were not Jews. They represent people of all nations who will be drawn to the Lord. "Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance." The Good News of Jesus cannot be limited to one people; all share in the promise of God's mercy through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Happy Birthday!!

Happy Birthday to our Parishioners
celebrating a birthday this week.

Tiffany Weller	1/4	Joseverino Listana	1/8
Francoise Saint Aubin	1/5	Leizl Madrona	1/8
Estella C. Sullivan	1/5	Elisa Kara	1/9

Mass Intentions for Jan 04 - 10

Date	Time	Intention
Sunday 04	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI All The Parishioners of St. Patrick BD David Sun SI Concesa San Pedro BD Adoracion Delgado SI Corazon M. Ambata
Monday 05	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Rev. Roberto Andrey BD Johon Angelo Damian SI Fernando Balbuena
Tuesday 06	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Joy, Jen & Jackie Bandelaria BD Teresita Paez SI Valente Banez
Wednesday 07	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Apolinar & Lita De Guzman SI Evelyn Bird SI Maria Bravo
Thursday 08	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Marilyn & Lorenzo Sumulong TG Domingo Ordoveza SI Mercedita Cadiz
Friday 09	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Marisel Valdez † Annabelle Arzibal Banaag SI MC Canlas
Saturday 10	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	TG Rosy Ordoveza BD Imelda Arceo SI John & Judith Casper

Herod and the Epiphany

Why impious Herod, vainly fear
That Christ the Savior cometh here?
He takes no earthly realms away
Who gives the crown that lasts for aye.

~ Crudelis Herodes Deum, Tr. by J. M. Neale

Epiphany

Solemn things of mystic meaning:
Incense doth the God disclose;
Gold a royal Child proclaimeth;
Myrrh a future tomb foreshows.

~ Roman Breviary, Epiphany; Prudentius, fourth century

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Living God's Word

We pray that the light of God's love, shown to us in Jesus Christ and placed within us with the gift of faith, may lead others to this same faith. We also pray that we may continue our own journey into the mystery of God and find Christ waiting for us at journey's end.

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Diaconate Formation Informational Evenings

The Office of Formation for the Permanent Diaconate will hold Informational Evenings for men considering the possibility of serving the Church as Permanent Deacons. The evening will include discussion of the ministry of the Deacon in the Church, the Formation program and the application process. Please join us.

Deacon Fred Totah, Director of Diaconate Formation
Deacon Arthur Sanchez, Director of Permanent Diaconate

Who should attend?

Single and married men between the ages of 30 and 60 may apply for the program and are invited to the evening. However, married applicants must be married at least five years. All married applicants need the complete support of their wives in order to pursue the program; therefore, wives are encouraged to attend.

Dates:

Wednesday, January 07, 2026
St. Raphael Church
1104 5th Avenue
San Rafael, CA 94901

Wednesday, January 14, 2026
Archdioceses of San Francisco
One Peter Yorke Way
San Francisco, CA 94109

Wednesday, January 21, 2026
St. Mark Catholic Church
325 Marine View Avenue
Belmont, CA 94002

Time:

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Diaconate Formation Office
Deacon Fred Totah,
Director of Diaconate Formation
Phone: 415-614-5615
Email: totah.fred@sfarch.org



The God Squad Catholic TV Mass

The God Squad Catholic TV Mass, aired every Sunday, provides inclusion for those who are homebound, hospitalized, incarcerated and/or unable to attend Sunday Mass. Monsignor Harry Schlitt began broadcasting the TV Mass in the late 1970s and it has been airing ever since. Please watch the TV Mass on Sunday mornings on the following stations:

In San Francisco

KTSF (CH 26) at 6:00 a.m.; KRON (CH 4) at 5:30 a.m.;

and in Sacramento

KTXL (Fox 40) at 5:30 a.m.

You may also view the Mass at any time by going to *Father-Harry.org*. You may also find the program beneficial to you, someone in your family, or a friend.

We need your participation and support to continue this valuable ministry.

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.

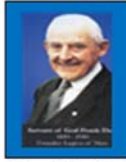
LEGION OF MARY - ST. PATRICK CHURCH

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 7th 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.

Illness

They are as sick,
that surfeit with too much,
as they that starve with nothing.

~ William Shakespeare, Merchant of Venice

True Happiness

Abandon yourself utterly for the love of God, and in this way you will become truly happy.

~ Blessed Henry Suso

Peace

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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.

The magi arrived in Jerusalem, saying,
"We saw his star at its rising and have come ...



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Answer: *to do him homage*

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saint snippets

Our least action,
when done for God,
is precious to him.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Mother of five children who established an orphanage;
the first American-born citizen to be canonized

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January 4

saint snippets

God sees every one of us.
He creates every soul
for a purpose.

St. John Neumann
19th-century Redemptorist priest from Bohemia.
He immigrated to the United States, became bishop
of Philadelphia, and founded the first diocesan
school system in the United States.

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January 5

saint snippets

My only ambition
is to serve God in the
most humble tasks.

St. André Bessette
20th-century Canadian lay brother and porter.
He miraculously healed thousands through
the intercession of St. Joseph.

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January 6

saint snippets

He who gives you
the day will give you
also the things
necessary for the day.

St. Gregory of Nyssa
4th-century theologian and bishop of Nyssa who
contributed to the Nicene Creed. Along with
Basil of Caesarea and Gregory of Nazianzus,
he is one of the Cappadocian Fathers.

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January 10

CATHOLIC CORNER

BLESS ALL WHO ENTER HERE

The word "January" is derived from *ianua*, the Latin word for "doorway." January is the doorway to a new year. Doorways are special places that can open new worlds for us. We go through doorways every day and enter new adventures at work, school, or play. We open our doors and welcome family members and visitors into our homes and our lives.

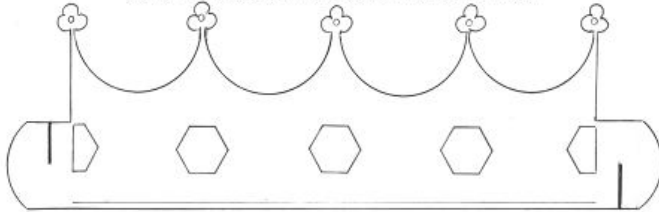
When Jesus was born Mary and Joseph welcomed some very unusual visitors. They came from faraway lands, riding camels and dressed in royal robes. Tradition tells us their names were Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. The story of the Three Kings, or magi, reminds us that Jesus came to reveal God's love to the whole world. No one is turned away at the door.

Today we bless our doorways for the year. Ask an adult to help you put these crosses, letters, and numbers above the front door of your home. You can write them with a piece of chalk or cut the symbols from a piece of construction paper and tape them over the door.

20 + C + M + B + 20

The numbers stand for the New Year. The letters are the initials of the names of the magi. The crosses stand for the four seasons of the year. When you finish putting these signs over the door your family can say this prayer together.

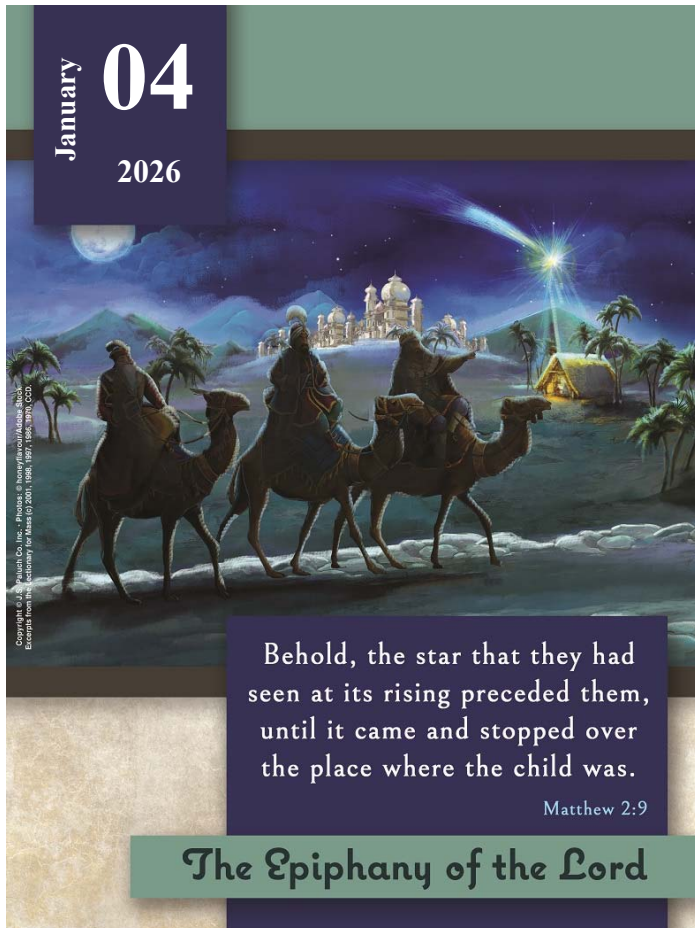
*Bless all who pass through this doorway.
When we leave, keep us safe until we return.
May we welcome all with love and joy.
May we open the doors to our home and our hearts
so that God may enter in and stay with us forever. Amen.*



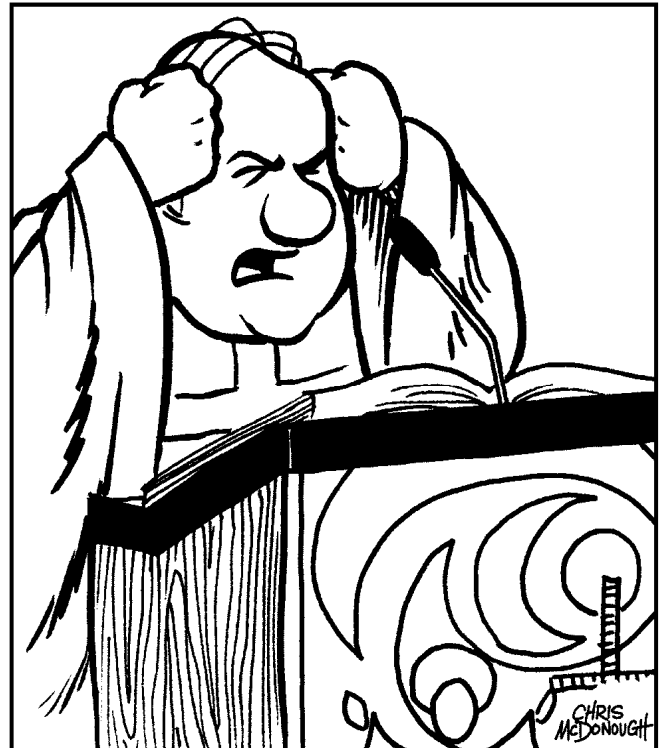
As a special symbol of welcome you might make a crown to give to the first person who enters your house today. Remember to treat everyone who enters your home with love and respect.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Pastor Al™



"...And blessed are those who leave cell phones and pagers at home, for they shall keep their pastor sane."

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Our Fascinating Faith

Epiphany House Blessing

If you wish, you can celebrate Epiphany at home with a blessing using the initials of the magi's traditional names (Casper, Melchior, Balthasar), four crosses, and the new year's numerals.

Materials: a piece of chalk and a small container of holy water. Gather with family members, friends, and perhaps some neighbors at the front door.

Leader: In the (+) name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We sign this doorway with four crosses and the numerals of the new year.

[20 + C + M + B + 26]

Let us pray: May Christ bless this house!

ALL: Amen!

Each room of the house is sprinkled with holy water.

Living room:

Where two or three are gathered in your name, Lord, you are present. Bless this room, O Lord.

ALL: Amen!

Kitchen:

Give us this day our daily bread.

Bless this room, O Lord.

ALL: Amen!

Dining room:

Prepare us for the heavenly banquet.

Bless this room, O Lord.

ALL: Amen!

Bedrooms:

Stay with us Lord, when night has come.

Bless this room, O Lord.

ALL: Amen!

Bathroom:

Cleanse us from all sin. Bless this room, O Lord.

ALL: Amen!

All return to the front door to pray together.

Leader: Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father . . .

The leader sprinkles all present with holy water.

Bless this household through all days to come,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

ALL: Amen!

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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.

Epiphany: Finding the Time We Need

Pay your respects; give the gift of yourself; return home.

I love Epiphany, the feast for the chronically late who drive others crazy. Twelve days after the big event is time enough to pay our respects, present the gifts, and make our way home. The prolonged Christmas season gives us something we sorely need—time to allow the light to seep into the cracks of our souls, illuminate the dark paces, and allow us to unfold in the presence of God. The process is not always easy. To let the peace of Christ fully enter us, we must stop being so busy that we hide what most needs healing in us.

T.S. Eliot captured the process in his poem "The Journey of the Magi." At the beginning of the poem, the magi recall that it was the worst time to make the trip—a cold, hard journey. For us today, the weeks leading up to Christmas can be a blur of activities that leave no time for reflection. Cold and snow only add to the burden.

Imagine what would happen if at the eleventh hour on Christmas Eve someone whispered, "Your present is twelve more days." The smiles of relief and joy would rival the wishes for a Merry Christmas. So the question for us is this: What will we do with our precious found time? The reparations are done.

Christmas dinner is ready to go. How will we journey with the magi?

I suggest that the movement of the magi is ours. We pay our respects (in Latin: look again) to the Incarnation and behold the mystery of love that calls us to conversion. We present the gift of ourselves to God so he can make us into who he wants us to be. We return home changed by the experience. Then we can use what God has given us to point to his presence in the world. Twelve days doesn't seem like a long time, but it may be all the time we need.

On entering the house (the magi)... prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way. (Matthew 2:11-12)

Mary Katharine Deeley

Daybreaks

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The Light of Faith

The first reading today is charged with the glory of the Lord. Everyone who can come to the holy city does come—whole caravans of people of all ages on foot and on dromedaries and camels.

This description of an irresistible light-filled city prepares us for the story of the magi. They are guided by their own lights—their study of astronomy and astrology—and by the light of a peculiar star. Their study tells them that an unusual event in the heavens is a sign of an extraordinary birth on earth. They mean to find out about this, and they set out with gifts worthy of a king. They are welcomed into an insignificant house in Bethlehem, offer gifts befitting a king, and receive the gift of faith.

Paul reinforces the great gift of faith available to the Gentiles, whom the magi represent. What they have seen has changed them, just as it changed Paul and all who heeded his proclamation. Like the magi and like Paul, we are invited to receive this life that is filled with the light of faith.

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Light of the World

Epiphany can be understood as an extension of the Nativity of the Lord that we celebrate on December 25. While at Christmas we celebrate Jesus' coming as the long-awaited king and Messiah of the Jewish people, on Epiphany we celebrate the revelation that Jesus is the Savior and Light of all nations—Jews, Gentiles, and all people.

The star shines so brightly that it attracts magi who come from far distant countries to worship Jesus. They are not Jews, yet they are drawn to the Light of the world. The letter to the Ephesians reveals that the Light of the world was for the Gentiles as well as the Jews—Christ gathers all people into the light of his love. The reading from Isaiah also describes a gathering of diverse peoples, but this time it is to the light that emanates from the people of God.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

Life hands us many epiphanies or “wake-up calls.” A few years ago, a young couple adopted a two-year-old child in a morass of red tape, complications, and court hearings. At the baby's baptism, the priest suggested appending an “adoption blessing,” wherein the new relationship was expressed and affirmed. There is a place in that rite for the child to speak, and instead the priest said, “Can you give Daddy a kiss?” Standing in the midst of his church, the young adoptive father suddenly welled up with tears as he embraced the child. Afterward, he explained that through all the hassles and legal struggles he never until that moment in church understood that he was the parent of this child. The ritual claimed them for each other, gave expression to their relationship that the legal documents never could, and firmly cemented this child into the heart of a community as everyone erupted into heartfelt applause. This assembly witnessed in a powerful way what happens in every baptism: the mystery of adoption, the free flow of grace, the overwhelming sense of God's presence at the heart of our life's journey.

~ Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Feast of Faith The Liturgy of Emmanuel

The assembly has gathered from near and far, on foot, by bus, by car, by subway, singly and by twos and threes: single people, couples, families. Now that movement is ritualized and made visible in the liturgy's entrance procession.

We are not alone on this journey; Christ is with us. The procession is led by the cross, with the image of Christ upon it. Candles, signs of a living presence, are carried around the cross. Candles also accompany the Book of the Gospels, another sign of Emmanuel, God-with-us. The priest presider is likewise a sign of Christ's presence in our assembly; he will act *in persona Christi*, in the person of Christ, who presides at every Eucharist.

As the procession begins, we stand and sing together in our first act as a community. The joining of our voices begins to turn many into one. The songs we sing range from ancient chants to contemporary hymns, but they have the same purpose, to foster our unity and turn our thoughts to the mysteries we gather to celebrate. We may feel that we can't sing well, but “Christ always invites us to enter into song, to rise above our own preoccupations, and to give our entire selves to the hymn of his Paschal Sacrifice” (USCCB, *Sing to the Lord*, 14).

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Selflessness Rewarded

Help another's boat across, and lo! thine own has reached the shore.

~ Old Hindu proverb


A Dawning Epiphany

“It suddenly dawned on me!” We have all had experiences when, on hearing a joke, we laugh along with everyone else at the punch line, only at some later moment to actually “get” the joke. We feign understanding so that no one will think less of us. Having something suddenly dawn on us is very much like what we celebrate today. The Church's yearly celebration of Epiphany is a reminder and an elaboration of what we celebrated at the feast of Christmas—just in case we didn't get it the first time. Today's “punch line” is contained in the second reading, where Saint Paul writes, “It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel” (Ephesians 3:5–6).

Cultivating Expectation

Some non-Catholics complain that our religious expression is dull and boring. They might ask, “How can you say the same prayers week after week—doesn't it just put you to sleep?” Our three-year cycle of readings, our codified prayers, and our liturgical calendar continue to repeat over and over again throughout our Catholic journey of faith. Today's feast reminds us that all along the way, epiphanies can pop up out of nowhere. A prayer or reading that washed over us last week or last year suddenly has a tremendous impact and reveals God's presence in our lives. This happens because it is we who are different each time we come to Mass. We should cultivate an attitude of expectation, just as the three magi did. They followed the star expecting to find the Savior of the world. Let us be ready to welcome the Savior today and each day of our lives.

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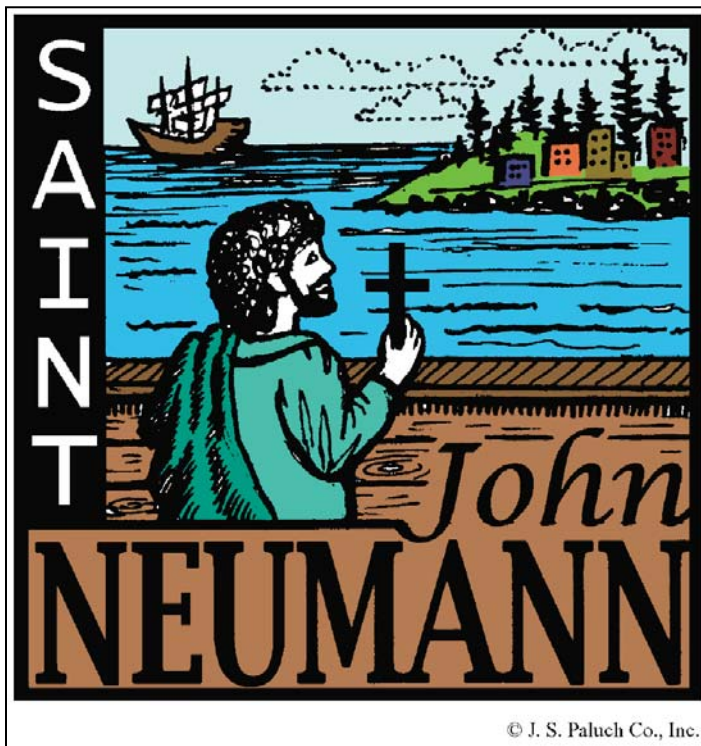
Then they
opened their
treasures and
offered him

**GIFTS OF GOLD,
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AND MYRRH.**

Matthew 2:11

January 04, 2026 - The Epiphany of the Lord

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Reflecting on God's Word

They were men in love with the lights of night—astrologers, star-gazers, meaning-makers tuned in to the signs in the heavens, as Matthew tells it. A strange star moving across the sky led them into Israel. Arriving in Jerusalem, they asked where the newborn king of the Jews was, so they could offer homage. Herod was less than delighted, indeed “greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him,” at hearing of a new king on the block (Matthew 2:3). But he assembled the chief priests and the scribes, who remembered that the prophet Micah had proclaimed that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem.

So they set out again, with Herod's duplicitous request whispered into their ears. The star reappeared and led them to the house where the child and his mother were. Falling down in worship, they offered gifts, and went back home. End of story—as we like to remember it.

Of course, that is not the end. Receiving no word, Herod is enraged and orders the death of all children under the age of two. Joseph, Mary, and the child flee to Egypt. Power does not welcome competition, even in the form of a child.

But God wills all people to know salvation. Jesus came to draw all into the reign of God and to empower them to live the God-life that is the Father's gift. The darkness of evil continues to threaten but it will not overcome as long as there are those who seek the light, follow it, and allow it to lead them to the child.

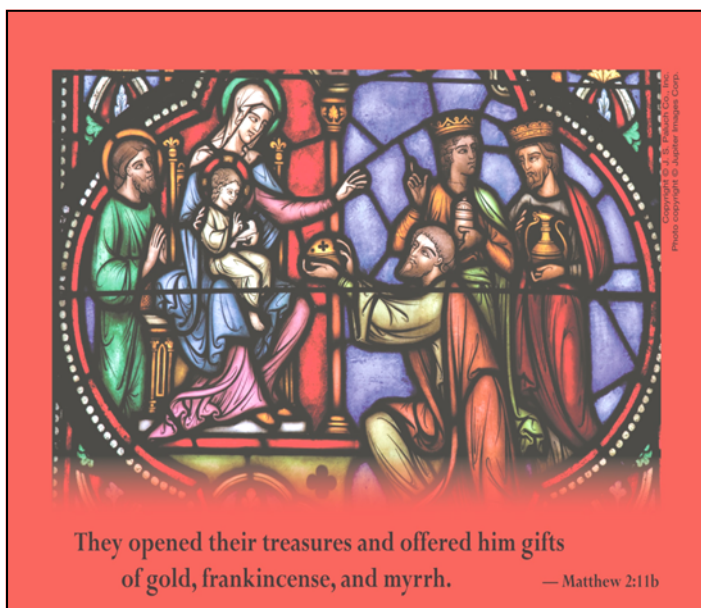
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Star Gazers

Around a thousand years ago a stonemason in Autun, France, was working on decorations for the city's new cathedral. One of his carvings shows a charming scene. The three kings, all wearing crowns and sharing one cozy bed, are being awakened by an angel pointing to a star. The angel's finger is gently touching the hand of one of the kings on top of the patterned coverlet. This king's eyes have popped open in surprise, while the other two slumber on. The stonemason artistically combined two biblical stories into one. The star reminds us of the one that led the kings to Bethlehem, while the visiting angel refers to the warning they received in a dream not to return to Herod after visiting the Christ Child. For centuries tradition has held that the names of the kings were Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, but nobody really knows for sure. Other traditions call them wise men from the East who studied the stars. They were the first non-Jews to recognize and worship the Son of God and give him kingly gifts. In the Middle Ages, houses were blessed on Epiphany, reflecting how the magi found Christ “on entering the house.” Try reviving this ancient tradition today. It can work for any family or household group. One person incenses the house while another sprinkles holy water, and a third writes in chalk over every outside doorway “20 + C + M + B + 11” (or whatever the year may be), which stands for “The three Holy Kings, Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar, in the year of Our Lord 2011.” The letters C, M, and B also stand for *Christus mansionem benedicat*, “May Christ bless this home.” Blessing the doorways symbolizes the family's commitment to welcome everyone as Christ into their home throughout the year.

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Fulfill Today

If what you did yesterday still looks big to you, surely you have not done much today.

~ Anonymous

The Star of Bethlehem

The unfolding of the story of the Incarnation continues today as the Church celebrates the Epiphany. The tale of the magi from the East is one of the most fascinating in all of scripture. It has much to teach us about what we can come to expect, even in circumstances and places that may seem insignificant or small. Bethlehem was a tiny town, what we might refer to today as a town without even one stop light. Yet it is over this seemingly insignificant place that the guiding star stops in its own search for the place where the Savior would be born. Too often we fail to recognize the fact that the star of Bethlehem comes to rest in our everyday lives, where we can experience God's presence, manifested in ever new ways. Epiphany calls us to shake off our stupor and recognize the One who comes to save us.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

This year, in the United States the celebration of the Epiphany falls on January 4, but the traditional date for the Epiphany is January 6. The date we know as January 6 was established as the solstice in Egypt in 1996 BC, but the Egyptian calendar lost a full day every 128 years. Twenty centuries later the actual solstice had migrated to December 25. People still kept January 6 for the solstice celebration, but December 25, matching nicely with the Roman pagan feast of the Unconquered Sun, launched an extended solstice holiday. By the time of the early church, the whole period of twelve days was celebrated just about everywhere.

Christians began to celebrate Christ as the true light of the world in four themes: the Nativity, the manifestation to the Gentiles, the baptism of the Lord, and the wedding feast at Cana. That was entirely too much for one day to handle. A twelve-day season was ready to be adapted, so Christians borrowed from the pagan calendar for their own season of light. Thus early Christian celebrations of the Christmas season extended from one date for the solstice, December 25, to the older date, January 6. The darkest time in the Northern Hemisphere could now be filled with the Christian observance of the arrival of the Light of the World.

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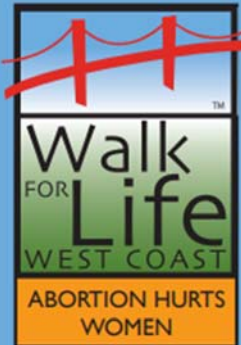
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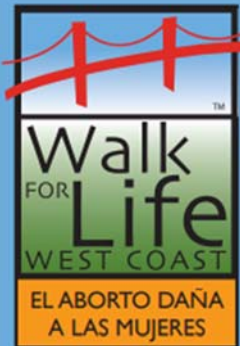


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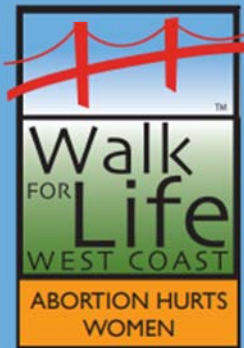
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27 January | Arrival in Cebu

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.

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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>
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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.

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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 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 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
- Paul Jarzembowski, Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, pjarzembowski@usccb.org





***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*



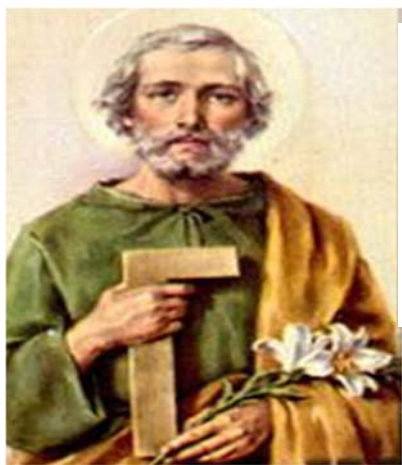
***Our Lady of
Perpetual Help
Devotion***
(every Tuesday
after the
12:10 Mass)

*Raya & Gamboa
Families*



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

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

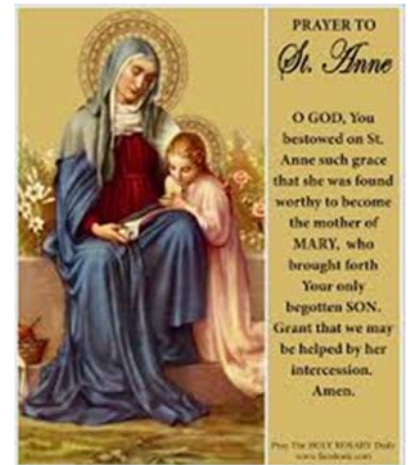


***Saint
Joseph***

***Feast Day
March 19***

Xenia Villamejor

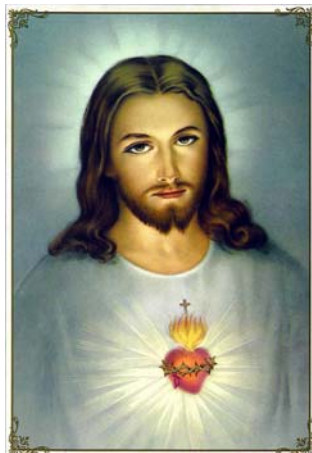
St. Anne
***Feast Day
July 26***



***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 3rd 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.

Best,

Matt Dorsey

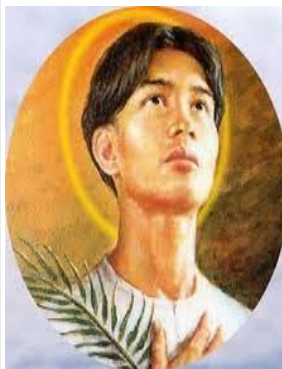


Our Lady of Guadalupe

*Feast Day
December 12*



St. Pedro Calungsod 2nd 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*