St. Patrick Catholic Church

San Francisco's Historic Landmark #4 Founded in 1851

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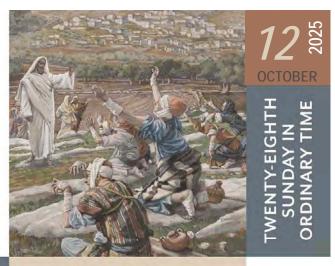
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Mass Times

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.



One of them, realizing he had been healed, returned,

GLORIFYING GOD IN A LOUD VOICE.

Luke 17:15

October 12, 2025 - Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

If we have died with Christ Jesus we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him.~ 2 Timothy 2:11-12a



October 12, 2025 ~ Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year C 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

The Lord has revealed his saving power to all the nations (Ps)! Naaman, a Syrian, is healed (1), and lepers are made whole, but only the Samaritan returns to give thanks (3). Let us remain steadfast in faith (2), and thankful for the Lord's blessings (Ps).

The Gift of Salvation

Naaman and the leper who returned to Jesus saw God's hand in their healing. Only through God's intervention could they have been cured. Through this recognition of God's presence and action in their lives, they grew in faith. For what are you grateful? Pause for a moment to reflect on all of the blessings in your life. God is the source of these many blessings—life, love, gifts, and so much more. Of all the gifts for which we must be grateful, none is as great, or as astounding, as the gift of salvation offered to us through Jesus Christ. Let this sink in, not only in your mind but in your heart. Like Naaman and the leper who returned, allow yourself to be touched by the immense love of God for you.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

Christian liturgy has always contained an opportunity to make a choice for sharing. From the beginning, Christians pooled their resources, especially for the care of widows and orphans, at the weekly Eucharist. Over the years, the collection became detached from the liturgy and baskets or plates would be passed through the community while the Mass was going on at the altar, or contributions would be collected at the doors. In Milan's Ambrosian Rite, these gifts have always brought to the altar by lay people in procession. In German countries, the ancient custom was for the entire assembly to process with their gifts-first the men, then the women, then the priests and deacons—to offer their gifts at the altar. The old ceremony of canonization included a curious vestige of this procession: people would present the pope with two loaves of bread, two barrels of wine and water, five candles, and three cages containing pigeons or turtledoves!

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Prayer of the Week

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works.

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 good works do I intend to carry out this week?

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Solidarity

We must stand together; if we don't there will be no victory for any one of us.
~ Mary Harris Jones

The View From the Pew

As we wind down the liturgical year (there are only seven weeks left until the First Sunday of Advent), it's a good time to begin reflecting back on 2025, on the bad and the good: the bad, so, like St. Paul said last week in his letter to Timothy, we can "...bear [our] share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God"; the good, so we can give thanks to God, and we do have a lot to be thankful for. After Mass, stop by and say hello to the priest before leaving. He's always waiting at the back of the church to meet you. A simple greeting, such as "Thank you, Father" would mean a lot to him. I think we lay people often take the priests for granted, but they're always there to celebrate Mass and the other sacraments for us, so it would be nice to show our appreciation once in awhile. Jesus healed ten lepers in today's gospel, but only one came back to thank him for that miracle. Jesus even asked, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine?" Whenever we attend Mass, Jesus performs a much greater miracle for us. His gift of the Holy Eucharist makes us immortal with divine life. Receiving Holy Communion makes our soul more glorious and more beautiful. We can make up for the ingratitude of 'the other nine' and for the many who never think of thanking Jesus by thanking His representative here on earth, His Holy priest. This is certainly one easy way we can maybe be a little more Christ-like (not just to our families and friends, but everyone else, too) as we look ahead to Advent and the Birth of Jesus.

The Bulletin Editor

AAA Update (as of 01 October 2025)

2025 AAA Goal	\$38,705.00	
Received	\$26,038.00	
Amount Remaining	\$12,667.00	
% of Goal	67%	

Happy Birthday!!

Happy Birthday to our Parishioners celebrating a birthday this week.

Frazier Ataide	10/12	Celeste Manganaan	10/15
Arlene Ambata	10/13	John Erwin Magbitang	10/16
Anna Jessica Flores	10/13	Manuel Rosales	10/17
Chris Perez	10/14	Roxan Amoroso	10/18
Patrick Smith	10/14		





Please Pray for Pope Francis' Intention for October

<u>Pope's Intention</u>: For collaboration between different religious traditions. Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

Religious Education Classes

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

Our Religious Education Program is designed to assist you in the faith formation of your children. Enroll your child after all Masses every Sunday in August. First-time students must provide a valid baptismal certificate. Classes begin on Saturday, September 6th and run through May. Class hours are from 9:45 - 11:00 a.m.

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

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

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

St. Patrick Children's Choir

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

Altar Servers Wanted



If you know of any children between the ages of 9 and 15 who would like to be altar servers here at St. Patrick, please contact the office for more information. Assisting the priest during the holy sacrifice of the Mass by serving at the Altar of the Lord is a wonderful way to learn responsibility, discipline and teamwork. It's also a great way to make new friends and to

learn about the Mass. Children must be Catholic and must have received First Communion in order to be considered. Training sessions will be provided.

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 12, 2025

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we shall also reign with him.

~ 2 Timothy 2:11-12a

Saints & Special Observances

Tuesday: optional memorial ~ Callistus I, Pope, Martyr Wednesday: Memorial ~

St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church

Thursday: optional memorial ~ St. Hedwig, Religious Wednesday: optional memorial ~

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

Friday: Memorial ~ St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr SATURDAY: FEAST ~ ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for the Week

Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32 Tuesday: Rom 1:1-25; Lk 11:37-41 Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11:42-46 Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54 Friday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9

SATURDAY: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-8; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8

Today's Readings

First Reading — Naaman, cleansed from his leprosy, returns gratefully to Elisha (2 Kings 5:14-17).

Psalm — The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 298).

Second Reading — If we have died with Christ we shall also live with Christ (2 Timothy 2:8-13).

Gospel — Ten lepers are healed by Jesus, but only one, a Samaritan, returns to give him thanks (Luke 17:11-19).

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Living God's Word

The Eucharist is our habitual, public praise and thanks to God. We give thanks for the gifts of creation and the covenant. We give thanks for the gift of redemption that is ours through Jesus Christ and for the gifts that the Holy Spirit pours out on us. In the Eucharist each of us should also give thanks for the gifts of God in our lives.

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October is Mother Mary's Month



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

Never will anyone who says his Ro-

sary every day be led astray. This is a statement that I would gladly sign with my blood. ~ St. Louis de Montfort

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

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

Mass Intentions for Oct 12 - 18			
Date	Time	Intention	
Sunday 12	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	TG Rene & Elena Delos Santos SI For The Parishioners of St. Patrick Church † Rodisendo Mandigma SI Mercedita Cadiz	
Monday 13	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI MC Canlas BD Tessie Bautista SI John & Judith Casper	
Tuesday 14	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Dr. Beverly Lynn Bolinger † Alexander Banias SI Sandra Cea	
Wednesday 15	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Rev. Eric Velandria,S.J. † Genny Berry BD Candace Chan	
Thursday 16	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Marilyn Sumulong † Asterio A. Navasca SI Dan & Katya Coming	
Friday 17	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Derrick Chang † Ponciano Mauricio † William Cotter, Jr.	
Saturday 18	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	TG Señor De Los Milagros † Exuperancia Lakindanum SI Thelma Dancel	

Parish Schedule

Parish Office Hours

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation (in the Rectory)

(appointments are preferred)
Monday through Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

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

Sto. Niño Devotion

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

Sacred Heart

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

Communion in the Home

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

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

www.stpatricksf.org

St. Patrick Church Lifetime Donors

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

Thank you for your generosity and support.

For more information,
email us at *information@stpatricksf.org*or call us at 415-421-3730

We have 93 Lifetime Donors as of 14 August 2025

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LEGION OF MARY - ST. PATRICK CHURCH

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

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



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



The Founder Frank Duff 1889 - 1980

Legion of Mary's History

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

It is a lay Catholic organization giving service to the Church on a voluntary basis in

almost every country.

Legion of Mary's Aim

The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members

developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary's and the Church's works.

Legion of Mary's Unit

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

Legion of Mary's Active Works

The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of everyone. The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick, both in homes

and hospitals and through collaboration in every apostolate and missionary undertakings

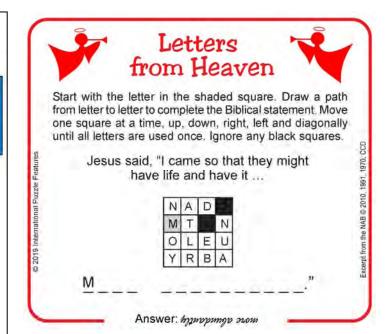
sponsored by the parish. The works are more of spiritual works of mercy.

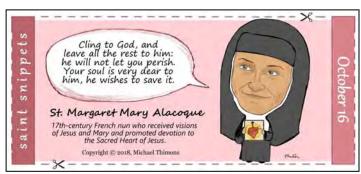
Legion of Mary's Active Membership

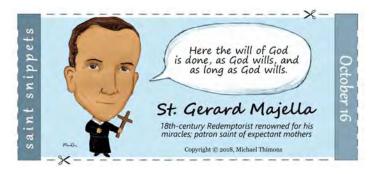
This membership is open to all faithfully practicing Catholics. Members attend weekly meetings and engage in prayers and active works. Candidates under 18 years of age can be received in a Junior Praesidium.



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Reflecting on God's Word

When Jan's son and his buddies were given two weeks' notice to move out of their house, Jan proposed that they throw a cleaning/moving party. She provided the food, drinks, and cleaning supplies. They provided the music and the muscle. The party was a great success. The house got cleaned, the move was completed in one afternoon, and everyone went home happy. Later that week a thank-you card arrived from one of her son's housemates. "Thanks for the party, Jan. We couldn't have done it without you. You're the greatest. Adam."

Do we take the time to reflect back on each day or do we just keep moving on? Do we recognize the healing in our lives or focus only on the suffering? Do we realize that "we couldn't have done it without" God or do we attribute our successes to good luck or our own hard work? Do we, like Naaman and the Samaritan leper, make it a habit to express our thanks to God in public praise and in lives of service?

~ Virginia Stillwell

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SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD

On October 17 we will mark the 107th anniversary of the birth of Albino Luciani, the man who would become Pope John Paul I, the "Smilling Pope." He was elected pope on August 26, 1978 and died thirty-three days later, on September 28, 1978. That was a short time, but nine other popes have served for even fewer days. The pope who held the office longest was Blessed Pius IX (1846–1878). He was pope for thirty-one years, seven months, and twenty-three days.

Pope is one name for the man who leads the Catholic Church but he is known by several other titles, among them Bishop of Rome and Vicar of Christ. One good descriptive title is Servant of the Servants of God. Who do you think are the servants of God? Which title do you like best?

Here are some interesting facts about the men we call our popes. With the help of an adult, see if you can match the correct answers. Hint: You will use one of the answers twice.

- ___ Who is the 266th Pope?
- Where does the Pope live?
- __ Who elects the pope?
- Where do the cardinals meet to cast their votes?
- Who painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel?
- ____ What signal tells the world a new pope is elected?
 - __ What are the pope's official bodyguards called?
- ____ Who is said to have designed their uniforms?
- When a new pope is chosen a cardinal announces, "Habemus papam." What does this mean?
- __ What is an encyclical?

- 1. White smoke from a Vatican chimney
- 2. Swiss Guards
- 3. Michelangelo
- 4. Latin for "We have a pope.
- 5. Pope Francis
- 6. Vatican City
- 7. A letter written by the pope to the whole

(Answers: 5, 6, 9, 8, 3, 1, 2, 3, 4, 7)

- 8. The Sistine Chapel
- 9. The College of Cardinals

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The Little Ones

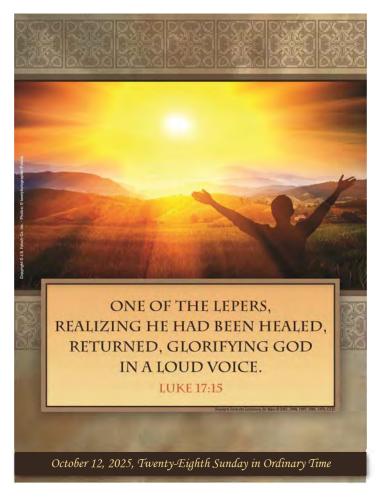
Jim Burrows





Jesus said, "Was no one found who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?"

And he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has made you well." Lk 17:18-19





The cantor scold a lector for singing badly? Mmm...no The pastor scold you for *not* singing? Mmm... yes."

October 19th is World Mission Sunday



World Mission Sunday, organized by The Society of the Propagation of the Faith, is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice. In 2025, World Mission Sunday is celebrated on October 19th.

Annually, World Mission Sunday is celebrated on the next-to-last Sun-

day in October. As described by Pope John Paul II, World Mission Sunday is "an important day in the life of the Church because it teaches how to give: as an offering made to God, in the Eucharistic celebration and for all the missions of the world" (see *Redemptoris Missio* 81).

Pope John Paul II also spoke of the Propagation of the Faith's General Fund of support, calling this a "central fund of solidarity." In a message delivered on a recent World Mission Sunday, the Pope said: "The offerings that will be collected [on World Mission Sunday] are destined for a common fund of solidarity distributed, in the Pope's name, by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith among the missions and missionaries of the entire world."

Every year the needs of the Catholic Church in the Missions grow - as new dioceses are formed, as new seminaries are opened because of the growing number of young men hearing Christ's call to follow Him as priests, as areas devastated by war or natural disaster are rebuilt, and as other areas, long suppressed, are opening up to hear the message of Christ and His Church. That is why the involvement and commitment of Catholics from around the world is so urgently needed. Offerings from Catholics in the United States, on World Mission Sunday and throughout the year, are combined with offerings to the Propagation of the Faith worldwide.

Mission dioceses - about 1,100 at this time - receive regular annual assistance from the funds collected. In addition, these mission dioceses submit requests to the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples for assistance, among other needs, for catechetical programs, seminaries, the work of Religious Communities, for communication and transportation needs, and for the building of chapels, churches, orphanages and schools. These needs are matched with the funds gathered in each year. The world's national directors of the Propagation of the Faith vote on these requests, matching the funds available with the greatest needs. These funds are then distributed, in their entirety, to mission dioceses throughout the world.

Please give generously to next week's Special Collection.

Casting Light

There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.

 $\sim Edith\ Wharton$



Saint Teresa of Jesus (1515-1582) October 15

Let nothing disturb you; let nothing frighten you. Gifted with a passionate spirit, young Teresa dreamed of converting Muslims and becoming a martyr. All things are passing; God never changes. But her mother's death when Teresa was fourteen inspired lifelong devotion to Our Lady, and Teresa entered the Carmelites, Mary's order, despite her father's objections and her own fragile health. Patience gains everything. Initially, she enjoyed her lax convent's sociability and "busyness," but mystical prayer and John of the Cross' collaboration inspired her to reform the Carmelites. Whoever has God, lacks nothing. When her ideals encountered resistance and brought suffering, she maintained her peace-—and humor. Discovered devouring leftovers, she told her mildly scandalized nuns, "When I fast, I fast! When I eat, I eat!" To nuns demanding less work and more prayer in the convent schedule, she retorted: "What we really need around here are fewer starry eyes and more strong arms!" God alone is enough! The italicized sentences here are her "Breviary Bookmark," the simple, profound prayer of Teresa, the first woman Doctor of the Church.

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Infect Me Not... Get Vaccinated

Vaccines can prevent many infectious diseases, including strains of influenza. Check with your doctor about which members of your family should receive the seasonal flu vaccine.

Stay Home When Sick

A person can spread the flu virus up to 48 hours before feeling sick and up to 24 hours after the fever has gone. If you are sick or are just over the flu, that is a legitimate reason to excuse yourself from Mass for the day. Stay home, read your Bible, and make a spiritual communion. We will miss you, but not your cold or flu virus!

Cough & Sneeze Into Your Sleeve

Keep your hands clean and, If necessary, cough or sneeze into your sleeve. Avoid shaking hands with a fellow worshipper if there's a chance you might be sharing something other than Christ's peace! (Give a nod or a bow, a smile, and a greeting of peace instead.)

Wash Hands Often

Wash your hands with soap and water or with an alcohol-based anti-bacterial gel before and after Mass, and help your children do the same.

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Healing and Salvation

The readings today speak of healing and salvation. In Second Kings, Naaman, a commander of the army of the king of Syria, develops leprosy. He goes to a stranger, a prophet from Israel, when no one else can cure his disease. Much to his surprise, after a simple bath in the river, he is cured. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus cures ten lepers and sends them to the priest. Only one, a Samaritan, returns to thank Jesus for his cure and only he hears the words, "Your faith has saved you." The psalm and Timothy remind us that salvation involves justice, kindness, and faithfulness and forever links us with Jesus. In a world as broken as ours, both healing and salvation are necessary.

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God Revealed to the Nations

Our extended lesson in discipleship continues this weekend with a focus on the centrality of thanksgiving to the Christian life. We hear stories of foreigners who experience the healing, cleansing power of the God of Israel and give the Lord thanks. In today's episode from the book of Kings the prophet Elisha cures a foreigner named Naaman of his leprosy. Naaman returns to thank Elisha and pledges to worship only the God of Israel from that day forward. The Gospel presents the story of the cleansing of ten lepers. It is the Samaritan—also a foreigner—who returns to give Jesus thanks and give God glory and praise. "The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power," sings the psalmist. "Sing joyfully to the Lord . . . Sing praise" (Psalm 98:2, 4).

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Free of Fear

In both the Old Testament and the Gospel reading today lepers are cured: one through the prophet Elisha and ten by Jesus. These readings are less about physical healing and much more about faith and gratitude. In biblical times lepers were total outcasts. Few, if any, would come near them for fear of catching the disease themselves. In fact, for centuries, anyone with skin problems of any kind was likely to be labeled a leper and compelled to leave the local community to live apart with other sufferers. There was no cure until the 1930s and even now this disease lingers in poorer countries. Unlike plague victims, death did not come quickly to lepers, and loneliness and hunger were often worse than the disease itself. Cut off from family and friends for the rest of their lives, lepers relied for survival on begging and handouts. Before approaching any human settlement they had to cry out loudly or ring a bell to warn people of their approach. Imagine then, the joy of these sufferers who find themselves suddenly made well. Now they can slip back into the blessed ordinariness of day-to-day life. Only two lepers pause after their cure and offer thanks: Naaman the Aramite commander, cured through the prophet Elisha, and one unnamed Samaritan cured by Jesus. Neither of them were "sons of Israel." Naaman at first tried to give the prophet Elisha a gift to show his gratitude, which Elisha refused. Both Naaman and the Samaritan in the Gospel realized that the power of the God of Israel had freed them, not only from their physical suffering, but also from the isolation and fear that went along with it. For that they were truly grateful and said so.

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Gratitude

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Optimism

A cheerful frame of mind that enables a tea kettle to sing though in hot water up to its nose.

~ Anonymous

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Treasures From Our Tradition

This month, parishes around the country will conduct the "October count," a measure of attendance at Sunday Mass. The measure has been taken for many centuries, and in some European dioceses it is possible to measure the level of engagement in worship by the population over the course of many centuries. Long ago, it was also the custom to track "Easter duty" by a statistical report. Penitents would receive a kind of chit at confession, which they would then turn in at their parish church when they received Holy Communion during Easter time.

Long ago, of course, Communion was fairly rare in the life of a Catholic Christian, perhaps only once a year. The chits would be tallied by parish priests and reported to the chancery, which in turn would hold on to the records and include the statistics in a report to the Vatican every five years. Nowadays, the October count has proved especially critical in the life of our Church as bishops use the figures to measure the vitality of church life, to sketch parish boundaries, and even to decide when to close, merge, or form new parishes.

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The Word of God Unchained

There is no chaining the word of God! But how many times do we attempt to do that very thing? Had the followers of Jesus or the teachers of the law or the Pharisees been asked if the lepers should be cleansed or healed, the answer would most likely have been, "No, they deserve their condition."

The lepers would have been, perhaps, a mixed group, Galileans and Samaritans alike, the bond of their awful disease overcoming the pettiness of former religious bickering. Jesus' actions once again illustrate his vocation and ours: to reach out when healing is needed, to challenge when conversion is needed, to console when comfort is needed. He also follows his own advice from last week's Gospel: do what you have been commanded to do. When the cleansed Samaritan has returned to give thanks, Jesus does not take it as an opportunity for self-aggrandizement, but rather offers insight into faith.

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Nothing But God

I need nothing but God, and to lose myself in the heart of God.

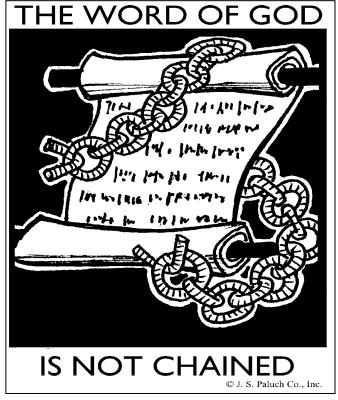
~ St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Bible Study

Let sleep find you holding your Bible, and when your head nods let it be resting on a sacred page.

~ St. Jerome





ADDRESS OF THE HOLY FATHER TO PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES

Clementine Hall Thursday, 22 May 2025

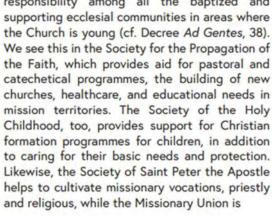
Your Eminence, Your Excellencies, General Secretaries, National Directors and Personnel of the Pontifical Mission Societies. Dear brothers and sisters.

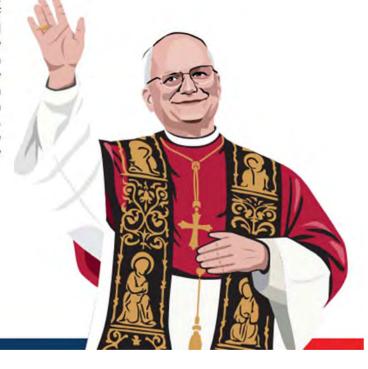
I offer a warm welcome to all of you, who have gathered from over one hundred and twenty countries to take part in the annual General Assembly of the Pontifical Mission Societies. I want to begin by expressing my gratitude to you and your associates for your dedicated service, which is indispensable to the Church's mission of evangelization, as I can personally attest from my own pastoral experience in the years of my ministry serving in Peru.

The Pontifical Mission Societies are effectively the "primary means" of awakening missionary responsibility among all the baptized and

committed to forming priests, religious men and women, and all the people of God for the Church's missionary activity.

The promotion of apostolic zeal among the People of God remains an essential aspect of the Church's renewal as envisioned by the Second Vatican Council, and is all the more urgent in our own day. Our world, wounded by war, violence and injustice, needs to hear the Gospel message of God's love and to experience the reconciling power of Christ's grace. In this sense, the Church herself, in all her members, is increasingly called to be "a missionary Church that opens its







arms to the world, proclaims the word ... and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity" (Homily, Mass for the Beginning of the Pontificate, 18 May 2025). We are to bring to all peoples, indeed to all creatures, the Gospel promise of true and lasting peace, which is possible because, in the words of Pope Francis, "the Lord has overcome the world and its constant conflict by making peace through the blood of his cross" (Evangelii Gaudium, 229).

Hence we see the importance of fostering a spirit of missionary discipleship in all the baptized and a sense of the urgency of bringing Christ to all people. In this regard, I would like to thank you and your associates for your efforts each year in promoting World Mission Sunday on the second-to-last Sunday of October, which is of immense help to me in my solicitude for the Churches in areas which are under the care of the Dicastery for Evangelization.

Today, as in the days after Pentecost, the Church, led by the Holy Spirit, pursues her journey through history with trust, joy and courage as she proclaims the name of Jesus and the salvation born of faith in the saving truth of the Gospel. The Pontifical Mission Societies are an important part of this great effort. In their work of coordinating missionary formation and animating a missionary spirit on the local level, I would ask the National Directors to give priority to visiting dioceses, parishes and communities, and in this way to help the faithful to recognize the fundamental importance of the missions and supporting our brothers and sisters in those areas of our world where the Church is young and growing.

Before concluding these words with you this morning, I would like to reflect with you on two distinctive elements of your identity as Pontifical Mission Societies. They can be described as, communion and universality. As Societies committed to sharing in the missionary mandate of the Pope and the College of Bishops, you are called to cultivate and further promote within

your members the vision of the Church as the communion of believers, enlivened by the Holy Spirit, who enables us to enter into the perfect communion and harmony of the blessed Trinity. Indeed, it is in the Trinity that all things find their unity. This dimension of our Christian life and mission is close to my heart, and is reflected in the words of Saint Augustine that I chose for my episcopal service and now for my papal ministry: In Illo uno unum. Christ is our Saviour and in him we are one, a family of God, beyond the rich variety of our languages, cultures and experiences.

The appreciation of our communion as members of the Body of Christ naturally opens us to the universal dimension of the Church's mission of evangelization, and inspires us to transcend the confines of our individual parishes, dioceses and nations, in order to share with every nation and people the surpassing richness of the knowledge of Jesus Christ (cf. *Phil 3:8*).

A renewed focus on the Church's unity and universality corresponds precisely to the authentic charism of the Pontifical Mission Societies. As such, it should inspire the process of renewal of the statutes that you have initiated. In this regard, I express my trust that this process will confirm the members of the Societies worldwide in their vocation to be a leaven of missionary zeal within the People of God.

Dear friends, our celebration of this Holy Year challenges all of us to be "pilgrims of hope." Taking up the words that Pope Francis chose as the theme for this year's World Mission Day, I would conclude by encouraging you to continue to be "missionaries of hope among all peoples." Commending you, your benefactors and all associated with your important work to the loving intercession of Mary, the Mother of the Church, I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of lasting joy and peace in the Lord.



Les P.P. XIV

"Do everything for the glory of God."



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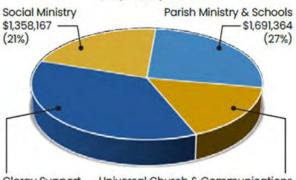
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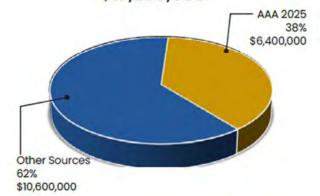










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PARISH MINISTRY & SCHOOLS

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

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 Ask for warrant under the door; verify details first.
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September 5th - October 25th

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THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION

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Wednesday: 8am - 7pm
Thursday: 8am - 7pm
Friday: 8am - 7pm

Saturday: 8am - 7pm (8am-11am group time)

Sundays: no presence

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(415) 275-1776 8AM-7PM

September 24 - November 2, 2025

Sign-up: 40daysforlife.com/sanfrancisco Email: SF40daysforlife@gmail.com Call or e-mail us and we will sign-up for you. Mass of Healing & Hope

October 18, 2025 11 a.m. St. Pius Catholic Church 1100 Woodside Rd. Redwood City, CA 94061



Luncheon and guest speaker to follow after the Mass in the Parish Hall

Dear Friends,

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You are warmly invited to a **Mass of Healing** for all who have experienced separation or divorce—regardless of faith tradition. Together, we will seek comfort, strength, and renewal in the presence of God's love.

Whether you are rooted in the Catholic faith, another tradition, or simply searching for hope, you are welcome. Come as you are—bring your prayers, your struggles, your longing for healing, and allow God's grace to meet you in this moment.

Let us walk together toward peace and wholeness.

Please RSVP to Donna Nathanson

Donna Haas Nathanson Email: dhaasnathan97@gmail.com Text: 415.205.5998



St. Thomas More Society of San Francisco, California

ANNUAL RED MASS

Thursday, October 23, 2025 5:30 p.m.

Sts. Peter & Paul Church 666 Filbert Street, San Francisco



The Red Mass is a 700+ year tradition seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit for the legal profession and all those who seek justice.

Dinner and reception to follow in honor of the 2019 St. Thomas More Award recipient,

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HOLY CROSS CEMETERY

Mausoleum Chapel, 1500 Mission Road, Colma, CA

Saturday | October 25, 2025 | 10:00 AM

Celebrant:

Rev. Angel Quitalig

Vicar for Filipinos Archdiocese of San Francisco



Choir: Filipino Ministry Choir



FILIPINO MINISTRY

SAN FRANCISCO STAR OF THE SEA PARISH **EUCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESS 2025** OCOTBER 28-NOVEMBER 4



ARCHBISHOP SALVATORE J. CORDILEONE

On November 1, 2025, Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone WILL CELEBRATE 9:00 AM MASS AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL, THEN LEAD THE OUR LADY OF FATIMA EUCHARISTIC GRAND PROCESSION TO STAR OF THE SEA PARISH. UNITING THE FAITHFUL IN A POWERFUL WITNESS TO THE EUCHARIST.





FATHER JAVIER OLIVERA RAVASI

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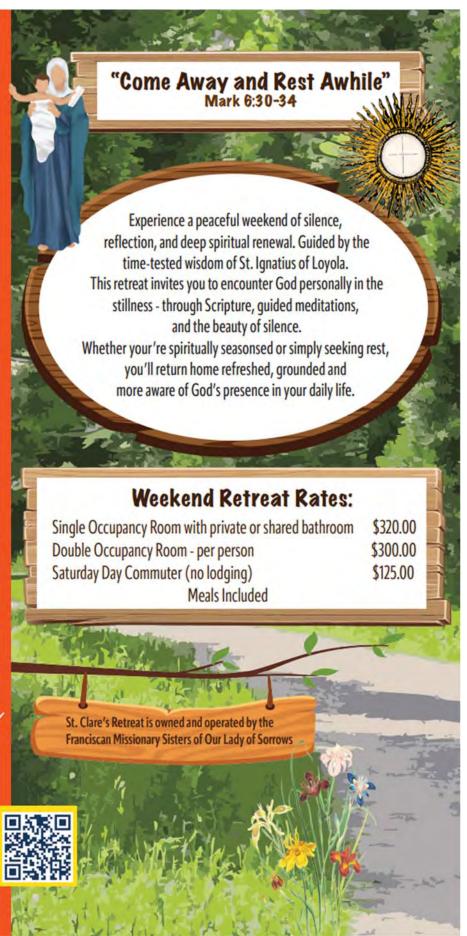
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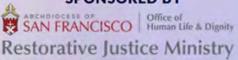
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<u>The Faith Formation Conference</u> Webpage and registration will begin in mid-August. Remember to have all catechists attend and continue on their catechist certification.

Beginning of Year Parish Catechetical Leaders gathering is September 5 or 6. Choose which date to attend. All parish directors/coordinators are asked to attend or send a representative.

<u>Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults</u> training for all parishes is October 3 & 4—Making Disciples Institute.

Other fliers to know about

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November 7-8,2025 St. Matthew's Parish

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Theme: Religious Freedom, an essential requirement of the dignity of every person



Essays due Friday, January 23, 2026

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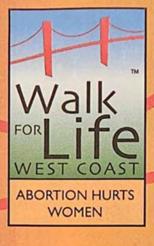
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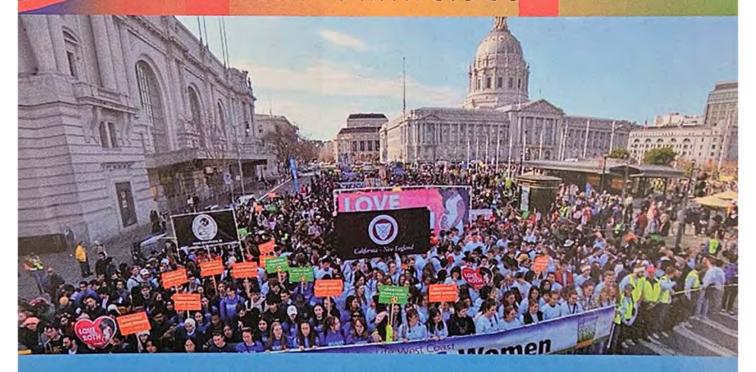
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January 27 - February 11



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January 27 - February 11 16 DAYS 15 NIGHTS







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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 Basillica 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
Teofilio 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 Backayon 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
Breaklast at the hotel.
Free day. Optional activities to be offered.
Ballcasag Island Tour

- Cadapdapan Rice Paddies and Can-Umantad Waterfalls

31 January | Bohol - Cebu - Cagayan de Oro

Breakfast at the hotel. Breakfast at the hatel.
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 procced to hotel and check in.
Free time. Mass before dinner.

Dinner at a local restaurant

Ol 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.
Banag-Banag 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. Panampulot Ritual, Binakid 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. 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 Divisorio.

Lunch at Panagatan Seaside Restaurant.

After Junch, 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.

Planer at the botal. Dinner at the hotel

04 February | Bicol tour options Breakfast at the hotel. Tour options are: • Dansol 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 Pehalfrancia. 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

Breaklast 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. As information becomes available for specific initiatives of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, that information will be available on this web page.







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@iubilae um2025.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 <u>NOT</u> 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. iubilaeum202S.va or the iubilaeum25 app, applicants may submit their application and register the week of availability for service.
- Volunteers may also offer multiple weeks of service.

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

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

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

COORDINATING "STATESIDE" CELEBRATIONS

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



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

FAQS ON THE JUBILEE

Should our diocese/eparchy coordinate a trip to Rome or plan a "stateside" event?

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

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

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

What are the "Jubilee rites" that are listed on the agenda for the various Jubilee celebrations?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Marilyn Santos, Secretariat of Evangelization and Catechesis, msantos@usccb.org
- Paul Jarzembowski, Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, pjarzembowski@usccb.org



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

Judy Labaria Alma Raymundo Cathy Bohol Sheila Montemayor Anonymous



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Nazarene Feast Day January 9

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



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion

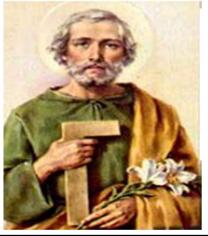
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Raya & Gamboa Families



San Lorenzo Ruiz First Filipino Saint (Sep 28)

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Saint Joseph

Feast Day March 19

Xenia Villamejor





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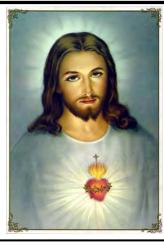
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worthy to become
the mother of
MARY, who
brought forth
Your only
begotten SON.
Grant that we may
be helped by her
intercession.
Amen.

MANY DESIGNATION OF

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

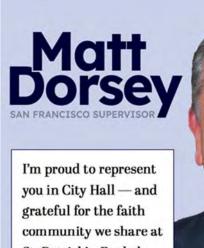
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St. Patrick Charismatic Prayer Group

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





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

Best,

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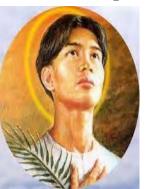


Our Lady of Guadalupe

Feast Day December 12



St. Pedro Calungsod 2nd Filipino Saint (April 2)



Elena & Mark Ramoran Gayapa Family,

Romeo & Antonina Real Family, Dan & Annie Lacap Family,

Jesus, Jr. & Malou Paningbatan, Vida Ventura.

> Nenette Murata, Cristin Salangsang