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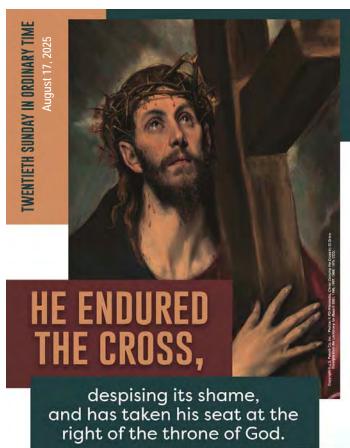
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# Mass Times

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.



Hebrews 12:2

# **August 17, 2025 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

The Lord came to the aid (Ps) of Jeremiah whose preaching brought upon him rejection and ill treatment (1). For those who take the gospel seriously, misunderstanding and division must likewise be expected (3). Like Christ, we must never grow despondent or abandon the struggle (2) to proclaim and live the truth.

# **Prophets**

We reflect upon the voice of the prophet in this Sunday's readings. We hear of the suffering and the rescue of Jeremiah. We hear how Jesus anticipates his suffering and death. As with Jeremiah and Jesus, the prophets were sent by God to the leaders and people of Israel. A prophet is one who speaks truth to the powerful, exposing their darker hidden motives and injustices. The prophet presents a way forward that aligns with God's purposes. A prophet can force people away from a comfortable neutrality or indifference. The prophet creates an urgency to make a choice: Are we content with the status quo, or are we to change our ways and pursue a new and better path? Today, we may also ask, how do we identify and respond to prophets of our time? How might we provide a prophetic voice in our Church and in our world?

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# Treasures From Our Tradition

Long ago, a signet ring was an essential part of the wardrobe of influential people. A letter or document would be sealed with hot wax, and a signet ring pressed into the wax would affirm the origin of the document. In the case of the pope, at least from the thirteenth century, the ring was used to seal public documents with hot lead, saving the red wax for private letters. The public documents were called bullae after the Latin name for the lead stamp, and we still call them "papal bulls."

It is not surprising, therefore, that a signet ring has long been bestowed as part of the inauguration of a pope. The ring is called the Pescatorio, or "Ring of the Fisherman." It reminds the wearer of his link with Peter, and his responsibility to continue the apostolic ministry of "fishing for human beings." Until 1842 it actually functioned as a signet ring. Now, each pope receives a new gold ring at the beginning of his ministry. It goes on the fourth finger of his right hand and bears some fisherman design, usually St. Peter casting nets from a boat, as well as the pope's name in Latin. A custom that endures for the pope, but not so much for bishops, is for people being introduced to him to kiss the *Pescatorio* as a sign of respect for his teaching authority. Another enduring custom is for the ring to be smashed and defaced at the pope's death, originally a way of preventing counterfeit deathbed documents.

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# Occupancy

The value of life does not depend upon the place we occupy. It depends upon how we occupy that place.

~ St. Thérèse of Lisieux

# Giving Back

The Virgin received salvation so that she may give it back to the centuries.

~ Peter Chrysologus

# Mission Appeal



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

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

To learn more about the Spiritans, please visit their website at www.spiritans.org.

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

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

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

# Living Stewardship Now

If anyone expresses doubt about faith and religious belief, don't argue with them. Speak words of encouragement and pray for them.

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# AAA Update (as of 05 August 2025)

2025 AAA Goal	\$38,705.00	
Received	\$21,887.00	
Amount Remaining	\$16,818.00	
% of Goal	57%	

# Happy Birthday!!

Happy Birthday to our Parishioners celebrating a birthday this week.

Rowena Nangca	8/17	Caryl Anne Vergara	8/21
Rianne Caitlin Pascua	8/20	Robert Julian	8/22
Roxanne Real	8/20	Ed Lawrence Hagape	8/23





# Please Pray for Pope Francis' Intention for August

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

# Prayer of the Week

### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see,

fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises,

which surpass every human desire.

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 has God promised to me?

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# Religious Education Classes

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

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

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~ Hebrews 12:2

# Live Today Well

Today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and tomorrow a vision of hope.

~ Kalidasa

# Saints & Special Observances

Tuesday: optional memorial ~ St. John Eudes, Priest

Wednesday: Memorial ~

St. Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church

Thursday: Memorial ~ St. Pius X, Pope Friday: Memorial ~ The Queenship of Mary

Saturday: optional memorial ~ St. Rose of Lima, Virgin TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# Readings for the Week

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22 Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30 Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16 Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14 Friday: Ru 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22; Mt 22:34-40 Saturday: Ru 2:1-3,8-11; Mt 23:1-12

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1-2; Heb 12:5-7,11-13; Lk 13:22-30

# Today's Readings

First Reading — They took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10).

**Psalm** — Lord, come to my aid! (Psalm 40).

**Second Reading** — Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith (Hebrews 12:1-4).

**Gospel** — I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing (Luke 12:49-53).

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# Saint Pius X (1835-1914) August 21

Presidential vetoes we understand. But imagine vetoing a papal election! Yet in the conclave of 1903, the Archbishop of Cracow (ironically, a predecessor in that office of Karol Wojtyla, the future John Paul II) vetoed the leading candidate on the order of the Austro-Hungarian emperor. Instead, the cardinals elected Giuseppe Sarto of Venice as Pius X, the first pope, after a succession of nobles and diplomats, to hail from humble origins. Nor did the papacy alter his endearing simplicity. Tailors eventually made his cassock cuffs detachable because he absentmindedly wiped his fountain pen on them, forgetting that his old black cassock had been replaced by papal white! Taking as his motto "To restore all things in Christ" (Ephesians 1:10), condemned the theological innovations called "modernism," yet dramatically altered the then-common practice whereby people rarely received Communion for fear of unworthiness, mandating early First Communion and urging everyone to frequent reception. Refusing to bless troops assembled in Saint Peter's Square—"I bless peace, not war!"—he died brokenhearted as World War I engulfed "Christian" Europe despite his peacemaking efforts.

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O Lord Jesus Christ, let Your passion be my strength to sustain, guard and protect me. Let Your wounds be my food and drink to nourish, fill and invigorate me. Let the shedding of Your Blood cleanse me of all my sins. Let Your death obtain eternal life for me and Your cross lead me to everlasting glory. Let these constitute for me refreshment and joy, health and uprightness of heart. Amen.  $\sim$  Pope St. Pius X

Mass Intentions for Aug 17 - 23			
Date	Time	Intention	
Sunday 17	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Riz A. Novicio Fernandez SI Familia Galindo Moreno Y Berziga † Rene Perez SI Lilian Gomez SI Josefa Gonzales	
Monday 18	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	BD Santana Garcia SI Rodil,Ruby Gonzales & Children SI Alvin Gonzalez	
Tuesday 19	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Therese Guintu † Luis & Trinidad Platero SI Estrellita Perez	
Wednesday 20	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	BD Joel Ancheta BD Jerremy Regaspi SI Norma A. Gumawid & Family	
Thursday 21	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Marilyn Sumulong BD Chris & Matt Jereza BD Raymond Jereza	
Friday 22	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Ina Howard † Amanda Chiong † Jo Tjin Thoy	
Saturday 23	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Georgina Jose † Miguel Villar Marcos SI Agnes Kumi	

# 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

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Thank you for your generosity and support.

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We have 93 Lifetime Donors as of 14 July 2025

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### LEGION OF MARY - ST. PATRICK CHURCH

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

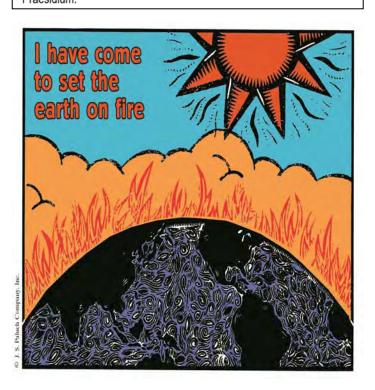
The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of everyone. The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick, both in homes

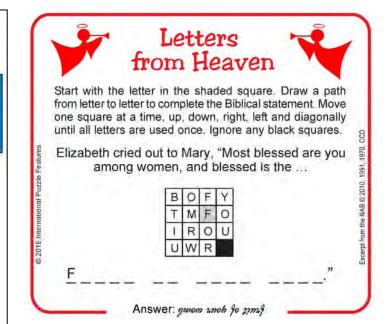
and hospitals and through collaboration in every apostolate and missionary undertakings

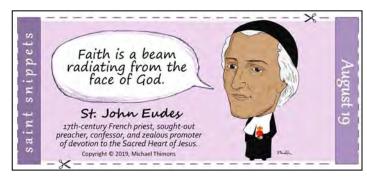
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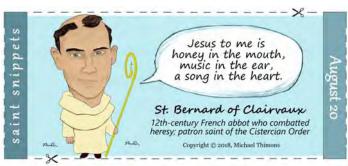
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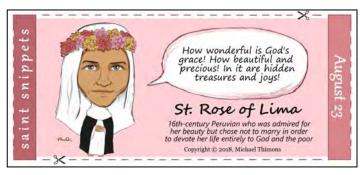
This membership is open to all faithfully practicing Catholics. Members attend weekly meetings and engage in prayers and active works. Candidates under 18 years of age can be received in a Junior Praesidium.













Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 17, 2025

[Jesus] endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.



Do you have the supplies you need to prepare for the beginning of the school year—folders, notebooks colored pencils? A new school year is a chance for a new start.

It is also important to prepare yourself for the school year. These preparations are not supplies you can buy; they are qualities you have to work at developing. These qualities are called the cardinal virtues. The word "cardinal" comes from the Latin cardo, which means "hinge." This word is a reminder that your behavior and the qualities that make you a good person hinge on or depend upon practicing these virtues every day. The cardinal virtues are prudence, justice, temperance, and fortitude.

- If you are prudent, you will think about what might be the right thing to do before you do something.
- If you practice justice you will be sure to treat each person fairly and not put yourself above anyone else.
- Temperance helps you keep everything in balance and not overdo any activities, even study, reading, play, and exercise.
- You will need fortitude, which means strength and courage, if you have to face difficult decisions or actions.

Fill in the blanks with the virtue that fits the description

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- After school you are enjoying some screen time. When your parents say it is time for homework you say you want to keep playing your game. To decide the right balance of work and play you will need the virtue of
- One of your friends is being bullied on the playground. You decide to stand up for your friend. To be able to face the bully you will need the virtue of
- The teacher is presenting a lesson, but your friend wants to talk to you and distracts you.
   To do the right thing you will need the virtue of
- Some of your classmates are being excluded from a game or not chosen to be part of a group because they are different. You encourage your friends to include them. You are practicing the virtue of

Can you think of other examples for each virtue? You will need all these supplies to have a good school year. Remember to pray each day to become a virtuous person.

### The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Then they took Jeremiah and cast him into the cistern of Malchiah the king's son, which was in the court of the guardhouse; and they let Jeremiah down with ropes.

Now in the cistern there was no water but only mud, and Jeremiah sank into the mud. Jer 38:6



despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.

HEBREWS 12:2

AUGUST 17, 2025 - TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"In college, remember, just as important as your *grade* point average is your *grace* point average."



# Listen to Jesus and the Prophets

Prophets have always had a tough row to hoe. Their words, often unwelcome, are used against them to persecute and even kill them. Such was the fate of the Old Testament prophets, and Jeremiah is a great example of this. Jesus endured opposition from sinners, and did not turn back from a shameful death in order to rise to a glorious new life. The ultimate prophet, Jesus sought to warn the people of his time and ours of the divisions that his words would cause, showing himself to be the prophet of all time. We all need to look at our divisions and dilemmas in light of Jesus' teachings and warnings, and seek to understand all that he has proclaimed and taught about what will happen if we fail to listen.

# Treasures From Our Tradition

In recent weeks, we have reviewed how the Churches of East and West have enriched one another, and this past Thursday's solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was born in the Eastern Church. It is a gift from the ancient Church of Jerusalem, a commemoration of the death of Mary, and a feast charged with a deep sense of the Resurrection. Mary, the first disciple, is the first to share fully in Christ's victory over death. In the tradition of the East, August 15 is the "Dormition of the Theotokos," or the "Falling Asleep of the God-bearer." There is no shadow of death or gloom in the theology, since this is seen as a transformation of Mary's life into a heavenly and immortal existence. There is a sense in the tradition that she who made earth heavenly and exalted the human race by her faithfulness is glorified today.

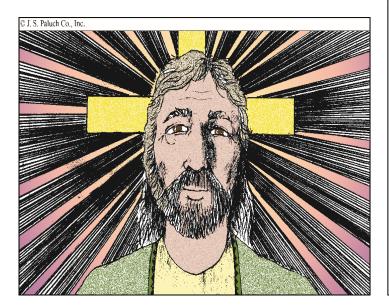
A persistent legend among Orthodox Christians tells how all the disciples, except Thomas, who was preaching in India, were present at Mary's death and burial, and sat by the tomb for three days. On the third day, Thomas saw Mary's body rising to heaven. She greeted him as "my friend," and he was escorted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

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# Be Not Deceived

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

~ St. Clare



# Reflecting on God's Word

By now just about all of summer has been unwrapped and spent. As the season drains away and summer's light dims, so too grows the realization that the busy work of life must soon be taken up in earnest once more. Once more the realization returns that life calls us seriously to particular autumn cares. No matter how fearful or challenging, each of us must follow that inner voice or else sense that life will have become less.

Such was the story of Jeremiah, who found himself prophet to the Hebrew people. He sensed an inner call to speak God's word against the nation's political alliances and against the king's penchant to trust in military machines. As a result Jeremiah found himself tossed into a well. Yet he remained committed.

It is also the story of Jesus, who came with truth as a walking stick and the kingdom as seeds of life to be scattered and sown. He also knew full well that few would walk where he would walk or choose to feed on what he would sow. Yet he would not back away from what he was about.

Such a willingness to stretch ourselves into the unknown is part of that mysterious list of things that make us human. At such times we walk in the shadow of Jesus as he leads us into new ways of being human. Seldom, if ever, is it without struggle or even pain, yet it is then that we begin to gain a fuller sense of who we truly are, and it is then that through us God brings the world to something new.

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# The Costs of Discipleship

Today's responsorial psalm, Psalm 40, is more familiar to us with the refrain "Here am I, Lord." This "Here am I" is Jeremiah's great prophetic response to God's call. But today's story of Jeremiah and the refrain "Lord, come to my aid!" remind us that there are always two sides to following the call of God. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews knew this, too. He reminded his readers that even weighted down with burdens and sins, we can still persevere by keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, who himself knew the shame and pain of the cross, but saw beyond it to the joy of sitting at the right of the throne of God. Jesus himself gave the disciples a "sneak preview" of a baptism that would not be as wondrous as the one in the Jordan that inaugurated his ministry, but would be one of fire and anguish. Today's words from scripture may not be terribly soothing, but in their honesty and strength we can acknowledge the difficulties of daily discipleship, and take comfort in the assurance of our own salvation in Christ.

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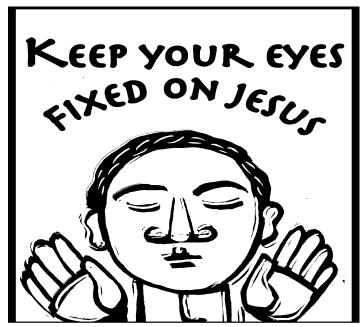
# Treasures From Our Tradition

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

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

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

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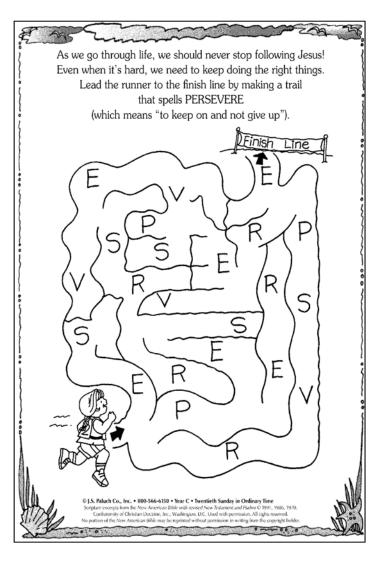


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# The Struggle

Asked to name a saint of our times, many of us would say "Mother Teresa." Born in Albania, she began religious life as a sister in a teaching order, which sent her to a girls' school in Calcutta, India. She was shocked to see the dismal poverty beyond the school grounds. In 1948 she responded with unquestioned faith to an inner calling: to leave the teaching order and serve the destitute in Calcutta's slums. Very soon, other women joined Mother Teresa in her works of mercy, forming the Missionaries of Charity. Over the next fifty years Mother Teresa became a world-renowned symbol of compassion and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. A book published after her death contains letters she wrote to friends, superiors, and confessors, and reveals that this small, energetic nun had spent long years in a spiritual desert. She had such deep longing for God, but felt no faith, love, or fervor. Her fame increased, but except for a brief few weeks in 1958, her faith did not return. She said her smile was a mask, as she struggled mightily to see any value in all of her labor: if there is no God, there can be no soul and Jesus is not the Christ. She had even stopped praying for a while because it seemed so meaningless. Mother Teresa apparently died with her doubts in 1997. Prominent atheists declared that the letters show that all religious faith is a sham. Those of us who struggle with faith are encouraged by her heroism. Like Saint John of the Cross, Saint Teresa of Ávila, and many others, she kept doing God's will in spite of spiritual darkness. Her dying wish was that her letters be destroyed, but the Church decided to keep them. Perhaps now we know why.

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# Proclaim God's Glory

A threefold message develops in today's readings. First, everyone is called to proclaim God's glory and receive salvation. Second, salvation is not for the unprepared. Like a loving parent, God gently corrects and disciplines those who have been called. Usually suffering is part of the formation process. We are to accept it as Jesus once accepted his cross.

Third, some people who imagine themselves saved are really not. The door of salvation has been closed in their faces despite their cries and pleas. On the other hand, some who are treated with contempt and disdain actually do have a place in God's kingdom.

We need to take these lessons to heart. Recall your initial excitement on hearing God's word. How has the Good News that once caught your fancy taken deeper root in your life? Look again at the crosses you have been given. How are others transformed when they see how you have accepted and grown from your sufferings?

Finally, are there some people whom you imagine are not invited to God's kingdom? Why do you think so? For a moment, imagine them on the inside and yourself on the outside. How might this be possible?

Always try your best to enter by the narrow door. Come and proclaim God's glory.

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# Family Valued?

Listening to Jesus describe the divided households that would result from following him is somewhat startling in our society, where the Christian church is seen as one of the last great refuges of the family. And yet we know that in many ways religion still divides families, when one spouse is observant and another is not, when children choose or reject the beliefs of their parents, when lifestyles of a loved one do not conform to Church teachings, when a marriage or remarriage occurs outside of the sanctuary, when a non-believing yet baptized child merely goes through the religious motions to satisfy a grandparent . . . the list goes on. Centuries ago, Jesus knew that deeply held and honestly followed religious convictions could often be a source of division, in spite of the fact that what he and his Father in heaven wanted most deeply was unity.

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# Not Easy

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

~ Anonymous



# Living God's Word

Each of us must choose to step into some unknown, guided by our God-given vision of what our lives must be about, a vision to which others are often blind. At these moments one can feel both most alone and most alive.

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# Worthy Teachers

All who undertake to teach must be endowed with deep love, the greatest patience, and, most of all, profound humility. The Lord will find them worthy to become fellow workers with him in the cause of truth.

~ St. Joseph Calasanz

# **Temptation**

The average number of times that people say "no" to temptation is about once, weakly.

~ Anonymous

# Seek New Treasure

Not on one strand are all life's jewels strung.

~ William Morris

# Faith

The opposite of faith is not heresy, it's indifference.

~ Elie Wiesel

# **Building Plans**

Whatever your lot in life, build something on it.

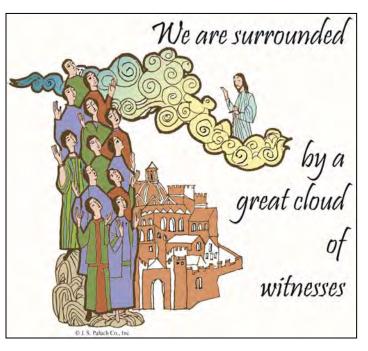
~ Anonymous



# Saint of the Week

Pius X, † 20 August 1914; undertook liturgical and canonical reforms, especially communion for children and frequent communion for adults; condemned Modernism in *Lamentabili* and *Pascendi dominici gregis* (1907); wished "to renew all things in Christ" patron of sick

pilgrims.





# SAVE THE DATES!

# Come out and join us



# SCAN TO SEE THE COMPREHENSIVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS or

visit sfarch.org/events

### 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://chapelsistine.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."



# **YOUR GIFTS CHANGE LIVES**

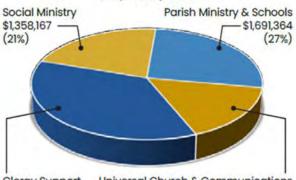
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\$6,400,000



Universal Church & Communications Clergy Support \$2,331,813 (36%) \$1,018,656 (16%)

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

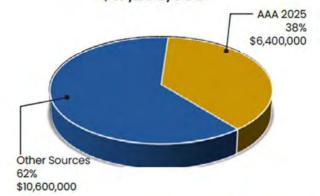










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PARISH MINISTRY & SCHOOLS

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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### CLERGY SUPPORT

Clergy Support helps those who care for us. It supports priests, deacons and seminarians in their ministry. This ministry includes: Council of Priests, Vicar General, Vicar for Clergy, Clergy Education, Priests' Education Fund, Permanent Diaconate, Diaconate Formation, Office of Consecrated Life, Office of Vocations, Priests' Retirement Fund, Serra Clergy House and Priests' Elder Care.

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### SOCIAL MINISTRY

Through its variety of social ministries, the Archdiocese is able to thoughtfully engage with its diverse communities. Supported offices and ministries include: Hospital Chaplains, the Tribunal, Youth and Young Adult Ministries, Human Life & Dignity, Prison Ministry, Ethnic Ministry, Chinese Ministry, Ministry for the Spanish Speaking, Filipino Ministry, Ecumenical and Interreligious Programs.

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# IMMIGRANT KNOW YOUR RIGHTS



IN THIS COUNTRY, EVERY INDIVIDUAL HAS RIGHTS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN, RACE, LEGAL STATUS, NATIVE LANGUAGE, RELIGION, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, OR GENDER IDENTITY.

- 1. THE RIGHT TO NOT OPEN THE DOOR
  Ask for warrant under the door; verify details first.
- THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT Give only your name; speak with an attorney present.
- THE RIGHT TO MAKE A PHONE CALL
   Call your attorney or family; keep a number ready.
- THE RIGHT TO A HEARING BEFORE A JUDGE You can ask for a judge to hear your case.
- THE RIGHT TO HAVE YOUR PHYSICAL INTEGRITY RESPECTED
   No one can abuse you physically or verbally.
- 6. THE RIGHT TO NOT SIGN ANY DOCUMENTS Only sign documents with attorney approval.
- THE RIGHT TO EVALUATE WHETHER YOU QUALIFY FOR ANY IMMIGRATION PROCESS Ask an attorney if you qualify for relief program.

### **ADDITIONAL RIGHTS**

There are additional laws and policies in place for Immigrant Tenants and Workers in CA. To learn more, please contact us!



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408-325-5107

klozano@ccscc.org

www.CCSCC.org/Refugee-FosterCare





A-Cross America Relay for Pro-Life!



September 5th - October 25th

Course launches from New York City, San Francisco, Fargo, Austin... and for 51 days teammates will walk/run 5K legs to make a Cross over America. All In Christ!

Register at liferunners.org/across

If going or questions check in with Remee Vargas for more details

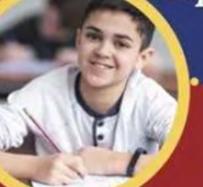
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HIGH SCHOOL:

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Open to all Middle School and High School students in the San Francisco Archdiocese

# HOPE: THE ENDURING VIRTUE OF FILIPINO SAINTS

Competition Date: September 13, 2025

Time: 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: Star of the Sea Church Auditorium

4420 Geary Blvd., San Francisco

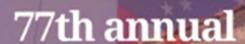
(Parking on 8th Ave. between Geary and Clement Sts.)

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.



REGISTRATION IS OPEN: MAY 5 - AUGUST 30, 2025

Send email inquiries to: FMCBEssay@gmail.com



# POLICE- FIRE - SHERIFF MASS

Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone, celebrant with Police and Fire Chaplains Reception to follow

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025, 9:30 AM ST. CECILIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

2555 17TH AVE, SAN FRANCISCO









The Police-Fire Mass originated as an annual way to honor the firefighters who lost their lives during the 1946 Herbert Hotel Fire and continues to honor all of our first responders. The Mass is sponsored by the San Francisco Fire Department, San Francisco Police Department, San Francisco Sheriff's Office, San Francisco Park Rangers, and the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

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28th Annual Holy Spirit Conference



Cathedral of
St. Mary of the Assumption
1111 Gough Sreet
Patrons Hall
San Francisco, CA 94109

Doors Open 8:00 am Holy Mass 4:00 pm (Vigil)

Recitation of the Holy Rosary, Praise & Worship, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession, Baptism in the Holy Spirit, Healing Service, Holy Mass

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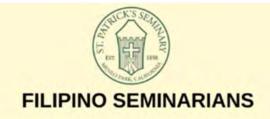
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WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 24, 2025 | 5:00 PM ST. PATRICK'S SEMINARY & UNIVERSITY 320 Middlefield Rd, Menlo Park, CA 94025

Procession of the statue of San Lorenzo Ruiz and reception at SPSU's Refectory to follow after the Mass. RSVP by September 15 for food headcount. Contact Estrelle Chan at 415.336.9193.

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# Our Speakers:



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Founder of the Abortion Pill Reversal Program; Medical Director, Culture of Life Family Services



TAMMY MAHANEY

Doctor of Nursing Practice; Family Nurse Practitioner, Real Options & Bella Primary Care



PETER BREEN

Executive Vice President and Head of Litigation, Thomas More Society

SEPTEMBER 27, 2025 8:30 AM - 2 PM

STAR OF THE SEA PARISH 4420 GEARY BLVD SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94118 For questions, contact us at lifeanddignity@sfarch.org or call 415-614-5571.

To RSVP, visit: sfarchdiocese.org/event/sfrespect-life-conference/







# 2025 White Mass for Medical Professionals

Doctors, nurses and healthcare professionals are invited to the Archdiocesan White Mass for Medical Professionals.

A White Mass, so-named for the traditional color of physicians' coats, is a way to honor and pray with and for all those who serve in the medical professions.

All are welcome to participate.

Organized by Office of Human Life & Dignity

Sponsored by Catholic Medical Association San Francisco Guild, Order of Malta Northern California Clinic, and Bella Primary Care.

# 2025 White Mass for Medical Professionals

October 3, 2025 6:00pm

# St. Dunstan Church

1133 Broadway Millbrae, CA 94030

# Valerie Schmalz

lifeanddignity@sfarch.org 415-614-5571



# Bay Area Rosary Rally in honor of St. Francis of Assisi and the Jubilee Year of Hope

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

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

**9:15 a.m.** Talks on St. Francis and the Blessed Mother Fr. Bobby Barbato, OFM. Cap (English) Fr. Alberto Villafan, OFM (Spanish) \*Confessions available

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

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

12:00 p.m. Benediction

Due to safety concerns, no banners are permitted in the processions; however, religious images and statues are allowed

Bay Area Rosary Rally in honor of St. Francis of Assisi and the Jubilee Year of Hope

October 4, 2025 7:00am - 12:00pm Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption

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# One Faith | One People | One Mission

Sunday | October 5, 2025 | 5:00 PM Patrons Hall, Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption 1111 Gough Street, San Francisco, CA 94109

Dinner Ticket: \$100 Raffle Ticket: \$20 1st Prize: \$3,000 | 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$2,000 | 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: \$1,000

To purchase dinner & raffle tickets, contact: 415.595.9248 (Estelle) | 415.317.5481 (Willie) | 415.336.9193 (Estrelle); 415.521.6934 (Sherry)

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OCT 24-25 2025

Vallombrosa Retreat Center, Menlo Park with Fr. Peter Eugenio, Spiritual Director

> For questions, contact Deacon Ric & May Cepriano 650 826 0221



# SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

The Restorative Justice Crime Survivors Retreat is a sa 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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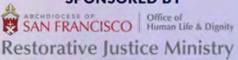
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<u>The Faith Formation Conference</u> Webpage and registration will begin in mid-August. Remember to have all catechists attend and continue on their catechist certification.

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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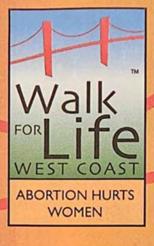
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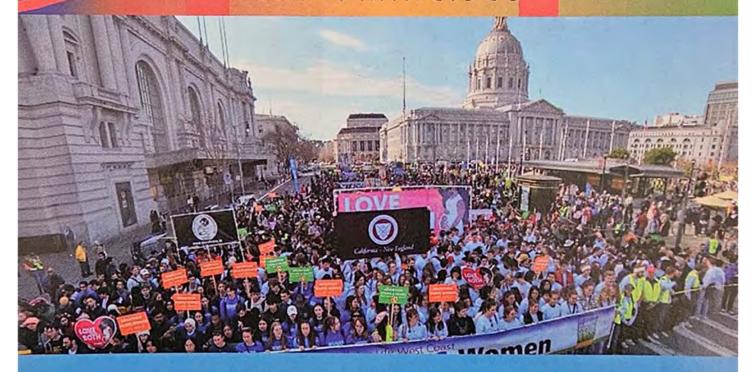
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January 27 - February 11



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Join us as we embark on a journey to strengthen our faith, reconnect to our rich religious and

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Vicar for Filipinos







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Fr. Angel Quitalig Vicar for Filipinos

Come with us on a meaningful journey to deepen our faith, rediscover our vibrant religious and cultural heritage, and experience the beauty of the Philippines!

# PHILIPPINES PILGRIMAGE 2026

January 27 - February 11 16 DAYS 15 NIGHTS







### Tour Package Highlights:

- Two (2) nights accommodation at Seda Ayala Center,
- Two (2) nights accommodation at Best Western Ivy Wall,
- Panglao, Bohol Three (3) nights accommodation in Seda Centrio, Cagayan de Oro City
- Two (2) nights accommodation at The Oriental, Legaspi City
- One (1) night accommodation at Summit Hotel Naga One (1) night accommodation at Villa Escudero,
- One (1) night accommodation at Pico de Loro, Nasugbu, Batangas
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CEBU - BOHOL - CAGAYAN DE ORO - BICOL - QUEZON - MANILA 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 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 <a href="here">here</a>. 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

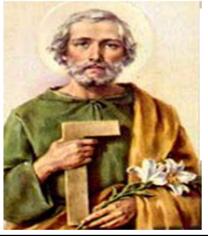
(every Tuesday after the 12:10 Mass)

Raya & Gamboa Families



San Lorenzo Ruiz First Filipino Saint (Sep 28)

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



# Saint Joseph

Feast Day March 19

Xenia Villamejor





# PRAYER TO OL. Hnne

bestowed on St.
Annes such grace
that she was found
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

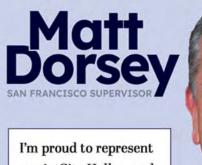
Yap Family



# St. Patrick Charismatic Prayer Group

Charismatic & Healing Mass: Every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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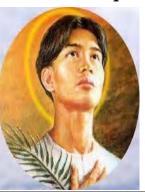


Our Lady of Guadalupe

Feast Day December 12



# St. Pedro Calungsod 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