

# St. Patrick Catholic Church

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## Mass Times

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

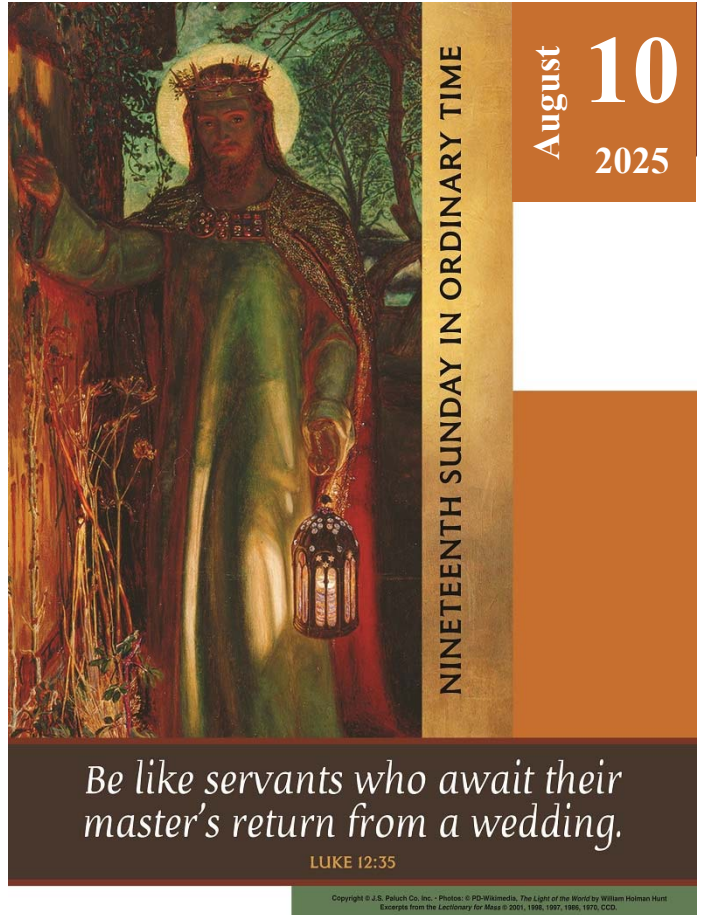
Saturday: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass

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

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

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

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



## August 10, 2025 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Our soul waits for the Lord,  
who is our help and our shield. ~ Psalm 33:20*





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Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1,12,18-22; Heb 11:1-2,8-19 or 11:1-2,8-12; Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

The author of Wisdom speaks of "that night" of exodus from bondage in Egypt (1) when the Lord delivered his chosen people from death (Ps). The Lord will come again, perhaps in the midst of night. Let us be prepared for his return (3). As we walk in darkness, our journey to our heavenly homeland is illuminated by faith (2).

### Faith

Our readings today explore how faith begins and how faith works. Faith begins with God's initiative of love, together with God's promise about the future. The passage from Hebrews urges readers to have an assured confidence in God, who promised and delivered a lasting legacy to Abraham. The book of Wisdom reminds readers of the God who promised and delivered freedom from slavery during the Exodus. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus begins with the promise that "your Father is pleased to give you the Kingdom," before describing how to live faithfully during times when God seems absent. God's promises mean that God is fully invested in our future. Living in these promises, we can confidently let go of fear and insecurity. We can anticipate that when God intervenes in our lives, it will be for our benefit. And we can become God's partners in fulfilling these divine promises.

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### Treasures From Our Tradition

The wonderful diversity of life and worship among Roman Catholics of East and West is an example of God writing straight with crooked lines. The steady hand of the villainous Emperor Diocletian drew a line across Europe and Africa that split the empire in two, and for the most part determined how Christians would worship two thousand years later.

Italy's heel and the far northern city of Trieste fell on the Eastern side, and have had a form of Eastern liturgy ever since. Constantinople, which soon became the seat of the Roman Empire, became a base for Christianizing the East up to Russia and Poland. Poland was on the Eastern side, but a series of wars and medieval mayhem pushed the religious boundary back to the Ukraine, and Poland remains an outpost of the Latin Church to this day.

An old rule of thumb declared that whatever religion was observed by the local prince, the people had to follow. This gave rise to persecution and migration as people sought toleration for their expressions of faith. In the United States, we are accustomed to peaceful collaboration among Christians of East and West, a situation that challenges churches that still feel the pinch of age-old division.

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### Be Not Deceived

Do not be disturbed by the clamor of this world, which passes like a shadow. Do not let the false delights of a deceptive world deceive you.

~ St. Clare

### Not Easy

Faith makes all things possible—it does not make them easy.

~ Anonymous

### Mission Appeal



THE SPIRITANS

As part of the Archdiocesan Missionary Cooperation Plan, Reverend Joseph Glynn, CSSp, will visit St. Patrick Church on August 16-17,

2025 to speak about the missionary work of the Church and in particular that of the Spiritans (officially Congregation of the Holy Spirit and Holy Ghost Fathers of Ireland).

To learn more about the Spiritans, please visit their website at [www.spiritans.org](http://www.spiritans.org).

This visit is part of a national program in which annually a representative of one of the missionary groups visits parishes of the Archdiocese to invite parishioners to share in the mission work of the universal Church. The Spiritans are an international religious order engaged in a wide range of missionary activities in over 60 countries throughout the world and across in the United States. This weekend's missionary, Fr. Joe, is a missionary priest from Ireland.

When Jesus said: "You shall witness to me in Jerusalem and in Samaria and to the ends of the earth", He made the spread of the Gospel an essential part of our Catholic life.

If you are able, please place your donation in the second collection basket next week.



### Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, is a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION in the United States. The Mass schedule here at St. Patrick will be the same as on a regular weekday: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., and 5:15 p.m. plus the Vigil Mass on Thursday at 5:15 p.m.

### Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 10, 2025

Our soul waits for the LORD,  
who is our help and our shield.

~ Psalm 33:20

### Happy Birthday!!

Happy Birthday to our Parishioners  
celebrating a birthday this week.

Manuel Plascencia	8/10	Fatima Mariano	8/14
Marina Zerpa	8/10	Caitlin Dabatos	8/16
Kristine Dizon	8/12	Mrs Bessie Marcos	8/16
Joycelyn Espanol	8/12	Bradley Melody	8/16



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

**Pope's Intention:** For mutual coexistence. Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

## Prayer of the Week

### Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Almighty ever-living God,  
whom, taught by the Holy Spirit,  
we dare to call our Father,  
bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts  
the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters,  
that we may merit to enter into the inheritance  
which you have promised.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

### Reflection question:

What does it mean to be an adopted son or daughter of the Father?

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## Religious Education Classes

The staff and catechists of St. Patrick Church are dedicated to helping your children grow in faith and be closer to God. As parents, you are the primary educators of your children and are their best teachers. Your children learn the most from the example you set when you pray together and actively participate in Mass and the sacraments as a family.

Our Religious Education Program is designed to assist you in the faith formation of your children. Enroll your child after all Masses every Sunday in August. First-time students must provide a valid baptismal certificate. Classes begin on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> and run through May. Class hours are from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

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

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

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



Time, Talent & Treasure

## Saints & Special Observances

Monday: Memorial ~ St. Clare, Virgin

Tuesday: optional memorial ~

*St. Jane Frances de Chantel, Religious*

Wednesday: optional memorial ~

*Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs*

Thursday: Memorial ~ St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr

FRIDAY: SOLEMNITY ~

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Saturday: optional memorial ~ *St. Stephen of Hungary*

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## Readings for the Week

Monday: Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Mt 18:21-19:1

~ Vigil Mass of the Assumption ~

*1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; 1 Cor 15:54b-67; Lk 11:27-28*

FRIDAY:

*Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56*

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53*

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — Your ancestors waited in faith and courage for God's promised summons (Wisdom 18:6-9).

**Psalms** — Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).

**Second Reading** — By faith Abraham sojourned in the promised land (Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]).

**Gospel** — You do not know the day nor the hour when the Son of Man will appear (Luke 12:32-48 [35-40]).

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## Our Father in Faith

The Letter to the Hebrews today sings a hymn of praise to Abraham and to his faith, upon which are founded the religions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Abraham is called "father" in faith by more people on earth than anybody else, numerous as the sands of the seashore or the stars of the heavens. Hebrews tells us it was this foundational faith that led Abraham to obey God's call when he heard it, though he was called to journey to a land he did not know and told he would father a mighty race through a marriage he thought was barren. But Abraham's faith, the author of Hebrews tells us, was his realization of what he hoped for, and the evidence of what he could not see. How often are we, in simple daily events of our own Christian vocation, called to an unfamiliar place or told we are to do something we do not believe we can? How fortunate we are to have Father Abraham as our guide and example!

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## Living God's Word

Growth and change are always the result of conflict, of clashing visions that force adaptation. This is not to say that God writes tragedies and suffering into the script, but only that God uses all the unfolding twists and turns of the plot to bring the story to a divine conclusion.

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## Mass Intentions for Aug 10 - 16

Date	Time	Intention
<b>Sunday 10</b>	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Sandra Cea SI Derrick Chang TG Rosy Ordoveza SI Dan & Katya Coming
<b>Monday 11</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† William Cotter, Jr TG Luluday Villanueva SI Thelma Dancel
<b>Tuesday 12</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Evangeline Viray De Leon † Manuel Casipit SI Brian Dela Pena
<b>Wednesday 13</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Jiasmin Delago † Sabas & Jason Collado BD Eleanor Poon
<b>Thursday 14</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Marilyn Sumulong BD Sonie Pearson SI Rowena Cruz Diaz
<b>Friday 15</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Justin Edwards † Ofelia Hall SI Joycelyn Espanol
<b>Saturday 16</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Lydia Eusebio † Asterio A. Navasca SI Joseph & Maria Fang

## Parish Schedule

### Parish Office Hours

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

### Sacrament of Reconciliation (in the Rectory)

*(appointments are preferred)*

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

### Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

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

### Sto. Niño Devotion

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

### Sacred Heart

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

## Communion in the Home

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

**An expanded color version of our printed bulletin, with online-only content, is available on our website:**  
**[www.stpatricksf.org](http://www.stpatricksf.org)**

## St. Patrick Church Lifetime Donors

You can still make a donation by going to our parish website: [www.stpatricksf.org](http://www.stpatricksf.org). On our homepage scroll down and click Online Giving. Create an account if you don't have one. Once you have created an account, please choose the Lifetime Donor option. We are asking a Lifetime Donor to donate a minimum of \$20 a week or \$80 a month. Your privacy and financial information are safe with us. And we recommend that you use your credit card for an easier and faster transaction.

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For more information,

email us at [information@stpatricksf.org](mailto:information@stpatricksf.org)

or call us at 415-421-3730

**We have 93 Lifetime Donors as of 14 July 2025**

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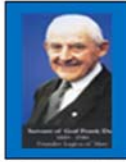
## LEGION OF MARY - ST. PATRICK CHURCH

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 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

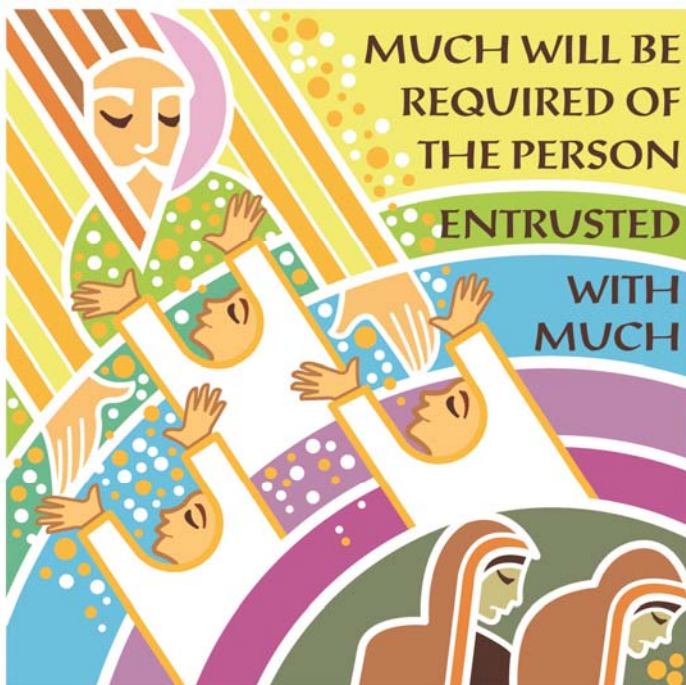
The unit of a Legion of Mary is called a praesidium, which holds a weekly meeting where prayer is intermingled with reports and discussions. Persons who wish to join the Legion must apply for membership in a praesidium.

### 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.



## Letters from Heaven



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

Jesus said to his disciples, "For where your treasure is, there also ..."

	A	R	B
R	E	E	T
U	H	L	W
O	Y	I	L

W \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ .

Answer: *will your heart be*

saint snippets



"God will never refuse her anything she asks for us."

-St. John Vianney speaking of St. Philomena

**St. Philomena**

4th-century virgin and martyr to whom many miracles have been attributed; patron saint of infants and youth.

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August 11

saint snippets



When I am in heaven, I shall pray for my persecutor very much.

**Bl. Isidore Bakanja**

20th-century convert from the Congo who was severely mistreated because he sought to spread the Gospel

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August 15

## Living Stewardship Now

Once a day write on your calendar something you are truly grateful for. Review at the end of the month. Repeat.

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## Possibilities

All things are possible for one who believes, more to one who hopes, even more to one who loves.

~ St. Lawrence

## The Pain of War

War is as much a punishment to the punisher as to the sufferer.

~ Thomas Jefferson

## Bad Memory

The recollection of an injury is . . . a rusty arrow and poison for the soul.

~ St. Francis of Paola



# CATHOLIC CORNER

## ST. CLARE OF ASSISI

Aug. 11 is the feast of St. Clare of Assisi. Her name means "light." You might recognize the name Assisi as the town where St. Francis lived. Clare was one of Francis's closest friends and followers.

Clare was born in 1194 and died in 1253. That was 765 years ago, and yet in 1958 Pope Pius XII declared Clare the patron saint of television. Clare suffered from a serious illness and it was difficult for her to leave her room; however, she was reported to be able to see and hear things that were happening far away. That ability is called "bilocal vision." Imagine what Clare might think if she were able to see today's televisions, computers, smartphones, and other devices that help us see and talk to people around the world.



St. Clare is also the patron saint of people who suffer from diseases of the eye. This seems appropriate because of her unusual ability to see things far away. But Clare is also the patron saint of people who do laundry. This has nothing to do with her sight; rather, it is because, even though she was the leader of her community of sisters, she considered herself their servant. She was always happy to do even the hardest jobs, like laundry, for others. The community of religious women founded by St. Clare, known as the Poor Clares, still exists today.



Think about celebrating Clare today by having a family TV or movie night. Decide together what you will watch. Maybe you can share a bowl of popcorn. Perhaps you can make a contribution to an organization that serves people who are blind. When it comes time to do laundry this week, offer to help the adults. You can load the washer or dryer, or fold or put away the clothes. These are all things that Clare has shed her light upon. These are ways that you can share your light with others.

## The Little Ones

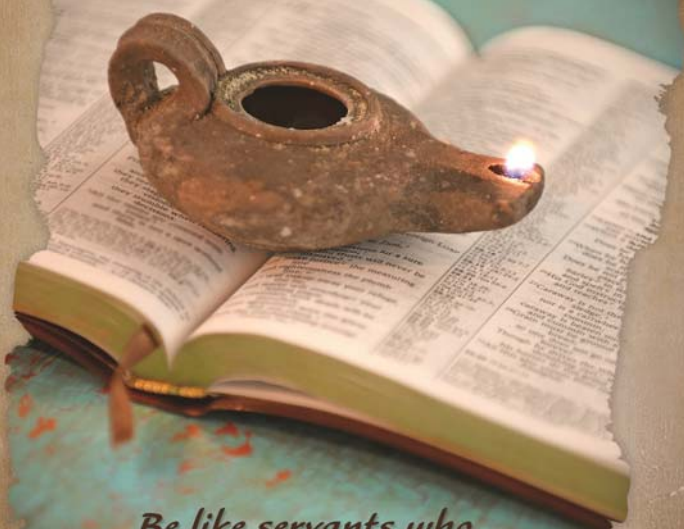
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*Be like servants who  
await their master's return  
from a wedding.* Luke 12:35

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"No, Jimmy, being able to walk on water didn't help young Jesus get out of having to take a bath."



## Our Father in Faith

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## Treasures From Our Tradition

Last week’s “Treasure” noted that the official headgear of the pope, the tiara, has been set aside in favor of the miter. Although Pope Paul VI had a coronation in 1963 to begin his ministry as pope, he later gave his tiara away to the Catholics of the United States as a stimulus to end poverty. He took care to say that he was not abolishing the tradition of coronation, but his successor, Pope John Paul I, decided to have an inauguration to begin his tragically short term. His successors have chosen inauguration as well. Pope John Paul II felt that a return to the coronation custom would be inappropriate since the Church was mourning the sudden death of a man already nicknamed “The Laughing Pope.”

So the end of coronations came about not because Paul VI gave the crown away. There are more than twenty tiaras on hand at the Vatican. One is used every year to crown the famous statue of St. Peter, whose sandaled foot has been eroded to a bright shine by the hands of millions of pilgrims. Today, it is left to the individual pope to decide whether he will begin his formal reign with a coronation or an inauguration. Pope Benedict chose an inauguration, as did Pope Francis.

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## Faith and Hope

Faith and hope are closely united in today’s readings. The Israelites knew when the Passover was coming, and so were not in fear, but had faith and courage, “putting into effect with one accord the divine institution.” In this we can see a foretelling of the Eucharist that we celebrate according to Christ’s command, “Do this in memory of me.”

We see that Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, and Jacob died in faith, although they did not see fulfillment of the promise. We live in hope that our faith will be fulfilled every time we celebrate this sacrament. We too are not to be afraid, but to have hope that our faith will be fulfilled in the coming of Christ.

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When Pope Pius XII died in 1958, there was the usual buzz of speculation about likely successors. Cardinal Agagianian, Patriarch of the Armenians, was highly thought of as a likely choice. This took many Catholics by surprise, since he had never celebrated the same liturgy as Pope Pius, but followed ancient Armenian customs according to the Eastern Church, which veils the Eucharistic liturgy from sight by a series of curtains, and in which the priest kneels while the people stand for Communion.

In the years that followed, the Second Vatican Council would affirm the dignity and independence of the Eastern Churches, in complete union with Rome, yet different in patterns of life and worship. We have the same faith, the same sacraments, and the same pope. Yet everywhere in the world our separate Churches are combined into families held together by the ministry of bishops. All of this serves as warning: If you ever say, “But we’ve always done it this way,” you are on very thin ice indeed!

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## Reflecting on God’s Word

It’s tempting to wish that our faith in God enabled us to have an unflinching trust that God will take us where we want to be. It would free us from dithering with decisions, vacillating and second-guessing. Only that wouldn’t be faith because it would be our own script we’d have God carrying out.

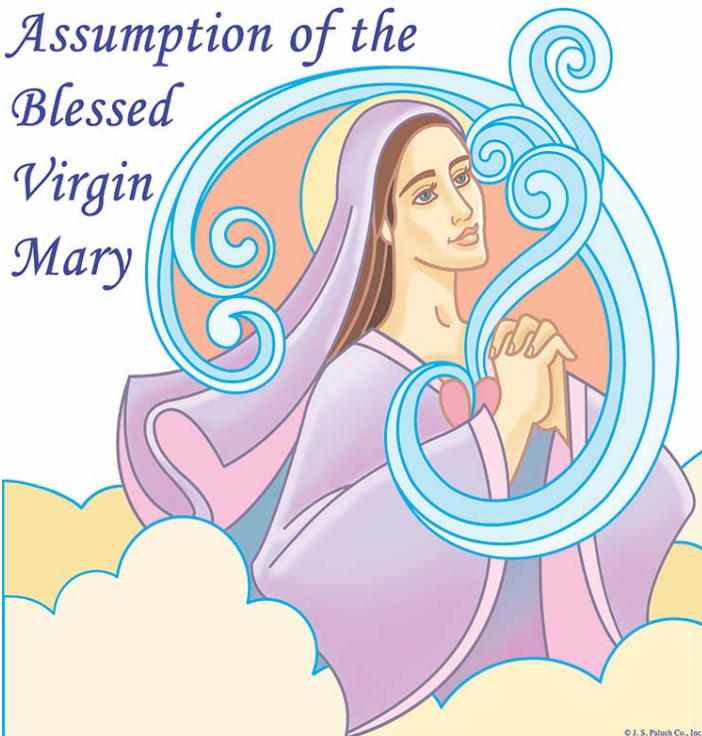
Faith in God surrenders the script. It also surrenders the outcome, which is why Abraham, when asked by God to pack up kin and belongings and move to another land, did just that without knowing where or how he’d eventually settle in. And much later, like the unpredictable thread of a good novel, Abraham’s story finds him and Sarah with child when they are 100 and 90 years old. A decade or so later, Abraham again finds himself without any sensible or sane understanding of the storyline as he leads young Isaac up a sacrificial mountain to what would seem to be a failure of God’s promise to Abraham to father countless generations. Once more God rewrites the ending. Throughout Abraham’s life it is God’s script that Abraham lives out, not his own.

Faith is unpredictable, like good novels that twist and turn and keep us in suspense. If novels are well written, they keep us up long into the night. On the other hand, we like our lives quite the opposite. The appearance of the unpredictable tends to unsettle and undo our living. We presume that good lives, unlike a good novel, are interesting and engaging but always deliberately focused and free of unwarranted surprises. And so we expect good novels and good lives to be like the tracks of the railroad—parallel, but never touching or crossing lest someone or something be derailed.

~ Rev. Joseph J. Jukialis

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## Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



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We see that Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, and Jacob died in faith, although they did not see fulfillment of the promise. We live in hope that our faith will be fulfilled every time we celebrate this sacrament. We too are not to be afraid, but to have hope that our faith will be fulfilled in the coming of Christ.

### ***Faith and Hope***

Our faith consists in hoping for what we do not see. For if we knew what was coming, we would not be hoping, but living in knowledge. We hope in Christ for the coming of the reign of God, the restoration of all things good and wonderful, and our promised salvation. All anxiety can be dispelled in the simple words of Jesus, "Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom." What words could be more encouraging at those times when we wonder if we are being the diligent stewards or the bad stewards of what has been entrusted to us?

### ***Bad Management***

Anyone who has reached the age of work has probably experienced what it is like to work under a bad manager. Perhaps that person just does not know how to encourage productivity in a way that is kind and understanding and not abusive. Perhaps that person is just a bully, causing discouragement and poor morale among workers, so that many quit because they just can't stand it. Perhaps that manager does not know how to manage unproductive and disruptive people in the office, or others who are the office bullies. That steward "begins to beat the menservants and the maidservants, to eat and drink and get drunk."

But every manager also has a boss. And here Christ is the Master who will come at an unexpected time, and if he finds the manager not working well and unworthy of trust, he will apply appropriate sanctions. Christ will come at a time when we do not know; we place our faith and our hope in his mercy. But when we doubt ourselves we have those words of Jesus, assuring us that the Father has already given us the kingdom. We need not be afraid. We need only be mindful of Christ's mercy, and conduct ourselves in a way that is kind, gentle, and generous to others. We can indeed have hope.

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## ***Are You Talking To Me?***

In today's Gospel Jesus talks about being prepared, using the parable of the servants waiting for their master's return from a wedding. Parables usually have a surprise twist and this one is no exception. Jesus pictures the master coming back at a late hour and finding the servants ready for him. The master is so pleased that he begins to wait on the servants—he serves them a meal. (I can almost hear the disciples saying, "No way!")

Peter is a man who is not afraid to speak up or ask a question. That may be one of the reasons Jesus made him the head of the apostles. Perhaps Peter was thinking, "Surely we will be prepared when Jesus comes again. He must be talking about the rest of the people." When he asks Jesus whom the parable is meant for, Jesus ignores him! At least it seems that way at first. Jesus expands on the theme of readiness by describing the servant who took advantage of the master's absence—he will be punished severely. To answer Peter's question, Jesus warns that the servant who knew his duties would be punished more than one who was ignorant of those expectations. Peter and the disciples should have seen themselves as the servants who knew what was expected.

That warning is one for us to hear also. We may look down on non-Christians or wonder if they will get to heaven. But the Lord doesn't expect as much from those who don't know God. Instead of judging them, we would be better off looking at ourselves. Am I serious about my faith, serious enough to show it in my actions? Has my good example ever brought a non-believer to the Church? If I can see Jesus in someone who doesn't know the Lord, the respect I show that person could draw them to believe.

There are examples of this even in your own parish. If you have been in the parish for many years, you could be expected to notice a newcomer more readily. How do you welcome them? Do you get so comfortable with your friends that you don't think about reaching out to a visitor? I think Jesus would expect those of us who feel at home in our church to make an effort to bring new members into our circle. "So how much does Jesus expect of me?" The answer could be in how well you know Jesus.

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## Preparation

Imagine the following scene: you sit down in your school desk. The teacher walks the aisle, placing the paper before you, face down. You set your watch. You will have exactly one hour to do the test. You turn the paper over. Then it hits you: you never took any notes. You never studied or did even one assignment. For a student, lack of preparation is the nightmare of nightmares.

Jesus talks about the need for preparation in today's Gospel. God is pleased to give us the kingdom, Jesus says. "Gird your loins and light your lamps." See that you are prepared.

Jesus' teaching reminds us of the question once posed to St. Francis de Sales and his companions, who, according to the story, were playing billiards. "What would you do if you knew the end of the world was coming in one hour?" The friends of Francis shared various plottings of how they would get their affairs in order. Most mentioned prayer. Francis shrugged, "I would continue doing what I am doing." Are *you* ready to meet the Lord?

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## Treasures From Our Tradition

In recent weeks, we have reviewed how the Churches of East and West have enriched one another, and this Thursday's solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was born in the Eastern Church. It is a gift from the ancient Church of Jerusalem, a commemoration of the death of Mary, and a feast charged with a deep sense of the Resurrection. Mary, the first disciple, is the first to share fully in Christ's victory over death. In the tradition of the East, today is the "Dormition of the Theotokos," or the "Falling Asleep of the God-bearer." There is no shadow of death or gloom in the theology, since this is seen as a transformation of Mary's life into a heavenly and immortal existence. There is a sense in the tradition that she who made earth heavenly and exalted the human race by her faithfulness is glorified today.

A persistent legend among Orthodox Christians tells how all the disciples, except Thomas, who was preaching in India, were present at Mary's death and burial, and sat by the tomb for three days. On the third day, Thomas saw Mary's body rising to heaven. She greeted him as "my friend," and he was escorted by angels to proclaim her assumption to the others, who then realized her tomb was empty. Thus Thomas, the one who expressed doubt at the resurrection of Christ, received a gift from Mary: the chance to proclaim resurrection faith to the disciples.

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## Faithful and Hopeful

The Letter to the Hebrews binds up beautifully the first two of the great triumvirate of Christian virtues: faith and hope. When what we hope for is realized, faith is born; in faith we have the evidence of what still remains unseen. Hebrews puts before us our ancestors in faith: Abraham and Sarah. It illustrates their lives of faith, their hopes realized so that faith might be born, their faith as witness to all that is yet intangible to us. It is the covenant made and kept in faith, with loving-kindness, that is our inheritance from them. Though they long ago passed over from this life to their life among the stars used to describe their descendants, that covenant lives on, given life anew in the life, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is to that covenant in Christ that we are each called again in the faith given to us in baptism; it is that covenant that brings forth and seals the vocation God has called us to live in joyful hope until we, too, reach our homeland in heaven with Abraham and Sarah.

## Faithful and Prudent Stewards

Who doesn't need to fear the return of the master? The faithful and prudent steward, that's who. It is this steward who has taken what the master has given and has treated it—no matter what—as a great gift and treasure. Today we get the first glimmers of the words about the coming of Christ whom we await in joyful hope. These will increasingly characterize the Gospels for the next several months. Jesus gives us images of surrender that are characteristic of faithful disciples: he speaks of loins girt for exodus and lamps lit for the bridegroom's coming. He tells of the master returning to the household, eagerly anticipating what has transpired there in his absence; he forewarns that the master alone knows the time of his return. These teachings could strike fear into the hearts of those listening. Jesus concludes by saying: "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much" (Luke 12:48). The vocation of the Christian disciple is to realize that whatever has been bestowed on us is "much" in the master's eyes. Disciples' vocations are lived faithfully and prudently, for they do not wait for the master's return in dread; they hope for it in joy.

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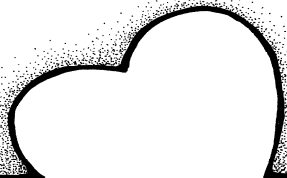


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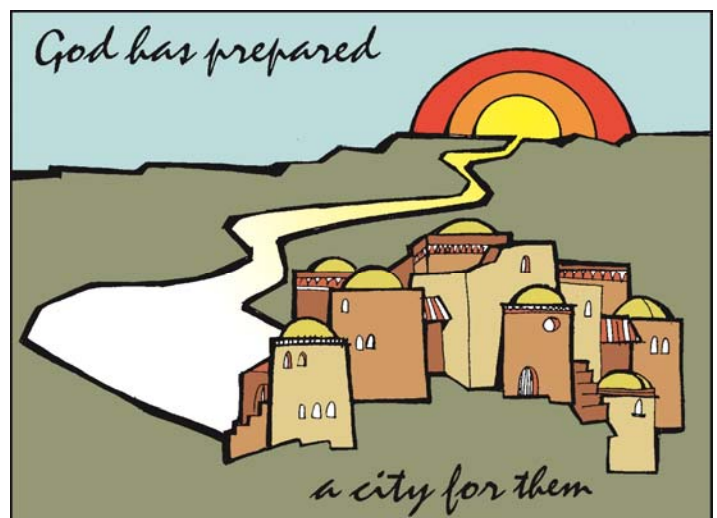
Our soul waits for the LORD,  
who is our help and our shield.

— Psalm 33:20

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## From a letter written to all the faithful by Saint Francis of Assisi

*We must be simple, humble and pure*

It was through his archangel, St. Gabriel, that the father above made known to the holy and glorious Virgin Mary that the worthy, holy and glorious Word of the father would come from heaven and take from her womb the real flesh of our human frailty. Though he was wealthy beyond reckoning, he still willingly chose to be poor with his blessed mother. And shortly before his passion he celebrated the Passover with his disciples. Then he prayed to his Father saying: *Father, if it be possible, let this cup be taken from me.*

Nevertheless, he reposed his will in the will of his Father. The Father willed that his blessed and glorious Son, whom he gave to us and who was born for us, should through his own blood offer himself as a sacrificial victim on the altar of the cross. This was to be done not for himself through whom all things were made, but for our sins. It was intended to leave us as an example of how to follow in his footsteps. And he desires all of us to be saved through him with pure heart and chaste body.

O how happy and blessed are those who love the Lord and do as the Lord himself said in the gospel: *You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart and your whole soul, and your neighbor as yourself.* Therefore, let us love God and adore him with pure heart and mind. This is his particular desire when he says: *True worshippers adore the father in spirit and truth.* For all who adore him must do so in the spirit of truth. Let us also direct to him our praises and prayers saying: *Our Father, who art in heaven, since we must always pray and never grow slack.*

Furthermore, let us produce worthy fruits of penance. Let us also love our neighbors as ourselves. Let us have charity and humility. Let us give alms because these cleanse our souls from the stains of sin. Men lose all the material things they leave behind them in this world, but they carry with them the reward of their charity and the alms they give. For these they will receive from the Lord the reward and recompense they deserve. We must not be wise and prudent according to the flesh. Rather we must be simple, humble and pure. We should never desire to be over others. Instead, we ought to be the servants who are submissive to every human being for God, sake. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on all who live in this way and persevere in it to the end. He will permanently dwell in them. They will be the Father's children who do his work. They are the spouses, brothers and mothers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## You Can't Take it With You

Dear Eleanor,

Thanks for the birthday card. Now that I'm 83 I realize that life is filled with experiences to savor and I'm trying to recognize these moments and cherish them now. I'm reading more and dusting less. I sit in the yard and admire the view without fussing about weeds in the garden. I'm spending more time with my family and friends, and less time doing chores. I'm not "saving" anything: I use the good china and crystal to celebrate every possible event, such as losing a pound, getting the sink unstopped, or the first amaryllis blossom. I put on my favorite perfume every day and wear my good blazer to the market. "Someday" and "one of these days" are losing their grip on my vocabulary. If it's worth seeing or hearing or doing, I want to see and hear and do it now. It's fun to say "Keep the change" to someone, to give a large tip to a person with a dreary job. I've discovered that giving my time and attention to someone in trouble makes me forget my aches and pains, so I signed up as a Saint Vincent de Paul volunteer. I'm trying very hard not to put off, hold back, or save anything that would add laughter and luster to life. It's little things left undone that would make me angry if I knew how limited my hours are: angry that I hadn't written certain letters that I intended to write one of these days; sorry that I didn't tell the people closest to me often enough how much I truly loved them. Every day, every minute, every breath truly is a gift from God. And every morning when I open my eyes, I thank God because life is so wonderful.

Love,  
Rose

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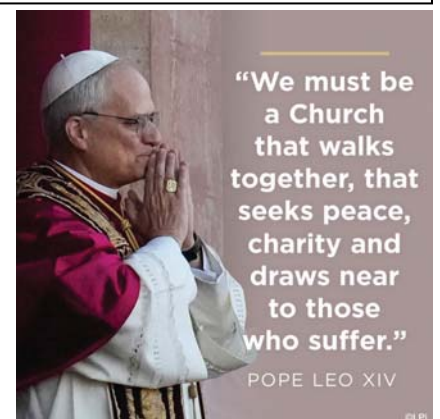
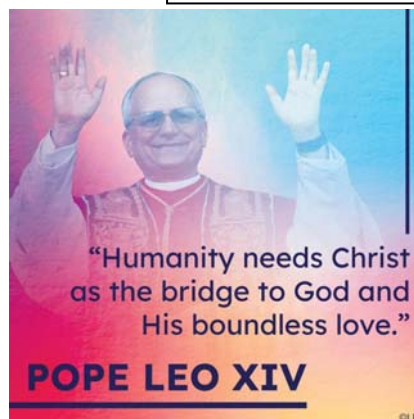
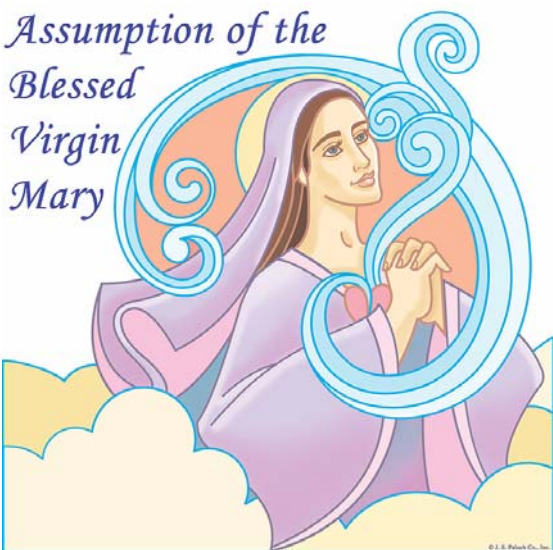
## Given Much

"Much will be required of the person entrusted with much" (Luke 12:48). Whew! At least the Lord hasn't entrusted me with much! Thank goodness that the work of the reign of God on earth has been entrusted to somebody else. This must be the "good news" of today's Gospel, right? Wrong!

In the mentality that has come to be known as "keeping up with the Joneses" we can gear ourselves toward a comparison with those who have more or who have been given more, even by God. Unfortunately, nowhere does Jesus say: "Not much will be expected of those who have been given only a little bit." Each of us, in our own way, has been given something, some gift or treasure that we can put toward the work of the reign of God. This is the vocation of Christian discipleship. Perhaps others seem to have been given more; evaluating this is not the disciple's concern. The concern of each of us in the vocation for which we have been chosen is to take what we have been given, and consecrate it for the continued in-breaking of God's kingdom of justice, joy, peace, and beauty. Then will we come to realize that we have indeed been given much.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



*“Do everything for  
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1 Corinthians 10:31



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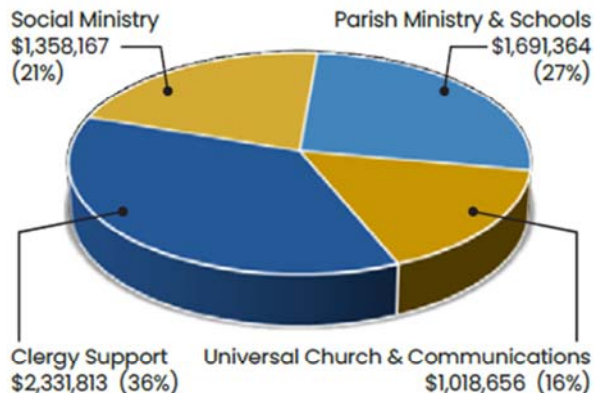


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## CHANCERY BUDGET FOR 2025 SOURCES OF INCOME: \$17,200,000

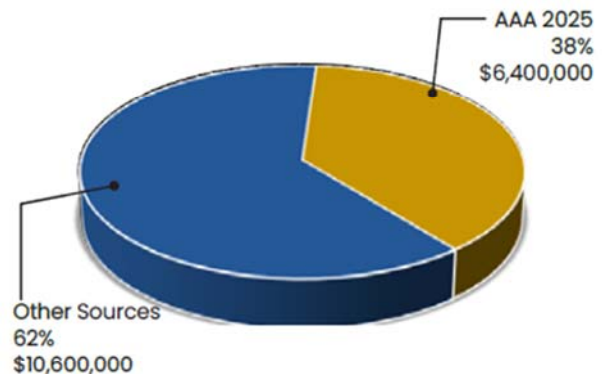


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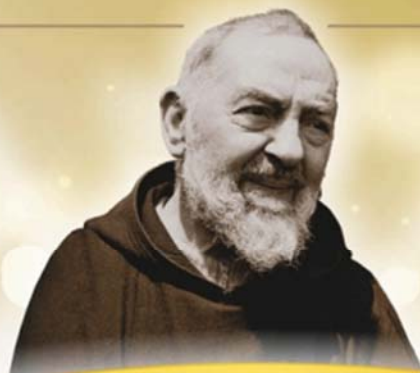
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August 15 and 16, 2025

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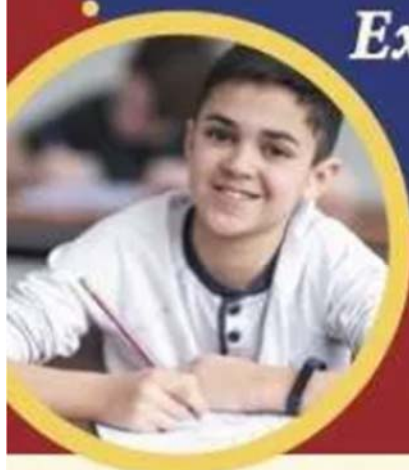




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**7:00 a.m.** Gather for the Jubilee Pilgrimage Walk at St. Anthony of Padua (SF)

**7:15 am.** Procession begins to the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral

**9:15 a.m.** Talks on St. Francis and the Blessed Mother

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**10:00 a.m.** Mass with Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone

**11:30 a.m.** Eucharistic Procession and recitation of the Rosary

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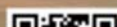
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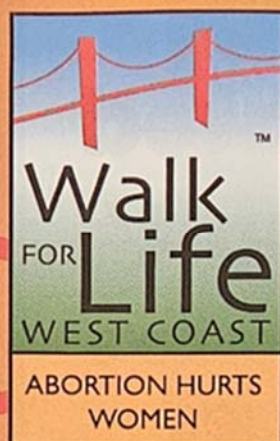
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**BATANGAS – PANGASINAN – TARLAC – PAMPANGA**

**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 Panampulot, a ritual of Manobo Tribe. Banog-Banog dance will welcome the arriving guests and they will experience 8 different stations of Manolo Fortich Culture. Various activities available such as Tsokolata making, Bead making, Coffee Making, Binake wrapping & Tasting Corn Grinding, Corn Grilling, Panampulot Ritual, Binukid Language Learning. Lunch at Ricardo's restaurant. After lunch proceed to the Abbey of Transfiguration for Mass. Head back to Cagayan de Oro in the afternoon. Dinner at the hotel.

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

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

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

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

**04 February | Bicol tour options**

Breakfast at the hotel. Tour options are:

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

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:



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  - 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:

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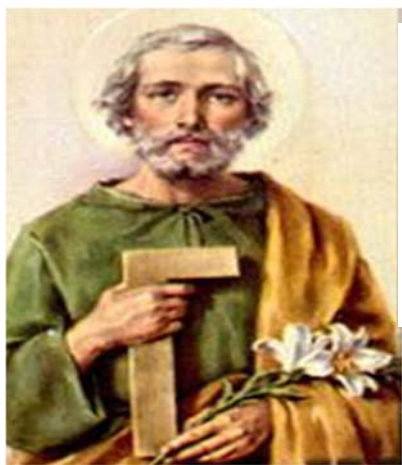
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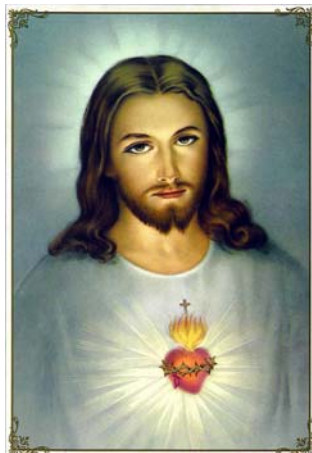
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FATIMA***

***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.

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*Yap Family*



### *St. Patrick Charismatic Prayer Group*

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

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Best,

*Matt Dorsey*

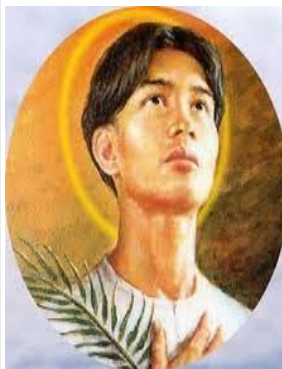


*Our Lady  
of Guadalupe*

*Feast Day  
December 12*



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



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Dan & Annie Lacap Family,  
Jesus, Jr. & Malou Paningbatan,  
Vida Ventura,  
Nenette Murata,  
Cristin Salangsang*