

St. Patrick Catholic Church

San Francisco's Historic Landmark #4

Founded in 1851

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Mass Times

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

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

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

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

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

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



September 21, 2025



**No
servant
can
serve
two
masters.**

Luke 16:13

**TWENTY-FIFTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**



September 21, 2025 - Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

God . . . wills everyone to be saved

and to come to knowledge of the truth. ~ 1 Timothy 2:4



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Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2,4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Amos cries out against those who exploit the poor for the sake of extortion and greed (1). They seek to serve only themselves rather than the Lord. By giving ourselves to God rather than money (3), we can truly pray with blameless hands for all those in need (2), especially the poor whom he Lord will raise up (Ps).

Priorities

Make a choice. God or money, material things, earthly pleasure. This is what Jesus asks us to do in today's Gospel. The Pharisees and scribes, and many people, want it both ways. God and wealth. But Jesus knows that "no servant can serve two masters." It is not that wealth is inherently bad, but the pursuit of it to the exclusion of what is good and righteous is. Our faith is meant to guide and shape the way we live. If we are followers of Jesus Christ, we will treat others, especially the poor and vulnerable, fairly and justly. We will live with devotion to God and let our lives speak the truth of God's love for all. We will put first things first, or more precisely, put God and God's ways first, assured that when we do, everything else will fall into place.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

When the Roman Empire turned a favorable eye toward the once-persecuted Christians, among the effects was a population explosion in the baptismal font, as Christian sympathizers stepped from the shadows. With more and more people becoming Christians, laws were passed to protect Sunday as a work-free day. Soon, it became possible to celebrate Mass later in the morning, rather than the older custom of gathering before dawn to celebrate Eucharist. Amazingly, despite the increasing numbers of Christians, there was great resistance to adding to the number of worship events; the Eucharist that began as a few friends around a table soon was transformed into a more formal event with throngs crowding a large hall. All the Christians in a city or town would gather around the bishop for the one Sunday Eucharist, and only when the crowds became unmanageable was there an impulse to divide the assembly by splitting off a new bishop and flock.

Now, sixteen hundred years later, many parishes see a need to trim or combine Mass schedules. This is often seen as tough surgery. Yet our forebears in the faith would see it as a gain: a filling up of the Eucharist with a large and vigorous assembly, a fullness of ministry, an opportunity to make the Church more fully visible and stronger for service.

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Novena to San Lorenzo Ruiz



Everyone is invited to join the novena to San Lorenzo Ruiz from Saturday, September 20 through Sunday, September 28, with the recitation of the rosary at 11:00 a.m. each day, culminating with the Feast Day celebration on Monday, September 29 at the 12:10 p.m. Mass. Please join us as we commemorate the life of the first Filipino Saint.

Prayer of the Week

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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 show love for my neighbor?

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Patrician Meeting

Join us next Sunday for the monthly Patrician Meeting, a Catholic discussion group sponsored by the Legion of Mary. This month's topic is...

Mary's Titles in the Litany of the Rosary

Speaker ~ Ellen Ramoran

Date ~ Sunday, September 28, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.

McKenna Hall

Join us for a lively discussion and share your thoughts and experiences with other Catholics just like you.

AAA Update (as of 09 September 2025)

2025 AAA Goal	\$38,705.00
Received	\$22,658.00
Amount Remaining	\$16,047.00
% of Goal	59%

Happy Birthday!!

Happy Birthday to our Parishioners celebrating a birthday this week.

Kristina Marie Salangsang	9/21	Dimpna Vallar	9/22
Arsenio Del Rosario, III	9/22	Man Lian Bao	9/23
Natazia Guirre	9/22	Harold Raymundo	9/24
Narty Palaganas	9/22		

Please Pray for Pope Francis' Intention for September



Pope's Intention: For our relationship with all of creation. Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

Religious Education Classes

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

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

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

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

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

St. Patrick Children's Choir

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

Altar Servers Wanted



If you know of any children between the ages of 9 and 15 who would like to be altar servers here at St. Patrick, please contact the office for more information. Assisting the priest during the holy sacrifice of the Mass by serving at the Altar of the Lord is a wonderful way to learn responsibility, discipline and teamwork. It's also a great way to make new friends and to learn about the Mass. Children must be Catholic and must have received First Communion in order to be considered. Training sessions will be provided.

Living God's Word

We pray for the wisdom to live justly, that is, in such a way that we keep ourselves in proper relationship with God, with each other, and with the earth. We pray for the wisdom to use our financial resources to help bring about such "just living."

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Saints & Special Observances

Tuesday: Memorial ~ St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Friday: optional memorial ~

Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Saturday: Memorial ~ St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for the Week

Monday: *Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18*

Tuesday: *Ezr 6:7-8,12b,14-20; Lk 8:19-21*

Wednesday: *Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6*

Thursday: *Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9*

Friday: *Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22*

Saturday: *Zec 2:5-9,14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45*

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Am 6:1a,4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

Today's Readings

First Reading — Whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, they lived (Numbers 21:4b-9).

Psalms — Do not forget the works of the Lord! (Psalm 78).

Second Reading — Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that those who believe might have eternal life (John 3:13-17).

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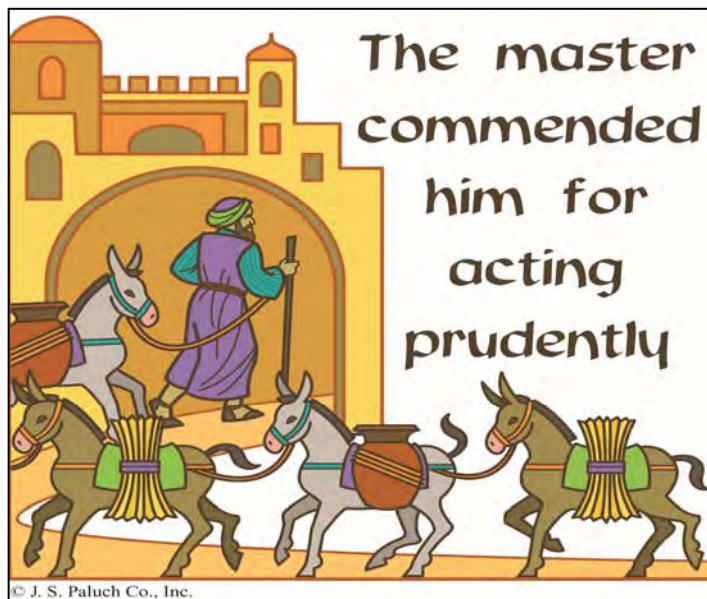
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Decide which ministries and charities you will give your time and skills to in the year ahead. Call, e-mail, or fill out a card to sign up. Keep track of your commitment, week by week.

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Mass Intentions for Sep 21 - 27

Date	Time	Intention
Sunday 14	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	TG Rene & Elena Delos Santos SI Kenneth Kirby & Grand Kids BD Arturo Platero SI Luna SI Alicia
Monday 15	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Ryan † Victoria Lansangan SI Marie
Tuesday 16	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Kenneth Kirby & Grand Kids SI Luna SI Alicia
Wednesday 17	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Ryan BD Lydia Cagampan SI Marie
Thursday 18	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Marilyn Sumulong † Ofelia Hall SI Kenneth Kirby & Grand Kids
Friday 19	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	BD Lily Pulido BD Virginia Chan FH Stephen Sun
Saturday 20	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Luna † Lourdes Villanueva † Rolando V. Yanga

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.

For more information,

email us at information@stpatricksf.org

or call us at 415-421-3730

We have 93 Lifetime Donors as of 14 August 2025

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LEGION OF MARY - ST. PATRICK CHURCH

JOIN THE LEGION OF MARY, OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL **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 7th of September in 1921.

It is a lay Catholic organization giving service to the Church on a voluntary basis in almost every country.

Legion of Mary's Aim

The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary's and the Church's works.

Legion of Mary's Unit

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

Legion of Mary's Active Works

The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of everyone. The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick, both in homes and hospitals and through collaboration in every apostolate and missionary undertakings sponsored by the parish. The works are more of spiritual works of mercy.

Legion of Mary's Active Membership

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

ST. PIO of PIETRELCINA



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Letters from Heaven



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

Jesus said to his disciples, "If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give ...

	Y	I	Y
O	T	O	S
	U	A	U
W	H	R	S

Y _ _ _ _ _ ?"

Answer: *trustworthy with what belongs to another*

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saint snippets

"Victor was patient,
always patient."

—Bl. Francisco's fellow seminarian

Bl. Francisco de Paula Victor

19th-century Brazilian slave who, against all odds, became a priest. He is remembered for his love for the poor and is invoked as a patron against racism.

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September 23

saint snippets

Pray, hope,
and don't worry.

St. Pio of Pietrelcina

20th-century Capuchin friar, priest and mystic who bore the stigmata. Countless healings and miracles have been attributed to his intercession.

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September 23

Saint of the Week



Vincent de Paul, † 1660 in Paris; born in Pouy; renewed the clergy and defended the poor and the abandoned; founded (1625) the Congregations of the Missions (Vincentians), today numbering some 4,050 members; mission preachers and seminary educators; with St. Louise de Marillac (15 March), founded the Daughters of Charity; preached against Jansenism; patron of charities, of hospitals, of prisoners, and of the Malagasy Republic (Madagascar).

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and to come to knowledge of the truth.

~ 1 Timothy 2:4

CATHOLIC CORNER

PARABLES

[Jesus] spoke to them only in parables.
 "I will open my mouth in parables,
 I will announce what has lain hidden
 from the foundation of the world."

(Matthew 13:34a-35bc)

When Jesus walked among us he often told stories called parables. Some parables help us think about what God's kingdom will be like, and some help us to understand what it feels like to forgive and to be forgiven.

Last week we heard the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin. If you don't remember them you might want to read them again (Luke 15:1-10). These stories had one thing in common: everyone was happy when they found what was lost. Think about these questions and talk about them with an adult. Try to discover what Jesus wants to teach us about forgiveness.

Parables don't always tell us exactly what they mean, but they do invite us to think about the story. If you don't know the answers to all of these questions, remember that the important thing is to keep thinking about them. As you grow, you will be able to understand more and more about what Jesus is teaching us.

- How would you feel if you were the lost sheep?
- How would you feel if you were one of the 99 sheep that were left behind?
- Who do you think the shepherd is?
- Why does the shepherd go to look for the sheep?
- Would he do the same for every one of his sheep?
 - Why did the shepherd call his friends to celebrate with him?

• If the woman had ten coins and only lost one, why was it important for her to find it?

• Was there anything special about each of the coins?

• When she found the coin, why did she invite her friends to celebrate with her?



The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

GIVING A FEW DOLLARS
 WON'T END POVERTY,
 BUT IT WILL BEGIN TO



Jesus said to his disciples:

"The person who is trustworthy in very small matters
 is also trustworthy in great ones.

...You cannot serve both God and mammon." Lk 16:10, 13

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

You cannot
 serve both God
 and mammon.

Luke 16:13



September
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 2025

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"Oops. Sorry about my foul language, Father. Rats
 Now I have to go to that *#@?%! confession."

God is on the Side of the Poor

Two of today's readings make it quite clear that God is on the side of the poor. Amos describes in detail the exploitation of the poor and needy. The psalm repeats that God acts to benefit the poor and lowly. But Luke turns things upside down, telling a tale of a conflicted steward, about to be fired, who demonstrates his cleverness and is rewarded. Like the community to whom Paul writes in Timothy, these readings are personal, directed to believers, members of the Jewish and Christian communities, who struggle to deal with personal choices about how to conduct their lives. They offer an outline for how God wishes us to live in a world as complicated and as confusing as our own.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

Although June is the month most associated with weddings in the United States, September has become more popular in recent years. Wedding celebrations always require some savvy planning, and people who have a talent for hospitality in the mix. At the wedding feast at Cana, the mother of Jesus was recruited to deal with some of the details of the banquet, and when a very understandable crisis arose, she did what she could to rescue the party. Anyone who has ever run out of ice, dessert, or table settings knows the stress!

Slowly, the memory of Jesus Christ's blessing of this marriage feast led the Church to form a way to bless marriages. A thousand years ago weddings migrated from the family home to the doors of the church, where the celebration was held in public view. From this practice came a prayer called the "Nuptial Blessing," one of the most solemn prayers in our tradition. It is very much like the prayers by which baptismal water and chrism are consecrated, the ordination prayer over a priest, and the Eucharistic Prayers over bread and wine. Four hundred fifty years ago, weddings moved inside the church building. All of this gives married couples good reason to celebrate their anniversaries well, especially with the clinking of glasses filled with good wine.

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Saint Pio of Pietrelcina (1887-1968) September 23

Did the World War II American flyer really see Padre Pio in midair, preventing the bombing of his village below? Did Pio actually "bilocate" in Italy, the Holy Land, even America, as countless witnesses testified? Or "read hearts" before penitents spoke? What of the *stigmata*, Christ's wounds imprinted on Padre Pio's hands, feet, and side? John Paul II, who as a young man visited Pio, never mentioned these extraordinary elements at the canonization. Instead, the pope spoke of "trials accepted with love," referring perhaps to sanctions restricting Pio's faculties for hearing confessions and celebrating public Mass, imposed because of criticism, later discredited, sent to the Vatican; of Pio's offering his sufferings in union with Jesus' passion for a suffering world; of his continual availability to sinners seeking direction and absolution; of Padre Pio's prayer that blossomed in charity, especially through his "House for the Relief of Suffering," a healthcare facility that anticipated by decades today's holistic partnering of medical science and spirituality. Finally, how comforting for us "ordinary" Christians, this extraordinary saint's most frequent advice: "Pray, hope, and don't worry!"

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Re-Direction

Love does not consist in gazing at each other, but in looking outward in the same direction.

~ Anonymous

Our Responsibility for Others

The Second Vatican Council has called us to envision the Church as the people of God. As a community of believers we are responsible for our brothers and sisters, their salvation, their journey of faith, their physical well-being. Many of the documents of Vatican II and volumes of work since the mid-1960s give us advice, guidelines, and encouragement to take care of one another: the poor, the elderly, the unborn, the broken, the infirm.

Because Vatican II is part of our recent history—indeed many of us were already born—this may strike us as a new and revolutionary idea. But today's readings show us the agelessness of the issue of social justice. Eight hundred years before Christ was born, Amos warned the wealthy not to cheat the poor. In Paul's first letter to Timothy, he encourages all prayers to be for all people; and finally, the Gospel urges the wise use of money.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

Customs surrounding the naming of babies are interesting, and over time the Church has tried to offer some motherly advice to direct parents in this necessary chore. The ritual book used for baptism from the sixteenth to the mid-twentieth centuries advised priests to guard against giving ridiculous or pagan names to babies consigned to their ministry. In 1666 the diocesan ritual of Bourges in France was even more exacting, telling the priests to see to it that boys were named after male saints, girls after female saints, and no one got named after a festival. Yet, records from that very diocese in later years shows a few babies named "Toussaint" (after All Saints Day) along with other creative expressions. In Spain, no one has ever hesitated to name babies after festivals, especially girls after Our Lady, and so there are names like Concepción, Asunción, and of course Dolores (after Our Lady of Sorrows). In Italy and Spain it is likely that a child will receive the name of the saint of the day of its birth.

Today's rites of initiation for adults and infants urge the giving of a Christian name, and in the case of an adult whose given name expresses a pagan or unseemly idea (Baal and Whiskey come to mind), there is a formal rite during the catechumenate for the giving of a Christian name. In such a case, it would make sense for the change to be registered with civil authorities as well. For all Christians, the idea of having a heavenly patron to pray to on life's journey is reason enough to pay attention to this treasure in our tradition.

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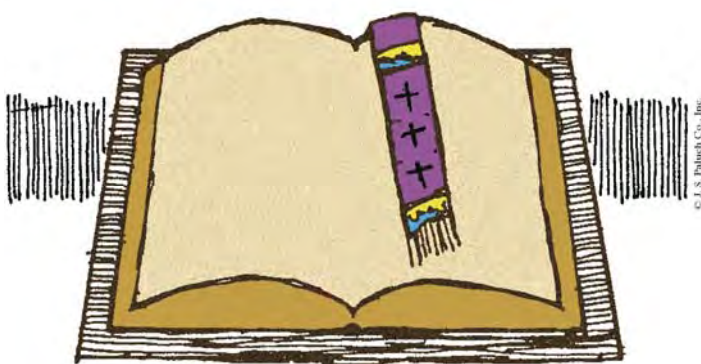
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Reflecting on God's Word

When Jacob Marley appears to Ebenezer Scrooge at the beginning of *A Christmas Carol*, he wears a long chain, clasped around his middle, "made of cash-boxes, keys, padlocks, ledgers, deeds, and heavy purses wrought in steel." He tells Scrooge that he wears the chain he forged in life, and now he wanders the earth because in life his spirit never went beyond "the narrow limits of our money-changing hole." Old Marley's life had been about money until it ended; now he pays the price.

Luke calls on his community to consider its use of money. In today's parable a steward has been caught squandering his master's property. Seeing that his days are numbered, the steward acts quickly to ensure that he will have friends at the end. Surprisingly, the master commends him for "acting prudently." Jesus then comments that the children of this world have more gumption than the children of light, using their money to make friends.

Three other comments follow: Use money to make friends for eternity; trustworthiness in small matters and earthly wealth will lead to being trusted with true wealth, i.e. God's kingdom; and you have to choose between God and "mammon" (whatever holds your deepest trust other than God). In a nutshell, use your money to serve; allow God to save.

Jesus is in line with the prophet Amos, who castigates the businessmen of his day for cheating the poor and needy. God is on the side of these little ones. They are the ones we are to befriend by using our money for their good. Jesus, who came as a "ransom for all" (1 Timothy 2:4), is our true wealth.

~ James A. Wallace, c.ss.r.

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Serving God

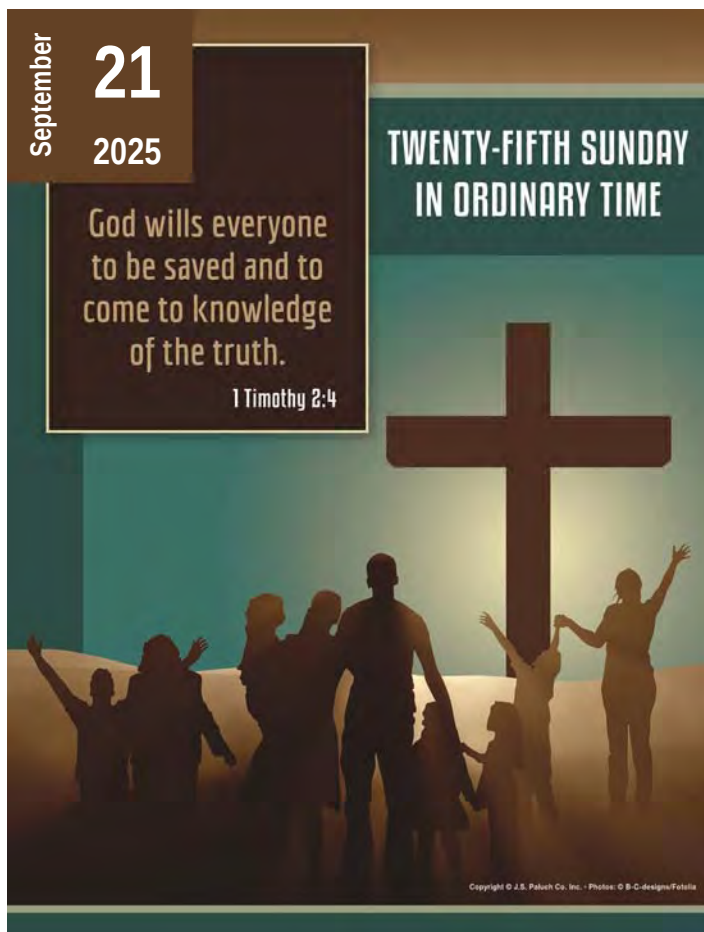
The parable of the master and the steward is a troublesome one with many interpretations, some of which can be found in today's Gospel (prudence, making friends, trustworthiness, serving one master). It bothers us that the steward is praised for cheating. But perhaps it is "dishonest wealth" that the steward has been managing for the master all along. In that case we might not be so uncomfortable with the steward's dishonest dealings. We would feel that the steward made things right for the debtors in the parable. Whatever the situation, the steward certainly did *not* serve the interests of the master in the parable. Instead, by easing the burden of the poor debtors, the steward served his own self-interest, the interests of the debtors, and the interest of God "who lifts up the poor" (Psalm 113:7).

Lifting Up the Poor

Today's scriptures leave no doubt that lifting up the lowliest in society is essential to serving God, our one and only master. In St. Paul's words, God "wills everyone to be saved"—both spiritually and physically (1 Timothy 2:4). But how are we to assist God in lifting up the poor? Are we to make more time to hold our children in our arms, or to move closer to our aging parents? Should we contribute more money or goods to those less fortunate than we are? Should we defend a co-worker who is being ridiculed, invest in socially responsible stocks, or actively seek legislation to protect the vulnerable in our society?

Each of us must daily discover how to serve God—or risk dire consequences. Today's reading from Amos clearly describes God's disgust with those who "trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land!" (Amos 8:4) It is in our own true self-interest to lift up the poor in this life, for when we die it is the lowly ones who will be waiting in paradise to lift us up and welcome us into our "eternal dwellings."

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Serve the One and Only God

The scriptures for this Sunday remind us that we are accountable to serve the one and only God. The first letter to Timothy states, "[T]here is one God. There is also one mediator . . . Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 2:5). The Gospel parable about a master and a steward connects our belief in one God to our lives by pointing out that "[n]o servant can serve two masters" (Luke 16:13a).

Serving the one God as our master requires that we assist in God's work. The work of God is to "[lift] up the poor . . . to seat them with princes" (Psalm 113:7-8). Unlike the greedy characters in the first reading from Amos, who are obsessed with serving their earthly self-interest, we are to use the wealth of this world to care for the poor, in service of the one and only God.

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Be Quick About It

In the time of Jesus wealthy merchants and landowners often appointed managers to look after their day-to-day business affairs. Jesus tells the story in today's Gospel about just such a manager or steward, who is about to be dismissed because he has been careless and wasteful with his master's property. The manager acts very quickly to ingratiate himself with his master's debtors, all of whom will then owe him favors when he is out of a job and is either too weak or too embarrassed to do more humble labor to support himself. The master compliments the dishonest steward, because he knows that the new promissory notes reflect what the debtors actually owe him, minus the extra charges the steward would previously have skimmed off for himself. This underlines the fact that the master in this story is just as dishonest as the manager, because he is aware of the graft and has silently permitted it. Is it surprising that Jesus asks us—whom he calls "the children of light" (Luke 16:8)—to be just as shrewd as these dishonest men? Not really. Jesus makes it very clear that he wants us to be as sharp-witted and quick to act as the dishonest steward and his boss with what our heavenly Father entrusts to us, whether it is property, personal abilities, money, health, or life itself. In other words, Jesus is praising the steward's method, not his purpose. What Jesus wants us to see is that the real enemy of discipleship is not unbelief but laziness—the constant postponing of full commitment to the life of faith and what that calls us to be and do. Imagine what could happen if we all began *right now* to use all the blessings God has given us in order to build up God's kingdom!

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Priorities

In the first reading, the prophet Amos rages against all those whose greed is so great that they would close their eyes and hearts to the needs of the poor among them. To make a buck is one thing, Amos is saying. To make it on the backs of the helpless is quite another.

In the second reading, Paul reminds us of our charge and duty to pray. He issues a call to more expansive prayer—prayer that should mark the daily life of Christians.

In the Gospel, Jesus describes the wholehearted effort of a crafty servant who sees "downsizing" heading his way. Jesus finds him a marvel and puzzles over why such cleverness is limited to the world of commerce. Jesus wonders why those who seek a "position" in the reign of God lack such wit and wherewithal.

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Ripples

There is a ripple effect in all we do.

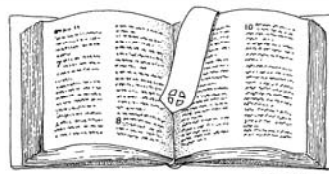
What you do touches me;
what I do touches you.

~ Anonymous

Timing

It is never the wrong time to do the right thing.

~ Anonymous

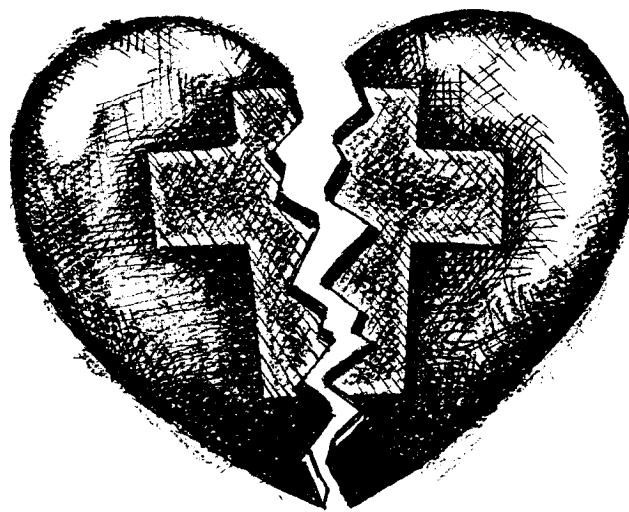


**Twenty-fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 21, 2025**

God . . . wills everyone to be saved
and to come to knowledge of the truth.

— 1 Timothy 2:4

NO SERVANT



CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS



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

1 Corinthians 10:31



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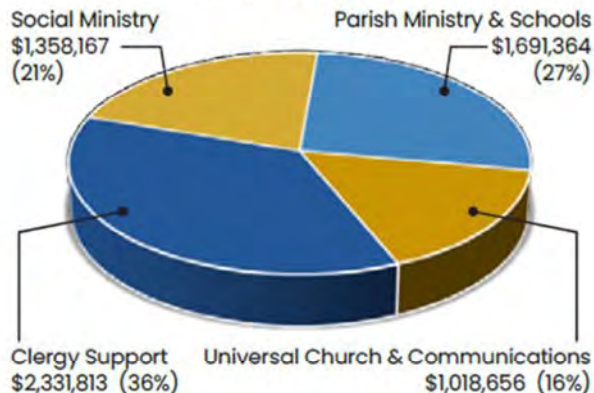


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CHANCERY BUDGET FOR 2025 SOURCES OF INCOME: \$17,200,000

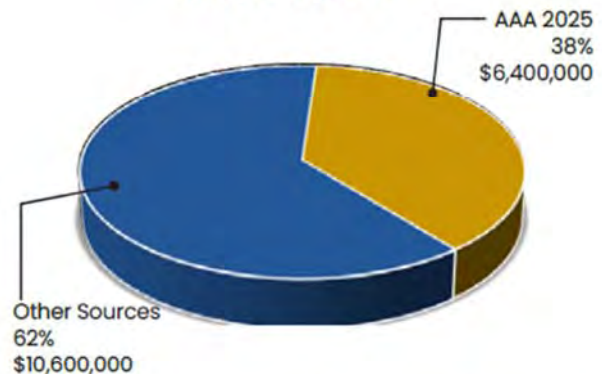


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September 24 – November 2 2025

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8AM-7PM

September 24 – November 2, 2025

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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)

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

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

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

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St. Pius Catholic Church

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OCTOBER 28-NOVEMBER 4



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FATHER JOSEPH ILLO WILL OPEN THE EUCCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESS ON OCTOBER 28, 2025, WITH THE 7:00 AM LATIN MASS AND LEAD WORKSHOPS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK, INSPIRING DEEPER REVERENCE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE LITURGY.



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The Faith Formation Conference 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.

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

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BY THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024

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Theme: Religious Freedom,
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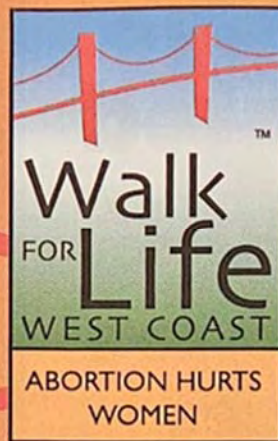
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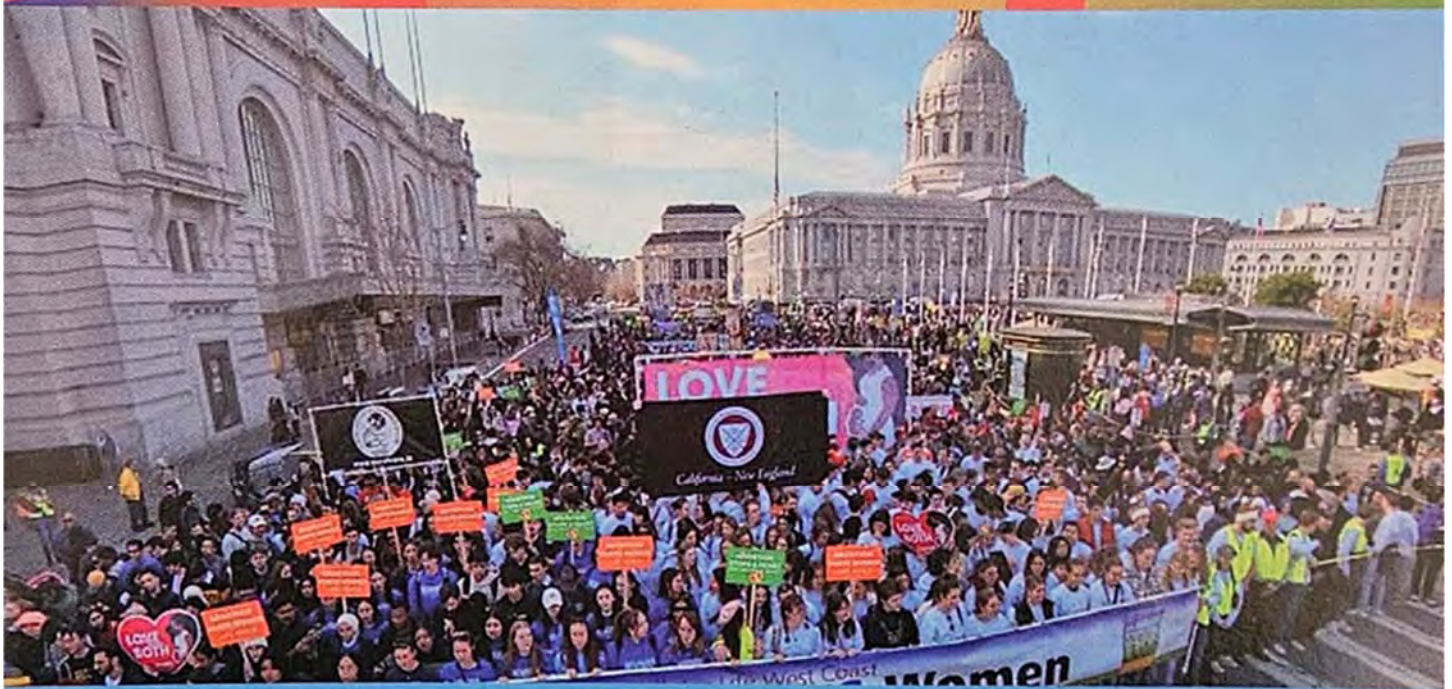


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Land package with domestic airfare:

US\$ 4,276

Based on
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US\$ 3,322

Based on
Double/Twin Occupancy

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Triple Occupancy

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Tour Package Highlights:

- Two (2) nights accommodation at Seda Ayala Center, Cebu City
- Two (2) nights accommodation at Best Western Ivy Wall, Panglao, Bohol
- Three (3) nights accommodation in Seda Centria, 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, Tiaong, Quezon
- One (1) night accommodation at Pico de Loro, Nasugbu, Batangas
- Two (2) nights accommodation at Seda Manila Bay, Paranaque City
- One (1) night accommodation at Quest Hotel Clark
- All tours stated on the itinerary
- All meals stated on the itinerary
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- English speaking guides during the tours

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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

LUZON – VISAYAS – MINDANAO
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 Basilica de Sto. Niño

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

29 January | Travel from Cebu to Tagbilaran

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

30 January | Free day

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

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

Mass before Dinner. Dinner at the resort.

31 January | Bohol – Cebu – Cagayan de Oro

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

01 February | Bukidnon Day Trip

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

02 February | Cagayan de Oro City Tour

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

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

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

04 February | Bicol tour options

Breakfast at the hotel. Tour options are:

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

Head back to the hotel. Mass at St. Gregory the Great Cathedral. Dinner at the hotel.

05 February | Legaspi – Naga

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out and proceed to Naga City for Mass at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Peñafrancia. Lunch at a local restaurant. Proceed to St John The Evangelist Metropolitan Cathedral, Museo del Seminario Conciliar de Nueva Caceres. After the tour, proceed to the hotel and check in. Dinner at the hotel.

06 February | Naga – Quezon

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out and proceed to Quezon stopping at town churches along the way. Lunch at a local restaurant. Proceed to Kamay ni Hesus Healing Church. Mass at Kamay ni Hesus. Proceed to Villa Escudero and check in. Barrio Fiesta themed dinner at Villa Escudero.

07 February | Quezon – Batangas

Breakfast at Villa Escudero. Check out and proceed to Montemaria Shrine in Batangas City. Lunch at a local restaurant. Proceed to Taal Heritage Town. Mass at Minor Basilica of St. Martin of Tours. Proceed to Pico de Loro and check in. Dinner at the resort.

08 February | Pico de Loro – Manila via Tagaytay

Breakfast at the resort. Check out and proceed to Tagaytay for sightseeing. Lunch at Farmer's Table. Head to Manila after lunch. Mass at Manila Cathedral. Dinner at Illustrado restaurant, Intramuros.

09 February | Antipolo – Manila

Breakfast at the hotel. Proceed to Antipolo Cathedral for Mass. Lunch at Pinto Art Museum. Head to Manila after lunch. Proceed to Quiapo Church and Binondo Church then to Baclaran Church. Dinner at the hotel

10 February | Manaoag – Tarlac

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out and proceed to Manaoag for Mass at the Minor Basilica of Our Lady of Manaoag. Lunch at a local restaurant. Proceed to Monasterio de Tarlac for a visit. Visit Death March Monument. Depart for Clark and check in at hotel. Farewell Dinner at the hotel

11 February | Departure day

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out and proceed to airport.

Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope



As the Universal Church looks toward the Jubilee Year 2025, the USCCB is thrilled to support the Holy Father in this "event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church."

Pope Francis stated in his February 2022 letter announcing the Jubilee 2025: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire..."

The Jubilee Year will offer the faithful opportunities to participate in various jubilee events at the Vatican and in their own dioceses. The great tradition of opening the Holy Door will begin when Pope Francis opens the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica on December 24, 2024. Other holy doors will be opened at the Rome basilicas of St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major and St. Paul Outside the Walls. For pilgrims who cannot travel to Rome, bishops around the world are expected to designate their cathedrals or a popular Catholic shrine as special places of prayer for Holy Year pilgrims, offering opportunities for reconciliation, indulgences and other events intended to strengthen and revive faith.



Pope Francis has asked that the year 2024 be dedicated to a "great symphony of prayer" as the Church prepares for the Jubilee of 2025. The Jubilee prayer can be found below.

Additional information about Jubilee events and materials can be found in the Calendar of Events below, or on the Vatican website [here](https://www.vatican.va). As information becomes available for specific initiatives of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, that information will be available on this web page.

USCCB Jubilee Calendar: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/jubilee-celebration-calendar-2025>
Vatican website: <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>



Information for Jubilee 2025 Preparation and Participation

Prepared by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for use in local dioceses and eparchies across the United States.

In preparation for Jubilee 2025 in the local Church, the USCCB has prepared this document for your reference.

JUBILEE WEBSITE

<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>
(English)

<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/es.html>
(Spanish)

JUBILEE MOBILE APP

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/iubilaeum25/id6467652982?platform=iphone>
(for iOS devices, i.e. Apple products)

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=va.iubilaeum2025.app&pli=1>
(for Android devices)

The digital app for mobile devices, which makes registration for Jubilee 2025 events easier, can be downloaded from the App Store for iOS and from the Play Store for Android. By using the mobile app, which is available in six languages, a person can access all the latest news on the Jubilee, register as a pilgrim for the Holy Year, and obtain the Pilgrim Card for free. Once registered on the portal, individuals will also be able to register for Jubilee events and pilgrimages to the Holy Door.

THE JUBILEE LOGO

Individuals and organizations may download the Jubilee logo in high resolution and the main languages at this link. Since the logo is subject to copyright, its use is intended for pastoral and non-profit purposes only. Such use is to be linked to the following pastoral and ecclesial initiatives with no commercial purposes:



- 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 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 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*



***Black
Nazarene***

***Feast Day
January 9***

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



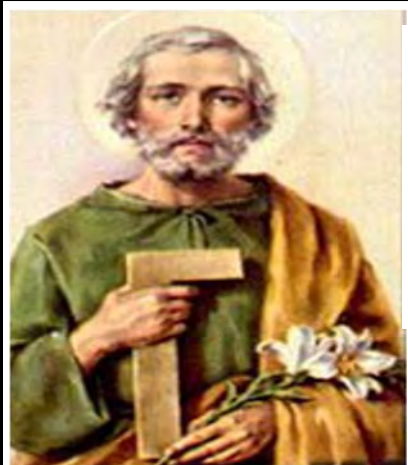
***Our Lady of
Perpetual Help
Devotion***
(every Tuesday
after the
12:10 Mass)

*Raya & Gamboa
Families*



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

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



***Saint
Joseph***

***Feast Day
March 19***

Xenia Villamejor

St. Anne

***Feast Day
July 26***



***Sacred
Heart***

***First Friday
Schedule***

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



***OUR
LADY
OF
FATIMA***

***Pray the
rosary***

The Gracious 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 Gracious Chapter

Yap Family



St. Patrick Charismatic Prayer Group

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

Matt Dorsey
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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.

Best,

Matt Dorsey

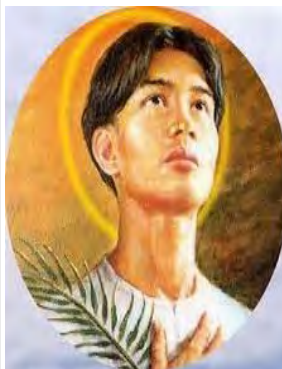


*Our Lady
of Guadalupe*

**Feast Day
December 12**



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



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