

# St. Patrick Catholic Church

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*Founded in 1851*

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## Mass Times

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

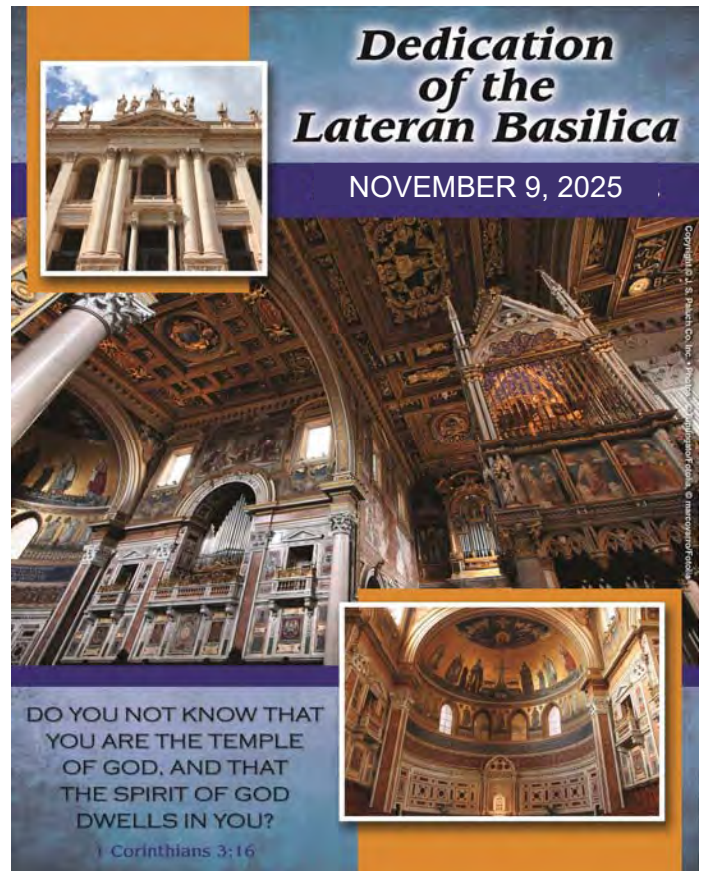
Saturday: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass

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

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

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

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



## November 09, 2025 - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

*The Lord of hosts is with us;  
our stronghold is the God of Jacob. ~ Psalm 46:8*





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*Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12; Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11,16-17; Jn 2:13-22*

The waters flowing from the temple, the dwelling place of the Lord (Ps), bring forth life and growth (1). Jesus is the living sanctuary (3), and we his living body in the Spirit (2).

### The Temple and Worship

In all of today's readings, the temple is prominently mentioned. Ezekiel speaks of streams of living water flowing out from the temple, watering the desert, bringing life to all living things, offering fresh healing to God's people.

Paul reminds the Corinthians that their faith rests upon the firmest of foundations, Christ himself. More than that, Paul reveals that those who follow Christ are themselves temples, temples of the Holy Spirit; that is, God dwells not only with them, but in them.

For the Jews of Jesus' time, the temple had come to be identified with the presence of God and the only place where authentic worship of God took place. Jesus had a different perception. Jesus identified himself not with the temple, but as the temple. In so doing, Jesus indicated a dramatic shift in what it means to worship God, to be in God's presence. No longer was a place to be the focus of prayer. Instead, a person, the person of Jesus Christ, becomes the center of our worship.

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### Reflecting on God's Word

We are not all we would like to be. We know that only too well. The seven capital sins are not just fantasies. We readily embody them: anger and pride and greed and lust and gluttony and envy and laziness. Our spirits bear the mark of Cain.

It's also true that we often want others to be what we ourselves cannot be, and so we look to the Church, except that the Church is us, and if we are sinful, so too is the Church. Our history as a community of believers says it all too clearly. We waged war with the Crusades. We reveled in the power of ruling over civil states. We became intolerant during the Inquisition. We were a storehouse of wealth. And most recently we were too proud to admit the sexual abuses taking place in our midst.

If we are the dwelling place of God, a temple made of living stones, then we are also in need of being swept clean just as Jesus once cleansed the temple in his day. We come to recognize that need. The good news is that the Church is being swept clean, in every age, because sin slips through in every age. And so the Church, that living temple, is constantly being made new, painful as it may be.

It would be wonderful if the Church were all that the gospel professes. The fact that it is not may be disappointing, but God's reign has not yet arrived—at least not fully. In the meantime, the Lord Jesus continues to cleanse us and renew us. And the marvel is that the river that flows from that temple of living stones is still bringing life to all it touches—in spite of our sinfulness.

~ Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis

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### God's Will

Lord, if your people need me, I will not refuse the work. Your will be done.

~ St. Martin of Tours

### Beware of Scams

Please be informed that no priest from St. Patrick will ever ask for gift cards, checks, or any form of personal financial assistance. Be aware that scammers may use our email addresses or impersonate our clergy in an attempt to deceive you. If you receive any suspicious messages requesting money or personal information, do not respond and report immediately. Your safety and security are our priority. Thank you for your vigilance.



VETERANS DAY

### Veterans Day

We will have our regular Mass schedule at St. Patrick on Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, but the office will be closed all day in observance of Veterans Day.

*Have a safe and blessed holiday.*

### Help Wanted



We're looking for skilled tradespersons (electricians, plumbers, carpenters, etc.) who would be willing to volunteer their time for various repairs around the church, office, and rectory. Please contact the parish office if you're interested. Thank you!!

### AAA Update (as of 28 October 2025)

2025 AAA Goal	\$38,705.00
Received	\$30,419.00
Amount Remaining	\$8,286.00
% of Goal	79%

### Happy Birthday!!

Happy Birthday to our Parishioners celebrating a birthday this week.

Elyse Joy Espanol	11/9	Monet Anne Ventigan	11/12
Donald Tyndal	11/9	Arcadio Reyes	11/13
Romeo Real	11/10	Justin Agregado, Jr.	11/14
Leigh Ann Larena	11/11	Norberto Hebron	11/14
Epifanio Dispo	11/12	Kenverley Washington	11/14
Gloria Mariano	11/12		

### Please Pray for Pope Francis' Intention for November

**Pope's Intention:** *For the prevention of suicide.* Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.



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

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

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

## Breaking Bread Missal 2026



On November 30th, the First Sunday of Advent, we will replace our 2025 Breaking Bread Missals with the new 2026 edition. We would be grateful if you could share a gift in any amount, no matter how small. All donations are greatly appreciated. To contribute, simply fill out the form available at the back of the church and return it by **November 9th**. You can drop it in the collection basket, bring it to the parish office, or leave it at the gift shop at the back of the church. Thank you for your

continued support and generosity!

## 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 12<sup>th</sup>, 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!!

## Saint of the Week



Frances Xavier Cabrini, † in Chicago, 22 Dec 1917; from Lombardy; youngest of 13 children; founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart; for 28 years labored in U.S. and South America, establishing some 67 institutions (schools, hospitals and orphanages); first U.S. citizen canonized (1946); patroness of immigrants and migrants.

## The Foundation

Wisdom is the foundation, and justice the work without which a foundation cannot stand.

~ St. Ambrose

## Saints & Special Observances

Monday: Memorial ~

Leo the Great, pope, doctor of the Church

Tuesday: Memorial ~ Martin of Tours, bishop

Wednesday: Memorial ~ Josaphat, bishop, martyr

Thursday: Memorial ~ Frances Xavier, virgin

Saturday: optional memorial ~

Albert the Great, bishop, doctor of the Church

**SUNDAY: THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## Readings for the Week

Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23-3:9; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b-8:1; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — I saw water flowing out of the temple; wherever the river flows, every living creature shall live (Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12).

**Psalm** — The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High (Psalm 46).

**Second Reading** — Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? (1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17).

**Gospel** — Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up (John 2:13-22).

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## Dedication of the Lateran Basilica



Today marks the anniversary of the dedication of the cathedral church of Rome, on land owned by the Laterani family, by Pope Sylvester I (31 Dec), 9 Nov. 324. Honored as the Episcopal seat of the pope as bishop of Rome, it is the "mother and head of all churches of Rome and the world" ("*omnium ecclesiarum Urbis et Orbis meter et caput*"); residence of the popes from the 4th c. until their moving to Avignon (1309); site of five ecumenical councils; dedicated to the Savior, later to John the Baptist.



*Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*

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## Mass Intentions for Nov 09 - 15

Date	Time	Intention
<b>Sunday 09</b>	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Marcos & Milagros Gomez TG Rene & Elena Delos Santos † Rene Perez SI All The Parishioners of St. Patrick
<b>Monday 10</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	TG Rosy Ordoveza BD Danilo Platero SI Marilou Alegre
<b>Tuesday 11</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Carmelita Montalban TG Luluday Villanueva SI Corazon M. Ambata
<b>Wednesday 12</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	TG Carmelita Montalban SI Rev. Roberto Andrey SI Perla Ardanas
<b>Thursday 13</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Marilyn Sumulong BD Honey Damian SI Fernando Balbuena
<b>Friday 14</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Filomena Villar Marcos SI Joy, Jen, & Jackie Bandelaria TG Remedios & Angie Bantog
<b>Saturday 15</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Valente Banez BD Alex & Max De Castro SI Fe Barcelona

## 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.

## Living God's Word

Living with self-inflicted limitations is no easy task, personally or ecclesially. On the other hand, the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ renews the Church and helps us to build his kingdom as best we can.

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## Diaconate Formation Informational Evenings

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

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

### Who should attend?

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

### Dates:

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

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

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

### Time:

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

**Diaconate Formation Office**  
**Deacon Fred Totah,**

**Director of Diaconate Formation**

**Phone: 415-614-5615**

**Email: totah.fred@sfarch.org**



## Church Etiquette ~ What is It?

It's getting to Mass on time.

It's moving to the center of the pew so that others can fill in, even when they're late.

It's placing the missalette back in the book holder after Mass.

It's putting the kneeler up after Mass.

It's checking your pew and taking your tissues, books, Cheerios, gloves, purse, keys, hat, camera, glasses and scarf with you when you leave.

It's everyone appreciating those who do all of the above! God bless!

**An expanded color version of our  
printed bulletin, with online-only content,  
is available on our website:**

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

## Relevant Radio

Tune your radio to 1260 AM or 101.7 FM for 24-hour broadcasts concerning Catholic teachings and prayers.

## 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.



**St.  
Martin of Tours**

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**Pope St. Leo the Great**  
Pope for 21 years in the 5th-century. He persuaded Attila the Hun to turn back from invading Italy. He is a Doctor of the Church remembered for his theological writings.  
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November 10

No one, however weak, is denied a share in the victory of the cross.

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**Bl. Eugene Bossilkov**  
20th-century Passionist priest. After he became a bishop, he was martyred by the Communists in Bulgaria.  
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November 13

Don't worry about me; I have been given God's grace, and I am going to remain faithful to Christ and to the Church.

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**St. Albert the Great**  
13th-century German Dominican bishop, philosopher, and theologian who taught St. Thomas Aquinas  
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November 15

The greater and more persistent your confidence in God, the more abundantly you will receive what you ask.

## Treasures From Our Tradition

For several weeks, we have considered penance as a sacrament of forgiveness, and yet there are two other sacraments in this category. The first, of course, is the Eucharist itself. The other is the sacrament of the sick, long associated with penance.

The Letter of James sets out the deep tradition for caring for the sick: sending for the priests, who will pray and lay their hands on the sick ones, anointing them with oil, and giving them forgiveness. Long before other rites of penance developed, the sacrament of the sick was therefore a profound experience of forgiveness. Jesus often healed the sick, nearly always as a visible sign of forgiveness of sin. The tradition didn't unfold smoothly, however, and within a few centuries the oil of the sick was taken home to be applied by caregivers as a salve, or even to be drunk as a medicine. As early as the second century, bishops were therefore urging that priests should be the ones to visit those separated by illness from the Sunday assembly. Thus the practice of consigning the Eucharist and the oil of the sick to the non-ordained faithful to bring home was relatively short-lived.

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### ***The Holy Temple***

Sometimes reflection on God's word leads to meditation, sometimes to action, and sometimes to storytelling. This is one of the storytelling times.

In ancient Israel lived two brothers who loved each other dearly. The older brother had no family. The younger did. As poor farmers, the brothers shared the same field. At harvest, they shared the wheat they had grown, each one receiving an equal share. Each would gather his pile of wheat and place it in a sheaf outside his house.

But one day, after the harvest, when the two had divided the wheat, the older brother woke up in the middle of the night and thought to himself: "My brother has more responsibilities and mouths to feed than I." So, night after night, he took some of his wheat and added it to his brother's share.

Meanwhile, the younger brother, too, could not sleep. He thought: "My brother has no sons to care for him in his old age as I do." So, night after night, he took some of his wheat and added it to his brother's share.

Each morning, the brothers were surprised that their heaps of wheat had not grown smaller. At last, one night, the brothers caught one another carrying a bundle of wheat to the other's house. Realizing what had been happening, the brothers rushed to embrace one another with great brotherly love.

God saw what the two brothers had done and said, "Blessed be the field where these two brothers are standing and embracing." Many years later, King Solomon built the holy Temple on the very same ground where these two brothers had embraced, and the holy Temple became a place of love and blessing to all people everywhere.

### ***Holy People, Holy Place***

God's Temple—God's church—is built on the care, support, and love of its members. Where people embrace, where people gather in God's name, God is present, uniting them to one another, making them and the place holy.

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## ***Christ as Our Foundation***

In case you dozed off during the homily, the Lateran Basilica is a church in Rome that is the official seat of the pope, the bishop of Rome. It is the equivalent of the cathedral of a diocese. So why do we celebrate the dedication of a church built long ago and far away?

Looking at the readings for this feast, we see that one thing they all have in common is the temple. The first reading and the Gospel mention the temple in Jerusalem; in the second reading St. Paul calls the body a temple of God. Let's see what these references say about our lives.

The reading from Ezekiel describes the image of water flowing from the temple. Along its banks are trees with leaves that never fade, fruit that is always fresh (47:12). That water can remind us of Jesus' words in John 4:10–14: He is the source of living water; whoever drinks it will never thirst. We come to church each week to be fed with Jesus' words in the scriptures and with his Body and Blood in the Eucharist. So the temple symbolizes the Source of all we need to live as Christians.

In the reading from Corinthians, Paul uses two images. First, he calls us a building with Christ as our foundation. Just as a solid foundation is necessary to build a hospital, school, church, etc., so we can do much with our lives if they are built on faith in Jesus. Second, he calls us temples of God because we also have the Holy Spirit dwelling in us. As we build our lives on Christ, we do so not with our own efforts, but with the guidance and inspiration of the Spirit who lives in us.

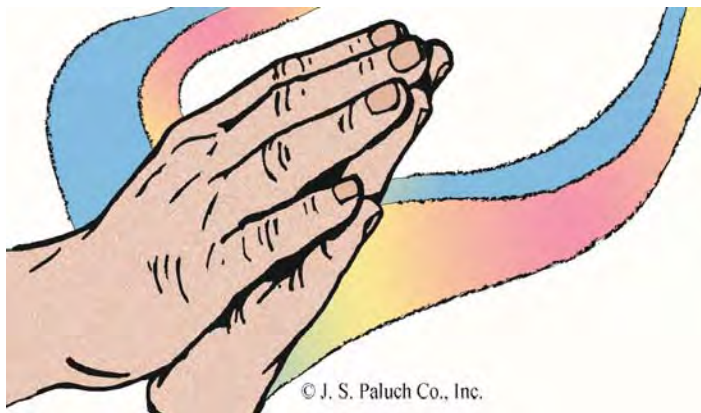
In the Gospel, Jesus also refers to the temple as his body. So in a way he makes a connection between himself and the temple. The temple was considered the place of God's presence on earth. But now Jesus is that Presence—he is God's Son. So we can celebrate the dedication of a church, St. John Lateran or our parish church, because they are signs of God's presence in our lives. As disciples of Jesus, we too can be signs of God's love for each other.

Tom Schmidt,  
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## ***God's Word Today***

On one of Rome's seven hills stands the cathedral church of the Diocese of Rome, the Basilica of Saint John Lateran. Since this church is the pope's diocesan cathedral, it is significant in the history of Catholicism. Attached to the basilica is a large baptistry, whose inscription reminds us of our universal call to holiness: "Think not your sins too many or too great: birth in this stream is birth to holiness." As we celebrate the commemoration of the dedication of this great church, let us be one with all who have been born to new life in the waters of Holy Baptism.

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## November Prayers

*During November, the Church celebrates the communion of saints, intercedes for those who have died and prepares to welcome the one St. Francis called "Sister Death." This prayer is appropriate all through November...*

Into your hands, O Lord,  
we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters.  
In this life you embraced them with your tender love;  
deliver them now from every evil  
and bid them eternal rest.

The old order has passed away:  
welcome them then into paradise,  
where there will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain,  
but the fullness of peace and joy  
with your Son and the Holy Spirit  
for ever and ever.

R: Amen.

O Lord, support us all the day long,  
until the shadows lengthen,  
and the evening comes,  
and the busy world is hushed,  
and the fever of life is over,  
and our work is done.  
Then in your mercy,  
grant us a safe lodging,  
and a holy rest,  
and peace at the last.

~ Venerable John Henry Cardinal Newman  
from Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers

## Dwelling Places

The rabbis of Israel had a saying: "When Israel wandered, God dwelt with them; when Israel had a dwelling, God wandered." Of course, God did not actually desert the chosen people. What the rabbis were saying was that it is a common human weakness to mistake concrete, physical people, places, and things for the actual presence of the Lord. Israel believed that—among others—the top of Mount Sinai, the Ark of the Covenant, and the Jerusalem temples were places wherein God truly dwelt. They were right, but they also learned that mountains get left behind, arks get lost, and temples get destroyed. When Thomas Aquinas was developing his understanding of the real and substantial presence of the Lord in the Eucharist, it was necessary for him to explain how the physical actuality of the bread and wine got left behind. He knew that, ultimately, our earthly, physical things cannot be, in and of themselves, the presence of God.

## God's Forwarding Address

The scriptures today use many images for God's dwelling places: a temple filled with living, flowing water for a thirsty desert people; the flesh and blood of the baptized early Christians, who did not have the luxury of large public places to identify them; the Temple of Jerusalem, tainted by scandalous behavior, which would ultimately be destroyed. But finally, there is Christ, the only-begotten of God, the dwelling-place in flesh of God's eternal Word. For all the many places the Spirit might lead us to find God, only to Jesus Christ can we look for the eternal, living presence of the one true God. Like John the Baptist, for whom the Lateran cathedral is named, our mission is to know God's dwelling in us through the water and Spirit of our baptism, and to make our sole purpose in life the proclamation of the Good News of our salvation in Christ.

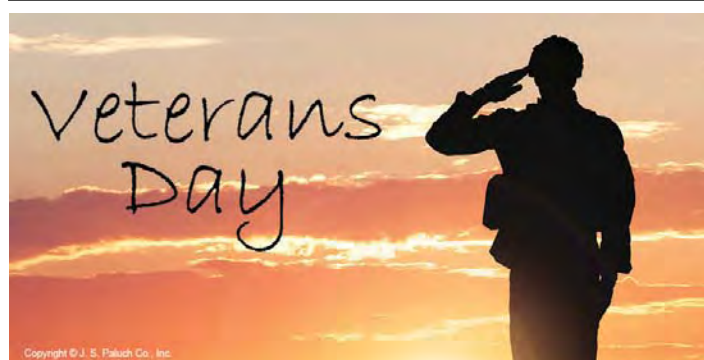
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## Treasures From Our Tradition

Veterans Day began with the signing of a symbolic treaty between the Allies and Germany ending World War I (then called the "Great War") on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. The auspicious date was actually a well-established religious holiday, the feast of Saint Martin of Tours, a beloved soldier saint of the army of Rome. After World War II, Armistice Day was changed to Veterans Day in the United States and Remembrance Day in Britain, but of course the feast of Saint Martin endures.

Martin was named after Mars, the god of war, and against the advice of his parents he went on his own to church. He became a catechumen at the age of ten. By fifteen he was enlisted in the cavalry in France. Coming across a poor man, Martin had an impulse to divide his bright red soldier's cape and clothe him. He later had the insight that he had served Christ, and the other half of his cape became a lifelong sign to him of his duty to serve the poor. Housed in a tiny church *capella* or "chapel," the cape became a great object of pilgrimage on the way to Compostela, and a favored place for the prayers of soldiers. Martin was not so eager to serve as bishop as he had been as a soldier, and legend says that he hid in a barn filled with geese to avoid episcopal election. To this day, the customary meal for November 11 is goose! Traditionally, this is the last feast day before winter closes in, and begins a period of fasting once known as "Saint Martin's Lent" or "Martinmas," that later developed into the season of Advent.

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## Holy Places, Holy Lives

Roman Catholics in the United States at the beginning of the twenty-first century have had more than their share of experiences of unholy things going on in holy places. And, in light of the extreme reaction that Jesus has to this phenomenon at the Temple in today's Gospel, it may seem unusual to be celebrating what, on the surface, seems to be a feast of a building: the pope's cathedral church for his role as the bishop of Rome, the cathedral of St. John (the Baptist) Lateran. Throughout time, human beings have come to discern, through the Spirit, various physical locations for the work and activity of God: creation, the Ark of the Covenant, the Jerusalem temples, the womb of a Galilean girl, a cross and tomb, an upper room. All these physical places have the potential to be sources of holy things, of God's ongoing grace in the world. As we hear in today's Gospel, we must always look to Christ, the one, eternal, always-holy dwelling place of God. Then we who are baptized must pray that we always be guided to lead holy lives in holy places, in all places, at all times.

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## Treasures From Our Tradition

What is the name of the pope's cathedral? If you said the Vatican, or St. Peter's, you were off by a few miles, since the answer is the Basilica of St. John, the Lateran, the "Mother Church" of all the churches of the world and the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome. It takes its name from the Lateran family, the Trumps of their day, who somehow ran afoul of the Emperor Nero. He seized all their property, including their vast Roman palace and estate. We don't know how Plautius displeased Nero so badly, but eventually all the Lateran property came to Constantine, the first Christian emperor, through his wife, Fausta. Early in the fourth century, when Christianity was at last legalized, Constantine gave the property to the church. Soon the great meeting halls were expanded and adapted.

Over the centuries, the church building has been sacked by armies, ruined by fire, torn down, and rebuilt. The oldest and most unchanged part of the Lateran is a vast, separate baptistery with steps leading down to a huge green basalt pool. Imagine what a triumphal moment the dedication of this public church building was for a community that had worshiped in secret for so long! Today's feast is really about the tradition of consecrating space for worship, and so by extension, a feast for your parish church building and, given the beautiful second reading, for its baptistery as well.

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## How to Receive Communion

Communion may be received either in the hand or on the tongue. Around the year A.D. 390, Cyril of Jerusalem indicated that the early Church practiced Communion in the hand when he instructed his audience: *"Approaching, therefore, come not with thy wrists extended, or thy fingers open; but make thy left hand as if a throne for thy right, which is on the eve of receiving the King. And having hallowed thy palm, receive the body of Christ, saying after it, 'Amen.' Then after thou hast with carefulness hallowed thine eyes by the touch of the holy body, partake thereof; giving heed lest thou lose any of it; for what thou lovest is a loss to thee as it were from one of thine own members. For tell me, if anyone gave thee gold dust, wouldest thou not with all precaution keep it fast, being on thy guard against losing any of it, and suffering loss?"* (Catechetical Lectures 23:22).

The Congregation of the Sacraments and Divine Worship permitted the U.S. Bishops' Conference to authorize reception of Communion in the hand on July 25, 1977, provided the local bishop implements the practice in his diocese. Once implemented, the option to receive Communion either in the hand or on the tongue always remains with the communicant. No priest, deacon, acolyte, or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion may refuse a communicant Communion on the tongue. Likewise, once the local bishop has introduced Communion in the hand, none may refuse a communicant Communion in the hand (except when Communion is being given by intinction, in which case it must be given on the tongue).

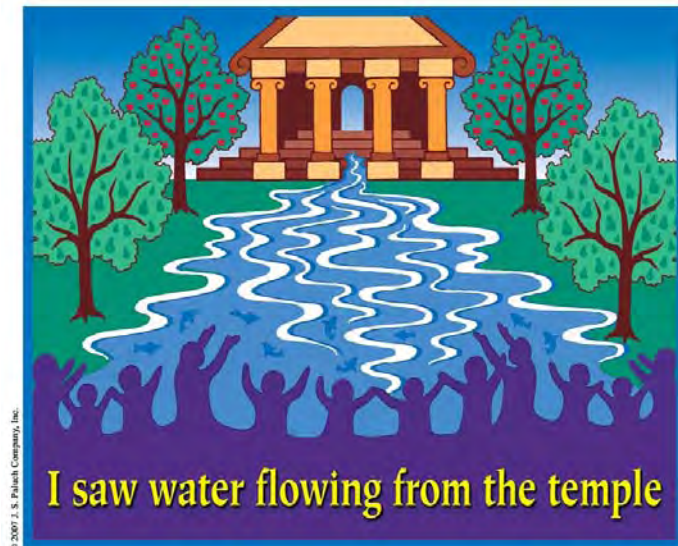
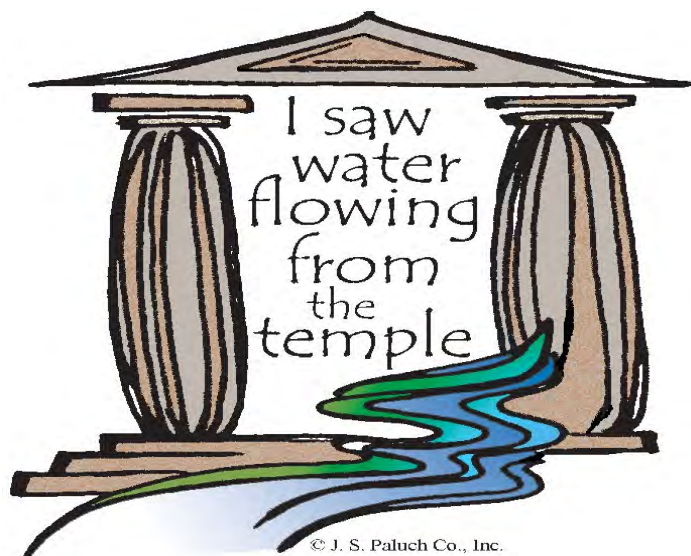
Finally, after you have received Communion, it is appropriate to stay after Mass and thank Jesus for coming to you in the Holy Eucharist. The Church mandates that: "The faithful are to be recommended not to omit to make a proper thanksgiving after Communion. They may do this during the celebration with a period of silence, with a hymn, psalm or other song of praise, or also after the celebration, if possible by staying behind to pray for a suitable time" (*Inaestimabile Donum* 17).

After receiving Jesus into one's own body and being drawn more closely into his, how could one do any less?

## Evangelization

I will go anywhere and do anything in order to communicate the love of Jesus to those who do not know him or have forgotten him.

~ St. Frances Xavier Cabrini





*“Do everything for  
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1 Corinthians 10:31



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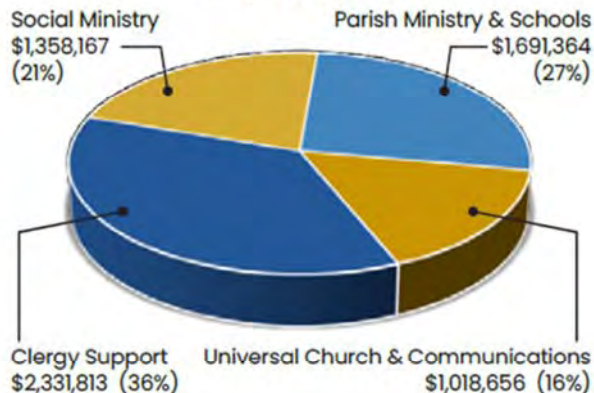


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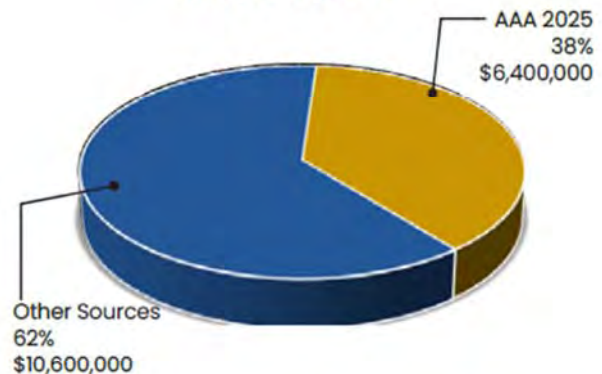


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**27 January | Arrival in Cebu**

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

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

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

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

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

**30 January | Free day**

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

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

Mass before Dinner. Dinner at the resort.

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

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

**01 February | Bukidnon Day Trip**

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Dahilayan Adventure Park, Bukidnon. During this visit, the guests will experience 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)

*Judy Labaria  
Alma Raymundo  
Cathy Bohol  
Sheila Montemayor  
Anonymous*



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

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



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

*Raya & Gamboa  
Families*



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

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



***Saint  
Joseph***

***Feast Day  
March 19***

*Xenia Villamejor*

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



***Sacred  
Heart***

***First Friday  
Schedule***

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



***OUR  
LADY  
OF  
FATIMA***

***Pray the  
rosary***





The Graceful Chapter

## Psalm 23

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

The Graceful Chapter

*Yap Family*



### *St. Patrick Charismatic Prayer Group*

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

**Matt Dorsey**  
SAN FRANCISCO SUPERVISOR

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

Best,

*Matt Dorsey*

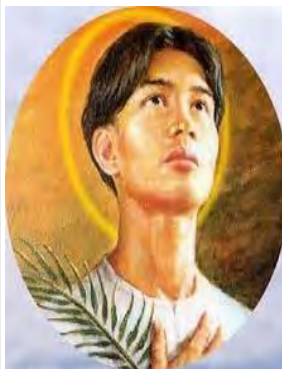


### *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

*Feast Day  
December 12*



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



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