

# St. Patrick Catholic Church

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## Mass Times

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

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

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

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

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

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



## July 06, 2025 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*May I never boast except in the cross  
of our Lord Jesus Christ. ~ Galatians 6:14*





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Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-7,16,20; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12,17-20 or 10:1-9

Let us boast of nothing but the cross of Christ (2). Through it his grace and power are made known to his servants (1). Tremendous deeds shall be performed in his name (Ps): the reign of God is proclaimed, peace is given as gift, and the forces of sin are overcome (3).

### Good News in on the Way

This week, in the midst of summer, the scriptures greet us with joy, peace, mercy, and more peace! Sounds a little like Advent, doesn't it? We often associate the prophet Isaiah with that preparatory season, and our first reading rings with such words as exult, comfort, and rejoice. The Israelites had reason to rejoice, for they had returned, come home, to a rebuilt Jerusalem from their exile in Babylon.

In the Gospel, the seventy-two disciples who were sent out have their own "homecoming," returning to Jesus from spreading the Good News of the Kingdom and preparing people for the "advent" of Jesus into their cities and towns on his long road to Jerusalem. Like the exiles in Isaiah, the disciples return rejoicing.

The Good News, the Kingdom of God, is coming, even in summer. As today's psalm reminds us, "Shout joyfully to God, all the earth!"

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### Treasures From Our Tradition

It's high summer now, school is out, the pace of work slows, and some people drift away. There are visitors in the churches every summer, and familiar faces are "among the missing." Some find the summer's call more appealing than the summons of the church bells. Many, however, would not dream of missing a Sunday, and so they make their way to Mass in unfamiliar places, watching the locals for clues as to when to sit or stand, where the Communion stations are. In answering the call, they keep the "sabbatical" rhythm of the Christian life: every seventh day, the Body of Christ assembles for worship.

For centuries, there was no obligation to Sunday Mass in the sense of a written law, but Christians have always yearned to be together on Sunday. In the city of Abitina, during a persecution by the Emperor Diocletian, a group of Christians were urged to stop worshiping together on Sundays. They responded, "Then take our lives, for without the Sunday we cannot live." By a curious coincidence, the appointed readings today center us on thoughts of peace. On our Independence Day, the experience of worship situates us in community, and evokes a commitment from us to be advocates of peace in all aspects of our society's life.

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### Happy Birthday!!

Happy Birthday to our Parishioners celebrating a birthday this week.

Boris Bakovic	7/6	Raleigh Jay Signio	7/9
Teresita Baricuatro	7/7	Frederick Nangca	7/10
Vivien Dizon	7/7	Linda Ibarra	7/11
Emiliana Ignacio-Ramos	7/8	Dennis Flaherty	7/14
Felicitas Torre	7/8	Enrique Grajales	7/14

### Get to Know Fr. Spyrow



I am currently the Vicar for Clergy for the Archdiocese. I am responsible for overseeing the clergy in all facets of priestly life—assignments, continuing education, retirements, sabbaticals. This is my full-time assignment. I am very happy to be appointed Pastor here at St. Patrick's. This is a part-time assignment. I want to meet as many parishioners and parish families as possible (don't be afraid to introduce yourself);

involve the children in the life of the parish in roles such as altar servers; and/or lectors, greeters, and Eucharistic Ministers once they are confirmed; initiate new ministries; review the parish's Synod questionnaire responses (2020) with the Parish Council to see what we can learn, and to use the input I want to hear your suggestions and your vision for the parish. Feel free to share with me.

My twin brother and I were born in Concord, California and are the youngest of 5 boys. I attended Catholic school from elementary school through college attending De La Salle High School in Concord, St. Mary's College of California in Moraga and Saint Patrick Seminary and University in Menlo Park. I have a strong Lasallian spiritual foundation. My parents were married for 72 and a half years. My father was Greek Orthodox and my mother was Mormon when they first got married. My mother was baptized Catholic after my third brother was born and my father made a profession of faith. They felt it important to raise 5 boys in the Catholic faith.

At age 13, I began working in a local Concord funeral home becoming a licensed funeral director later. When not working as a funeral director, I worked as a Director of Religious Education at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, did retreat work, and was also Director of Student Activities and Campus Minister at the De La Salle Christian Brothers San Joaquin High School in Fresno for 2 years. I also worked for Wells Fargo Bank.

Moving back to San Francisco, I was at a decision point—stay in the funeral business or listen even more closely to the call I had been hearing all my life. I listened to that call which led me to discern a vocation at St. Patrick Seminary in 2007.

Since ordination in 2014, I have served as Pastor at St. Raphael's in San Rafael, served as Administrator at other parishes, Vicar for Clergy, and now assigned as Pastor here.

When I have time I like to fish for trout and Dungeness crab. I also enjoy cooking when time allows.

Welcome Father Spyrow, we are glad you are here!

### Please Pray for our Holy Father's Intention for July



**Pope's Intention:** For formation in discernment. Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

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1851 – 1862	Rev. John Maginnis
1862 – 1907	Rev. Peter J. Grey
1899 – 1905	Rev. Patrick J. Cummins (Administrator)
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1936 – 1940	Rev. James J. McHugh
1940 – 1955	Rev. Msgr. Leo W. Powleson
1955 – 1967	Rev. Msgr. Vincent F. McCarthy
1967 – 1987	Rev. Msgr. Clement J. McKenna
1987 – 1994	Rev. Msgr. Joseph P. Sullivan
1994 – 2006	Rev. Msgr. Fred Al. Bitanga
2006 – 2012	Rev. Ed Dura
2012	Rev. James H. MacDonald (Administrator)
2012 – 2025	Rev. Roberto "Obet" Andrey
2025 –	Rev. Andrew Spyrow

### True Beauty

People are like stained glass windows; they sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light within.

~ Dr. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross

### Love and Trust

Little love; little trust.

~ English proverb

### God's Shadow

Love is God's shadow in our universe.

~ Anonymous

## Saints & Special Observances

Wednesday: optional memorial ~

St. Augustine of Zhao, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Friday: Memorial ~ St. Benedict, Abbot

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:22-33; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Mt 10:24-33

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37 or Ps 19:8-11;*

*Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37*

### Today's Readings

**First Reading** — As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you (Isaiah 66:10-14c).

**Psalm** — Let all the earth cry out to God with joy (Psalm 66).

**Second Reading** — May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ (Galatians 6:14-18).

**Gospel** — Jesus sends out the seventy-two (Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 [1-9]).

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### Saint of the Week



Benedict, † 547; wrote famous monastic Rule noted for its wisdom and moderation, and need for obedience: "Let all follow the Rule as their guide in everything, and let no one rashly depart from it" (Rule, Chapter 3); founded twelve monasteries including Monte Cassino; Benedictines today number some 8,500 religious; considered the "Patriarch of Western Monasticism"; a patron of Europe.



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## Mass Intentions for Jul 06 - 12

Date	Time	Intention
<b>Sunday 06</b>	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Marcos & Milagros Gomez † George C. King † Rene Perez TG Rene & Elena Delos Santos SI Corazon Mariano & Family
<b>Monday 07</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	TG Rene & Elena Delos Santos SI Evelyn Mendoza SI Rachele Morales & Family
<b>Tuesday 08</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Jeff & Nnette Murata TG Domingo Ordoveza † Mario Villanueva
<b>Wednesday 09</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Rosalinda Del Rosario SI Vilma Nangca SI Gloria Ochango
<b>Thursday 10</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Marilyn Sumulong TG Rosy Ordoveza SI Florentina Palacio
<b>Friday 11</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Jesus, Jr. & Malu Paningbatan BD Florence K. Murata TG Luluday Villanueva
<b>Saturday 12</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Jun & Emy Pasion SI Eleanor Lawson SI Estrellita Perez

## Parish Schedule

### Parish Office Hours

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

### Sacrament of Reconciliation (in the Rectory)

(appointments are preferred)

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

### Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

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

### Sto. Niño Devotion

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

### Sacred Heart

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

## Communion in the Home

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

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## 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 7<sup>th</sup> of September in 1921.

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

### Legion of Mary's Aim

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

### Legion of Mary's Unit

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

### Legion of Mary's Active Works

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

### Legion of Mary's Active Membership

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

## God's Providence

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of our Lord Jesus Christ.

~ Galatians 6:14



## Letters from Heaven



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

Jesus appointed seventy-two disciples to  
"Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like ...

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O	A	M	E
W	O	M	A
N	G	S	B

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Answer: *Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like ...*

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saint snippets

Our Lord prefers to wait himself for the sinner for years rather than keep us waiting an instant.

**St. Maria Goretti**

Young Italian girl who refused to submit to the impure advances of a boy and prayed for him and forgave him even after he stabbed her.

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July 6

saint snippets

"Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his marvelous deeds."

-Psalm 96:3

**St. Kilian**

7th-century Irish bishop and missionary to modern-day Germany. He is the patron saint of those suffering from rheumatism.

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July 8

saint snippets

"God gave me a father and a mother who were more worthy of heaven than of earth."

-St. Thérèse of Lisieux

**Sts. Louis & Marie Zelié Martin**

19th-century French married couple and the parents of St. Thérèse of Lisieux

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July 12

## The Voice of the Lord

What is more delightful than the voice of the Lord calling to us?

~ St. Benedict

## Wisdom

Wisdom has been defined as knowing the difference between pulling your weight and throwing it around.

~ Anonymous



# CATHOLIC CORNER

## CRY OUT TO GOD WITH JOY!

Today's psalm response is "Let all the earth cry out to God with joy!" (Psalm 66:1).

We read in the first chapter of Genesis (1:1) that "In the beginning . . . God created the heavens and the earth." Think of what that means, specially on these beautiful days of summer.

God created the sky, the stars and the sun,  
but that wasn't all . . .  
God created the mountains and metals and  
stones and diamonds,  
but that wasn't all . . .  
God created the earth and the waters, trees  
and flowers,  
but that wasn't all . . .  
God created fruits and vegetables, wheat, flax, and  
other grains,  
but that wasn't all . . .  
God created the birds of the air, the fish in the sea,  
and the animals on the land,  
but that wasn't all . . .  
God created people and gave them some of God's  
own life—  
God created you!

No wonder all the earth cries out to God with joy! What gives you joy when you think of God's creation? What is your favorite place on earth? What is your favorite animal? Does the sunrise in the morning make you happy? Do the shining stars at night delight you? God has given us so much joy in creation! How can we say thank you?

Create a thank-you card. Include pictures of your favorite parts of creation. You can draw them, cut them out of magazines, or take pictures of the parts of creation you love most. Write two reasons why you are thankful for all God's gifts.

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## The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

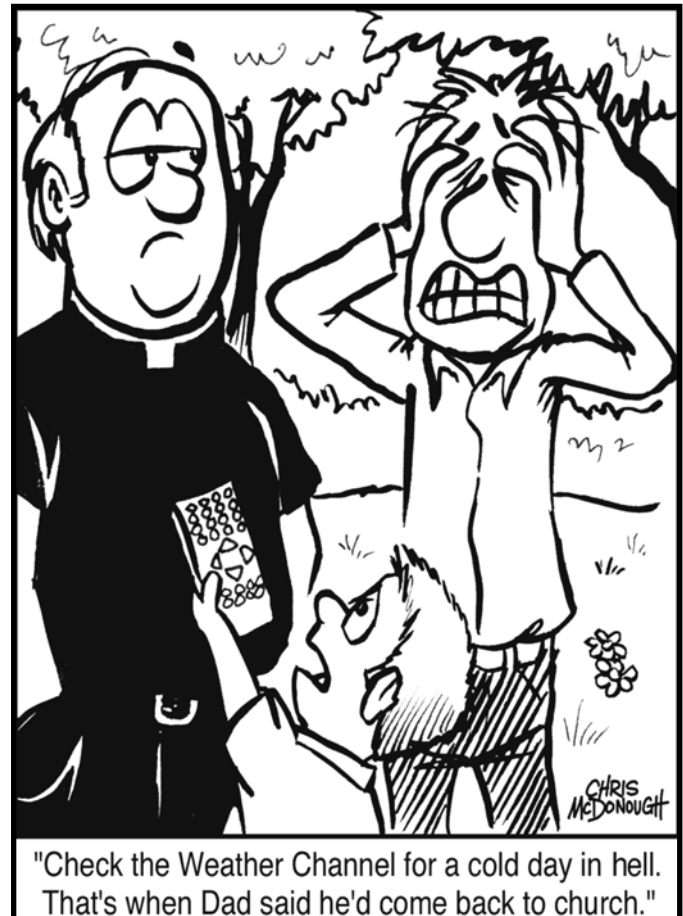


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The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for the harvest.

Luke 10:2



## Peace

The greeting of peace at Mass adds substance to a message of today's readings: peace is relational. When we greet in peace the person near us at Mass, we share the touch of a handshake or embrace, sincere eye contact, and friendly words.

The scriptures speak of a similar peace. The first reading from Isaiah describes the peace of the holy city, Jerusalem, a place of prosperity and comfort where the "LORD's power shall be known to his servants" (Isaiah 66:14c).

The Christian understanding of peace changes slightly. Paul writes of the "peace and mercy" on all who are created anew. Jesus describes a feeling of peace that will rest on those who accept his disciples and their message.

Peace is both an absence of strife and a personal blessing. May we always and sincerely bring peace to our own lives as we share it with others.

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## Treasures From Our Tradition

Some say tomato—and some say tomahto—you know the old song. What do you say when you arrive at church and see a font prepared, a baby in the wings, the paschal candle burning? Well, maybe you will say that "we're having a baptism today," or maybe you say "we are having a christening." The proper term is baptism, since that is the name of the sacrament. But the persistent use of "christening" in our culture, probably from due to the influence of the Episcopal Church, is interesting.

Baptism, an ancient word, is from the Greek meaning to dip or to dunk. Christening is an Old English word that describes perfectly well that more than getting splashed with water, the person being baptized is being "Christ-ed." No matter what you call it, there's always water involved, and then an anointing with chrism—fragrant olive oil consecrated as a sign of Christ's presence—poured upon the brow as we say, "As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life."

So, in being Christ-ed, you are conformed to his image, your life is expected to be a retelling of his life in miniature and you—even though you may be squirming or sleeping—are commissioned to be a priest, a prophet, a king. This means that you are called to be one who worships, you are called to speak the truth, you are called to shape the world and exercise right judgment. That is the deepest treasure of our tradition, and every time you gather to celebrate a baptism, you renew your vows precisely so that you can be more "Christ-ed." No matter what vocabulary you assign to the liturgy, the key is transformation of the human person in the community of the Body of Christ.

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## Saint Maria Goretti (1890-1902)

July 06



Does anything match a mother's pride in her children? First Communion, confirmations, graduations, weddings: how these delight a mother's heart! Imagine, then, Assunta Goretti, the only mother ever to attend her child's canonization! In poverty-stricken rural Italy, widowed Assunta tended fields for the Serenelli family, whose eighteen-year old son Alessandro propositioned her barely twelve-year old Maria; then, when she resisted, crying, "It is a sin! God forbids it!" he stabbed her fourteen times. As she lay dying, Maria assured the attending priest, "Yes, I forgive Alessandro! I want him to be in Paradise with me someday." Imprisoned, unrepentant, Alessandro changed after dreaming that a radiant Maria had offered him fourteen lilies. "I've kept my promise," she smiled. "You'll be here with me someday." Upon release, he rushed to beg Assunta's forgiveness. "Jesus has forgiven you," she replied, "my Maria too. How can I refuse?" Next morning, mother and murderer walked arm in arm to church and knelt side by side for Communion.

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## Reflecting on God's Word

Robert Fulghum tells the story of a troubled man who paid a visit to his rabbi. He had experienced a great deal of failure in his life and didn't feel that he had what it takes to accomplish his dreams. After listening to the man's tale of woe, the rabbi instructed him to seek out page thirty of the *New York Times Almanac*. That would be of help.

Following that instruction, he found that the almanac entry was a list of the top hitters in the annals of baseball, with Ty Cobb leading the pack with a .376 batting average. Puzzled as to how that applied to his problem, he returned to the rabbi for an explanation. The rabbi explained that that page of Hall of Fame hitters represented people who in essence failed about seven out of every ten times at bat.

So if he thought his track record of failure was a problem, he needed to think again. The many failures put him in league with some of the greatest hitters baseball had ever known.

~ Rev. Richard Zajac

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### ***Never Alone***

Saint Paul reminds us today that he "bears the marks of Jesus" on his body. We recall another letter in which Paul describes his imprisonments and beatings: "Five times at the hands of the Jews I received forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, I passed a night and a day on the deep" (2 Corinthians 11:24-25). Far from being bitter about all this abuse, Paul "boasts" in the cross that Jesus has allowed him to share.

Those of us who have a scar usually have a memorable story about what caused the injury. Paul's scars remind him of his life in Christ. With the marks of Jesus on his body and the love of Christ in his heart, Paul is never alone.

### ***Deeply Connected***

We are never alone, not really. We live in relationships, in community. That's the way we come into the world, after all, with a mother laboring to deliver us into the human community. God—being Father, Son, Holy Spirit—is a mysterious community who intends us to live in relationship with God and others, always and forever. Stories of abandonment or abuse affect us strongly precisely because we all know the deep human need to be embraced by a loving family.

Our reading from Isaiah today describes God as a gentle mother, playing with us, her children, and comforting us. This same God who cares for us so intimately chose to enter our human family through Mary. Jesus, her son, grew strong in her care. And, as Luke tells us today, when the time came to spread his gospel message, Jesus insisted on community: he sent his disciples in pairs.

The instructions Jesus gives his seventy-two missionaries reinforce the importance of community. Jesus wants his disciples to build healthy relationships wherever they go, wishing peace on new acquaintances, sharing gifts of healing and faith, and graciously accepting hospitality in whatever form it is offered. These practical tips still apply to us today, modern disciples of Jesus at work in the world.

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

Decide to offer prayers and financial support to a missionary organization of your choice.

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### ***At a Loss***

When wealth is lost, nothing is lost; when health is lost, something is lost; when character is lost, all is lost.

*~ German proverb*

## ***False Humility***

It's been months since Easter and it's a long way to Christmas, but there seems to be a lot of rejoicing in today's readings. Isaiah talks about rejoicing with Jerusalem. The Gospel shows the disciples rejoicing when they came back from visiting towns to tell about the Kingdom. St. Paul is happy to be suffering for Christ. So what is the reason for such joy?

The readings make clear that it is not because of what the people of Jerusalem did, or even what miracles Jesus' disciples performed. Isaiah talks about what God will do for the people, how "the LORD's power shall be known to his servants" (Isaiah 66:14). Jesus tells his disciples not to rejoice that they cast out demons; no, they should "rejoice because your names are written in heaven" (Luke 10:20). In other words, we are to rejoice over all the Lord has done for us, not what we have done for him.

Does that sound like false humility? Like someone receiving an Oscar who says, "I wasn't that good—it was all that my director, my producers, my wife and children, and my dog Snoopy did." No, when we do anything for others, we can honestly say that God does the real work. Knowing that frees us from expecting everyone to be happy, everything we do for others to be successful. When our offer of help is rejected, our prayers for a sick friend don't seem to be working, or our good advice is ridiculed, we can be confident that God has something else planned. Instead of being discouraged, we can trust that God's plan is working in ways we just can't see.

Paul has a similar theme in the second reading. You would think he would be proud of all the converts he made or the people he cured. He boasts only about his suffering because that is how he is most like Jesus. He sees all of his accomplishments as the work of God, and he knows that the greatest thing Jesus did was to die for us. All three readings remind us that what changes our lives and changes the world is not how hard we work or how holy we are; what really makes the difference is how much God loves us. That is the real reason to rejoice.

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## ***Living God's Word***

Jesus sends off seventy-two disciples in our Gospel today. He instructs them in advance not to expect success in all of their endeavors. So when they fail, they are to "shake the dust from their feet" and move on. It is an instruction to be heeded by any who fail.

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## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

What a beautiful image Isaiah uses for the relationship of Jerusalem to the people. Jerusalem is the center of life for the Jewish people. It is where the Temple was, where sacrifice was made for the expiation of sin. It was the dwelling place of God, where the sins of the people were forgiven.

The image of heaven as the New Jerusalem is just as powerful. Often it is depicted as a shining city made of jewels, and the glory of God shines forth from it. But here, a different, more earthly image is used: that of a nursing mother comforting her child. Both nurturing and comforting, a mother's tender care helps her child to grow and thrive both physically and emotionally. Just as a baby smiles and coos in the arms of its mother, so we are to rejoice and be glad over the glory of the New Jerusalem, where we will find our comfort in God's arms.

### The Marks of Jesus

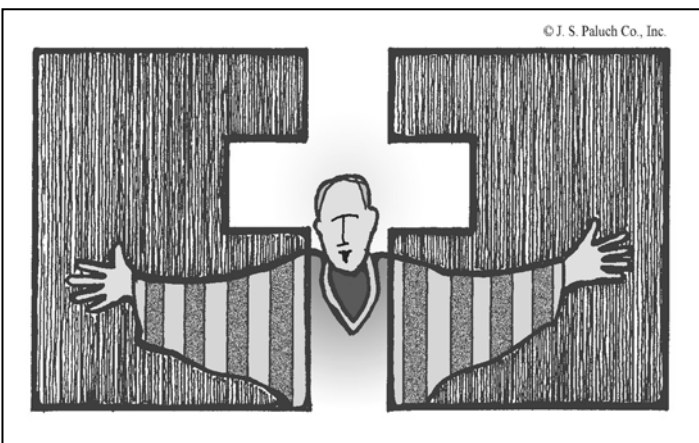
Today's reading from Galatians can be confusing unless we back up a little to the few lines before today's reading. Paul is speaking about a problem that the early Christians were having about the circumcision issue. The Jewish Christians wanted the Greek converts to become Jewish first and to follow the whole of Mosaic law. Paul points out that they themselves do not do that very well. Some of Gentile origin were seeking circumcision in order to hide their origins and escape persecution by the Jews and possibly by the Romans, who may have ignored the Jews and let them practice their faith in peace. Both Gentiles and Jews were trying to avoid the cross, or the suffering that comes from being a Christian.

Paul here settles the issue by saying that it doesn't matter if a man is circumcised or not. What matters is that Christians are willing to accept whatever their commitment to Christ might bring. He points out that he himself bears in his own body, not only the circumcision of the Jews, but the more important mark: that of suffering for Christ. He probably refers to his pains and sufferings from whipping, stoning, and more that he has endured in his travels and preaching of the gospel. But his point is that if we are to become followers of Christ, we must follow Jesus and not rely on the old law or new fears. We may or may not be called to suffer physically, but we must follow Christ crucified in our willingness to endure discomfort for the sake of his name.

### Like Lambs Among Wolves

Jesus sends us on mission to the world, innocent as the babe in its mother's arms, but we must also be aware that not everyone will be friendly to us. He gives us strong practical advice about how we are to go about bringing the Good News to the world. As the saying goes, "travel light to travel far." We must not drag our own "baggage" when we bring the gospel. As Saint Teresa of Ávila says, "God alone suffices."

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## Laborers For the Harvest

Today's Gospel tells the story of the sending out of the seventy-two, some of the first disciples in the burgeoning church. They must have been full of idealism and excitement as they went from town to town healing the sick and expelling demons. Today, the Fourth of July, we remember those who founded our country and can also imagine their excitement and idealism as they worked in this newly established country. Our Church, now over two thousand years old, is still in need of men filled with idealism and excitement who are willing to answer the call to the ordained priesthood. Today is a day to pray for vocations to the priesthood; as the Lord tells his disciples, "[A]sk the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest" (Luke 10:2).

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### Riches to Rags

Why would a wealthy heiress leave a life of luxury for one of poverty and service? The life of Saint Katharine Drexel (1858–1955) is a "riches to rags" story that turns the conventional American success story upside down. Katharine was the middle daughter of a wealthy, socially prominent Philadelphia banker. Her father was convinced that their large fortune meant that God had greater expectations of them concerning its use. Katharine saw the impact of her family's generosity, which influenced her to devote her life and money to the poor. Initially she wanted simply to renounce her fortune. She even asked Pope Leo XIII to send missionary priests to serve Native Americans. He suggested she do it herself, so Katharine gave up her place of privilege to found the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, devoted to serving African-Americans and Native Americans. Using twenty million dollars of her own money, she founded over sixty schools and established Xavier University in New Orleans, the only Catholic university for African-Americans. As they spread across the United States, Katharine and her sisters extended themselves tirelessly in caring for those on the margins of American society. Like the seventy disciples in today's Gospel, they and their work were despised by some. They were called vicious names and spat upon in the street. Mother Katharine, as her sisters called her, renounced wealth and embraced poverty because of her deep love for Jesus Christ, gratitude for his sacrifice on the cross, and desire to be united with him forever. In Jesus' name, she and her sisters brought education, material assistance, and above all, the Good News to those despised or avoided by society at large. Blessed Sacrament Sisters continue serving today, bringing the message of today's Gospel: "The kingdom of God is at hand for you" (Luke 10:9).

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### Mission

Today's first reading from Isaiah was occasioned by the return of the Jewish people from exile. The prophet visualizes the Holy City as a mother welcoming her children home. The people may now look forward to prosperity and comfort. In this post-Pentecostal season, the Church attributes this sense of fulfillment to the Holy Spirit.

Paul, on the other hand, speaks of "the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." It is the single thing of which he will boast, for it is the means by which we are re-created. The comfort and prosperity promised in the first reading are here transformed by a deepening of the Christian paradox.

Luke's Gospel describes the calling and the mission of "seventy-two others," who are commissioned to bring in the "harvest." The number is symbolic, since according to Jewish tradition the number of nations in the world is seventy-two. This then is a universal mission, a *catholic* mission to all the world.

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## Discovering Christ

A friend once told me that he lives every day of his life looking for a chance to meet the Lord. I agreed that this was the way I led my life also, until one day when I discovered exactly what he meant. He had been traveling in my neighborhood and had come across a young man, with no shoes on his feet, who was asking people for money outside the local convenience store. He told the young man that he would do what he could to get him some shoes and fresh clothing. And where did he bring this young man to find these shoes and clothes? To my house! I was taken aback when the two arrived at my front door and my friend explained the situation. He told me how excited he was that another day had passed and he found this opportunity to meet the Lord. I was dumbfounded, yet profoundly humbled by the very presence of Christ in my home. I went to my dresser drawer and hesitated briefly as I drew out some clothes I hadn't worn in a long time. Something inside me said to go to the closet. There I pulled out my favorite jeans, a fairly new shirt and sweater, some new underclothes, a pair of shoes and socks. The young man went into the bathroom to change and when he emerged, his face was nothing less than radiant. In the meantime my friend had raided my refrigerator, had made up a "to-go" meal, and took the young man to a place where he could spend the night.

## The Call Rooted in Discovery

This experience taught me so much about what it means to be someone who tries to follow Christ. I discovered that in order to get to know Christ more and more, we have to be the ones who are diligently searching for him in the people we encounter every single day of our lives. Today the Lord Jesus asks us to pray that the abundant harvest will have more laborers. Let us pray that more and more people will have the courage to search for Christ in their everyday lives. And perhaps some will hear the voice of the Lord calling them into ordained ministry.

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## Did You Know...

...in the United States, there are 194 archdioceses/dioceses, the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, and the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter.

- 144 Latin Catholic dioceses
- 33 Latin Catholic archdioceses
- 16 Eastern Catholic dioceses
- 2 Eastern Catholic archdioceses
- 1 Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA
- 1 Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter

### There are currently 5 Vacant (Arch)Dioceses in the U.S.

- Diocese of Austin - Very Rev. James A. Misko, Diocesan Administrator
- Diocese of Belleville - Rev. Godfrey Mullen, O.S.B., Diocesan Administrator
- Diocese of Jefferson City - Rev. Msgr. Robert A. Kurwicky, Diocesan Administrator
- Diocese of Steubenville- Bishop Edward M. Lohse, Apostolic Administrator
- Diocese of Tucson - Gerald F. Kicanas, Apostolic Administrator

### There are 17 U.S. cardinals:

#### 4 Cardinals Currently Lead U.S. Archdioceses

- Cardinal Blase J. Cupich - Chicago
- Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan - New York
- Cardinal Robert W. McElroy - Washington
- Cardinal Joseph William Tobin, CSsR - Newark
- 3 U.S. Cardinals Currently Serve in Another Capacity
- Cardinal Kevin J. Farrell-Prefect of the Dicastery for the Laity, Family, and Life
- Cardinal James M. Harvey-Archpriest of the Basilica of St. Paul Outside-the-Walls

#### 10 U.S. Cardinals Are Retired

- Cardinal Raymond L. Burke-Patron of the Order of Malta
- Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo-Galveston-Houston
- Cardinal Wilton D. Gregory-Archbishop Emeritus of Washington
- Cardinal Roger M. Mahony-Archbishop Emeritus of Los Angeles
- Cardinal Adam J. Maida-Archbishop Emeritus of Detroit
- Cardinal Edwin F. O'Brien-Archbishop Emeritus of Baltimore
- Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley-Archbishop Emeritus of Boston
- Cardinal Justin F. Rigali-Archbishop Emeritus of Philadelphia
- Cardinal James F. Stafford-Major Penitentiary Emeritus
- Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl Archbisphop Emeritus of Washington

There are 439 active and retired Catholic bishops in the United States:

- 4 Cardinal Archbishops
- 1 Cardinal Bishop
- 31 Archbishops
- 160 Diocesan Bishops
- 81 Auxiliary Bishops

Retired Bishops: (in accordance with Canon Law, all Bishops are required to submit their resignation upon reaching retirement age of 75. However, the Pope can accept a Bishop's resignation at any point regardless of age)

- 10 Retired Cardinals
- 19 retired Archbishops
- 89 retired Diocesan Bishops
- 45 retired Auxiliary Bishops

All information as of June 2025 - USCCB



**Fourteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
July 6, 2025**

May I never boast except in the cross  
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

— Galatians 6:14



*The harvest is abundant but  
the laborers are few*



# SAVE THE DATES!

## Come out and join us



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS or  
visit [sfarch.org/events](https://sfarch.org/events)

### June 21 – Sept. 14: Sistine Chapel Exhibition

The Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption will host an exhibition of Michaelangelo's Sistine Chapel. Ceiling paintings from the Sistine Chapel will be on display using high definition photos in order to allow visitors to engage in an unique way with the artwork. The exhibition showcases the awe and wonder of arguably one of mankind's greatest artistic achievements, while allowing its visitors to experience this art from an up-close, life-size and never-before-seen perspective. The exhibition will debut on Saturday, June 21, and run through Sunday, Sept. 14. For more information visit: <https://chapelstine.com/>.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

1 Corinthians 10:31



## YOUR GIFTS CHANGE LIVES

Your gift to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal allows us to provide ministries, programs and services that benefit parishes and people throughout the Archdiocese of San Francisco. The Annual Appeal is an opportunity for all in the Archdiocese to come together as one community to support one another and everyone we serve.

*“For almost a quarter of a millennium, the Church in San Francisco has been a beacon of hope, spreading the light of Christ to all in our community. I ask you to be generous with your prayers and with your material support for the mission of the Church here in our Archdiocese.”*

ARCHBISHOP SALVATORE CORDILEONE



Photo by Brother Chris Garcia



## ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2025 GOAL: \$6,400,000

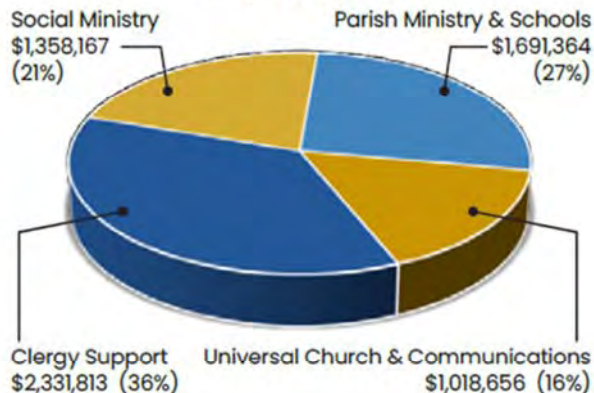


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## CHANCERY BUDGET FOR 2025 SOURCES OF INCOME: \$17,200,000

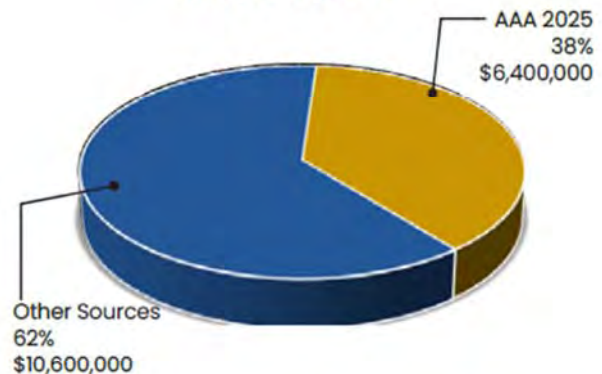


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### PARISH MINISTRY & SCHOOLS

The Archdiocese provides additional funding for its parish schools, varied educational programs, and financial aid. Supported offices and ministries include: Department of Pastoral Ministry, Faith Formation, Youth & Young Adult, Office of Worship, Marriage and Family Life, Teacher Incentive Grants, Alliance for Mission District Schools and Child and Youth Protection.

22,950 Catholic School Students • 2,576 Teachers & Staff • 70 Teacher Incentive Grants • Premarital & Marriage Support • Office of Faith Formation • Office of Worship

### SOCIAL MINISTRY

Through its variety of social ministries, the Archdiocese is able to thoughtfully engage with its diverse communities. Supported offices and ministries include: Hospital Chaplains, the Tribunal, Youth and Young Adult Ministries, Human Life & Dignity, Prison Ministry, Ethnic Ministry, Chinese Ministry, Ministry for the Spanish Speaking, Filipino Ministry, Ecumenical and Interreligious Programs.

Hospital & Prison Chaplains • Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministries • Respect Life • Restorative Justice • Ecumenical & Interreligious Programs • Ministry Support in 22 Languages

### CLERGY SUPPORT

Clergy Support helps those who care for us. It supports priests, deacons and seminarians in their ministry. This ministry includes: Council of Priests, Vicar General, Vicar for Clergy, Clergy Education, Priests' Education Fund, Permanent Diaconate, Diaconate Formation, Office of Consecrated Life, Office of Vocations, Priests' Retirement Fund, Serra Clergy House and Priests' Elder Care.

Active Priests' Support • Retired Priests' Support • Seminarian Formation • Diaconate Formation

### UNIVERSAL CHURCH & COMMUNICATIONS

The Universal Church supports the larger work of the California Conference of Catholic Bishops, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Holy See. The Office of Communications provides internal constituent communications and external communications that fund media relations, public information and special projects.

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Our pilgrimage takes us to Venice, the city of waterways, gondolas and picturesque bridges. Visit the Basilica of St. Mark with its magnificent mosaics expressing the story of faith, the Doges Palace and the Bridge of Sighs. Travel next through the Tuscan countryside to Padua for a visit of the Basilica of St. Anthony. Continue to Florence, home to Michelangelo's David and the finest collection of Renaissance art in the world. Next stop in the small hilltop city of Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Here we will visit the Basilica of St. Francis, the Church of St. Clare and Santa Maria degli Angeli with its "thornless rose bush".

Finally, we will arrive in Rome, the center of the Catholic world. We will visit Vatican City, St. Peter's Basilica, and the Vatican Museums. See Michelangelo's original frescoes in the Sistine Chapel including the famous Last Judgment and the Creation of Man. The highlight of our visit will be an Audience with Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, if available.

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Padua

## DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

### **SAN FRANCISCO/ACROSS THE ATLANTIC**

**WED, NOV 5**

Depart San Francisco today and connect with your flight to Venice, arriving the following day.

### **ARRIVE VENICE**

**THU, NOV 6**

Your exciting pilgrimage begins as you arrive Venice today. Built on 118 small islands lying some four kilometers from the mainland, Venetian highways are made of water and the islands are linked by numerous and picturesque bridges. Upon arrival in Venice, transfer to your hotel. **(D)**

### **VENICE**

**FRI, NOV 7**

Enjoy your morning walking tour of Venice Island beginning with a visit of the Basilica San Marco in St. Mark's Square. See the Palace of the Doges, the Bridge of Sighs and the Rialto. The afternoon is at leisure to explore this captivating city on your own. **(B,D)**

### **VENICE/PADUA/FLORENCE**

**SAT, NOV 8**

Today drive to Padua where you will visit the Basilica of St. Anthony. Continue on through the serene Tuscan countryside to Florence, the cradle of Renaissance Art



Assisi



## VENICE/PADUA/FLORENCE

### SAT, NOV 8 — Continued

and former stronghold of the Medici family. From Botticelli to Da Vinci, the city is unsurpassed in art treasures and the glory of its history. Continue to your hotel for overnight. (B,D)



## FLORENCE

### SUN, NOV 9

Highlights of this morning's tour include the Piazza della Signoria, where the Neptune Fountain stands, the Church of Santa Croce, the Baptistery with its "Gates of Paradise" doors, and Giotto's Bell Tower. To top it all, visit the Academia, which houses Michelangelo's original statue of David. On to Piazzale Michelangelo for a panoramic view of the city and the Arno Valley. The afternoon is free in Florence to shop along the famous Ponte Vecchio and explore other Florentine delights.

(B,D)

## FLORENCE/ASSISI

### MON, NOV 10

Drive south today through the mystical province of Umbria to Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Your walking tour includes the Basilica of St. Francis, still surrounded today by ancient walls, the Church of St. Clare and Santa Maria degli Angeli with its 'thornless rose bush.'

(B,D)

## ASSISI/ROME

### TUE, NOV 11

Today's journey takes you to the Eternal City of Rome, where you will celebrate the Holy Year of Hope and receive the plenary indulgence. Located in the center of the Region of Lazio, Rome is a reflection of every era. The wonders of Rome surround you...a world of art, history and culture that has been attracting visitors since the beginning of Western civilization. Celebrate Mass at the Catacombs.

(B)

## ROME — PAPAL AUDIENCE

### WED, NOV 12

This morning attend an Audience with Our Holy Father, Pope Francis (subject to Vatican scheduling). This

afternoon visit the Basilicas of St. Mary Major, St. John Lateran and St. Paul's outside the Walls. (B,D)

## ROME

### THU, NOV 12

Your sightseeing tour this morning takes you to Vatican City including visits to the Vatican Museum and Gallery and the Sistine Chapel with Michelangelo's magnificent frescoes. End your morning tour at the Basilica of St. Peter. This afternoon enjoy a tour of "Ancient Rome" where you will see the mighty Colosseum and the Trevi Fountains. (B)

## ROME

### FRI, NOV 14

Enjoy a full day at leisure in fascinating Rome. You may venture to some of the city's 400 churches, shop along the Via Veneto, people watch around the famous Spanish Steps, or relax at a trattoria.....the day is entirely yours to explore the city on your own. (B)

## ROME/SAN FRANCISCO

### SAT, NOV 15

All too soon your pilgrimage is over as you board your flight back to San Francisco, arriving the same day. (B)

(B) ~ Breakfast

(D) ~ Dinner





### **PAYMENT SCHEDULE:**

Reservations may be secured upon payment of a deposit.

- A \$800 deposit is due with your reservation
- Final payment is due at NAWAS 130 days prior to departure date (June 28, 2025).\*

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### **TOUR-SPECIFIC INFORMATION**

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Taxes/Airline Surcharges: In effect on February 13, 2024.

Hotel Service Charges/Taxes: In effect on February 13, 2024 (excluding hotel tourist taxes).

Airfare: In effect on February 13, 2024.

Land Costs: Based on estimated 2025 tariffs, overseas government taxes and rates of exchange in effect on February 13, 2024 and a minimum of 36 or more participants per coach.

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# What does it mean to be Filipino Catholic?

## Youth Summer Workshop

Preserving, Promoting, & Celebrating the  
Filipino Cultures & Traditions

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



### Workshop Overview:

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

#### **WORKSHOP 1:**

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

Mater Dolorosa Church, South San Francisco

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

Saint Bruno Church, San Bruno

#### **WORKSHOP 2:**

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

Saint Bruno Church, San Bruno

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

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

Our Lady of Mercy Church, Daly City

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

(ALL PARTICIPANTS):

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

St. Robert Church, San Bruno

#### **PISTAHAN PARADE:**

Saturday, August 9 in San Francisco

(More info to follow)



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



The Youth Summer Workshop will culminate by participating in the **32nd Annual Pistahan Parade on Saturday, August 9 in San Francisco**. The youth will be invited to participate in the parade to showcase the cultural dance they have learned and the costumes they will be making during the workshop.

**Limited space. Register Today!**

Scan QR Code (first come, first served basis)



ADSF Filipino Ministry - Youth and Young Adult Committee

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*Come, let us joyfully  
serve in the vineyard  
of the Lord.*

**YOU ARE INVITED**



# **GENERAL MEETING**

## **“ALL ARE WELCOME”**

**Saturday, July 12, 2025**

**9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

**St. Mark Parish Center**  
325 Marine View Ave.  
Belmont, CA

♦ *Brunch and refreshments  
will be served.*

### **AGENDA:**

- ♦ Registration: 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
- ♦ Welcome and Introduction
- ♦ Committee Reports
- ♦ Upcoming Filipino Ministry Events
- ♦ Financial Report
- ♦ Reception and Fellowship



*Join us to celebrate*  
the canonization by Pope Leo XIV of

## **Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati** (THIRD ORDER DOMINICAN)

**SATURDAY, JULY 12, 2025 @ 6:30 PM**



THE IGNATIUS PRESS MOVIE

# **PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI**

*If I Didn't Have Love*



**WHERE:** Church of the Nativity, O'Hare Center, 210 Oak Grove Ave, Menlo Park, CA

**TICKETS:** \$15 Adults • \$10 Youth 10 - 17 yrs old  
Doors open at 6:00 pm • Limited seating

Pay by check to "Dominican Laity" and mail to the Treasurer:  
Ms. Araceli D. Antonio, OP, 42 Nelson Court, Daly City, 94015

Tickets are at "will call" and limited availability at the door - cash only

**PRESENTED BY:** The Dominican Laity Corpus Christi Chapter on their 60th anniversary

Introductory Remarks By Rev. Fr. James Thompson, OP

Movie Time: 6:30 - 8:30 pm • Light refreshments will be served

For more information, contact Finola Glassmoyer at (650) 868 - 3090

*"Pier Giorgio Frassati was a man of the eight beatitudes,  
a modern youth and great mountaineer who was keenly interested in the problems of  
culture, sports and social questions, as well as the true values of life."  
-Pope St. John Paul II*



# MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

## Hope & Healing: Raising Mental Health Awareness and Cultivating the Healing Power of Hope

**JULY 27, 2025 | 2pm to 5pm | Saint Augustine Parish Hall**

According to CDC, **Mental Health is a state of well-being** that enables us to cope with the stresses of life, realize our abilities, learn well and work well, and contribute to our community. Mental health is important at every stage of life, from childhood and adolescence through adulthood and aging. **Hope and healing are essential components of recovery from mental health challenges.** Fostering hope, through supportive environments and positive self-care practices, can significantly improve mental well-being and promote healing.

As a faith community, **Saint Augustine parish** is helping raise awareness and helping change the conversation around mental health. Join us for a **FREE** workshop to learn more about:

- **Mental health challenges and ways for cultivating hope in daily life**
- **Recognize the signs and symptoms of depression, anxiety, and dementia, its treatments and when to seek professional help**
- **Caring for loved ones with dementia and their caregivers**
- **Creating a community of hope (community resources)**



**MELANIE AKALAL, MD**  
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**JOCELYN DE LA TORRE, RN, BSN, SN IV**  
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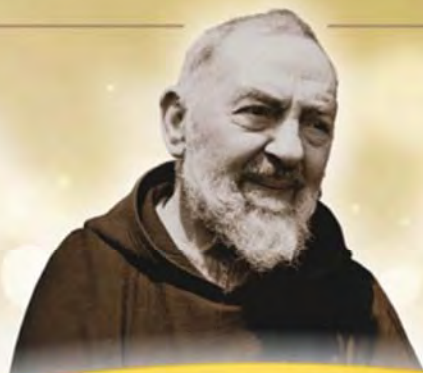
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## Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church

300 Fulton Street, Redwood City, CA 94062

### 2-day Visit of the Relics of St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina

August 15 and 16, 2025

#### August 15, Friday

- 1:00PM - Starting time of public veneration
- 6:00PM - Healing Mass in honor of St. Padre Pio followed by the imposition of the hands for healing
- 8:00PM - Ending time of public veneration

#### August 16, Saturday

- 1:00PM - Starting time of public veneration
- 5:00PM - Vigil Mass in honor of St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina
- 8:00PM - Ending time of public veneration

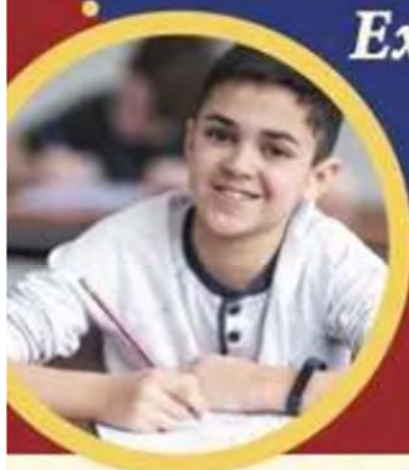




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**Location: Star of the Sea Church Auditorium**

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The winners will be announced at the San Francisco Archdiocese Filipino Ministry Gala on October 5, 2025. The 1st prize winners will be invited to the gala to read an excerpt from their winning essays.



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# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

## **Exciting Early Bird Discount for Pilgrimage Registrants!**

Don't miss this fantastic opportunity! Register for the 2026 Philippines Pilgrimage by **April 30** and enjoy a **\$50 early bird discount**. This special offer is perfect for individuals or families looking to make the most of their pilgrimage experience while saving. Already signed up? No problem – simply deduct the \$50 from your final payment.

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**LUZON – VISAYAS – MINDANAO**  
**CEBU – BOHOL – CAGAYAN DE ORO – BICOL – QUEZON – MANILA**  
**BATANGAS – PANGASINAN – TARLAC – PAMPANGA**

**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 Panampulat, 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, Panampulat Ritual, Binukid Language Learning. Lunch at Ricardo's restaurant. After lunch proceed to the Abbey of Transfiguration for Mass. Head back to Cagayan de Oro in the afternoon. Dinner at the hotel.

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

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

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

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

**04 February | Bicol tour options**

Breakfast at the hotel. Tour options are:

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

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

**05 February | Legaspi – Naga**

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

**06 February | Naga – Quezon**

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

**07 February | Quezon – Batangas**

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

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

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

**09 February | Antipolo – Manila**

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

**10 February | Manaoag – Tarlac**

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

**11 February | Departure day**

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



# Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope



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

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

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



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

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

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





# Information for Jubilee 2025 Preparation and Participation

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

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

## JUBILEE WEBSITE

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

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

## JUBILEE MOBILE APP

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/iubilaeum25/id6467652982?platform=iphone>  
(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](mailto:pilgrim@iubilaeum2025.va) and communicate the dates of the intended pilgrimage and an indicative estimate of the number of participants. Staff from the Vatican Dicastery for Evangelization will respond accordingly.





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

#### PLEASE NOTE:

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

## JUBILEE VOLUNTEERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## COORDINATING "STATESIDE" CELEBRATIONS

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





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

## FAQs ON THE JUBILEE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Marilyn Santos, Secretariat of Evangelization and Catechesis, [msantos@usccb.org](mailto:msantos@usccb.org)
- Paul Jarzembowski, Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, [pjarzembowski@usccb.org](mailto:pjarzembowski@usccb.org)







***Sto. Niño  
Devotion***  
(every Friday  
after the  
12:10 p.m. Mass)

*Alma Raymundo  
Judy Labaria  
Anonymous*



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

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



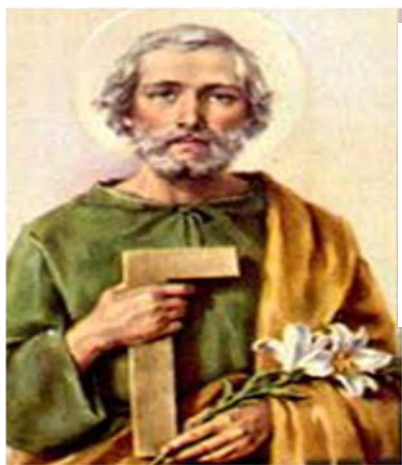
***Our Lady of  
Perpetual Help  
Devotion***  
(every Tuesday  
after the  
12:10 Mass)

*Raya & Gamboa  
Families*



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

*Fe Macatangay  
Jeanette Chafe*



***Saint  
Joseph***

***Feast Day  
March 19***

*Xenia Villamejor*

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



***Sacred  
Heart***

***First Friday  
Schedule***

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



***OUR  
LADY  
OF  
FATIMA***

***Pray the  
rosary***





The Graceful Chapter

## Psalm 23

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,
- 3 He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

The Graceful Chapter

*Yap Family*



### *St. Patrick Charismatic Prayer Group*

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

**Matt Dorsey**  
SAN FRANCISCO SUPERVISOR

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

Best,

*Matt Dorsey*

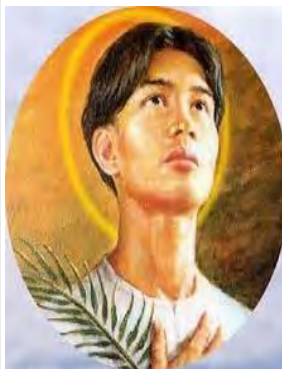


### *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

*Feast Day  
December 12*



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



*Elena Ramoran,  
Romeo & Antonina Real,  
Jesus, Jr. & Malou Paningbatan  
Vida Ventura,  
Nenette & Jeff Murata  
Wishing Well*