

# St. Patrick Catholic Church

**San Francisco's Historic Landmark #4**

**Founded in 1851**

756 Mission St. (between 3rd and 4th Streets)

San Francisco, CA 94103

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## Pastoral Staff

Rev. Andrew Spyrow - *Pastor*

Rev. Teodoro "Fr. Ted" P. Magpayo - *Parochial Vicar*

Rev. Patrick Okoye - *Parochial Vicar*

Deacon Ferdinand Mariano - *OCIA Coordinator*

## Parish Staff

Rachelle Morales and Nenette Murata -

*Religious Education Coordinators*

Charles Corpus - *Music Coordinator*

Virginia Dilim - *Wedding Coordinator*

Nora Regaspi - *Office Manager*

Camelle Sudario - *Parish Receptionist*

Emy Pasion - *Bookkeeper*

## Mass Times

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

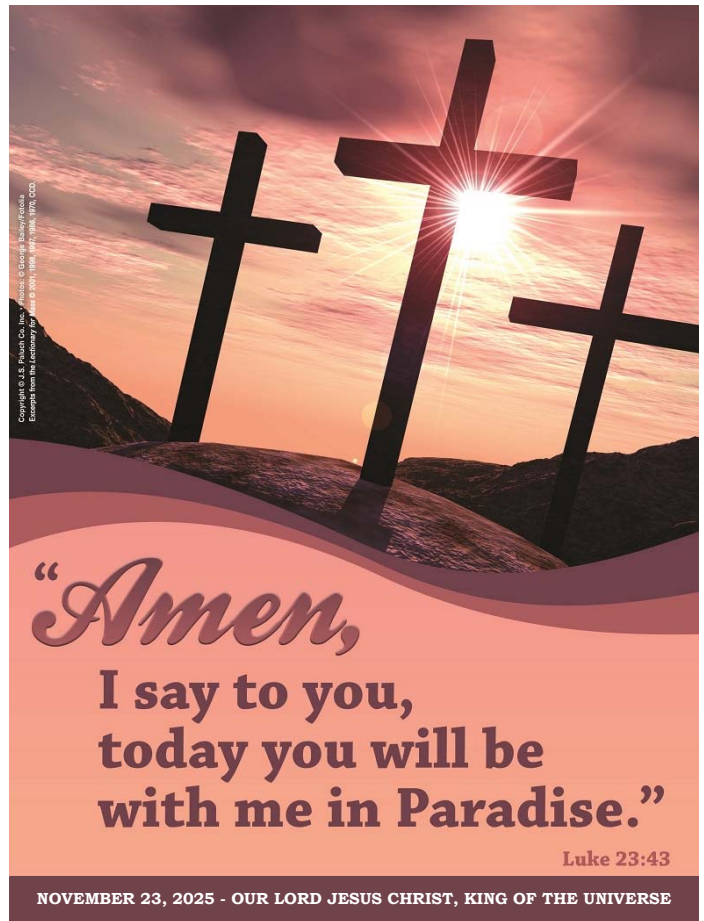
Saturday: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m. *Vigil Mass*

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.



## **November 23, 2025 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

*I rejoiced because they said to me,*

*"We will go up to the house of the Lord." ~ Psalm 122:1*



# November 23, 2025

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe ~ Year C

2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

In Hebron, David is hailed as king by all the tribes of Israel (1,Ps). Jesus Is anointed king on the wood of his cross, a sign of paradox, of defeat yet final victory (3). Through his cross we have passed from darkness into the kingdom of light (2).

### **The True Kingship of Jesus Christ**

What kind of King is Jesus? How do you envision him? Remembering that they were promised a king from the line of David, the Israelites hoped for a Messiah who would set their political problems aright and bring about a worldly kingdom of Judaic power. Even Psalm 122 seems to describe this type of ruler. Luke's Gospel today shreds that image after the whip of the Roman soldiers tore at Jesus' flesh. Still, the Romans flaunted the traditional notion with their ironic inscription above King Jesus' crown of thorns. Soldiers and ordinary people jeered the royal title at him. Yet the throne of Jesus was the cross of Christ, from which he dispensed kingly mercy and justice toward the humble criminal who shared his execution. Writing to the Colossians, Saint Paul describes the truth about Jesus and his kingship, using words like fullness, peace, and forgiveness. So let us go rejoicing!

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### **Treasures From Our Tradition**

Today's solemnity, the final feast of the Church year, is a youngster as feasts go. In 1925, Pope Pius XI was distressed by global political upheaval and the de-Christianizing of society. That year was a "Holy Year," keyed to the sixteen hundredth anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, when the words "and of his kingdom there will be no end" were added to the Creed. The Pope explained that although most feasts had developed over many centuries, the Church sometimes provided a new feast to address new needs. He pointed to the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, showing Christ's love and compassion in a time when many people embraced a cold and gloomy spirituality. Originally on the last Sunday of October, in the late 1960s the solemnity of Christ the King was moved to the last Sunday of the year.

Fresh from baptism's waters, we are anointed with chrism "as Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king." This feast is a key to our identity. On this feast, we recognize Christ as a king who breaks the usual mold of kingship, and who shapes his kingdom with our hands, our words, our deeds of love and service.

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### **AAA Update** (as of 04 November 2025)

2025 AAA Goal	\$38,705.00
Received	\$32,479.00
Amount Remaining	\$6,226.00
% of Goal	84%

### **Thanksgiving Day Mass**



There will be only one Mass at St. Patrick on Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in observance of Thanksgiving Day. The church will be closed after the Mass and the office will be closed all day Thursday and Friday. We will have our regular Mass schedule on Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. Have a safe and blessed holiday.



### **Living Stewardship Now**

A prayer for this solemnity:

Almighty and merciful God,  
you break the power of evil and make all things new  
in your Son Jesus Christ, the King of the universe.  
May all in heaven and earth  
acclaim your glory  
and never cease to praise you. Amen.

(Sacramentary, Opening Prayer for the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King)

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### **Thanksgiving**

Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse.

~ Henry Van Dyke

### **Happy Birthday!!**

Happy Birthday to our Parishioners celebrating a birthday this week.

Cody Martinez	11/23	Luzviminda Grajales	11/26
Edwin Dizon	11/24	Robinson Manganaan	11/26
John Ross Gonzales	11/24	Nathan Palaganas	11/27
Patricia Wennerstrom	11/24	Josefina Espanol	11/28



### **Please Pray for Pope Francis' Intention for November**

**Pope's Intention:** *For the prevention of suicide.* Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.



## Parol Making Workshops

At Yerba Buena Center for the Arts  
(701 Mission Street)  
and Bayanihan Community Center  
(1010 Mission Street) in San Francisco.



Want to learn how to make your own *parol*, the Filipino lantern symbolizing hope, peace, and community? Join the SOMA Pilipinas' Parol-Making Workshops at the

Yerba Buena Center for the Arts (YBCA) and other participating locations!

Note: The December 6 & 7 workshops will be held at the Bayanihan Community Center (1010 Mission St, San Francisco, CA 94103).

Workshops are free, family-friendly, and open to all!

Parol Kits:

Suggested donation: \$20 per kit  
(\$10 for seniors or youth 18 & under).

Limit one per person.

Please arrive 15 minutes early to check in.

Bring your parol to the 23rd Annual Parol Lantern Festival on Saturday, December 13th at YBCA and be part of this beautiful community tradition!

Health & Safety: Masks are strongly recommended, and we encourage participants to take a COVID test before attending.

Parol Workshop Schedule:

YBCA Workshops (701 Mission Street, SF):

- Sunday, November 2: 12-4 PM
- Sunday, November 9: 12-4 PM
- Sunday, November 16: 12-4 PM
- Saturday, November 22: 12-4 PM
- Sunday, November 23: 12-4 PM
- Thursday, December 4: 4-8 PM

Bayanihan Community Center Workshops  
(1010 Mission St. SF):

- Saturday, December 6: 12-4 PM
- Sunday, December 7: 12-4 PM

Come early, bring friends, and take part in a creative, heart-warming tradition that connects generations.

Sign up now to reserve your spot: [bit.ly/2025parolworkshop](https://bit.ly/2025parolworkshop)

## Sponsors Needed For the 9-Day Misa de Gallo

December 16 - 24, 2025 at 6:00 a.m.

As the liturgical year winds down with Advent right around the corner, we are looking for kind-hearted and generous people who would like to share some of their God-given blessings by sponsoring one of the pre-dawn *Misa de Gallo* Masses. Donations will go toward the festive and joyful fellowship each day featuring hot refreshments. Please bring your contribution to the office or give it to one of the parish staff by Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, so your donation may be acknowledged in the *Misa de Gallo* program. Thank you for sharing the joy of your blessings and your Christmas spirit with your fellow parishioners!!



## Living God's Word

Let your heart speak to the thief in this story. Do you have anything to say to or ask him? Then, talk to Jesus about what you want most to ask from him, what you experience as your greatest need at this time in your life.

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## Saints & Special Observances

Monday: Memorial ~

St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, Companions, Martyrs

Tuesday: optional memorial ~

St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr

Thursday: Thanksgiving Day

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

## Readings for the Week

Monday: *Dn 1:1-6,8-20; Lk 21:1-4*

Tuesday: *Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11*

Wednesday: *Dn 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28; Lk 21:12-19*

Thursday: *Dn 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28*

or for Thanksgiving Day

*Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19*

Friday: *Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33*

Saturday: *Dn 7:15-17; Lk 21:34-36*

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A)**

*Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44*

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — The Lord said to David, "You shall shepherd my people Israel" (2 Samuel 5:1-3).

**Psalm** — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

**Second Reading** — Thanks to the Father who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light (Colossians 1:12-20).

**Gospel** — Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom (Luke 23:35-43).

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## ST. PATRICK CHURCH PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025

### INCOME:

Sundays and Other Holy Days Offerings	\$ 133,612.00
Sacramental Offerings	\$ 12,846.00
Fundraising Events	\$ 291,905.00
(includes raffle and pledges from lifetime donors)	
Educational Program & Sacramental Fees	\$ 3,239.00
Donations, Gifts & Bequests	\$ 18,207.00
Other Operating Income	\$ 324,146.00
(includes rentals, gift shop and candle sales)	
Non-Operating Income - interest earned & dividends	\$ 61,618.00

### TOTAL INCOME

**\$ 845,573.00**

### EXPENSES:

Personnel Cost and Payroll Taxes	\$ 301,203.00
Employee Benefits - Health Insurance & Pension Plan	\$ 86,613.00
Property Costs, Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 100,623.00
General & Administrative Expenses	\$ 325,145.00
Archdiocesan Annual Appeal - 2024 (Deficit)	\$ 20,094.00

### TOTAL EXPENSES

**\$ 833,678.00**

### NET INCOME:

**\$ 11,895.00**

### Note:

The accounting cycle of the parish is based on a fiscal year which ends on June 30.

SUBMITTED BY:

ST. PATRICK CHURCH FINANCE COUNCIL

## Mass Intentions for Nov 23 - 29

Date	Time	Intention
<b>Sunday 23</b>	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	TG Rene & Elene Delos Santos SI All The Parishioners Of St. Patrick † Aurino Gacad SI Thelma Dancel
<b>Monday 24</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Evangeline Viray Deleon SI Brian Dela Pena SI Lydia Eusebio
<b>Tuesday 25</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Marilyn Sumulong † Tomas Corcuera SI Joycelyn Espanol
<b>Wednesday 26</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Joseph & Maria Fang † Maria Luisa Corcuera TG Stephen Sun
<b>Thursday 27</b>	9:00 a.m.	TG Virginia Chan <i>Thanksgiving Day Holiday</i>
<b>Friday 28</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Justin Edwards † Yukio Murata & All Souls In Purgatory SI Rowena Cruz Diaz
<b>Saturday 29</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Alvin Gonzalez SI Therese Guintu SI Norma Gumawid

## 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***

## Diaconate Formation Informational Evenings

The Office of Formation for the Permanent Diaconate will hold Informational Evenings for men considering the possibility of serving the Church as Permanent Deacons. The evening will include discussion of the ministry of the Deacon in the Church, the Formation program and the application process. Please join us.

*Deacon Fred Totah, Director of Diaconate Formation*  
*Deacon Arthur Sanchez, Director of Permanent Diaconate*

### Who should attend?

Single and married men between the ages of 30 and 60 may apply for the program and are invited to the evening. However, married applicants must be married at least five years. All married applicants need the complete support of their wives in order to pursue the program; therefore, wives are encouraged to attend.

### Dates:

Wednesday, January 07, 2026  
St. Raphael Church  
1104 5th Avenue  
San Rafael, CA 94901

Wednesday, January 14, 2026  
Archdioceses of San Francisco  
One Peter Yorke Way  
San Francisco, CA 94109

Wednesday, January 21, 2026  
St. Mark Catholic Church  
325 Marine View Avenue  
Belmont, CA 94002

### Time:

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

### Diaconate Formation Office

*Deacon Fred Totah,*

### Director of Diaconate Formation

**Phone: 415-614-5615**

**Email: totah.fred@sfarch.org**



## Relevant Radio

Tune your radio to 1260 AM or 101.7 FM for 24-hour broadcasts concerning Catholic teachings and prayers.



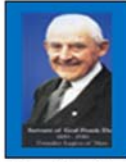
## LEGION OF MARY - ST. PATRICK CHURCH

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 7<sup>th</sup> of September in 1921.

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

### Legion of Mary's Aim

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

### Legion of Mary's Unit

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

### Legion of Mary's Active Works

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

### Legion of Mary's Active Membership

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

## Prayer of the Week

### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

*Last Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Almighty ever-living God,  
whose will is to restore all things  
in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,  
grant, we pray,  
that the whole creation, set free from slavery,  
may render your majesty service  
and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.  
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:

In what ways can I proclaim God's praise in the coming week?

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## Peace

First keep the peace within yourself, then you can also bring peace to others.

~ Thomas à Kempis



## 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.

Speaking to Jesus, the Good Thief said,  
"Jesus, remember me when you come ..."

I	N	R	
T	O	U	K
O	O	Y	I
M	D	G	N

I \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer: *into your kingdom*

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saint snippets

"Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."  
-Matthew 16:25

**St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc**  
19th-century Catholic convert, priest, and one of 117 martyrs in Vietnam between 1820 and 1862

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November 24

saint snippets

"Marriage is more than human. It is a miniature kingdom, which is the little house of the Lord."

-St. Clement of Alexandria

**Bl. Luigi and Maria Beltrame Quattrocchi**  
20th-century Italian married couple who lived an ordinary life in an extraordinary way. Together, they founded many Catholic organizations.

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November 25

saint snippets

God always speaks to you when you approach him plainly and simply.

**St. Catherine Labouré**  
19th-century French religious sister who cared for the sick and relayed Mary's request that the Miraculous Medal be commissioned

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November 28

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 23, 2025

I rejoiced because they said to me,  
"We will go up to the house  
of the LORD."

~ Psalm 122:1





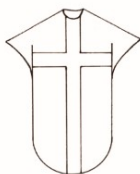
## TIMES AND SEASONS

Today is the solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe—the last Sunday of the church year. What words would you use to describe Jesus as a king?

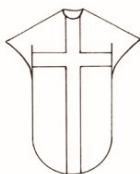
You will observe many changes in the environment in church in the coming weeks. One change you will notice is colors. You can begin today to make a liturgical color booklet. Each of the four chasubles on this page is labeled for a feast or a season. Color and cut out each one according to the directions. Glue it to a sheet of paper and create a color booklet of all the seasons of the church year. Leave some extra blank pages so you can add to your booklet as the seasons turn.

1. Color the one labeled Christ the King the same color you see the priest wearing today.
2. Next week the Church will begin the season of Advent. Color the chasuble labeled Advent the color you see the priest wearing next week.
3. Christmas Eve is one month from today. Color the chasuble labeled Christmas the color you will see the priest wearing on Christmas and all during Christmas season.
4. When the Christmas season is over the Church begins Ordinary Time. "Ordinary" in this case does not mean common; it comes from "ordinal," which means "counted." These are the weeks that we count between the Church's seasons. Color the chasuble labeled Ordinary Time the color you will see the priest wearing when Christmas time is over.

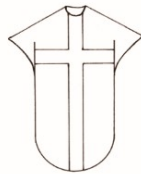
In addition to the changes in color, the church will be decorated to reflect the different seasons. You might ask a parent to take a picture of the altar or flower arrangements or banners that help us recognize the meaning of the season. Add these pictures to your booklet. As the seasons continue to change during Lent, Easter, and Pentecost, you can draw your own chasubles to complete your booklet.



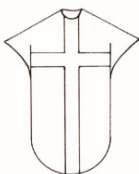
Christ the King



Advent



Christmas



Ordinary Time

## The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



And he was saying,  
"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom!"  
And Jesus said to him, "Truly I say to you,  
today you shall be with me in Paradise." Luke 23:42-43

ABOVE HIM THERE WAS  
AN INSCRIPTION THAT READ,  
"THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

LUKE 23:38

OUR LORD  
**JESUS CHRIST**  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 23, 2025



"Well, transubstantiation *isn't* Jesus morphing. His real 'special effects' are in our hearts."

## Kingship

The book of Samuel recounts for us today the anointing of David as king of Israel. It was the elders of Israel who declared David king that day, but it was God who called David to shepherd Israel. Thus mandated by the citizens of his kingdom and by his God, David took his place in a long line of kings.

The apostle Paul speaks to us of kingship as well, but on a much higher plane: the kingship of Jesus our Lord. As great as David was, he and all earthly monarchs who came before and after him in their kingdoms around the world are minor kings by comparison to the true King. And lastly, we hear the story of that true King in perhaps his weakest moment: near death, hanging on a cross, taunted by a common criminal and by the world at large.

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## Treasures From Our Tradition

Among the Catholics seeking religious freedom in America were the Carrolls of Maryland, who arrived in 1649 from Ireland via England. Charles Carroll, born in Annapolis in 1737, was the only Catholic signer of the Declaration of Independence, and was the longest-surviving signer. As was the custom for English Catholics, he attended English schools in Belgium and later university in France. By the time he signed the Declaration, he was the richest man in America, and his decision to sign would hardly go unnoticed by the king.

Because Carroll was so wealthy and because he was a Catholic, he had more to lose than the others. Those who signed became traitors to the Crown and risked losing everything. It is said that someone grumbled that there were many men in the world named Charles Carroll, and he could dodge responsibility if he had to. For that reason, he added a flair to his signature, “of Carrollton,” making it clear that he put everything at risk.

His cousin John, also an ardent supporter of the American Revolution, was ordained a Jesuit priest and returned to Maryland at the outbreak of hostilities. Upheavals in Europe forced the Jesuit order to dissolve, leaving Carroll a secular priest. Ultimately, it was John Carroll who was asked to organize the Catholic Church in the new nation. No one was better positioned for this task, a cultured man from an esteemed family, a cherished friend of Benjamin Franklin and George Washington, and a man so thoroughly attuned to an undercurrent of anti-Catholicism in the colonies that he could charm powerful people to a new point of view.

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## Redefining Kingship

This last Sunday of the Church’s liturgical year is dedicated to Christ, our King. In the first reading, from the second book of Samuel, we meet Jesus’ ancestor David, the greatest king of Israel. This passage describes a glorious monarch who is acclaimed by all the tribes of Israel. He is called both a “shepherd” and a “commander.” The second reading, from Paul’s Letter to the Colossians, also contains glorious language, describing Christ as “the firstborn of all creation.” Only at the end of this passage do we hear a hint of the paradox we will meet in today’s Gospel: Christ the King makes “peace by the blood of his cross.”

In Luke’s Gospel, we confront the stark reality of Christ’s kingship. Here is our king, hanging on a cross, jeered, taunted, berated by a common criminal. This king looks defeated and powerless. Yet he demonstrates how absolute his power is. His death is truly for the salvation of all, one person at a time, starting with the “Good Thief,” and continuing through the ages to us today.

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## November Prayers

*During November, the Church celebrates the communion of saints, intercedes for those who have died and prepares to welcome the one St. Francis called “Sister Death.” This prayer is appropriate all through November...*

Into your hands, O Lord,  
we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters.  
In this life you embraced them with your tender love;  
deliver them now from every evil  
and bid them eternal rest.

The old order has passed away:  
welcome them then into paradise,  
where there will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain,  
but the fullness of peace and joy  
with your Son and the Holy Spirit  
for ever and ever.

R: Amen.

O Lord, support us all the day long,  
until the shadows lengthen,  
and the evening comes,  
and the busy world is hushed,  
and the fever of life is over,  
and our work is done.

Then in your mercy,  
grant us a safe lodging,  
and a holy rest,  
and peace at the last.

~ Venerable John Henry Cardinal Newman  
from *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*

## Of Kings and Kingship

Americans have an uncomfortable relationship with kings. The American Revolution was fought for independence from King George, after all. Nonetheless, today every Catholic church around the world celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Today’s feast invites us to look beyond our national loyalties and rejoice in our primary identity. We are children of God in Jesus, Christ the King. Our readings help us consider what it’s like to belong to God’s kingdom. The book of Samuel captures the deep longing of the Israelites for a king to shepherd them. Saint Paul reminds the Colossians that we belong to the kingdom of Christ, whose power he praises in a beautiful hymn. Finally, Luke’s Gospel calls to mind the kind of king Jesus chooses to be—a suffering servant, a man for others. By sacrificing his life for us, Jesus throws open the gates of Paradise.

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### King of Mercy

This is the last day of the extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy that began on December 8, 2015. Now is the perfect time to reflect on the year. What was the Year of Mercy like? How did God's forgiveness surprise and strengthen us? In what ways did Jesus' example enlighten our hearts and actions? Today's Gospel can guide our reflection.

- Jesus hangs on the cross in agony. *What pain have we endured for others?*
- People of all sorts sneer at Jesus, mocking him. *Have we felt the sting of dishonor or hatred?*
- Keeping his eye on Paradise, Jesus forgives his persecutors. *Have we forgiven others, even if they didn't (or won't) apologize?*
- Jesus uses some of his last breaths to comfort another dying man. *Have we tried to tend to others' needs, even when we don't feel up to the task?*

### Nightly Review

This kind of examination helps us not only at the end of a jubilee year, but also at the end of every single day. When Saint Ignatius of Loyola began his nightly reviews, he always began in gratitude, thanking God for specific gifts from the day. If we've had a particularly rotten day, we might look to Saint Paul for inspiration. His words to the Colossians remind us that all fullness "was pleased to dwell" in Jesus, who died to reconcile us to God and to open the gates of Paradise. Truly, we can always give thanks for that!

With grateful hearts, then, we proceed with our review. How did we cooperate with God as sons and daughters of the Kingdom? How did we bring a little bit of Paradise to others today? How did we stand in God's way, becoming obstacles to others' journey to Paradise? Asking the Lord to have mercy on our weakness, we give hearty thanks for allowing us to work for the Kingdom. All praise to Christ the King!

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## Reflecting on God's Word

When we think of Christ the King, we usually do not think of Jesus hanging on the cross, but rather the risen Christ, seated at the right hand of the Father, wearing the crown bestowed upon him by the Father. But Luke presents us with an image of Christ whose reign begins on the cross with his promise of Paradise to a thief hanging at his side.

Jesus brings about the kingdom even in the last moment of his life, extending the mercy of God to yet another nameless outsider, a thief "condemned justly" to death (Luke 23:41). This man recognizes Jesus both as a man who "has done nothing criminal," but also one who is about to "come into [his] kingdom" (23:41, 42).

The kingdom of God that Jesus proclaimed as being "already in your midst" is present in Jesus on the cross, extending mercy by asking God to forgive those who have crucified him, for "they know not what they do" (23:34). To the thief who asks Jesus to remember him when he comes into his kingdom, Jesus promises, "Today you will be with me in Paradise" (23:43). What wonderful words to bring the church year to a close.

We might think of this dying thief as one who stole heaven at the last moment, but perhaps that is inaccurate. How could it be a theft when Paradise was there for the taking? The crucified One himself being the king of hearts, the shepherd king lifted up one last time a beloved sheep who had wandered far astray but unexpectedly found himself at heaven's door. If we call him king, it is because he was faithful to his calling, not to save himself but to save us.

~ James A. Wallace, C.S.S.R.

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## Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro (1891-1927) November 23

Graham Greene's classic *The Power and the Glory* immortalized Mexico's persecuted Church of the 1920s. But photographs of Father Pro—arms outstretched to image Christ Crucified, kneeling in prayer before the firing squad, crumpled dead on the ground—vividly, visually remind us that not long ago, not far away, the faith we take for granted cost everything! Born to a mining family, Miguel became a Jesuit and was sent to study Catholic labor movements in Belgium in preparation for evangelizing Mexico's workers. But he returned to find a Mexico determined to annihilate Catholicism, and, like priests before him during Roman persecutions, England's Reformation, and in China today, ministered secretly to an "underground Church" until apprehended and sentenced to the firing squad. In his final moments, Father Pro blessed his executioners, forgave his enemies, and shouted: "*Viva el Cristo Rey!*—Long Live Christ the King!" his defiant, dying proclamation of ultimate, transcendent loyalty. Father Pro's martyrdom reinvigorated that beleaguered Church, whose countless faithful, never again afraid, would throng John Paul II when he visited Pro's beloved Mexico fifty-two years later.

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## Love Behind the Deeds

God doesn't want our deeds; God wants the love that prompts them.

~ St. Teresa of Ávila

## Dependence Day

On Thanksgiving Day we acknowledge our dependence.

~ William Jennings Bryan





## Promise of Paradise

Monarchy has very little meaning for us in the United States. Historically, you may recall, it was a part of the oppression that the founders of our nation fought to overthrow. Nowadays, we may perhaps enjoy watching the pomp and pageantry of modern royalty as seen from afar. We have rights as American citizens, and one of those rights is the free election of leaders from among ourselves to political office and the authority that goes with that office. If we do not agree with the actions of those in power we can vote in the next election to replace them. Authority is vested in the few by the many, and yet no one has a permanent hold on power in our political system.

The reign of God is of another order and dimension entirely. Today we honor Christ as our King, the anointed one of God who—if we accept him fully—has rule over our hearts and lives. The Son of God became human so that human beings could experience the reign of God personally and directly. Jesus had the power to forgive sinners, heal the sick, and even raise the dead, but Christ has none of the earthly trappings of power and forces his rule on no one. All are free to accept or to turn away, as Judas ultimately did. Even as Jesus hung on the cross, those around him still argued about his identity. Onlookers jeered because this “king” had no power to “save himself.” Of the two criminals, one wanted a quick release from his agony; the other acknowledged the power of Jesus’ innocence as well as his future rule. In response to this man’s total faith and trust, Jesus said, “[T]oday you will be with me in paradise” (Luke 23:43). No earthly ruler can promise so much.

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## “Yes” to the King

The Church crowns the year of grace, its liturgical year, with the solemnity of Christ the King. We could assume that a celebration of this magnitude would provide us with an easy, clear presentation of who Christ is and who he calls us to be. But this feast flings the paradoxes of Christ’s kingship in our face. Is Christ all-powerful? Is he the Messiah, the Anointed of God? Is he a victim, powerless in the hands of mortal rulers? Is he dead on the cross? Is he alive in the splendor of eternal light? Is the inscription above his head true? Is he Shepherd or slaughtered lamb? The answer is “Yes.”

What may be even more difficult is that we have also answered “Yes” to following this complex, paradoxical King who reigns from the cross of death, who upsets our expectations and challenges us to upset many of the expectations of the world around us. But before we despair of being able to sustain the difficulty of this mission, we are also strengthened by Paul’s words to the Colossians. We are reminded that if we keep our eyes fixed on the cross, the throne of Christ, we will also find and know the source of our reconciliation, our peace, and our hope to join him, sharing the inheritance of the holy ones in light everlasting.

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**Our Lord Jesus Christ  
King of the Universe  
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I rejoiced because they said to me,  
“We will go up to the house  
of the LORD.”

— Psalm 122:1

## Forgiveness

The glory of Christianity is to conquer by forgiveness.

## Save Yourself

The attitude of “looking out for number one” reigns supreme in many parts of our society, even in parts of our Church. That attitude informs the Gospel passage today, as we hear three times the challenge made to Jesus to “save himself” from his awful, humiliating death on the cross. The rulers of his own people sneer at him, the soldiers jeer at him, one of the criminals crucified with him reviles him; all treat him with scorn at his refusal or inability to “look out for number one,” to save himself. But if there is any doubt about the ability of Jesus to save, it is erased in his words to the other criminal: “Today you will be with me in Paradise” (Luke 23:43). If there is disbelief about the cross being the source of all salvation, reconciliation, and peace, it is eradicated in the Letter to the Colossians. Christ, in whom the fullness of all things dwells, the firstborn of all creation, is also the firstborn from the dead, and it is the blood of his cross that flows with the eternal life of heaven.

## Save Us

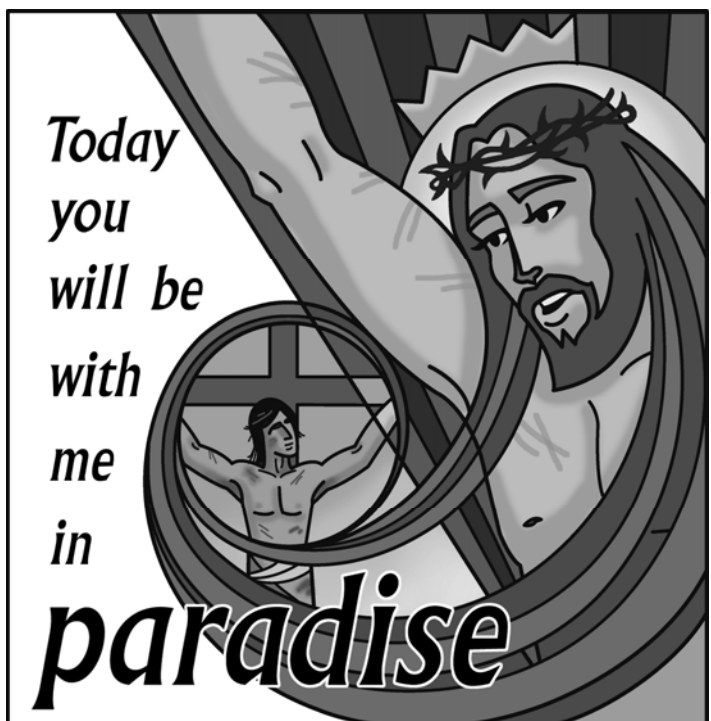
In Roman crucifixion, crosses had little plank seats upon which the bodies of the crucified were propped. Their bodies, growing heavy with weakening and dying, would likely fall off without this seat. This seat, propping up the body of Jesus as it gasped for its final breaths, is the royal seat of our Savior and King. For us, he sat upon that most horrid throne. Like us, Jesus would agree that you have to look out for “number one.” The difference is that at the words “number one” he wouldn’t jab a jaunty thumb at his own chest. He’d extend a loving embrace between earth and heaven for each of us, the children of earth, the little ones in whom his own face shines. The rulers, the soldiers, one of the criminals, all were skeptical about the saving power of our King, because he would not—and they presumed could not—save himself. What this King shows all of us is that God’s power is to save us, to remember us in his kingdom, to take us with him to the light of Paradise.

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## Restart

When you stop to think, don’t forget to start again.

~ Anonymous



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

1 Corinthians 10:31



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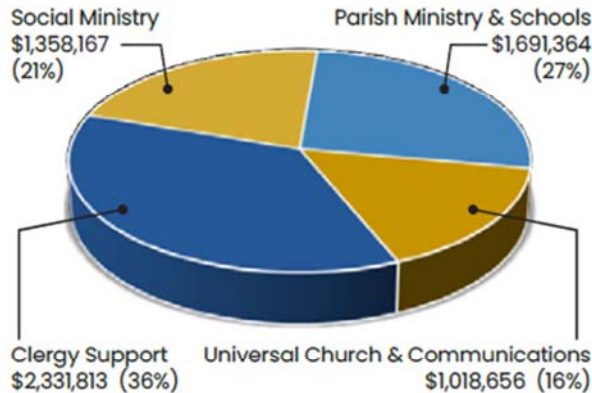


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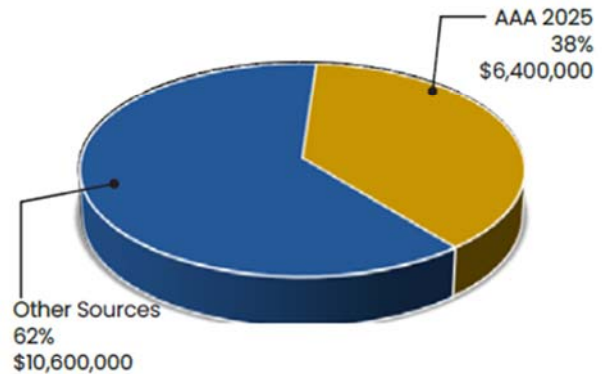


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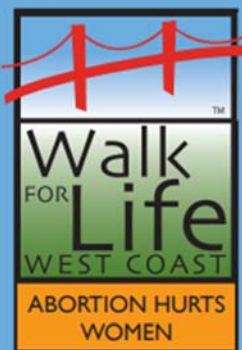
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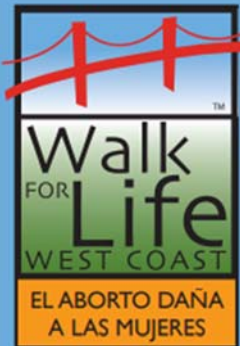


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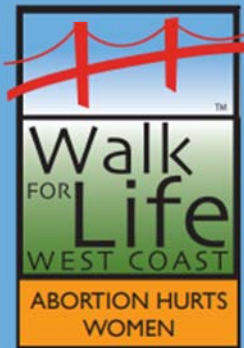
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**BATANGAS – PANGASINAN – TARLAC – PAMPANGA**

**27 January | Arrival in Cebu**

Welcome reception at the airport by the Department of Tourism and Rajah Tours Philippines. Transfer to hotel and check-in. Rest of the day free at leisure. Mass at the hotel before dinner. Welcome dinner at the hotel.

**28 January | Simala Monastery and Minor Basilica de Sto. Niño**

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

**29 January | Travel from Cebu to Tagbilaran**

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

**30 January | Free day**

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

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

Mass before Dinner. Dinner at the resort.

**31 January | Bohol – Cebu – Cagayan de Oro**

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

**01 February | Bukidnon Day Trip**

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

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

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

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

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

**04 February | Bicol tour options**

Breakfast at the hotel. Tour options are:

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

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

**05 February | Legaspi – Naga**

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

**06 February | Naga – Quezon**

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

**07 February | Quezon – Batangas**

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

**08 February | Pico de Loro – Manila via Tagaytay**

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

**09 February | Antipolo – Manila**

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

**10 February | Manaoag – Tarlac**

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

**11 February | Departure day**

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

# Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope



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

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

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



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

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

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





# Information for Jubilee 2025 Preparation and Participation

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

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

## JUBILEE WEBSITE

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

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

## JUBILEE MOBILE APP

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

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

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

## THE JUBILEE LOGO

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



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





## THE JUBILEE PRAYER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## THE JUBILEE CALENDAR

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

## DIOCESAN AND EPARCHIAL PILGRIMAGES TO ROME

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





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

#### PLEASE NOTE:

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

## JUBILEE VOLUNTEERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## COORDINATING "STATESIDE" CELEBRATIONS

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





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

## FAQs ON THE JUBILEE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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







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

*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*



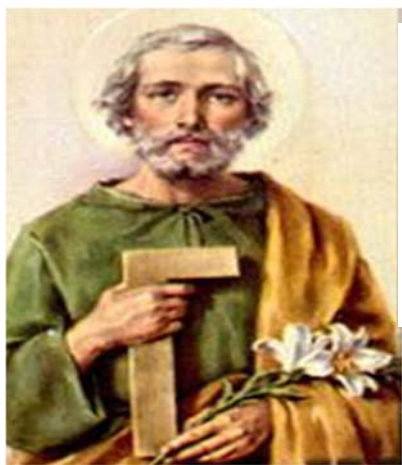
***Our Lady of  
Perpetual Help  
Devotion***  
(every Tuesday  
after the  
12:10 Mass)

*Raya & Gamboa  
Families*



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

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

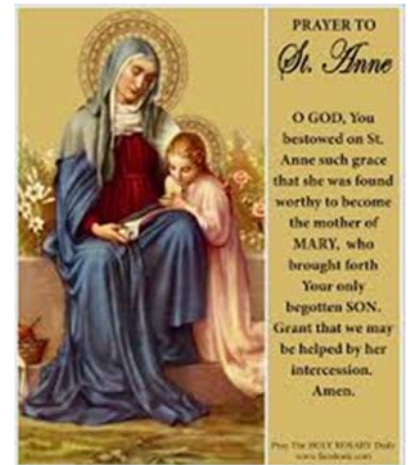


***Saint  
Joseph***

***Feast Day  
March 19***

*Xenia Villamejor*

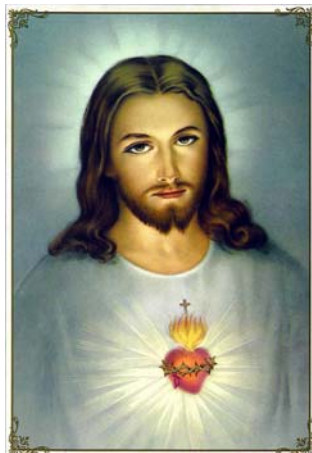
***St. Anne***  
***Feast Day  
July 26***



***Sacred  
Heart***

***First Friday  
Schedule***

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



***OUR  
LADY  
OF  
FATIMA***

***Pray the  
rosary***





The Graceful Chapter

## Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,

3 He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

The Graceful Chapter

*Yap Family*



### *St. Patrick Charismatic Prayer Group*

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

**Matt Dorsey**  
SAN FRANCISCO SUPERVISOR

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

Best,

*Matt Dorsey*

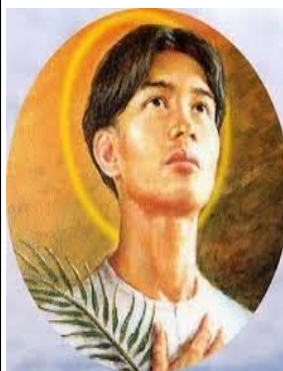


### *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

*Feast Day  
December 12*



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



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