

St. Patrick Catholic Church

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December 07, 2025 - Second Sunday of Advent

*The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord,
as water covers the sea. - Isaiah 11:9*

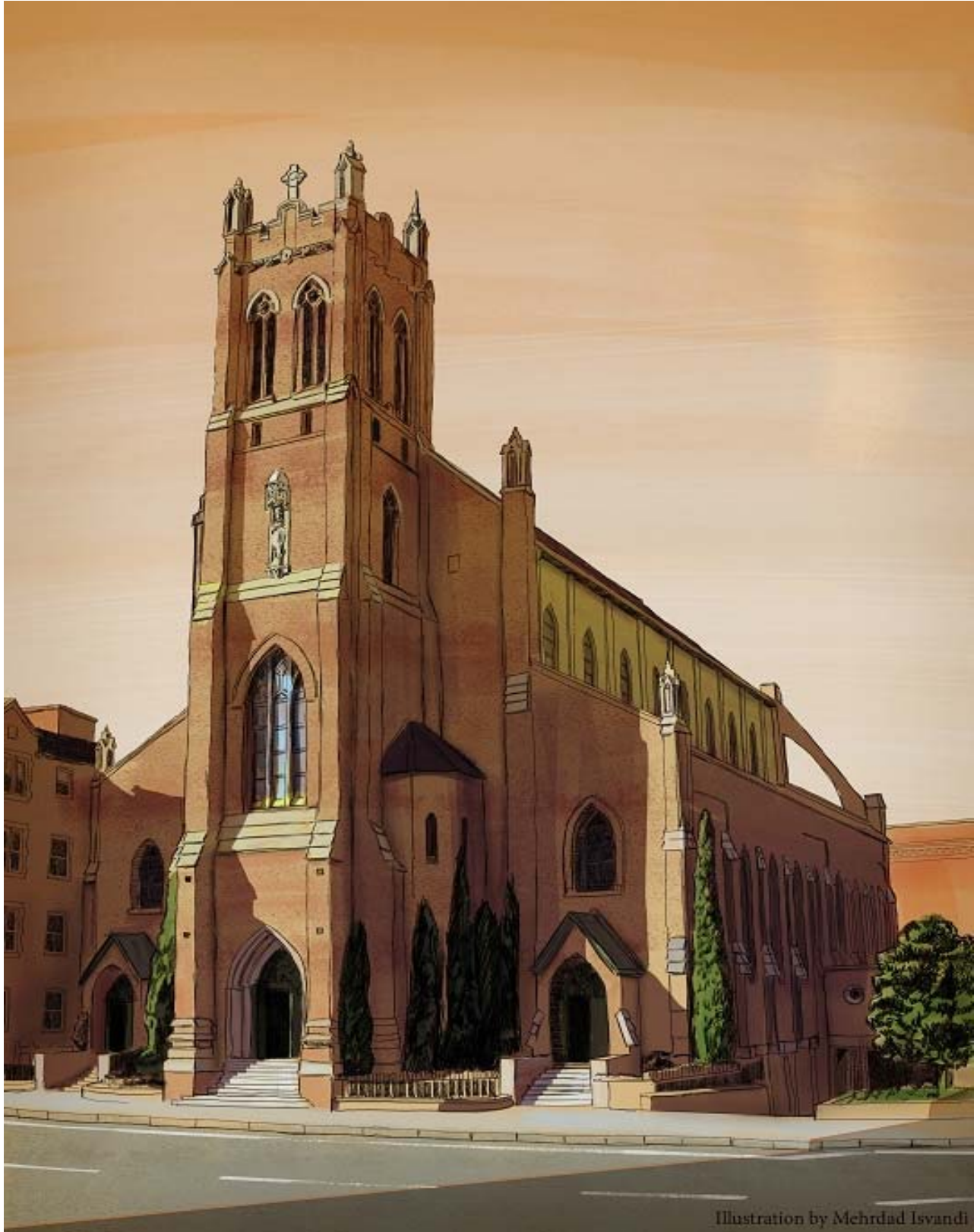


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December 07, 2025 ~ Second Sunday of Advent ~ Year A

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2,78,12-13,17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Reform your lives (3); live in God's peace (2) so that justice may flourish (1,Ps).

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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.

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.

Special Collection

Retirement Fund Helps Senior Religious



The annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be next weekend. Your gift will help defray some of the costs needed to care for our elderly religious and relieve the genuine financial crisis in many religious congregations. Whatever you give will be greatly appreciated, but please prayerfully consider making a generous donation. More importantly, please remember in your prayers the more than 500 women and men religious living and serving in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Thank you.

Holy Day of Obligation

Monday, December 8, 2025 is a Holy Day of Obligation in the United States in honor of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will have our regular weekday Mass schedule here at St. Patrick.

Catholic Prayer Corner

The Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Fulfill Today

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

~ Anonymous

Happy Birthday!!

Happy Birthday to our Parishioners celebrating a birthday this week.

Edzon Prince Hagape	12/7	Celia Fabella Rivero	12/9
Whitney Julian	12/7	Marilou Alegre	12/10
Renato Quioco	12/7	Alvin Ventura	12/10
Josefina Sonza	12/7	Rembrant Mario Belocura-Mani	12/11
Marcella Vendrell	12/7	Harold Gonzales	12/11
Bianca Marcos	12/8	Guada Garchitorena	12/12
Antonio Nangca	12/8	Anna Rose Manansala	12/12
Rainier Jeramie Pascua	12/8	Amy Mohler	12/12
Romana Elomina	12/9	Elsie Curameng	12/13

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www.stpatricksf.org***

Please Pray for Pope Francis' Intention for December



Pope's Intention: *For Christians in areas of conflict.* Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

Parol Making Workshops

At Yerba Buena Center for the Arts
(701 Mission Street)
and Bayanihan Community Center
(1010 Mission Street) in San Francisco.

Want to learn how to make your own *parol*, the Filipino lantern symbolizing hope, peace, and community? Join the SOMA Pilipinas' Parol-Making Workshops at the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts (YBCA) and other participating locations!

Note: The December 6 & 7 workshops will be held at the Bayanihan Community Center (1010 Mission St, San Francisco, CA 94103).

Workshops are free, family-friendly, and open to all!

Parol Kits:

Suggested donation: \$20 per kit
(\$10 for seniors or youth 18 & under).

Limit one per person.

Please arrive 15 minutes early to check in.

Bring your parol to the 23rd Annual Parol Lantern Festival on Saturday, December 13th at YBCA and be part of this beautiful community tradition!

Health & Safety: Masks are strongly recommended, and we encourage participants to take a COVID test before attending.

Parol Workshop Schedule:

YBCA Workshops (701 Mission Street, SF):

- Sunday, November 2: 12–4 PM
- Sunday, November 9: 12–4 PM
- Sunday, November 16: 12–4 PM
- Saturday, November 22: 12–4 PM
- Sunday, November 23: 12–4 PM
- Thursday, December 4: 4–8 PM

Bayanihan Community Center Workshops
(1010 Mission St. SF):

- Saturday, December 6: 12–4 PM
- Sunday, December 7: 12–4 PM

Come early, bring friends, and take part in a creative, heart-warming tradition that connects generations.

Sign up now to reserve your spot: bit.ly/2025parolworkshop

Today's Readings

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm — Peace and justice will come in the day of the Lord (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

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AAA Update

(as of 04 November 2025)

2025 AAA Goal	\$38,705.00
Received	\$32,479.00
Amount Remaining	\$6,226.00
% of Goal	84%

The Long-Awaited One

As the Sundays of Advent unfold the scriptures shift focus from the final coming of the Lord to his historical birth. Today's scriptures blend the two. Isaiah's disillusionment with the kings of his own day led him to envision an ideal king who would rule with divine approval and be led by divine wisdom. For centuries the Jewish people anticipated the arrival of that Messiah, who would usher in a blessed age when the whole world would finally dwell in justice and peace.

After centuries of such growing expectation, the preaching of John the Baptist about the imminent arrival of the Messiah could not help but provoke intense interest. The Baptist's message about preparation for "the one who is coming" (Matthew 3:11) makes clear that Jesus is, in fact, the long-awaited one who is ushering in the new age foretold by Isaiah and all the prophets.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

"Outward signs instituted by Christ to give grace" is the often-memorized definition of sacrament, but through more than five decades of reform we have rediscovered the power of sacrament to bestow grace by reshaping our lives as individuals and communities. Not so long ago, most people were not attentive to the nature of sacrament as an act of the Church, a power that flows from the Body of Christ. Fifty years ago, we were inclined to see a sacrament as an encounter between Christ and an individual.

Today, we see that definition does not go far enough. God's grace is not a trickle, but a gushing torrent washing over the whole Church. Like a photographer pulling back the camera for a broader picture, today we are not only interested in the person who is being baptized, reconciled, or anointed. We think about how celebrating a sacrament transforms a community. We think about the grace given by Christ to the community that baptizes or marries or ordains or confirms. Sacraments are for the good of the community. Even when it appears to be a private, hidden moment, as in individual confession, a sacrament is always for the sake of the whole body, always more than "meets the eye."

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Justice and Obedience

Justice is the insurance we have on our lives, and obedience is the premium we pay for it.

Saints & Special Observances

MONDAY: SOLEMNITY ~ THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Tuesday: optional memorial ~ St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

Wednesday: optional memorial ~ Our Lady of Loretto

Thursday: optional memorial ~ St. Damasus I, Pope

FRIDAY: FEAST ~ OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Saturday: Memorial ~ St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: Gn 3:9-15,20; Eph 1:3-6,11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

FRIDAY: Zec 21-17 or Rev 19a;1-6a;10ab;

Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4,9-11; Mt 17:9a,10-13

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 35:1-6a,10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Mass Intentions for Dec 07 - 13

Date	Time	Intention
Sunday 07	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Marcos And Milagros Gomez SI All The Parishioners Of St. Patrick BD Edwin Alcantara FH Andrew Mejia SI Perla Ardanas
Monday 08	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Sofronio Padre Galapon, Sr. TG Domingo Ordoveza † Mario Villanueva
Tuesday 09	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Jeff & Nenette Murata BD Chito Corpuz † Rosalinda Del Rosario
Wednesday 10	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	BD Mike Wilcom TG Rosy Ordoveza SI Vilma Nangca
Thursday 11	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Marilyn Sumulong TG Luluday Villanueva SI Glorina Ochangco
Friday 12	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	TG Carmelita Montalban SI Dulce Alcantara SI Florentina Palacio
Saturday 13	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	TG Santos Dela Corete Celestial † Angel Obando Villar SI Jesus, Jr. & Malu Paningbatan

Sponsors Needed For the 9-Day Misa de Gallo

December 16 - 24, 2025 at 6:00 a.m.



As the liturgical year winds down with Advent right around the corner, we are looking for kind-hearted and generous people who would like to share some of their God-given blessings by sponsoring one of the pre-dawn *Misa de Gallo* Masses. Donations will go toward the festive and joyful fellowship each day featuring hot refreshments. Please bring your contribution to the office or give it to one of the parish staff by Friday, December 12th, so your donation may be acknowledged in the *Misa de Gallo* program. Thank you for sharing the joy of your blessings and your Christmas spirit with your fellow parishioners!!



Diaconate Formation Informational Evenings

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

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

Who should attend?

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

Dates:

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

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

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

Time:

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

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



At Table During Advent

Advent candles may be lighted as the leader says:

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation:

In the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you in this food and in our sharing.

Blessed are you as we wait in joyful hope

For the coming of our savior, Jesus Christ.

All respond:

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

The leader says:

Come, Lord Jesus!

All respond:

Come quickly!

From Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers



Second Sunday of Advent
December 07, 2025

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with knowledge of the LORD,
as water covers the sea.

— Isaiah 11:9

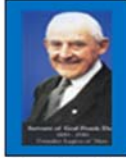
LEGION OF MARY - ST. PATRICK CHURCH

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

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



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



The Founder Frank Duff
1889 - 1980

Legion of Mary's History

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

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

Legion of Mary's Aim

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

Legion of Mary's Unit

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

Legion of Mary's Active Works

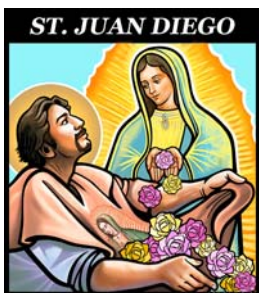
The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of everyone. The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick, both in homes and hospitals and through collaboration in every apostolate and missionary undertakings sponsored by the parish. The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

Legion of Mary's Active Membership

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

St. Juan Diego (1474-1548)

December 9



How well Mary's own words describe Juan Diego: "God has cast down the mighty from their thrones and lifted up the lowly" (Luke 1:52). Through him, for the diverse peoples of the Americas, indigenous and immigrant, the Mother of God became known as their Mother, too. Cuauhtlatzin, his given name, means "One Who Speaks Like an Eagle," and Juan Diego faithfully delivered the Virgin's request that

a church be built at Tepeyac where she had appeared to him. To the skeptical bishop's request for a sign, Our Lady showed Juan Diego roses blooming through stony ground, despite winter's cold. When he unfolded his *tilma* to present them to the bishop, imprinted there was Mary's image! Her blue sash and the flower over her womb were traditional Aztec symbols of pregnancy and new life. But her features were those of a *mestiza*, indicating mixed Aztec-European heritage. Thus to peoples too easily prone to a "clash of cultures," Our Lady of Guadalupe remains the enduring icon of unity-in-diversity, the fruit of our one baptism into Jesus, her Son.

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Letters from Heaven



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

John the Baptist said,
"Repent, for the kingdom ...

S	N	T	H
I	A	E	A
E	V	F	N
A	H	D	O

O _ _ _ _ _ !"

Answer: *of heaven is at hand*

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saint snippets

I am a small rope, a tiny ladder, the tail end, a leaf.

St. Juan Diego
Convert from Aztec to Christianity. He received the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe on his tilma in 1531.

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December 9

saint snippets

He who gives life to the dying seeds of the earth will make me rise again from the dust.

Pope St. Damasus I
4th-century Pope who presided over the Council of Rome, defended Church teaching against various heresies and encouraged veneration to the martyrs.

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December 11

saint snippets

Do not be distressed. Am I not here who am your mother?

Our Lady of Guadalupe
St. Juan Diego received visions of her in Mexico in 1531. Her image miraculously appeared on his tilma.

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December 12

saint snippets

Those whose hearts are pure are temples of the Holy Spirit.

St. Lucy
3rd-century noble Italian who consecrated her virginity to God and sought to give her riches to the poor. She was martyred for her Christian faith at the age of 21.

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December 13

CATHOLIC CORNER

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

We continue to make our Advent chain. Read one strip each day and talk about the questions with your family. Color the strips, cut them out, and add them to your chain.



December 8

Today we celebrate Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Gather with your family and pray the Hail Mary together.



December 9

"A shoot . . . from the stump of Jesse" (Isaiah 11:1). Jesse was an ancestor of Jesus' family. Name some of your family members.



December 10

"Prepare the way of the Lord" (Matthew 3:1-4). How are you preparing the way for Jesus this Advent?



December 11

"He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor" (Psalm 72:13). How does your family reach out to the poor at Christmas time?



December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mary visited Juan Diego. Whom do you visit with at Christmastime? Say a prayer for each one.



December 13

St. Lucy's Day, a celebration of light! Lucy's name means light. Light candles at dinner tonight. Finish with a fancy dessert.



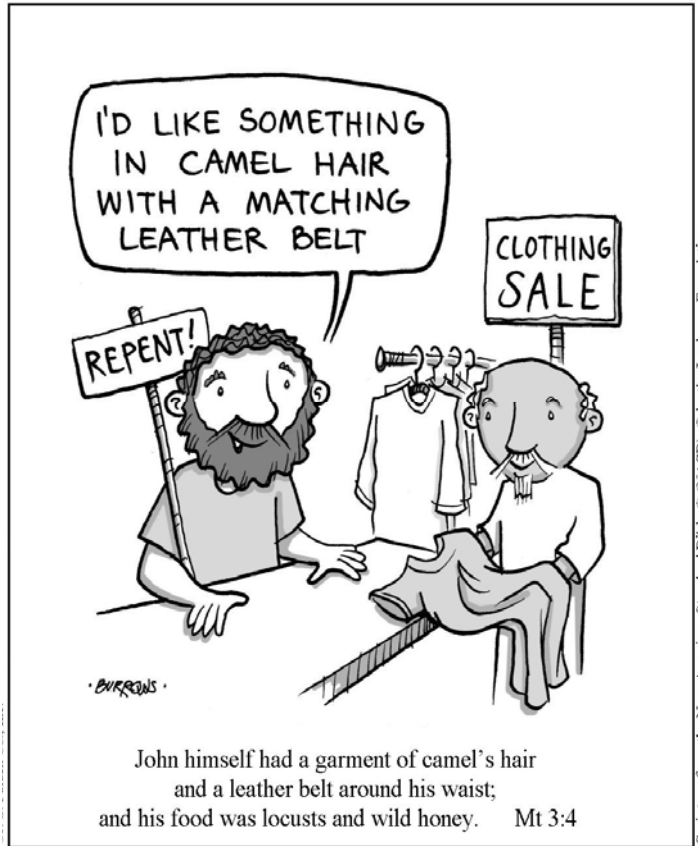
December 14

We must "produce good fruit," that is, good works. What good works have you produced as you prepare for Christmas?



The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



December 07, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY

of
Advent



John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

Matthew 3:1

Pastor Al™



"Watching this makes me realize there are some days that being a pastor can make you feel like a piñata."

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Second Sunday of Advent

Don't we all, when asked what we want for Christmas, at some time or another answer, "World peace?" As we look at our world, we still see the ongoing refugee crisis and the problem of desperate people immigrating to our country illegally. We see the ongoing war and the horror of bombing and starvation in the Middle East, and the attacks of terrorists in formerly "safe" Western countries, including our own. Don't we wish it would all stop?

We can take some comfort in today's readings, for in them is the promise of God's justice and care for the poor and the downtrodden. There is the promise of justice meted out to those who do evil, and the future vision of the Peaceable Kingdom, where all are safe and cared for..

With One Accord

We are confronted today by the problem of division: our divided world, our divided country, our divided Church. Anger and hostility pit brothers and sisters against one another, each sure that their ideas are right and the others are doomed to hell. Not since the Civil War have we seen our country so divided, nor since World War II have we seen such problems and strife over refugees in Europe and in our own country. Christians are divided and view each other with suspicion and hostility. Yet this is not the way of God.

John the Baptist is quite hard on the Pharisees and Sadducees who showed up at his baptism. "Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? . . . Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire" (Matthew 3:7, 10). He announces the coming of Christ, that "He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire" (Matthew 3:12). This is quite an explicit warning.

With a Little Child to Guide Them

The words of peace and salvation are here in this time of Advent. Jews and Gentiles alike will glorify God for the mercy that God has shown. Those who are oppressed shall find hope and love. "For [God] shall rescue the poor when he cries out, / and the afflicted when he has no one to help . . . / [God] shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; / the lives of the poor [God] shall save" (Psalm 72:12-13).

The poor have hope in God, while the wicked who oppress them should fear God's judgment. "[God] shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, / and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked." And, "[God] shall judge the poor with justice, / and decide aright for the land's afflicted" (Isaiah 11:4).

Yes, this Advent season we await the coming of a little child who will be the savior of the world. "May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another...that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 15:5-6).

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Words of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego

"Let not your heart be disturbed. Do not fear that sickness, nor any other sickness or anguish. Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not your health? Are you not happily within my fold? What else do you wish? Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything."

Prepare the Way

Saint John the Baptist appears on the scene today as Advent enters its second week. The mysterious consumer of locusts and wild honey, John echoes the words of the prophet Isaiah as he calls for repentance in the face of the nearness of the kingdom of heaven. The rhythms of the Christian life are often confounding. Each year we meet the Baptist and hear his calls for repentance. Each year we see him pointing to the one who is coming after him, the Lord Jesus. Yet each year the words and actions of John the Baptist echo anew in our hearts, because we have fallen into old sinful traps again and again. Advent gives us the opportunity once again to turn away from our sinful ways and embrace the gospel way of life. John the Baptist invites us to prepare the way for the Lord, in whom we place our hope.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

Did St. Francis of Assisi invent the Christmas crib? Not exactly, but his devotion to the Incarnation and his love for the poverty of the Christ Child certainly popularized this beloved custom. Long before Francis, it was a custom at the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome to enshrine a rich image of Mary, gilded and jewelled, embracing the child Jesus. This church was founded as a kind of home for the feast of Christmas in the fourth century. In 1223, Francis was ready to celebrate this feast in a new way. In the tiny city of Greccio, he asked friends to prepare a place where they could experience the poverty and suffering embraced by Christ in his birth. It was a living scene: an ox from the barn, an ass from the stable, and peasants standing in for shepherds and kings. The night of the celebration was beautiful, the weather was warm, and people came in crowds, bearing candles and singing hymns that echoed through the forest. Francis himself chanted the Gospel and preached. The custom spread quickly, and by the sixteenth century cribs were seasonal features not only in church, but in the home.

On December 17, the liturgy begins to unfold the Lord's birth before us, and it's the right time to follow this beautiful tradition. In Germany, each night throughout Advent children prepare a bedding for the manger. At bedtime prayer, a child places a single straw in the manger for each act of devotion or virtue performed during the day. If the children are good, then the Christ child will have plenty of soft bedding when he is placed in the manger on Christmas.

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Wonders

The normal response to a surprise is amazement, gratitude, and delight. By definition, we don't anticipate surprises. Their occurrence reminds us that we cannot always guess or shape the future. Granted, we do what we can do; we attend to the daily tasks, as we must. For grace is surely here in the mundane, and God is in the details. But God is in the happy surprises, too.

Today's readings are filled with startling developments. We hear the clarion cry of one of those rare prophets announcing the coming of the Lord. Isaiah proclaims startling, surprising images of the nearly impossible reconciliation of opposites: calf and lion, leopard and young goat, child and serpent. Isaiah's vision sees all of these creatures living in harmony. This is Eden again; this is paradise. It is God's surprise and promise.

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Living God's Word

There is a spirit of real hopefulness about these scriptures. Have they inspired hope in you? How can you express confidence in others this week? How can you inspire hope in those whom you care about most?

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Wrapped in Splendor

Today's readings begin with the announcement by the prophet Baruch: "Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever" (5:1). This Advent scripture reading summons us to be wrapped in splendor. During this time of year when we purchase wrapping paper and wrap our Christmas gifts, the Church asks us to look at what has been "wrapped" around us. Are peace and justice, the hallmarks of God's splendor, the wrapping that others see when they see us? Saint Paul reminds us that this "wrapping" should show that our love for one another increases with the passing of each day. As we await the coming of the One who was wrapped in swaddling clothes at his birth, we pray that we will be wrapped in the splendor of God.

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Beginning Anew

In the Gospels, Luke pinpoints the year when John the Baptist first began to announce the salvation of God. Only Matthew and Luke make any mention of how and where Jesus was born; all four Gospels are silent on the exact date of Jesus' birth. Pre-occupation with accurate dates and details is a modern notion. The Gospel writers are much more intent on what it means that God has broken so personally into human history. The Good News is that God comes to meet us no matter what condition we are in: sick, divorced, caring for an elderly parent, depressed, suffering a business loss, estranged from family. God comes to us when we have hit the wall, bottomed out, or simply begun to drift away. In the Gospels, to the astonishment of all the "good" people, Jesus spends a lot of time with men and women of low reputation. Jesus does exactly the opposite of what society expects: He forgives their sins and puts hope in their hearts. As Oscar Wilde once said, "Every saint has a past and every sinner has a future," which is another way of saying that it is never too late to allow God into our hearts and, repenting of our sins, begin anew. Beginning anew includes praying to do God's will and then giving a proportion of our time, our abilities, and our resources to our community and the world around us—what Saint Paul, in today's reading, calls producing "the fruit of righteousness" (Philippians 1:11). It seems easier to give around Christmas time when we are in the Christmas spirit, and that is all well and good. The more difficult but essential part is to take that same Christmas spirit into the rest of the year.

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Reflecting on God's Word

As she was stringing her Christmas lights Paula pondered the unsightly stump in her yard. Last spring she had noticed that her pretty red bush that was usually covered with tiny white flowers—wasn't! Then the leaves had come slowly and never reached their normal size. Within a few weeks they were turning brown and falling off the bush. It must be dead, she had thought. Perhaps the winter had been too hard on it. She hated to see it go, but late in September Paula found her ax and her courage, and chopped the bush down to a stump. She was about to lay the ax to the root when her neighbor stopped her. "Leave the stump through next summer. You never know. New healthy shoots can sprout from stumps that appear to be dead. As long as the roots are alive, there's hope." If there was hope for that stump, Paula thought, maybe there was hope for her seemingly fruitless life as well.

Again this week one of the O Antiphons expresses the spirit of the Advent scriptures. We pray, "Come, Flower of Jesse's stem," echoing Isaiah's spirit of hopeful expectation that a Messiah would sprout forth and flower from the seemingly dead stump of Jesse's family tree, inaugurating God's kingdom of justice and peace. We pray, "Sign for all peoples," conveying Paul's message that Jesus Christ showed God's faithfulness to the hopes of the patriarchs as well as mercy to the Gentiles. We pray, "Let nothing keep you from coming to our aid," reflecting John the Baptist's confidence that the Messiah and his kingdom are indeed "at hand."

~ Virginia Stillwell

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The Second Sunday of Advent

Christianity: A Religion Of Facts Proclaimed

John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written...

*"Prepare the way of the Lord,
Make straight his paths." Luke 3:3-4*

Christianity is not so much a body of doctrine as the revelation of a mystery. A mystery is a divine action, something God does in time to introduce us into the sanctuary of eternity. Being a religion of mysteries, Christianity is a religion of facts—divine facts, divine actions.

In celebrating the mysteries of Christ as they recur in time, the Church first of all announces these events: "Christ is born!" "Christ is risen!" The Church proclaims them, as a herald proclaims the triumphal entrance of a victorious King into a city. The Church's proclamation of the divine event is a work which she entrusts to her "heralds," her apostles, her preachers. Christianity is essentially kerygmatic—a voice crying out in the desert: "Make straight the ways of the Lord."

O God, open our ears this Advent to hear and respond to the Church's solemn proclamation of the coming of your incarnate Son Jesus at the first Christmas. Amen.

Thomas Merton

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 07, 2025

The earth shall be filled
with knowledge of the LORD,
as water covers the sea.

~ Isaiah 11:9

Modern-Day John the Baptists

Have you ever wondered what John the Baptist might look and act like if he were to appear today? Each of us has probably encountered someone in our lives who prepared a way that the Lord could use to come into our presence. We often think of people like Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who certainly prepared the way for the Lord as she ministered to the poorest of the poor in the streets of India. We also think of the saints who throughout the ages have risked their lives to announce the message of salvation that comes through belief in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Have you ever been John the Baptist for anyone? Have you ever prepared the way of the Lord for someone in your life?

Preparing the Way for the Lord

We encounter people at every Mass who help prepare the way for the Lord each and every week. Our ushers and greeters make us feel welcome and help prepare us to encounter the Lord. When our musicians lead us in the opening song of the Mass, their talents help prepare the way for the coming of the Lord. When the lectors, priests, and deacons proclaim God's living word, another way of the Lord is opened before us. When the priest prays the sacred prayers of the Mass, the way is prepared for the sacramental presence of Christ to enter our hearts. We believe that the Lord Jesus is the shoot that sprouted from the stump of Jesse, the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy. Perhaps each of us can become a present-day John the Baptist by continuing to make the ground fertile for the sprouting and growth of the Lord Jesus in ever new and surprising ways. We can be John the Baptist for those who are seeking ways to encounter the Lord.

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A Busy Mother

Only after the Last Judgment will Mary get any rest; from now until then, she is much too busy with her children.

~ St. John Vianney

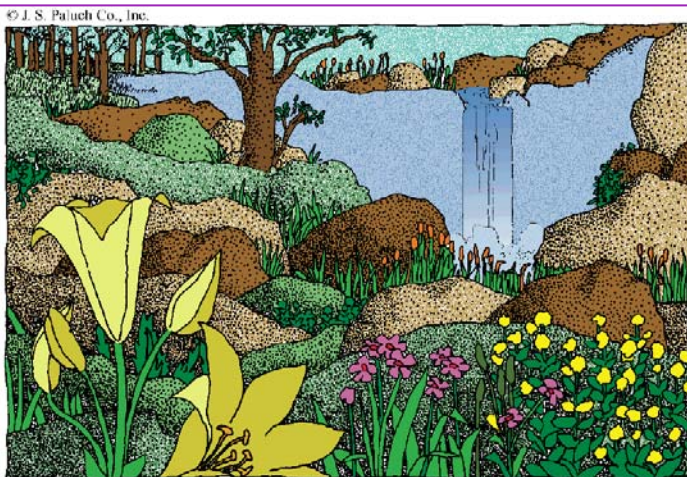
Possibilities

Nothing is impossible for God and his Blessed Mother.

~ Don Bosco

Relevant Radio

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Treasures From Our Tradition

When the ties of affection and authority that bound Europe's Catholics unraveled in the sixteenth century, many cultures lost time-honored customs of faith. Some customs proved to be especially difficult for the reformers to wrest away from the people, especially those celebrated in the home. This week in Sweden, a country where the Catholic Church was disestablished four hundred years ago, a Catholic martyr from Sicily is the most beloved figure. St. Lucia, Lucy, is celebrated on December 13. The long-story-short is that Lucy was a Christian whose father wanted to marry her off to a pagan fellow, and she rejected her father's authority. To make an example of her, her father had her killed. In the course of the brutal martyrdom, Lucy lost her beautiful eyes, but her vision was miraculously restored. The candles worn today by the eldest daughter of the family are tokens of the fire that refused to harm the saint. So this patroness of light and clear vision is revered on the shortest, darkest days of the Nordic winter. Before the reform of the Gregorian calendar in the sixteenth century, December 13 was the winter solstice.

Today, young girls appear in the morning wearing lighted candles on their crowned heads (battery-operated now after many mishaps), and serve sweet rolls and coffee to everyone in the house. For the Swedes, who are not churchgoers, the "Lucias" are the official heralds of the holiday season and a sign of everyone's yearning for more light in this world. Europe once abounded with customs like this; the survival of this custom in Scandinavia is a sign of God's grace, and how fertile the soil is to receive the true message of Advent.

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SECOND

Sunday of Advent

On that day,
a shoot shall sprout
from the stump of Jesse,
and from his roots
a bud shall blossom.

Isaiah 11:1



“Do everything for the glory of God.”

1 Corinthians 10:31



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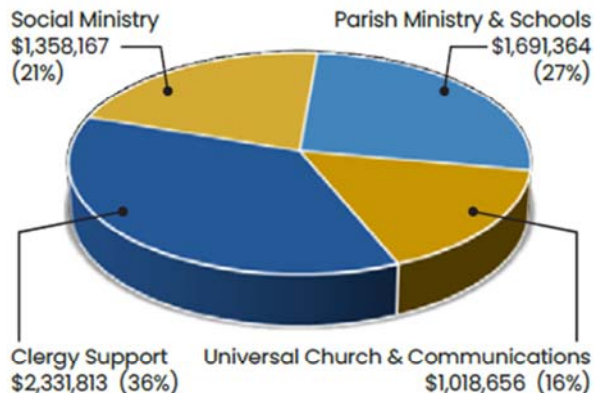


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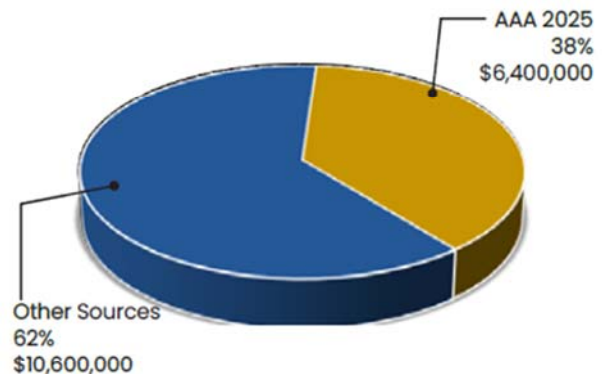


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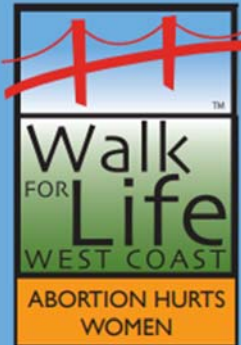
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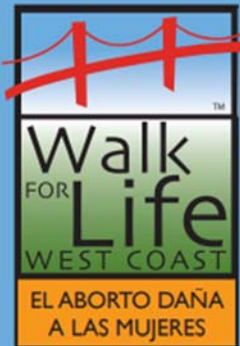


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Sábado, 24 de enero 2026



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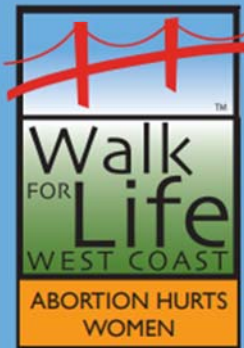
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BATANGAS – PANGASINAN – TARLAC – PAMPANGA

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.

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Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope



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

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

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



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

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

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



Information for Jubilee 2025 Preparation and Participation

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

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

JUBILEE WEBSITE

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



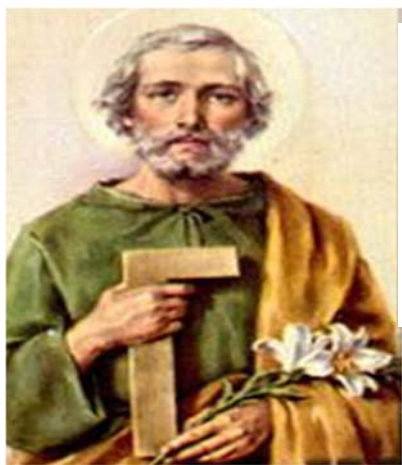
***Our Lady of
Perpetual Help
Devotion***
(every Tuesday
after the
12:10 Mass)

*Raya & Gamboa
Families*



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

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

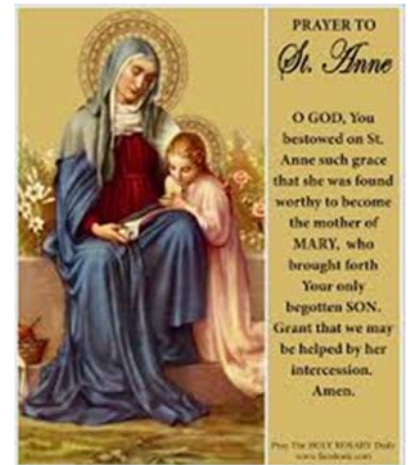


***Saint
Joseph***

***Feast Day
March 19***

Xenia Villamejor

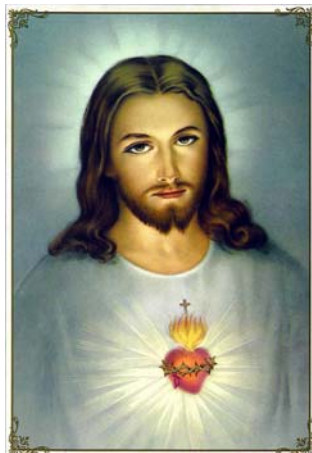
St. Anne
***Feast Day
July 26***



***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

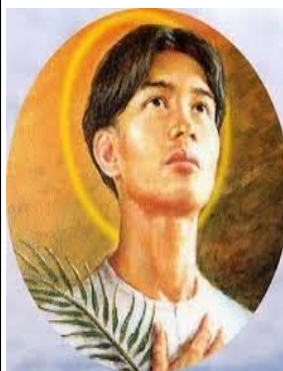


*Our Lady
of Guadalupe*

*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 Salangsang*