

St. Patrick Catholic Church

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Founded in 1851

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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

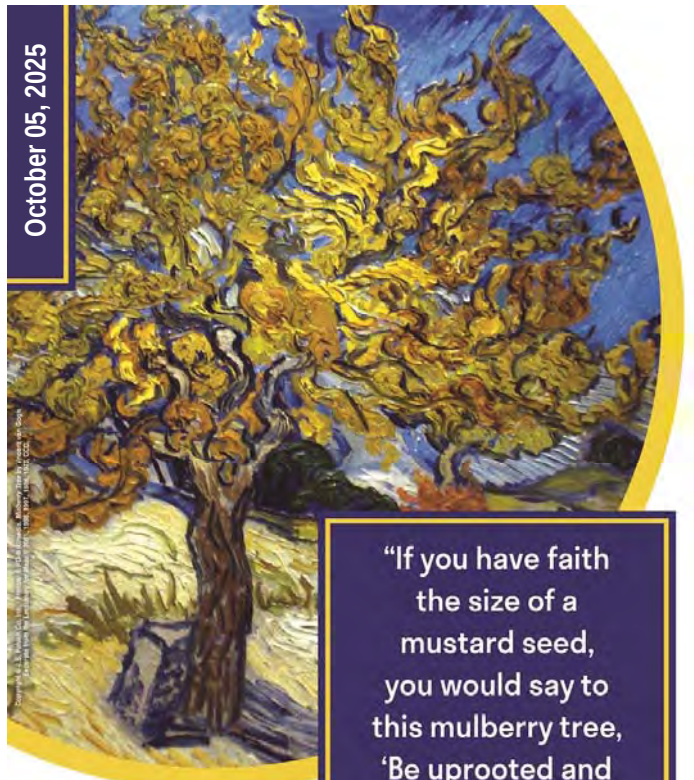
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 5:15 p.m.

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.

October 05, 2025



"If you have faith
the size of a
mustard seed,
you would say to
this mulberry tree,
'Be uprooted and
planted in the sea,'
and it would obey you."

Luke 17:6

TWENTY-SEVENTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

October 05, 2025 - Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Come, let us bow down in worship;

let us kneel before the Lord who made us. ~ Psalm 95:6



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Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2,6-9; 2 Tm 1:6-8,13-14; Lk 17:5-10

Faith is a gracious gift from God. It can neither be earned nor bought, only responded to with works of love and service (3). A vibrant faith can make us strong, loving, and wise (2), confident that God will guard us from all harm (1). God is the Rock of our salvation (Ps).

The Gift of Faith

Faith is a gift. When the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith, they were going to the source of that faith with their request. God is the giver of all good gifts, including faith. When we put our faith in Christ, we believe that God is with us, even though we cannot physically see God. Or can we? If we are attentive, we see the evidence of God's presence in the love of family and friends, care poured out in service of our neighbors, the living beauty of creation. This is not blind faith, but rather is the result of seeing with the eyes of faith. Followers of Jesus look beyond what is apparent to see what is possible with the power and presence of the Holy Spirit within and among us.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

Sometimes human relationships go awry, but Christ's choice for us is irrevocable. In marriage celebrations, the Church always recalls God's faithfulness to help prepare married couples for enduring the inevitable rough spots. The Byzantine liturgy does this by adorning the couple with crowns that remind them of the martyr's crown. The couple therefore takes on a vocation of witnessing to the sacredness of life in all of its suffering and joy, and of keeping their eyes fixed on the banquet of heaven.

In Eastern theology, people have a liturgical vocation to give God praise, and marriage fits within that plan. It is not so much saying prayers that counts, but becoming prayer. Interestingly, in this liturgy the couple never utters a word other than joining in the community's chants; there are no marriage vows as such. There is therefore not a hint of our Western Christian sense that marriage is a legal contract. Rather, it is all about living out one's baptismal vocation, embracing the cross, pouring oneself out in love, and opening to the grace of the Holy Spirit.

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Prayer of the Week

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Almighty ever-living God,
who in the abundance of your kindness
surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you,
pour out your mercy upon us
to pardon what conscience dreads
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.
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 God's kindness surpassed what I think I deserve?

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Welcome to St. Patrick!!

Welcome to all of our out-of-town visitors,
especially the members
of the Armed Forces
visiting San Francisco for

Fleet Week

Thank you for worshipping with us!!

AAA Update

(as of 22 September 2025)

2025 AAA Goal	\$38,705.00
Received	\$22,658.00
Amount Remaining	\$16,047.00
% of Goal	59%

Happy Birthday!!

Happy Birthday to our Parishioners
celebrating a birthday this week.

Robert Floy Curameng	10/6	Rosario Cahandig	10/10
Jennifer Dalapit	10/6	Joshua Montano	10/10
Oscar Montemayor	10/6	David Ojala	10/10
Jacob Mariano	10/7	Florentina Palacio	10/10
Rodantel Dave Maningas	10/8	Jun Pasion	10/10
Monica Tuy	10/8	Jonas Pita	10/11
Jim Wu	10/8	Deborah Sanchez	10/11
Gloria Moreno	10/9		



Respect Life Sunday

Since 1972 the Catholic bishops in the United States have set aside the first Sunday in October as *Respect Life Sunday*. On October 7, Catholics will again pray for – and renew their resolve to bring about – a culture of life and an end to the killing of innocent human beings, especially those who are vulnerable due to their age, size, health or dependency.

The theme of the 2007 Respect Life Program – *The Infant in My Womb Leaped for Joy* – calls to mind an extraordinary scene in Luke's Gospel (1:39-56). Mary, newly pregnant with the Lord Jesus, is visiting her elderly cousin Elizabeth whose son, John, will soon be born. On this Respect Life Sunday, all Catholics and all people of good will are asked to witness to the truth about the incomparable dignity and right to life of every human being.



Please Pray for Pope Francis' Intention for September

Pope's Intention: For our relationship with all of creation. Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

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 6th and run through May. Class hours are from 9:45 - 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.

St. Patrick Children's Choir

Children of all ages are welcome to join the St. Patrick Children's Choir. Members will have the opportunity to learn to read music, sing in harmony, practice vocal techniques, and develop cantoring skills. We encourage parents and guardians to participate, as they serve as important role models for children. Registration forms are available in the office and at the back of the church. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

Altar Servers Wanted



If you know of any children between the ages of 9 and 15 who would like to be altar servers here at St. Patrick, please contact the office for more information. Assisting the priest during the holy sacrifice of the Mass by serving at the Altar of the Lord is a wonderful way to learn responsibility, discipline and teamwork. It's also a great way to make new friends and to learn about the Mass. Children must be Catholic and must have received First Communion in order to be considered. Training sessions will be provided.

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 05, 2025

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD
who made us.

~ Psalm 95:6

Saints & Special Observances

Monday: optional memorial ~ St. Bruno, Priest
optional memorial ~

Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin, Priest

Tuesday: Memorial ~ Our Lady of the Rosary

Thursday: optional memorial ~

St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs
optional memorial ~ St. John Leonard, Priest

Saturday: optional memorial ~ St. John XXIII, Pope

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for the Week

Monday: Jon 1:1-2:2,11; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

Today's Readings

First Reading — The just ones, because of their faith, shall live (Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Bear hardship with the strength that comes from God (2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14).

Gospel — The apostles said to Jesus, "Increase our faith" (Luke 17:5-10).

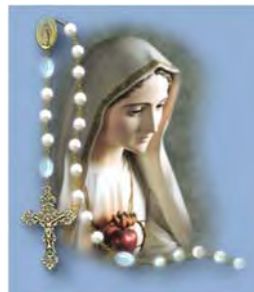
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Living Stewardship Now

Start a "gratitude bulletin board" in your home, classroom, or office. Use sticky notes or index cards to post the gifts of God that you encounter in your daily life. Review them at regular intervals.

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October is Mother Mary's Month



The Rosary will be recited every day during the month of October. Everyone is encouraged to join. On Sunday, October 26th, everyone is also encouraged to join the Living Rosary at 3:00 p.m. in the church. Come and recite one of the Hail Marys or Our Fathers in the language of your choice. Let us pray, as a faith community, as Mary has asked us, so we can have peace in our lives.

Never will anyone who says his Rosary every day be led astray. This is a statement that I would gladly sign with my blood. ~ St. Louis de Montfort

The Holy Rosary is not just a conglomeration of our Fathers and Hail Marys, But on the contrary it is a Divine Summary of the Mysteries of the Life, Passion, Death, and Glory of Jesus and Mary. ~ St. Louis de Montfort

After the Divine Office and the Holy Mass, no homage is as agreeable to Jesus and His Divine Mother as the fervent prayer of the Holy Rosary, since the work of salvation began with the Angelic Salutation (Hail Mary) the Salvation of each one of us in particular is attached to this prayer. ~ St. Dominic

Mass Intentions for Oct 05—11

Date	Time	Intention
Sunday 05	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Enrica Abaoag TG Rene & Elena Delos Santos † Flaviana & Gregorio Platero † Nicomedes & Juanita Abello SI For The Parishioners of St. Patrick Church
Monday 06	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	TG Wilfredo Abaoag † Rosario Nobleza SI Corazon M. Ambata
Tuesday 07	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	BD Karissa Lapuz † Tomas Corcuera SI Fernando Balbuena
Wednesday 08	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	TG Domingo Orvoveza TG Remy Pacariem † Mario Villanueva
Thursday 09	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Marilyn Sumulong † Victoria Lansangan † Miguel E. Herrera, Jr.
Friday 10	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Albert Sudario BD Rosy Ordoveza SI Valente Banez
Saturday 11	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Evelyn Bird TG Luluday Villanueva SI Maria Bravo

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.

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

St. Patrick Church Lifetime Donors

You can still make a donation by going to our parish web-site: 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,

email us at information@stpatricksf.org

or call us at 415-421-3730

We have 93 Lifetime Donors as of 14 August 2025

In Memory of Nicomedes & Juanita Abello	Kusina ni Tess
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Marilou Alegre	Tita Labaria
Corazon M. Ambata	Dan And Annie Lacap
Roberto Andrey	Eleanor Lawsin
Perla Ardanas	Felicitas Locsin
Fernando Balbuena	Merly Lorete
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Eufemia Barcelona	Corazon Mariano
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LEGION OF MARY - ST. PATRICK CHURCH

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

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.



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.

St. Paul said, "If I have all faith so as to move mountains but do not have ..."

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Answer: *Love, I am nothing*

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saint snippets

No one was ever lost because his sin was too great, but because his trust was too small.

Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos

19th-century German Redemptorist missionary in the United States. He went to New Orleans to care for victims of yellow fever and died after contracting the disease himself.

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October 5

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God has committed some work to me that he has not committed to another. I have my mission.

Bl. John Henry Newman

Anglican priest and poet who converted to Catholicism and became a renowned cardinal and theologian

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October 9

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Jesus wants us to serve him with a joyful heart.

Bl. Mary Angela Truszkowska

19th-century Polish nun who founded the Felician Sisters, an active-contemplative religious order devoted to prayer and acts of mercy.

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October 10

Respect Life Sunday



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Respect Life Month



Saint of the Week



Denis, or Dionysius, † 258; first bishop of Paris; martyred with the presbyter, Eleutherius, and the deacon, Rusticus, on Montmartre (or "mount of martyrs"); patron of Paris and of France.



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

On October 7 we remember Our Lady of the Rosary.

In the ninth century Irish monks would chant the 150 psalms of the Bible as part of their prayer. People who lived nearby and heard this beautiful devotion wanted to pray as the monks did. But many people could not read, and it was difficult to memorize the psalms without written copies, so they were encouraged to recite 150 prayers. Very often they prayed the Our Father 150 times.

With such a large number of prayers, people needed a way to keep count of how many they said. They began by putting 150 small pebbles into a container. Each time they said a prayer they moved a pebble from one container to another. Eventually they tied fifty knots in a thin rope and counted it three times to add up to 150 prayers. Finally they settled on using a string connecting small pieces of wood or beads in groups of ten.

Throughout Europe at that time many people recited a prayer known as the Angelic Salutation. This prayer, the angel's greeting to Mary, is what we know today as the Hail Mary. While people prayed they meditated on the life of Jesus and Mary. These meditations were referred to as *rosaria*, a word referring to roses or rose gardens. Appropriately, this collection of prayers was compared to a bouquet of roses given to Mary.

Our rosary today is composed of five groups of ten beads called decades. Each decade is prayed by saying the Our Father, then ten Hail Mary, one on each bead. We also pray the Glory Be after the tenth bead of the decade. The rosary has a long and beautiful history of people creating a special way to pray and think about Jesus and Mary.

During October, the month dedicated to the rosary, gather with your family to pray the rosary together. It is a beautiful way to honor Mary and unite your family. On this rosary color the large Our Father beads blue. Color each Hail Mary bead red, the color of roses.



The Little Ones

Jim Burrow

GOD SENDS US ALL THE FAITH WE CAN USE, WITH FREE SHIPPING, TOO



BURROWS

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and be planted in the sea;' and it would obey you." Lk 17:5-6

October 5, 2025 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The apostles said to the Lord,

"Increase our faith."

Luke 17:5



CHRIS McDONOUGH

I'm glad we got down on our knees today, Pastor A. I found 27 cents that bounced out of the collection.

Let Go and Let God

Many twelve-step programs use the phrase “Let go and let God.” In all their simplicity, these five words are the heart of today’s readings. For people who struggle with addictive behavior, these words plainly remind us that we can’t manage, control, or manipulate certain areas of our lives. How many times can we look back in our lives and find evidence of some plan at work other than our own? These are the moments when, for whatever reasons, we let someone greater than ourselves work the plan. We probably didn’t even recognize at the time that we were letting go of anything, but in retrospect, we see God’s hand and loving presence. It is our awareness of these moments that gives us the courage and initiative to let go again later on. It is this courage and initiative that are highlighted in today’s readings. We come to call it “faith.”

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Treasures From Our Tradition

In the mid-1960s, many religious congregations that had maintained a custom of assigning new names to their members allowed a return to baptismal names. The practice stems from the origins of monastic life, when a desire to flee the world and its enchantments caused a severe break with family life and commitments. A new name signified that the old person had died and a new one was coming to life. Some orders even spread funeral pall over their entrants and tolled the funeral bell. On a practical level, in a crowded monastery of a few hundred monks or nuns, it made sense not to have six Brother Alfries or nine Sister Clares. The one name, one person rule worked well.

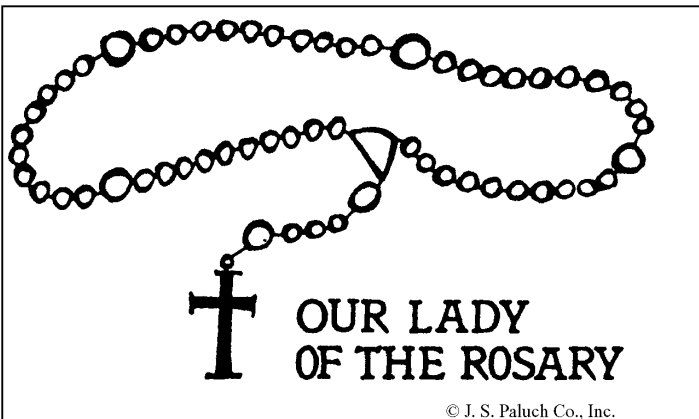
In more recent times, a young woman entering the convent might be given her parents’ names as a way of honoring their generosity, so Hilda might become Sister Philip Margaret after her father and mother. A cherished name in the order might be bestowed on a newcomer so that there would always be a Brother Owen around, or a young person might adopt the name of a beloved saint. A handful of religious congregations, like Mother Barat’s Religious of the Sacred Heart, always used family names. Many monasteries still bestow a new name at the end of probation. Other religious institutes have revived the custom of changing their candidates’ names at the end of novitiate, although for the most part religious who were around at the time of the Council were happy to get their baptismal names back. A few, of course, cherished their acquired names and have held on to them, so convents still hold the creativity badge for naming. Where else today can you find great names today like Madeleva, Siena, and Celestina?

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Practice What You Preach

Preach always; if necessary, use words.

~ Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi



Faith in Action

In today’s Gospel the apostles entreat Jesus: “Increase our faith” (Luke 17:5). He responds with two stories about putting faith into action—the surest way to increase one’s faith. The story of “faith the size of a mustard seed” (Luke 17:6) shows that even a tiny bit of faith can work wonders when it is put into action. The story of the faithful servants who did “what [they] were obliged to do” (Luke 17:10) reminds us that putting the gift of faith into action is essential to the vocation of discipleship. In the reading from the second letter to Timothy we are encouraged to “stir into flame the gift of God . . . with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us” (2 Timothy 1:6, 14). Those who put their faith into action will be like “the just one” in today’s reading from Habakkuk, who, “because of his faith, shall live” (Habakkuk 2:4).

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No Shortcuts

Turn on a TV on any day of the week and start switching channels. You are likely to find at least one ostensibly Christian preacher expounding on a strange central message. The message? If you are a believer, God wants you to be rich. How do you become rich? You give as much as possible to God’s minister (the preacher), who will do God’s work on your behalf, and then God will bless you with whatever you desire. This message is known by many names, such as the “name-it-and-claim-it gospel,” the “gospel of success,” and the “prosperity gospel.” Based on unrelated verses in the Old and New Testament, this so-called gospel is not good news. Nor is it the real teaching of Jesus. In the scriptures God is the greatest giver of all; God is the origin and creator of all that is good. God’s mercy and goodness are not a *result* of our gifts of money, or even our prayers and good behavior. Rather, God gives to us *first*: life, health, skills, and resources. We are invited to change our hearts, to live like Jesus, the apostles, and the saints, and to trust in God to provide what we need henceforward. This requires more of us than simply putting a check in the mail and waiting for miracles to come our way. Yet it is the daily effort of being a disciple that some of us cannot accept. Like the disciples in today’s Gospel, we harbor the secret desire that God will wave a magic wand just for us, make our troubles cease, and give us all the things that we want. But Jesus tells us that is not God’s way. It shouldn’t be ours, either.

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Reflecting on God’s Word

We celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi on the anniversary of his death, which occurred on October 4, 1226. Perhaps the most beloved of all saints, Francis is quoted as saying, “Preach the gospel at all times. When necessary, use words.” Signs of faith were evident throughout his life. Faith empowered him to give away his possessions, to embrace lepers, and to endure deep suffering. Faith gave him a joyful spirit and a love for all of creation. His faith drew others to Christ in the Franciscan order. And Francis received the ultimate sign of faith—the stigmata.

In today’s scriptures we see many signs of faith that preach louder than words. Habakkuk shows his faith by his urgent plea to God. God tells him that “the just one, because of his faith, shall live” (Habakkuk 2:4). In the second reading we hear that faith shows forth in love, self-control, and the strength to bear hardship. In the Gospel Jesus tells the disciples that faith can work miracles, but the most reliable sign of faith is a life lived in steadfast service to the Lord.

~ Virginia Stillwell

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Faith in Action

Today's scriptures are situated in the midst of a long lesson on the vocation of discipleship. Over the last several weeks we have heard about our calling to be humble, to detach ourselves from worldly possessions, to give and receive forgiveness, and to care for those in need. In the next two weeks we will hear about our calling to give thanks in all things and to persevere in faithfulness until the end.

This Sunday our attention is focused on the gift of faith, a gift that is meant not to be put on a shelf, but to be put into action. Habakkuk offers us a good example. He believes that God will answer prayers and intervene on behalf of the suffering. He puts this faith into action in the form of an urgent plea to God, and receives a vision that his faith will surely be rewarded. In the Gospel, the image of faith the size of a mustard seed illustrates the power of faith well used. The story of the faithful servants reminds us that putting our faith into action is an essential requirement of the vocation of discipleship.

“Stir Into Flame the Gift You Have From God”

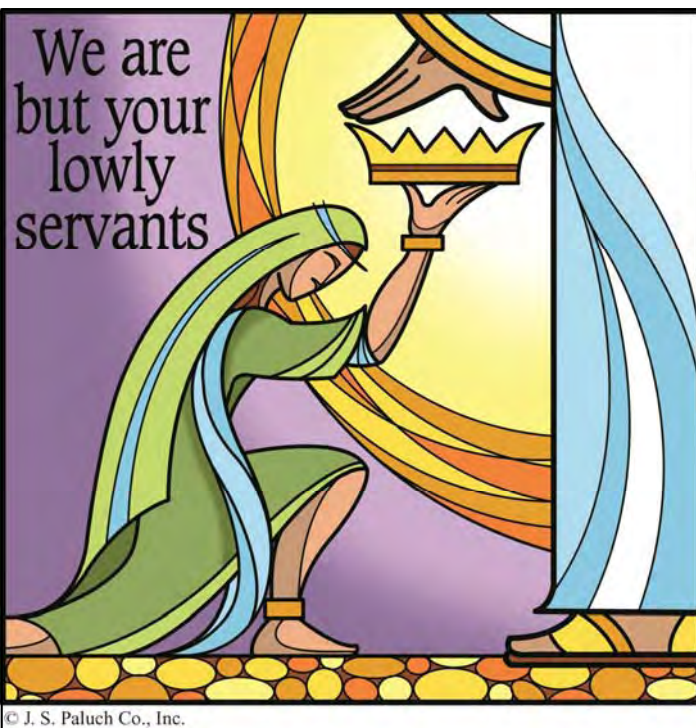
The Spirit has many means of enkindling and tending the flame of faith within us—nature, life experiences, our Christian companions, the sacraments, the scriptures, Church teaching, and the life of service. We are indeed blessed to receive such a gift. Yet that precious flame can fade into a mere ember unless we stoke it into a blazing fire from which others can derive warmth and light. The reading from Timothy encourages us to put our faith into action “with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us” (2 Timothy 1:14). The Spirit will increase not only our faith, but our “power and love and self-control” (2 Timothy 1:7) when we respond to the Christian vocation to put the gift of faith into action.

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Well-Read?

When the day of judgment comes, we shall not be asked what we have read, but what we have done.

~ Thomas à Kempis



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Increase Our Faith

Today's Gospel passage falls under the category that has come to be known as the “hard sayings” of Jesus. Hard to understand, hard to apply to life today. The Apostles’ request, “increase our faith,” is in response to a previous “hard saying” about how frequently we are called upon to forgive others. Curiously, Jesus seems rather unforgiving in responding to their request, or in describing the manner in which they are to serve others.

Jesus uses exaggerations to wake us up to how God is present in our lives, and how we are urged to live if God is with us. None of us is called upon to uproot trees or cast mountains into the sea. The faith we have is adequate for the task we are called upon to do: spread the gospel by our witness. And living that witness is done not for self-gratification or recognition, but out of the joy of helping the world to hear the Good News.

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A Little Faith

Today our readings are about faith, frustration, and how much is enough. Habakkuk is a complainer having an argument with God. Timothy is encouraging a community challenged by cowardice and the apostles want more faith than they have. Things aren't happening fast enough for any of them or for us. All of them and we want God to do something sooner rather than later and we want God to give us a reason to believe that it will all work out. What does God do? God puts it back on them—and us—telling Habakkuk to describe the world he wants; telling the apostles to do more than the expected. Doing more with less is a familiar phrase today and a reminder that a little faith may be enough even for the most difficult times.

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Living God's Word

You may never be canonized. However, people should be able to look at your life and discover signs of faith. Do they see you reaching out to those in need, working for justice, caring for family, engaging in prayer, seeking reconciliation, growing spiritually? If so, they see a just one who, through the gift of faith, shall live.

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Living a Faith

'Tis not the dying for a faith that's so hard—every man of every nation has done that—'tis the living up to it that's difficult.

~ William Makepeace Thackeray



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*“Do everything for
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1 Corinthians 10:31



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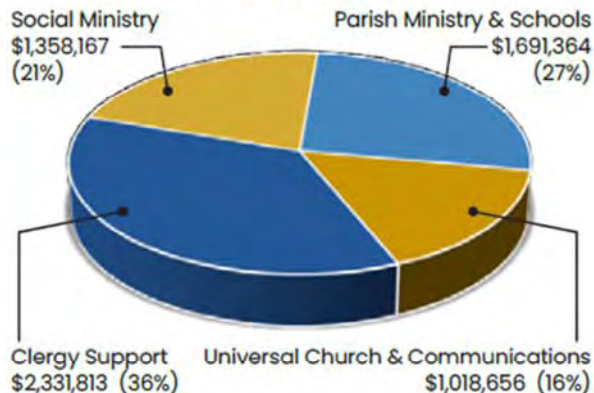


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CHANCERY BUDGET FOR 2025 SOURCES OF INCOME: \$17,200,000

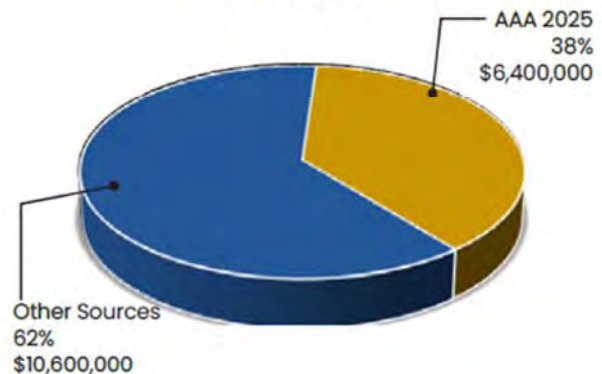


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OCTOBER 28-NOVEMBER 4



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ON NOVEMBER 1, 2025, ARCHBISHOP SALVATORE J. CORDILEONE WILL CELEBRATE 9:00 AM MASS AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL, THEN LEAD THE OUR LADY OF FATIMA EUCCHARISTIC GRAND PROCESSION TO STAR OF THE SEA PARISH. UNITING THE FAITHFUL IN A POWERFUL WITNESS TO THE EUCHARIST.



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FATHER JOSEPH ILLO WILL OPEN THE EUCCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESS ON OCTOBER 28, 2025, WITH THE 7:00 AM LATIN MASS AND LEAD WORKSHOPS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK, INSPIRING DEEPER REVERENCE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE LITURGY.



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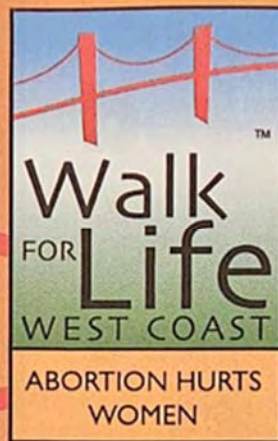
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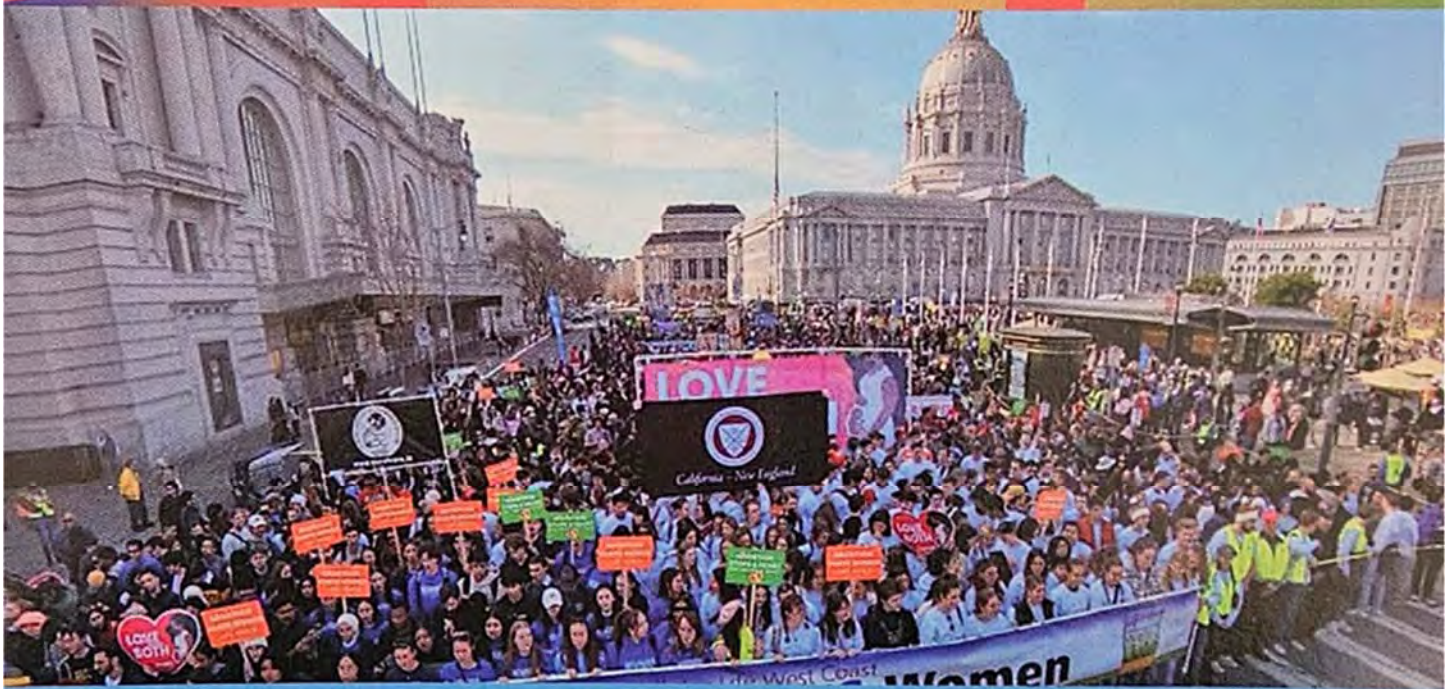


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27 January | Arrival in Cebu

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 Tsokolata 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

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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>
(for iOS devices, i.e. Apple products)

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=va.iubilaeum2025.app&pli=1>
(for Android devices)

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

Individuals and organizations may download the Jubilee logo in high resolution and the main languages at this link. Since the logo is subject to copyright, its use is intended for pastoral and non-profit purposes only. Such use is to be linked to the following pastoral and ecclesial initiatives with no commercial purposes:



- Place the trademark on materials related to the Jubilee, such as: leaflets, pamphlets, postcards, brochures, posters, outlines, banners, websites and other media;
- Place branding on pastoral materials to be used for spiritual preparation for the Jubilee;
- Place trademark on promotional materials related to the Jubilee, particularly on posters, banners, T-shirts, hats, mugs, and other materials and media; not for commercial use.
 - The use of the logo to third parties will not be granted.
 - A manual for logo use can be found online here at [this link](#).





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*



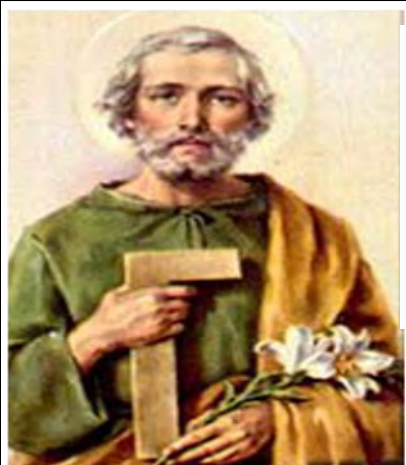
***Our Lady of
Perpetual Help
Devotion***
(every Tuesday
after the
12:10 Mass)

*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

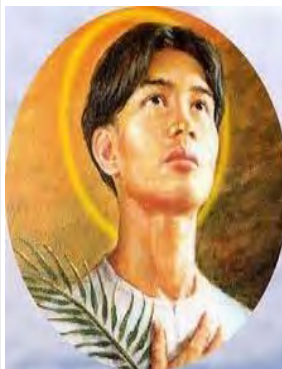


*Our Lady
of Guadalupe*

**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 Salangang