

# St. Patrick Catholic Church

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## Mass Times

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

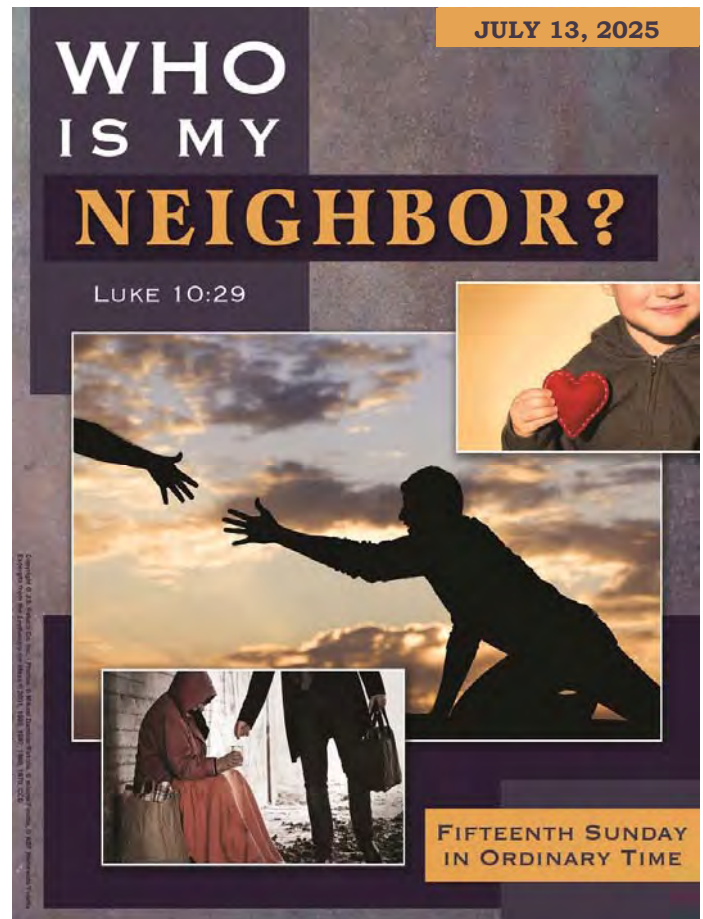
Saturday: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass

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

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

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

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



## July 13, 2025 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Christ Jesus . . . is the head of the body, the church.*

*~ Colossians 1:15, 18*



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*Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14,17,30-31,33-34,36-37; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37*

The great commandment of love is not something “mysterious” or “remote.” Indeed, it is “very near to us (1). Yet how difficult it is to fulfill, being neighbor to whomever is in need (3). But if we seek God (Ps), we must “go and do the same” (3), for we have been created in, for, and through Christ (2).

### Right Relationships

Our God is about relationships. In the first reading, Moses reminds the Israelites that the laws, which are already in their hearts, keep them in right relationship with the God who loves them so much that they always find forgiveness. Centuries later, along comes Jesus, whom Paul describes to the Colossians as “the image of the invisible God,” the very embodiment of this God of love. In his parable about the good Samaritan, Jesus explains how the law of love overrules the letter of the law. Instead of answering the question “Who is my neighbor?” Jesus demonstrates that it is not about who is worthy of being loved, but rather loving as God loves—about *being* neighbor, about being the good Samaritan. Jesus wants us to continue his work as images of this God of love by loving *all* people, even those who seem to be our enemies.

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### Treasures From Our Tradition

On a summer day, with the windows open, we may hear the sound of church bells. Bells seem to have come into church life in Irish monasteries around the seventh century, and spread around the Christian world by Irish monks on missionary journeys. By the eighth century, bells were standard equipment in even small parish churches. An ancient ceremony, once called the “baptism of the bells,” recognizes that the church bell has a voice to call people to awareness and summon them to worship, and even bestows a name on the bell.

In a world without clocks or watches, the bell had an indispensable role. For calling monks in from the fields for prayer, or alerting far-flung visitors, the bell’s voice was enhanced by hoisting it high into a tower. Soon it was learned that the sound of several bells clanging together in harmony imparted a sense of joy to great celebrations, and bell towers prospered, some chock full of bells. Different combinations of rings could indicate a death, a Mass, a wedding, a fast day, the curfew at the end of day, and the Angelus. Before electricity, bell-ringing was hard work indeed: the biggest bell in the Catholic world, in Cologne, Germany, weighs twenty-seven tons! There’s no substitute for the resonant roar of a mighty bell; electric chimes are not eligible for blessing!

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### Happiness

Since happiness is nothing else but the enjoyment of the Supreme good, and the Supreme good is above us, no one can be happy who does not rise above oneself.

~ St. Bonaventure

### God Is Everywhere

In everything, be it a thing sensed or a thing known, God is hidden within.

~ St. Bonaventure

### Prayer of the Week

#### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honor. 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:

How do I live up to being called Christian? Are there ways that I can do better?

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### Happy Birthday!!

Happy Birthday to our Parishioners celebrating a birthday this week.

Dennis Flaherty	7/14	Ben Banatao	7/18
Enrique Grajales	7/14	Nikko David Bautista	7/18
Alfred Amoroso	7/15	Rodolfo Mariano	7/18
Carmelita Dispo	7/16	Juan Ramos, Jr.	7/18
Luz Gravador	7/16	Agnes Tunque	7/18
Vicky Angeline Ferrer Joves	7/17	Mei Charmaine Quioco	7/19
Naomi Quioco	7/17		

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



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

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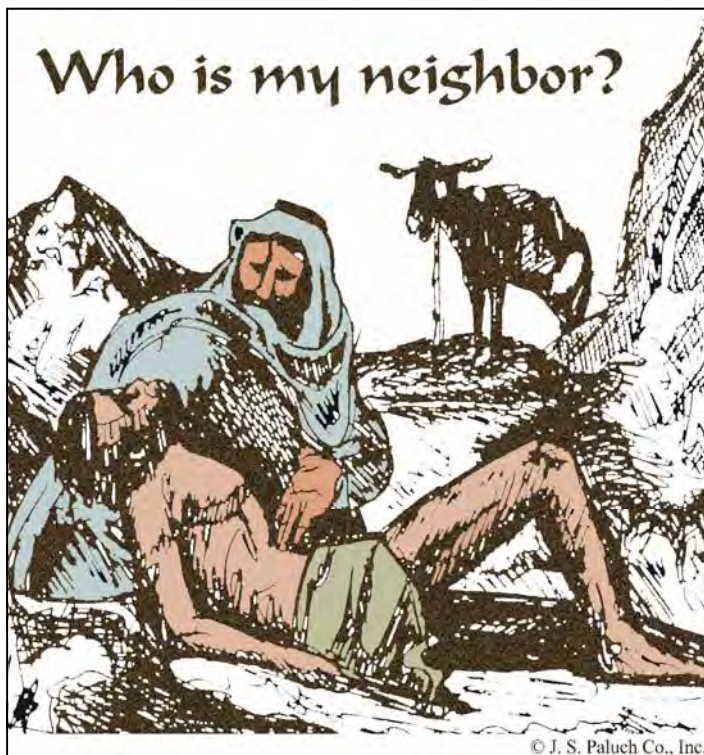
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## Living Stewardship Now

Declare one day a week "Random Acts of Kindness Day" and do things for people you don't know or are reluctant to be involved with.

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## Saints & Special Observances

Monday: Memorial ~ St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Tuesday: Memorial ~

St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: optional memorial ~ Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Friday: optional memorial ~ St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## Readings for the Week

Monday: Ex 1:8-14,22; Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6,9-12; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:1-20; Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10-12:14; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Mt 12:14-21

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — The word of the LORD is very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts

(Deuteronomy 30:10-14).

**Psalm** — Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live (Psalm 69) or Psalm 19.

**Second Reading** — Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God (Colossians 1:15-20).

**Gospel** — The Samaritan traveler was moved with compassion at the sight of the man stripped and beaten by robbers (Luke 10:25-37).

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## Saint Kateri Tekakwitha (1656-1680)

July 14

Though the New York State Thruway runs close by the North American Martyrs' Shrine, traffic's roar never pierces the peace enveloping Auriesville—Ossernenon to Native Americans—in the lovely Mohawk Valley, where Kateri Tekakwitha was born barely ten years after the martyrdom of Isaac Jogues and his Jesuit and lay companions. Daughter of a Christian Algonquin mother and non-Christian Mohawk chief, Kateri's parents died in a smallpox epidemic widely blamed on the missionaries. Moreover, many Native Americans had experienced exploitation at the hands of "Christian" traders and trappers, further discrediting the faith Kateri embraced in baptism, then pledged to live even more intensely in vowed virginity. Misunderstanding led to harassment, prompting her move to a Christian village farther north along the Saint Lawrence River. Despite this, Kateri's faith remained undaunted, her selfless charity undiminished. Both before and after her death at twenty-four, this young "Lily of the Mohawks" drew countless converts to Christ by the fragrance of her goodness. Through us, does "the aroma of Christ" (2 Corinthians 2:15), attract others to the beauty of his gospel?

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## Mass Intentions for Jul 13 - 19

Date	Time	Intention
<b>Sunday 13</b>	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Naomi Quioco † Fr. Anthony Mcguire † Rene Perez SI Lolita Ramos
<b>Monday 14</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Alma Raymundo SI Cora Cuison SI Matthew Rothschild
<b>Tuesday 15</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Enrica Abaoag † Ofelia Hall SI Concesa San Pedro
<b>Wednesday 16</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Fr. Allan Jay Gavino † Carmen Ricafort † Carmen Villanueva
<b>Thursday 17</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Marilyn Sumulong SI Veronica Tayo SI Derek Tollitson
<b>Friday 18</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Estela Sullivan † Emilio Alcafaras Villardo † William Cotter, Jr.
<b>Saturday 19</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Msgr. Fred Bitanga † Jo Tjin Thoy SI Victoriano & Carmen Uchi & Family

## 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

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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.

After the scholar of the law understood the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus said to him, "...

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Answer: *go and do likewise*

saint snippets

I am not my own;  
I have given myself to  
Jesus. He must be my  
only love.

**St. Kateri Tekakwitha**

17th-century Mohawk Native American who converted to Catholicism even though it meant being shunned by her tribe. In 2012, she became the first canonized Native American saint.

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July 14

saint snippets

The Holy Spirit  
comes where he is loved,  
where he is invited,  
where he is expected.

**St. Bonaventure**

13th-century theologian, philosopher, Cardinal, and Doctor of the Church who played a significant role in the history of the Franciscan Order.

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July 15

saint snippets

The poor and the sick  
are the heart of God.  
In serving them, we  
serve Jesus Christ.

**St. Camillus de Lellis**

16th-century founder of a religious order dedicated to caring for the sick; Patron of the sick

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July 18

## Living God's Word

The good Samaritan doesn't ask the victim, "Who did this to you?" or "Did you deserve it?" or "Can you pay me back?" Like Christ, the Samaritan reveals "the image of the invisible God" (Colossians 1:15) by treating the suffering person with compassionate mercy and healing his wounds, not counting the cost.

# CATHOLIC CORNER

## ONE BODY IN CHRIST

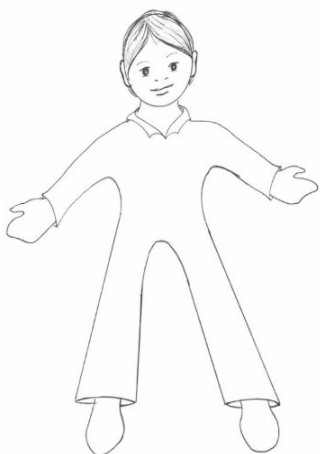
In today's second reading, Paul writes that Christ Jesus "is the head of the body, the church" (Colossians 1:18). We are part of the church, so we are part of Christ's body.

In another letter (1 Corinthians 12:12-18) Paul writes that even though there is only one body, that body has many parts and each part is important. He asks us to imagine what might happen if a foot were to say, "Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body," or if an ear should say, "Because I am not an eye I do not belong to the body" (12:15, 16).

What if the body were made of all eyes? How would it walk? How would it hear? What if the body were made only of feet? How could we read? How could we speak? The parts of the body are all different, and that is exactly what makes the body so special. Each part contributes something important. Each part is absolutely necessary. You are absolutely necessary!

Imagine what part of Christ's body you might be. Are you the hands because you reach out to others and help them? Are you the ears because you are good at listening to others when they are sad or lonely? Are you the feet because you try to follow in the footsteps of Jesus? Are you the eyes who notice who is sad or in need?

Spend some time as a family discussing which part of the body each person imagines they would be. On this figure write that person's name on the body part it matches. If there are some parts still empty, can you think of people you know who might match?



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## The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



## THE TEN COMMANDMENTS, CONDENSED VERSION

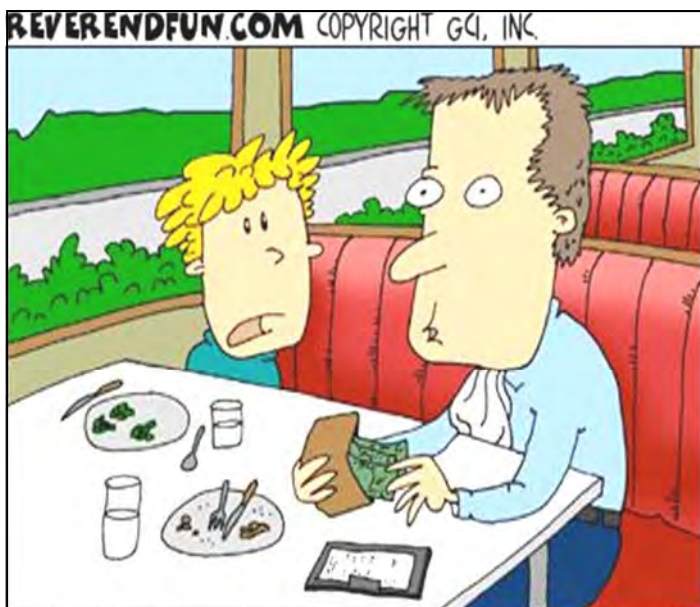
Jesus replied, "Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers' hands?" And he said, "The one who showed mercy toward him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do the same." Lk 10:36-37



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— Colossians 1:15, 18



Thanks to Shirley Ostrander

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HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD ONLY GETS 10%?



"I know Jesus is always in the tabernacle, Pastor Al, but most of all I love knowing he's always in here."

## Be Like the Samaritan

The parable in today's Gospel is one of the best known of all the teachings of Jesus. The term "Good Samaritan" has been used to name various charitable organizations and is even the official name of one state's emergency roadside assistance program that helps stranded motorists. With the prevalence of the terminology used to describe various activities in our day, we might be led to forget the message of this Gospel passage. This man, this Samaritan, was the only one who offered the beaten man help. Samaritans, remember, were considered the lowest of the low in the time of Christ. A good Jewish person would not even have gone near a Samaritan for fear of being rendered impure. The Samaritan was motivated solely by the sense that the poor man needed help. He didn't care about religious or social status. And Jesus' message is that we are to do the same.

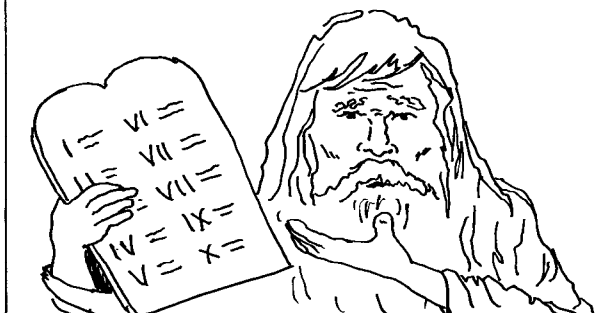
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## Those People

Today's Gospel should trouble us more than it does, but we have heard it often. A man expert in religious law understands the two greatest commandments, but wants Jesus to define "neighbor." Jesus conjures up some disturbing images. First, the violent attack on a traveler, so brutal that the man appears to be dead. Second, a priest and Levite come upon the victim. They carefully walk around his body, afraid of acquiring impurity from the blood of a corpse, which would exclude them from the temple rituals for a while. Along comes the Samaritan. In Jesus' time Jews and Samaritans despised and avoided each other. The Samaritans claimed to be the original children of Israel and worshiped God on Mount Gerizim, not in the Jerusalem temple. The Samaritan goes close enough to see that the beaten man is alive and acts quickly to save him. Cleaning and covering the wounds, the Samaritan hauls this Jewish man onto his donkey and travels to the nearest inn, paying a substantial sum to ensure his extended care. The priest, the Levite, and the Samaritan all saw the beaten man, but the priest and the Levite saw him as a *problem*, whereas the Samaritan saw him as a *person*. The question we must ask ourselves is how quickly do we step forward to help someone who might cause us more trouble than we bargained for? Have we ever refrained from helping someone begging for food, saying silently, "If I give money they'll only spend it on alcohol or drugs," or "They could really get a job if they wanted to get off the street," or perhaps "Those people are always wanting handouts"? Our neighbors include all "these people"—the ones whom Jesus insists that we love like ourselves. Let's get started.

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*God's command is already in  
your mouths and hearts;  
you have only to carry it out.*



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## Go and Do Likewise

Miss Collins, the dean of students at Olympic High School, was past the point of scolding Matt, though she liked him very much. "Four detentions in two weeks are too many."

Still Matt wouldn't tell. It was only after Miss Collins went on a morning neighborhood patrol that she found out the real reason for Matt's tardiness. Thump, thump, thump, came the wheelchair down the stairs. It was Matt, steadying Shawnetta as he helped lower her down the stairs and then push her to the corner bus stop.

"She's a girl in my parish youth group," Matt explained to Miss Collins.

There are many ways to describe Matt's actions—a random act of kindness, making a difference one person at a time. Jesus would understand. When the lawyer correctly identified the good Samaritan as the one who had treated the injured man with compassion, Jesus said simply, "Go and do likewise" (Luke 10:37).

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## Treasures From Our Tradition

The first "presbyters" were advisers to the bishops rather than what we would call "priests," yet by the year 1000 our present-day understanding of the ordained priesthood is clearly in place. The Germanic influence was strong in those days, reflected in a series of questions posed to the candidate about his intentions.

The priest's role in the celebration of Mass had by then come to the fore, as the ritual notes that Mass vestments must be worn, the hands of the priest must be anointed with chrism, and a chalice with wine and water and a paten with a host must be given. Up to then, the ordination rite had stressed the presbyter as a collaborator with the bishop and a member of the order of presbyters. Then, in a not-so-subtle shift, the presbyter came to be seen as a "priest" designated to celebrate the Mass and, as the prayer suggests, to touch the chalice. By these days, remember, the cup had long vanished from Communion for the laity. A thousand years ago, today's patterns were already in place. The priest no longer saw himself as a member of a council of elders, a presbytery, and in some dioceses he had little influence over the bishop. Instead, he was either a pastor, with relationship to the eucharistic community in the parish, or he was a priest monk, offering Mass for the salvation of the departed or the intentions of the living.

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## ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA



## ***Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

The Old Testament reading from Deuteronomy praises God for inscribing the commandments in our very bodies. God's law is not distant or foreign, but a natural part of us. In his letter to the Colossians, Saint Paul echoes Moses, praising God for becoming one of us. The truly human, flesh-and-blood Jesus reminds us that God always wants to be recognizable and familiar to us. Jesus, who is also truly God, wants to be on intimate terms with each of us.

God's passionate desire to be known by us is almost too wonderful to take in. Luke's Gospel helps us understand how to respond. The good Samaritan parable provides practical advice for those who believe in God's intimate love for them and want to share that love with others.

### ***No Assembly Required!***

Lots of people joke about do-it-yourself furniture stores whose products come in skinny boxes full of pre-cut lumber and tiny bags of hardware. The instructions inside often include confusing sketches and bewildering descriptions of how to accomplish each step. Many of us know the frustration of reaching a critical stage in the assembly, only to discover that the hardware bag lacks the necessary screws.

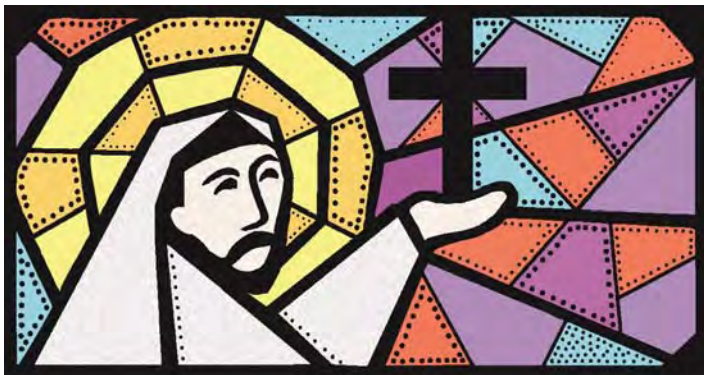
Today's readings boldly proclaim that God can never be a source of frustration like this. The heart God gives to each one of us comes fully equipped to know, love, and serve God to the best of our ability. God's law is perfect, and God created us to know and follow the law. We come fully assembled—no missing pieces, no spare parts!

### ***Batteries Included***

Moses tells us that God's law is very near to us, already in our mouths and hearts—in our very DNA, we might say. But sometimes we feel lost, confused, and exhausted. Although God imprints the law in our hearts, we don't always know confidently how to behave in certain situations. And then there are the times when we probably do know the wisest, most loving course of action, but we make unhealthy choices. Jesus knows this, and loves us anyway. He tells us the parable of the good Samaritan to encourage us.

The scholar of the law questioning Jesus describes the Samaritan as one who acts "with mercy." He is a perceptive scholar, and Jesus approves of his responses. Like the scholar, we recognize goodness when we see it. But sometimes we push goodness to the margins of our lives, reserving it for Sundays or special occasions. God's law, filled with goodness and mercy, cannot be confined. During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we are reminded that our call is to act with mercy at all times, at home, in business, online, and in daily interactions with people we might not like all that much or who treat us badly. "Go and do likewise," Jesus tells us. We can have complete confidence that Jesus will give us the strength we need.

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## ***Excuses, Excuses***



If you get pulled over for speeding, you might have several excuses to use, but did you ever say that you didn't know you had to obey the speed limit? As the saying goes, ignorance of the law is no excuse. That is what Moses is telling the people in the first reading. The laws of God are not difficult to understand. Anyone with a conscience should be able to live with them.

By the time of Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees had added many more laws. The scholar who questioned Jesus about eternal life knew what was important: loving God with all your being and loving your neighbor as yourself. If he had stopped there, he would have been all right. But by asking "Who is my neighbor?" he implied that there are limits to love. That's why Jesus used the parable of the good Samaritan to show that love is as simple as helping someone in need.

Even today, we find people making excuses for not doing what God asks of us. We want someone else to interpret it for us, hoping they will find a loophole we can use to ignore God's commands. We judge people who need help, saying they choose to be poor or homeless. We say that between work and family obligations, we have no time to give to the community. We sign our kids up for so many sports that we don't even go to church on Sundays. We always have time to watch our favorite TV shows, but there's never enough time for daily prayers.

Before you start beating yourself up with guilt, remember that God expects us to take care of our families, to spend time with our children, and even to take time to rest and relax. If we are willing to look at our lives and bring them to God, asking for guidance, we are making the first steps to keep God's law of love. Even Jesus, whom Paul describes in the second reading as the image of God and source of all creation, had to die on the cross to show God's love to the world. Jesus understands the difficult choices we make. Ask for his help and you shall receive.

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## ***Revelation***

In the Old Testament, the New Testament lies concealed; in the New Testament, the Old Testament lies revealed.

*~ St. Augustine*

## ***Morning Glory***

A morning-glory at my window satisfies me more than the metaphysics of books.

*~ Walt Whitman*

*A vocation is a grace. By its nature it presupposes and requires that a voice should be heard - the voice of the Father through Christ and in the Holy Spirit, the wonderful invitation: Come!~ Pope Paul VI*



*Drink from  
the cup of  
salvation*

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## Living God's Commands

The first reading forms part of Moses' farewell discourse, a call to the people to return to God. It is not a legalistic summons; rather, it is an appeal to heart and soul. It outlines a command that is not impossible to follow, or too difficult to undertake, or too expensive. Look into your hearts, says Moses; there you will find what to do.

Paul sees Jesus Christ as the image of God, the agent of creation and preservation. We sense, in his words, things profound: "dominions or principalities or powers." But in the midst of that, Paul keeps his attention on Jesus Christ, head of the church. It is in Christ that we find fullness and reconciliation—in the blood of the cross.

Luke's Gospel illustrates the double commandment of love with the story of the Good Samaritan. The story is a radical one, for it comes to focus on the question of who my "neighbor" is. That neighbor is not identified with any group, but rather by the scope of our compassion.

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## Reflecting on God's Word

"Live and let live." "Mind your own business." "Leave well enough alone." "It's not your problem." "Don't get involved." So goes the wisdom of the world, the law of the jungle. One of these sayings may come to mind when you see a car accident, a bum on the sidewalk, a competitor going bankrupt, a parent slapping a child, a teenage prostitute, a news story about illegal immigrants being deported.

We who have received the love of Christ are to live by a different law. It is "very near to you . . . in your hearts; you have only to carry it out" (Deuteronomy 30:14). We are to live in Christ's love and let our neighbor experience that same life-giving love. And yet, like the "scholar of the law" in today's Gospel, we always try to define who is—or more precisely, who isn't—our neighbor. There's no escaping the message of this Gospel passage. Everyone we fear or despise, every victim, every outsider, every undeserving soul whom God loves, we are to "go and do likewise."

~ Virginia Stillwell

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## Traveling Angels

Two traveling angels stopped to spend the night in the home of a wealthy family. The family was rude and refused to let the angels stay in the mansion's guest room. Instead the angels were given a small space in the cold basement. As they made their bed on the hard floor, the older angel saw a hole in the wall and repaired it. When the younger angel asked why, the older angel replied, "Things aren't always what they seem."

The next night the pair came to rest at the house of a very poor, but very hospitable farmer and his wife. After sharing what little food they had the couple let the angels sleep in their bed where they could have a good night's rest. When the sun came up the next morning the angels found the farmer and his wife in tears. Their only cow, whose milk had been their sole income, lay dead in the field. The younger angel was infuriated and asked the older angel, "How could you have let this happen? The first man had everything, yet you helped him. The second family had little but was willing to share everything, and you let the cow die." "Things aren't always what they seem," the older angel replied.

"When we stayed in the basement of the mansion, I noticed there was gold stored in that hole in the wall. Since the owner was so obsessed with greed and unwilling to share his good fortune, I sealed the wall so he wouldn't find it." "Then last night as we slept in the farmers bed, the angel of death came for his wife. I gave him the cow instead. Things aren't always what they seem."

Sometimes that is exactly what happens when things don't turn out the way they should. If you have faith, you need to trust that the outcome has a purpose. You just might not know it until some time later...

*Do not neglect hospitality,  
for through it some have unknowingly  
entertained angels. (Heb 13:2)*



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KEEP THE  
LORD'S  
COMMANDMENTS



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## ***Eight Tips About the Canonical Arrangement of the New Testament***

*to help you learn the correct order of the 27 NT books*

1. The 27 books of the New Testament are **NOT** listed in *chronological* order (the order in which they were written historically); several *other* principles were operative.
2. The **overall** order begins with the life of *Jesus* (the four Gospels), then deals with the growth of the Christian Church (Acts, Letters, Epistles), and finally focuses on the *Eschaton* (the end of time, as described symbolically in the Book of Revelation).
3. The four **Gospels** are listed in what *was* traditionally regarded as their chronological order (i.e., Matthew was thought to be the oldest Gospel); most scholars today, however, believe that *Mark* was the first written Gospel (or at least the oldest of the four canonical Gospels in their full versions, as we know them today).
4. The **Acts** of the Apostles was originally the second volume of Luke's two-volume work; but when the four Gospels were grouped together, Acts was placed after John.
5. The letters written by **Paul** (or at least attributed to him) are divided into two sub-groups: those written to communities and those addressed to individuals; within each sub-group, the letters are arranged *not* in chronological order, but rather in *decreasing order of length* (more or less, although Galatians is slightly shorter than Ephesians).
6. The anonymous "Letter to the **Hebrews**" comes immediately after the Pauline letters because people *used* to think it was also written by Paul; it may have been written by one of his followers, but was almost certainly *not* written by Paul himself.
7. The Catholic or General **Epistles** are also listed in decreasing order of length, although letters attributed to the same apostle are grouped together.
8. The Book of **Revelation** (singular! not "Revelations"! ) closes out the New Testament canon, since it concludes with a description of the end of time (New Heavens, New Earth, New Jerusalem, etc.)

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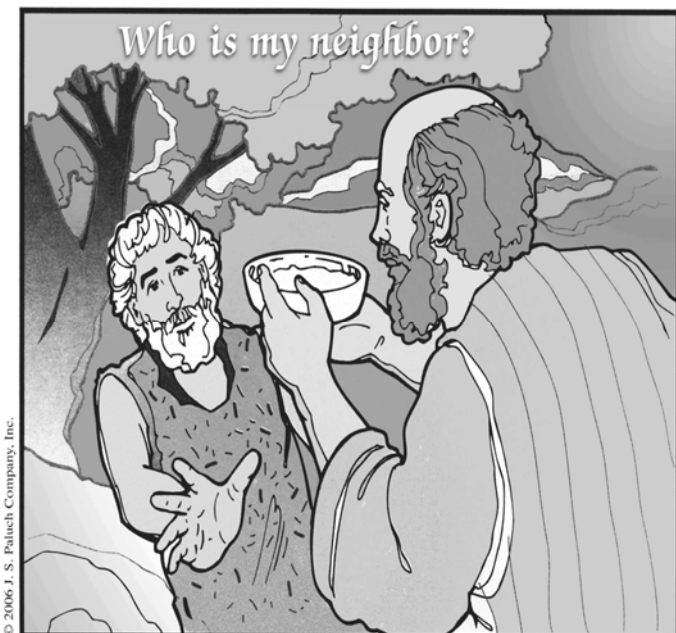
## ***Ten Stages of New Testament Formation and Transmission***

*with considerable chronological overlap, continuing down to today*

1. **The Historical Jesus** – words are spoken and deeds are performed by Jesus himself during his lifetime on earth.
2. **Oral Tradition** – traditions and beliefs about Jesus are developed and passed on by early Christian communities.
3. **Written Sources** – some of the miracles and/or sayings of Jesus are compiled and recorded in early written documents.
4. **Written Texts** – individual letters, full Gospels, etc., are written with particular messages for particular situations.
5. **Distribution** – some writings are copied and shared with other Christian communities throughout the Mediterranean.
6. **Collection** – certain Christians begin collecting the letters of Paul and gathering together several different Gospels.
7. **Canonization** – four Gospels, several collections of letters, and a few other texts are accepted as authoritative scriptures.
8. **Translation** – biblical texts are translated into other ancient and modern languages: Latin, Syriac, Coptic, Armenian, etc.
9. **Interpretation** – the meaning of the scriptures is investigated on various levels: literal, spiritual, historical, social, etc.
10. **Application** – communities and individuals use the NT for practical purposes: liturgical, moral, sacramental, theological, etc.

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## ***The Neighborhood Shack***

Several years ago, a friend and I were walking through our neighborhood. One particular house in the neighborhood of neatly trimmed front yards and well-kept homes really stood out. In reality this house was a dilapidated shack. As we walked by, a woman from the neighborhood, someone we had never met, asked us if we could assist the couple who lived in this house. We agreed and were led to the rear of the house where we found the couple. They were quite elderly and obviously intoxicated. The man was yelling at his wife and berating her for having left the keys in the locked house. We asked if we could help and were told that there was a window in the front of the house that was unlocked. We got an old chair and positioned it under the window. When we opened the window, the stench that hit us was astounding. We were able to help the man into the open window, since he would not allow us in. He opened the front door, let his wife in, slammed the door shut, and closed the open window.

### ***Is Your Catholic "Showing"?***

We asked the neighbor if she knew of anyone, a friend or relative, whom we could call to get these people some help. I will never forget her answer. She simply said, "What church do you two guys go to?" Was our Catholic "showing" that much? Each time I hear the parable of the Good Samaritan I think of this experience. We are all called to give assistance to those in need. I never realized it until that moment, but when we do so, our actions really do say something to those around us. Let's take the time today to ask God to strengthen us in our efforts to help the poor and needy.

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### ***Go and Do Likewise***

Miss Collins, the dean of students at Olympic High School, was past the point of scolding Matt, though she liked him very much. "Four detentions in two weeks are too many."

Still Matt wouldn't tell. It was only after Miss Collins went on a morning neighborhood patrol that she found out the real reason for Matt's tardiness. Thump, thump, thump, came the wheelchair down the stairs. It was Matt, steadying Shawnetta as he helped lower her down the stairs and then push her to the corner bus stop.

"She's a girl in my parish youth group," Matt explained to Miss Collins.

There are many ways to describe Matt's actions—a random act of kindness, making a difference one person at a time. Jesus would understand. When the lawyer correctly identified the good Samaritan as the one who had treated the injured man with compassion, Jesus said simply, "Go and do likewise" (Luke 10:37).

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## ***God Wants to Be Known***

The Old Testament reading from Deuteronomy praises God for inscribing the commandments in our very bodies. God's law is not distant or foreign, but a natural part of us. In his letter to the Colossians, Saint Paul echoes Moses, praising God for becoming one of us. The truly human, flesh-and-blood Jesus reminds us that God always wants to be recognizable and familiar to us. Jesus, who is also truly God, wants to be on intimate terms with each of us.

God's passionate desire to be known by us is almost too wonderful to take in. Luke's Gospel helps us understand how to respond. The Good Samaritan parable provides practical advice for those who believe in God's intimate love for them and want to share that love with others.

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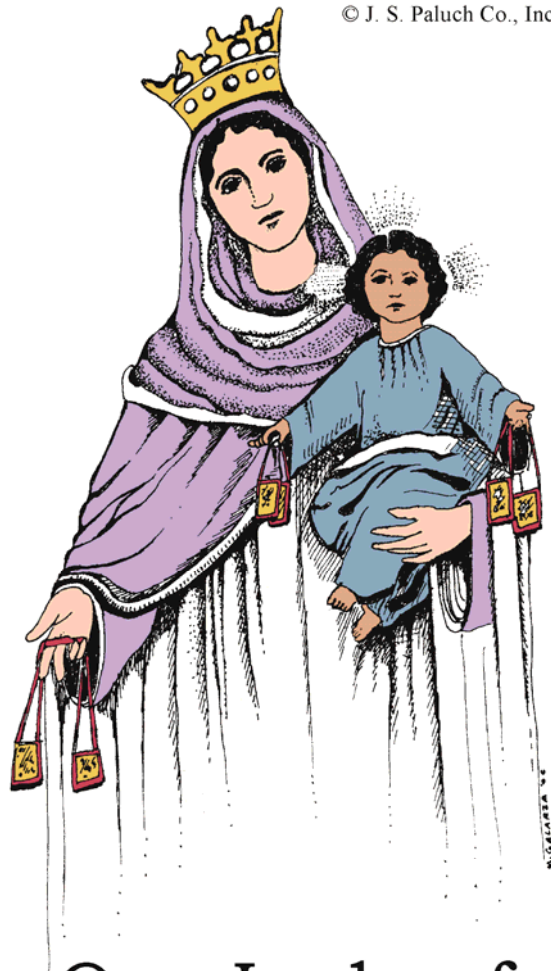
## ***Treasures From Our Tradition***

The first "presbyters" were advisers to the bishops rather than what we would call "priests," yet by the year 1000 our present-day understanding of the ordained priesthood is clearly in place. The Germanic influence was strong in those days, reflected in a series of questions posed to the candidate about his intentions.

The priest's role in the celebration of Mass had by then come to the fore, as the ritual notes that Mass vestments must be worn, the hands of the priest must be anointed with chrism, and a chalice with wine and water and a paten with a host must be given. Up to then, the ordination rite had stressed the presbyter as a collaborator with the bishop and a member of the order of presbyters. Then, in a not-so-subtle shift, the presbyter came to be seen as a "priest" designated to celebrate the Mass and, as the prayer suggests, to touch the chalice. By these days, remember, the cup had long vanished from Communion for the laity. A thousand years ago, today's patterns were already in place. The priest no longer saw himself as a member of a council of elders, a presbytery, and in some dioceses he had little influence over the bishop. Instead, he was either a pastor, with relationship to the eucharistic community in the parish, or he was a priest monk, offering Mass for the salvation of the departed or the intentions of the living.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 Corinthians 10:31



## YOUR GIFTS CHANGE LIVES

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

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

ARCHBISHOP SALVATORE CORDILEONE



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

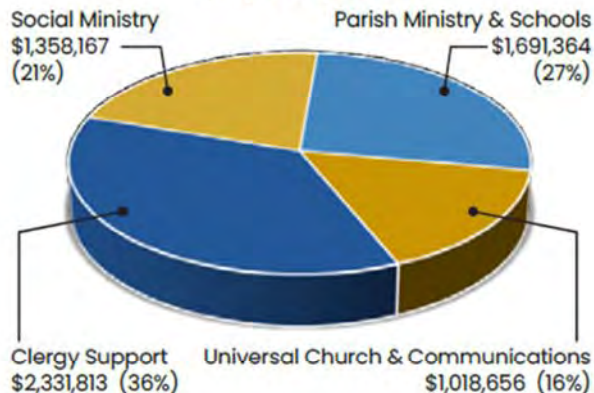


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## CHANCERY BUDGET FOR 2025 SOURCES OF INCOME: \$17,200,000

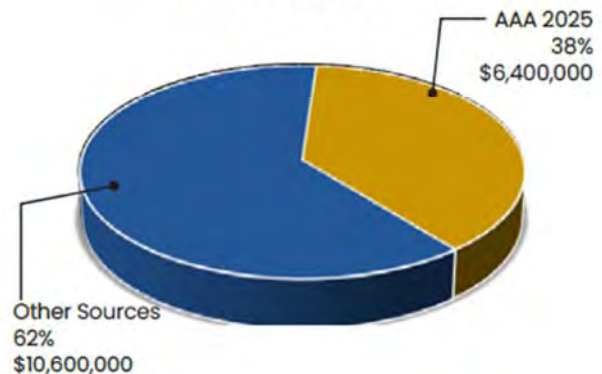


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### PARISH MINISTRY & SCHOOLS

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

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# IMMIGRANT KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

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Ask for warrant under the door; verify details first.

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Give only your name; speak with an attorney present.

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Call your attorney or family; keep a number ready.

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No one can abuse you physically or verbally.

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Only sign documents with attorney approval.

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

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

We will celebrate Mass daily at the various shrines and cathedrals including St. Peters. We will visit those places touched by the Apostles and Saints and partake in food and drink that has become legendary throughout the world. We will walk and gaze on the historical landmarks wherever we go.

Come and join in prayer, fellowship and experience Church with our sisters and brothers in Italy. Please look over the brochure and you will see that this 11-day pilgrimage will be a lifelong dream come true. And on behalf of Fr. Obet Andrey who entrusted this Pilgrimage to me, I thank you all & personally thank him too.

God's Blessings,  
Fr. Ted Magpayo

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Padua

## DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

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

**WED, NOV 5**

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

### **ARRIVE VENICE**

**THU, NOV 6**

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

### **VENICE**

**FRI, NOV 7**

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

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

**SAT, NOV 8**

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



Assisi

## VENICE/PADUA/FLORENCE

**SAT, NOV 8 — Continued**

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



## FLORENCE

**SUN, NOV 9**

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

**(B,D)**

## FLORENCE/ASSISI

**MON, NOV 10**

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

**(B,D)**

## ASSISI/ROME

**TUE, NOV 11**

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

**(B)**

## ROME — PAPAL AUDIENCE

**WED, NOV 12**

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

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

## ROME

**THU, NOV 12**

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

## ROME

**FRI, NOV 14**

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

## ROME/SAN FRANCISCO

**SAT, NOV 15**

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

**(B) ~ Breakfast**

**(D) ~ Dinner**



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Reservations may be secured upon payment of a deposit.

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- Final payment is due at NAWAS 130 days prior to departure date (June 28, 2025).\*

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### **TOUR-SPECIFIC INFORMATION**

For terms and conditions please visit:  
<https://www.nawas.com/terms-and-conditions/italy2025/>

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

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Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as  
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**Please include a clear photocopy of your Passport with this Reservation Form**  
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**Passenger #1**

Name: Title \_\_\_\_\_  
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Gender: Please check ☐ Male ☐ Female

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Date

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Date

# What does it mean to be Filipino Catholic?

## Youth Summer Workshop

Preserving, Promoting, & Celebrating the  
Filipino Cultures & Traditions

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



### Workshop Overview:

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

#### WORKSHOP 1:

May 10 | 10am to 1pm

Mater Dolorosa Church, South San Francisco

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

Saint Bruno Church, San Bruno

#### WORKSHOP 2:

June 14 and 2 | 10am to 1pm

Saint Bruno Church, San Bruno

July 12 | 1pm to 4pm

July 19 | 10am to 1pm

Our Lady of Mercy Church, Daly City

#### PARADE PREPARATION & PRACTICE

(ALL PARTICIPANTS):

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

St. Robert Church, San Bruno

#### PISTAHAN PARADE:

Saturday, August 9 in San Francisco

(More info to follow)



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



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

**Limited space. Register Today!**

Scan QR Code (first come, first served basis)



ADSF Filipino Ministry - Youth and Young Adult Committee

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# MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

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

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

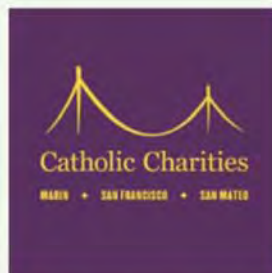
According to CDC, **Mental Health is a state of well-being** that enables us to cope with the stresses of life, realize our abilities, learn well and work well, and contribute to our community. Mental health is important at every stage of life, from childhood and adolescence through adulthood and aging.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

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

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



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Hospice Care Administrator

**Register by July 20**

Go online using the link below:

**[www.bit.ly/HopeandHealing](http://www.bit.ly/HopeandHealing)**



Scan the QR Code  
or Call Parish office  
(650) 873-2282

# HOLY MASS IN HONOR OF THE FEAST OF DIVINE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD AT THE SAN QUENTIN REHABILITATION CENTER

THE MASS WILL BE OFFICIATED BY FATHER ARMANDO GUTIERREZ  
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO.

## AUGUST 8, 2025

### Faith, Commemoration, and Redemption

The Holy Mass is offered in remembrance of lives lost to violence and in solidarity with those seeking redemption within the prison system. It is a time of prayer, healing, rehabilitation, and unity—rooted in the principles of restorative justice and the belief in second chances.



After the Mass, there will be traditional Salvadoran food, guest speakers, and folkloric dances from Central and South America.

We deeply appreciate your financial contributions to support this celebration of faith with the prisoners at the San Quentin Rehabilitation Center.

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#### Acknowledgment of Our Collaborators:

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# SANTA MISA EN HONOR A LA FIESTA DEL DIVINO SALVADOR DEL MUNDO EN EL CENTRO DE REHABILITACIÓN DE SAN QUENTIN

LA MISA SERA OFICIADA POR EL PADRE ARMANDO GUTIERREZ  
DE LA ARQUIDIOCESIS DE SAN FRANCISCO

## 8 DE AGOSTO DE 2025

### Fe, Conmemoración y Redención

La Santa Misa se ofrece en memoria de las vidas perdidas a causa de la violencia y en apoyo a quienes buscan redención dentro de las prisiones. Este es un evento de oración, sanación, rehabilitación, unidad, fundamentado en los principios de la justicia restaurativa y la creencia en las segundas oportunidades.

#### !DONA AQUÍ!



Después de la Misa, habrá comida tradicional de El Salvador, oradores invitados y danzas folclóricas de América Central y del Sur.

Agradecemos profundamente sus contribuciones económicas para apoyar esta celebración de fe con los prisioneros en el centro de rehabilitación de San Quintín.

visite [www.sfarch.org/elsalvador-mass](http://www.sfarch.org/elsalvador-mass)

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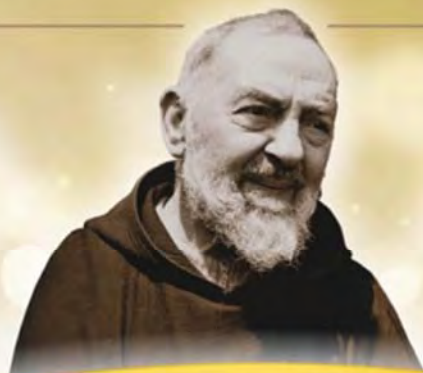
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## Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church

300 Fulton Street, Redwood City, CA 94062

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

August 15 and 16, 2025

#### August 15, Friday

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

#### August 16, Saturday

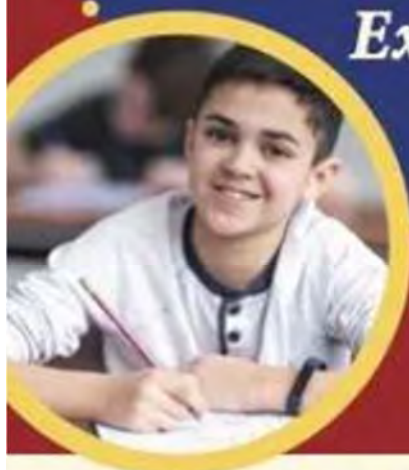
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- 5:00PM - Vigil Mass in honor of St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina
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**Location: Star of the Sea Church Auditorium**

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



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Send email inquiries to: [FMCBEssay@gmail.com](mailto:FMCBEssay@gmail.com)

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# 13th ANNUAL GALA

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Patrons Hall, Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption  
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Dinner Ticket: \$100 ★ Raffle Ticket: \$20

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## FAITH, HEALING AND EMPOWERMENT

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The Restorative Justice Crime Survivors Retreat is a safe space of healing, specially created for families who have lost a loved one to homicide. This retreat offers participants a chance to strengthen their faith, cultivate courage, and tap into their inner resilience. In addition to fostering spiritual growth, attendees will find moments of peace, gain renewed perspective, and embrace a sense of grace. Surrounded by others who share similar experiences, they will build connections, exchange wisdom, and support one another. By the retreat's end, participants will emerge feeling spiritually renewed, empowered, and equipped with newfound clarity to navigate life's challenges ahead.

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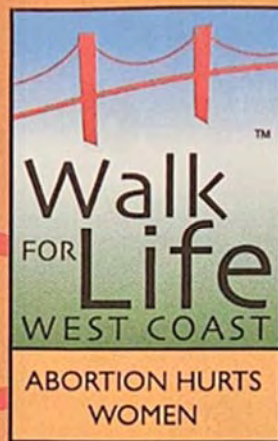
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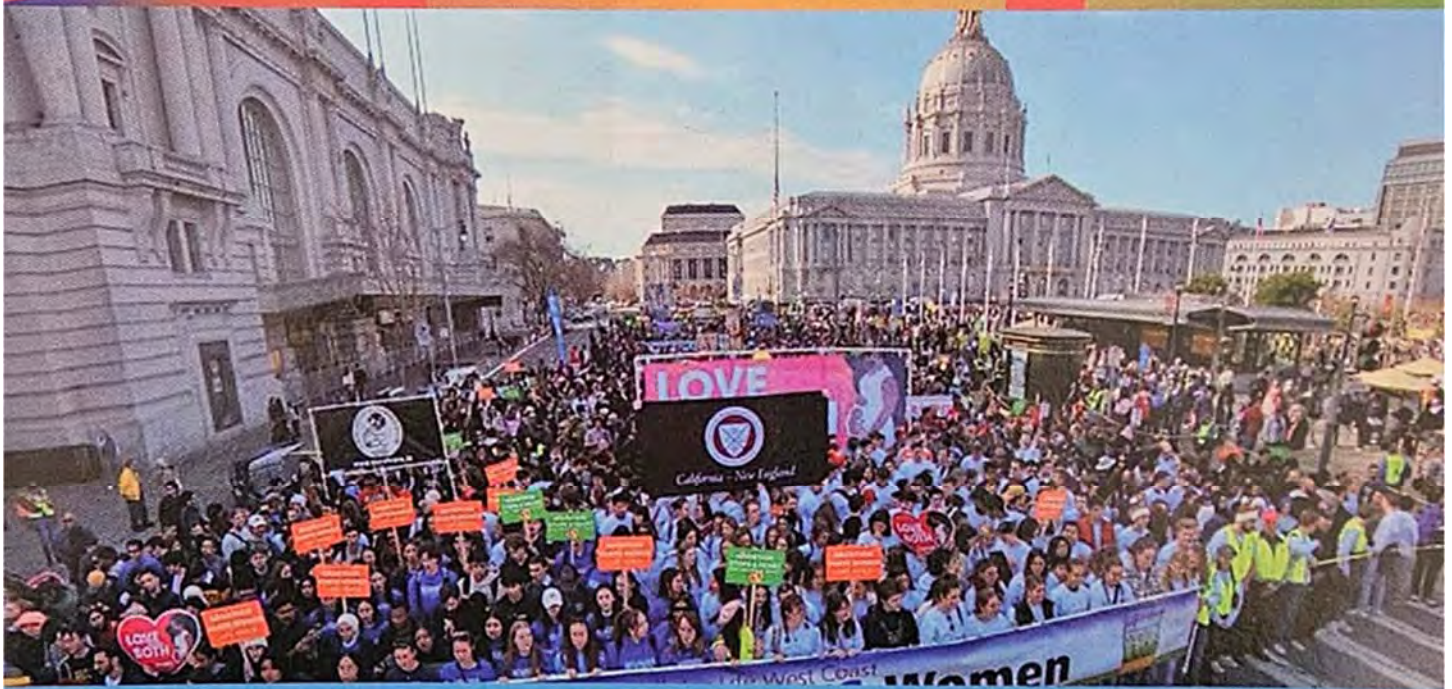
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**BATANGAS – PANGASINAN – TARLAC – PAMPANGA**

**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 Tsokolate 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:



- Place the trademark on materials related to the Jubilee, such as: leaflets, pamphlets, postcards, brochures, posters, outlines, banners, websites and other media;
- Place branding on pastoral materials to be used for spiritual preparation for the Jubilee;
- Place trademark on promotional materials related to the Jubilee, particularly on posters, banners, T-shirts, hats, mugs, and other materials and media; not for commercial use.
  - The use of the logo to third parties will not be granted.
  - A manual for logo use can be found online here at [this link](#).





## THE JUBILEE PRAYER

*Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.*

*May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.*

*May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.*

The official prayer can be found here in sixteen languages, other languages are being added.

## THE JUBILEE HYMN ("PILGRIMS OF HOPE")

- The official Jubilee hymn has been available for download.
- The necessary information (audio and sheet music) can be found at the following link.
- Currently, the hymn is available in Italian, English, Spanish, and French.
- The translations for other major languages are currently being worked on.

The Vatican invites all of us to use the hymn as widely as possible and in liturgical assemblies.

## THE JUBILEE CALENDAR

- The *Opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica* will be December 24, 2024.
- The Jubilee celebrations for various audiences will take place from January to December 2025.
- The **overview calendar** and **tentative schedule** for the Jubilee celebrations in Rome can be found in a separate information sheet, available [at this link](#)

## DIOCESAN AND EPARCHIAL PILGRIMAGES TO ROME

- Dioceses and eparchies are welcome to coordinate pilgrimages to Rome for the Jubilee celebrations.
- Dioceses and eparchies may come to Rome at any time throughout 2025 to celebrate the Jubilee, or they can choose to coordinate a visit in conjunction with one of the particular Jubilee events on the calendar.
- Dioceses and eparchies may consider working with a reputable local or national travel agency that specializes in overseas and/or pilgrimage travel. It may also be helpful to have **1 or 2 point person(s)** at the diocesan/eparchial level who can coordinate activities for the group(s) and liaison with the travel agency.
- For official registration of diocesan or eparchial pilgrimages and large groups for the Jubilee, point persons should contact [pilgrim@iubilaeum2025.va](mailto:pilgrim@iubilaeum2025.va) and communicate the dates of the intended pilgrimage and an indicative estimate of the number of participants. Staff from the Vatican Dicastery for Evangelization will respond accordingly.



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

#### PLEASE NOTE:

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

## JUBILEE VOLUNTEERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## COORDINATING "STATESIDE" CELEBRATIONS

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



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

## FAQs ON THE JUBILEE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





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

*Alma Raymundo  
Judy Labaria  
Anonymous*



*Black  
Nazarene*  
Feast Day  
January 9

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



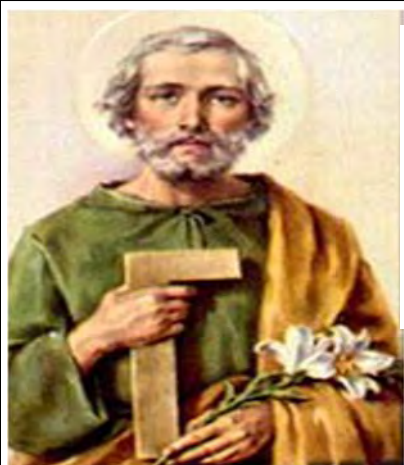
*Our Lady of  
Perpetual Help  
Devotion*  
(every Tuesday  
after the  
12:10 Mass)

*Raya & Gamboa  
Families*



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

*Fe Macatangay  
Jeanette Chafe*



*Saint  
Joseph*

*Feast Day  
March 19*

*Xenia Villamejor*

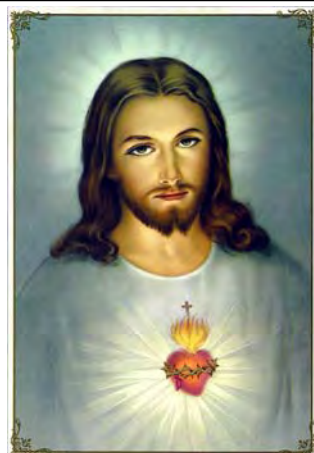
*St. Anne*  
Feast Day  
July 26



*Sacred  
Heart*

*First Friday  
Schedule*

*4pm Holy Hour  
5:15 Mass*



*OUR  
LADY  
OF  
FATIMA*

*Pray the  
rosary*



The Graceful Chapter

## Psalm 23

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

The Graceful Chapter

*Yap Family*



### *St. Patrick Charismatic Prayer Group*

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

**Matt Dorsey**  
SAN FRANCISCO SUPERVISOR

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

Best,

*Matt Dorsey*

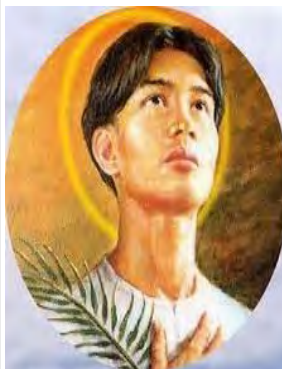


### *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

*Feast Day  
December 12*



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



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