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

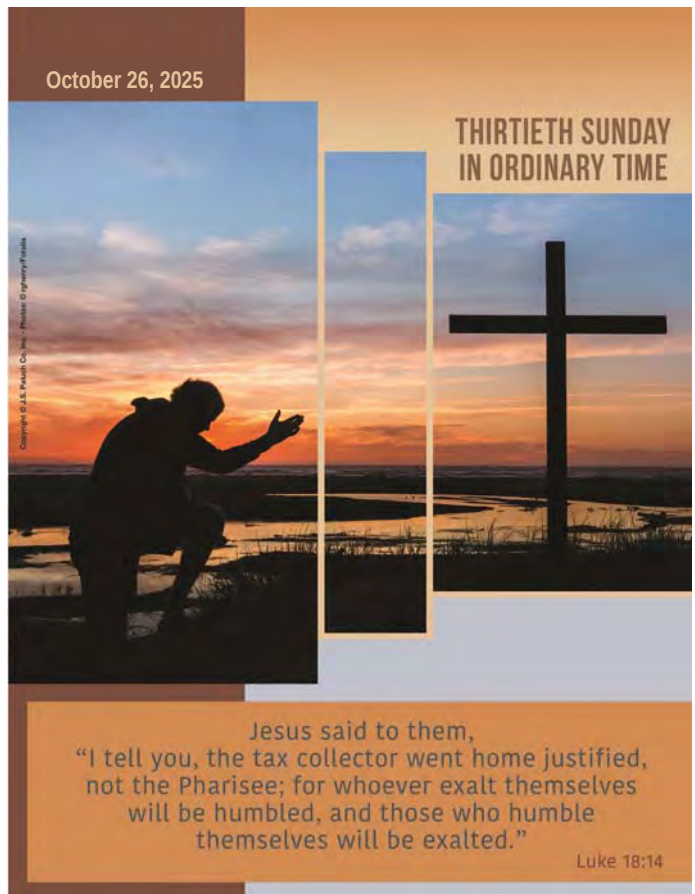
Saturday: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass

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.



October 26, 2025 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest until it reaches its goal,
nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds. ~ Sirach 35:17-18a*



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Sir 35:12-14,16-18; Ps 34:2-3,17-19,23; 2 Tm 4:6-8,16-18; Lk 18:9-14

Humility is the recognition that no matter what our accomplishments, we still stand in need of the Lord (3). God hears the cry of the poor (Ps) and the oppressed, especially those who acknowledge their dependency upon him (1). Having heard Paul's cries for help, the Lord crowned him with eternal salvation (2).

Made Right Before God

Although the opening lines of today's first reading claim that the Lord "knows no favorites" (Sirach 35:15) and is "not unduly partial toward the weak" (35:16), the remainder of the passage makes it clear that the Lord does indeed pay special attention to the weak, the oppressed, and the orphans and widows. The psalmist reiterates: "The Lord hears the cry of the poor" (see Psalm 34:18). In the Gospel, Jesus claims that a tax collector is more justified in his prayer for mercy than the Pharisee, whose prayer was an account of his own righteous deeds. Jesus' point could not have been clearer: tax collectors in the Jewish society of Jesus' day were not just lowly; they were considered outcasts and cheaters. They collected taxes for the hated Romans and almost certainly collected enough to assure a generous income for themselves. Tax collectors were among society's outcasts; didn't this one just admit his own sinfulness? How could a tax collector be "justified" (that is, made right) before God, while the Pharisee was not? Why would God even listen to the prayer of a tax collector? This surely was a surprise, upsetting common assumptions about righteousness.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

Every week, some treasures from our tradition are shared here. Where does all this history come from? The history of God's people of prayer is always coming to light, mostly because scholars have dedicated their lives to research. They translate and ponder prayers and songs; explore the places used for worship; look at the vessels, books, and vestments; and read works from legal documents to letters and diaries. In the 1930s, Hitler's rush to arm Germany closed seminaries as priests and seminarians alike were drafted into service.

One professor, Father Josef Jungman, forced from his classroom, spent the war years in an Austrian library. His careful work disclosed much of what we know of the history of the Mass. His great work, *The Mass of the Roman Rite*, describes the evolution of Eucharistic celebration and inspired generations of scholars to explore a tradition surprisingly rich and varied. It was said of him that he had a command of the past that cast new light on the present, and opened up a clear direction to the future. His contributions to the Second Vatican Council helped shape the way that we worship today. At the end of his life, in 1975, his studies completed, he told a friend that he was waiting patiently for the Lord's knock at the door to take him to the heavenly banquet.

~ Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Daylight Saving Time Ends



Daylight Saving Time ends **next** weekend. Don't forget to set your clocks **back** one hour before you go to sleep on Saturday night, so you'll be on time for Mass next Sunday.

Patrician Meeting

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

The Importance of the Rosary

Speaker ~ Fe Barcelona

Date ~ Sunday, October 26, 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.

Help Wanted



We're looking for skilled tradespersons (electricians, plumbers, carpenters, etc.) who would be willing to volunteer their time for various repairs around the church, office, and rectory. Please contact the parish office if you're interested. Thank you!!

All Saints

Saturday, November 1st, All Saints, is *not* a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

Living God's Word

We pray that God will give us the grace of humility when we pray, the ability to recognize who God is and who we are, to trust that God will give us what we most need, to be thankful for what we have received more than what we have achieved.

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(as of 14 October 2025)

2025 AAA Goal	\$38,705.00
Received	\$28,763.00
Amount Remaining	\$9,942.00
% of Goal	74%

Happy Birthday!!

Happy Birthday to our Parishioners celebrating a birthday this week.

Maribel Caburao	11/3	Richell Ibarra	11/5
Alexander J. Menge, Jr.	11/4	Maria Jo-An Gemina O'Donnell	11/6
Alexandra Jane Oyebola	11/4	Casey Dougan	11/7
Racy Estrada	11/5	Carmelita Weland	11/7

Please Pray for Pope Francis' Intention for October



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

Prayer of the Week

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Almighty ever-living God,
increase our faith, hope and charity,
and make us love what you command,
so that we may merit what you promise.
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 would I change if my faith, hope, and charity were to increase? How would I behave differently?

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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.

Breaking Bread Missal 2026



and generosity!

On November 30th, the First Sunday of Advent, we will replace our 2025 Breaking Bread Missals with the new 2026 edition. We would be grateful if you could share a gift in any amount, no matter how small. All donations are greatly appreciated. To contribute, simply fill out the form available at the back of the church and return it by November 9th. You can drop it in the collection basket, bring it to the parish office, or leave it at the gift shop at the back of the church. Thank you for your continued support

Saints & Special Observances

TUESDAY: FEAST ~

SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

SATURDAY: SOLEMNITY ~ ALL SAINTS

**SUNDAY: THE COMMEMORATION OF
ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)**

Readings for the Week

Monday: *Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:22-30*

TUESDAY: Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16

Wednesday: *Rom 8:26-30; Lk 13:22-30*

Thursday: *Rom 8:31b-39; Lk 13:31-35*

Friday: *Rom 8:9:1-5; Lk 14:1-6*

SATURDAY: Rv 7:2-4,9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Sunday:

**SUNDAY: THE COMMEMORATION OF
ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)
Wis 11:22-12:2; Ps 145:1-2,8-11,13-14; 2 Thes 1:11-2:2
Lk 19:1-10**

Today's Readings

First Reading — The Lord is not deaf to the wail of the orphan, nor to the widow when she pours out her complaint (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18).

Psalm — The Lord hears the cry of the poor (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — The Lord will rescue me from every threat (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18).

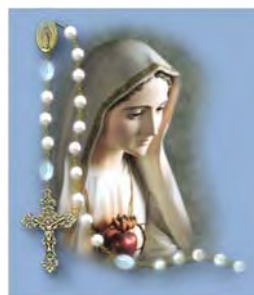
Gospel — All who exalt themselves will be humbled; all who humble themselves will be exalted (Luke 18:9-14).

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October is Mother Mary's Month



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

Never will anyone who says his Rosary every day be led astray. This is a statement that I would gladly sign with my blood. ~ St. Louis de Montfort

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

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



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Mass Intentions for Oct 26 - Nov 01

Date	Time	Intention
Sunday 26	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	BD Gladys Ann Delos Santos SI For The Parishioners Of St. Patrick Church BD Stephen Sun SI Lilian Gomez
Monday 27	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Josefa Gonzales † Lourdes Villanueva SI Therese Guintu
Tuesday 28	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Alvin Gonzalez SI Ina Howard † Ponciano & Marlene Icatar
Wednesday 29	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	TG Cecilia Abaoag SI Georgina Jose BD Jacqueline Beck
Thursday 30	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Marilyn Sumulong SI Agnes Kumi SI Judy Neri Labaria
Friday 31	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	BD Luisa Jereza † Amancio Sun † Angel Boy Damian
Saturday 01	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Aniceto & Ignacia Macatangay † Damian Regaspi, Sr. † Remedios Balmes Merida

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.

Keep Standing

We will lie down for such a long time after death that it is worthwhile to keep standing while we are alive. Let us work now; one day we shall rest.

~ St. Agostina Pietrantoni

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

Thank you for your generosity and support.

For more information,

email us at information@stpatricksf.org

or call us at 415-421-3730

We have 93 Lifetime Donors as of 14 August 2025

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Perla Ardanas	Felicitas Loecin
Fernando Balbuena	Merly Lorete
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LEGION OF MARY - ST. PATRICK CHURCH

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

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



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



The Founder Frank Duff
1889 - 1980

Legion of Mary's History

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

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

Legion of Mary's Aim

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

Legion of Mary's Unit

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

Legion of Mary's Active Works

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

Legion of Mary's Active Membership

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

Never Abandoned

Lord, I do not ask that I never be afflicted, but only that you never abandon me in affliction.

~ St. Bernadette Soubirous

Heartfelt Judgment

When you meet someone, you judge them by their clothes; when you leave them, you judge them by their heart.

~ Russian proverb

Business

Perpetual devotion to what a man calls his business is only to be sustained by perpetual neglect of many other things

~ Robert Louis Stevenson

Haven

There are places and moments in which one is so completely alone that one sees the world entire.

~ Jules Renard



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, "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself ...



W _ _ _ _ _ "

Answer: *will be exalted*

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Grow strong in your holy faith through prayer in the Holy Spirit.
~ Jude 1:20

St. Jude

One of the Twelve Apostles. He is known as the patron saint of desperate causes.

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October 28

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For you, Jesus. If you want it, I want it, too.

Bl. Chiara Badano

Italian teenager with a great love for her faith. She died of a painful bone cancer in 1990, having fully accepted her sufferings.

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October 29

All Saints' Day

"Holiness consists simply in doing God's will and being just what God wants us to be."
~ St. Thérèse of Lisieux



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November 1

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 26, 2025

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~ Sirach 35:17-18a

CATHOLIC CORNER

SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD

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

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

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

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| Who is the 266th Pope? | 1. White smoke from a Vatican chimney |
| Where does the Pope live? | 2. Swiss Guards |
| Who elects the pope? | 3. Michelangelo |
| Where do the cardinals meet to cast their votes? | 4. Latin for "We have a pope." |
| Who painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel? | 5. Pope Francis |
| What signal tells the world a new pope is elected? | 6. Vatican City |
| What are the pope's official bodyguards called? | 7. A letter written by the pope to the whole church |
| Who is said to have designed their uniforms? | 8. The Sistine Chapel |
| When a new pope is chosen a cardinal announces, "Habemus papam." What does this mean? | 9. The College of Cardinals |
| What is an encyclical? | |

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

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



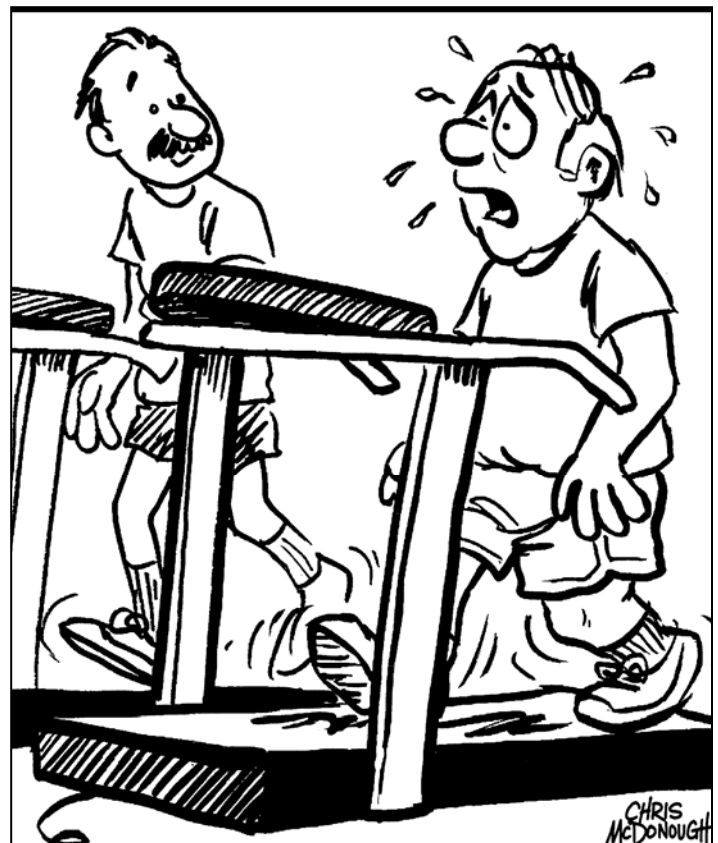
"The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity – greedy, dishonest, adulterous – or even like this tax collector.'" Lk 18:11

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 25
2025

The tax collector prayed,
"O God, be merciful
to me a sinner."

Luke 18:13



"Sometimes I feel Jesus' biggest miracle was that he got around everywhere without using a car!"

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"The Prayer of the Lowly Pierces the Clouds"

When Jesus was teaching or preaching, he would regularly upset assumptions about how the world works, especially the world of religious observances. Moreover, just when we think we've figured this out, we get caught off guard yet again—disorientation layered over surprise.

The Pharisees of Jesus's day emphasized the observance of Mosaic Law in everyday life, providing a path of righteousness for people unable to attend temple sacrifices. However, some of them also took pride in their own observances, looking down on others and becoming self-righteous. Jesus addressed this parable them, to "those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else," like tax collectors. But didn't they have a point? Tax collectors were among society's outcasts; didn't this one just admit his own sinfulness? How could a tax collector be "justified" (that is, made right) before God, while the Pharisee was not? Why would God even listen to the prayer of a tax collector? This surely was a surprise, upsetting common assumptions about righteousness.

But Who Are the "Lowly"?

There is another layer of assumptions that gets exposed here: tax collectors could hardly be considered "lowly." Widows, orphans, those who suffer—these are truly lowly ones for whom the Law commands kindness, and obviously God hears their prayers. But tax collectors? They collected revenue for the pagan Romans; they were outcasts, objects of scorn. How could they be considered among the "lowly"? For that matter—what is a tax collector doing in the temple anyway?

Here the parable might be more than surprising; it might even be disorienting. What if the people we cannot imagine being justified before God, embraced by God's mercy, are the ones whom God sees as lowly? What if the parable challenges us to question whether we ourselves unconsciously categorize people as either "worthy" or "unworthy," either "like us" or "one of them"? What if we took seriously the idea that God's love is for "them" just as much as it is for "us"?

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Always Faithful

Whether you like it or not, you will always grow apart from human beings. Christ is faithful and always with you.

~ St. John of God

Relationship With God

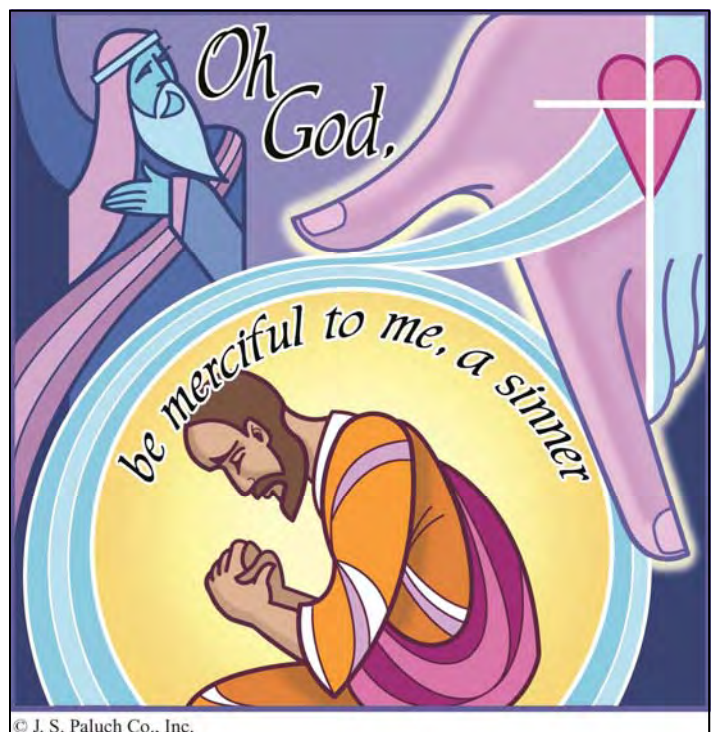
Today's readings invite us into prayer, into relationship with God. Because relationships feel more natural when we know one another well, Sirach encourages us to know God better. In his wisdom, Sirach tells us what God is like: fair, open-minded, compassionate, and attentive. "The Lord will not delay," he says. Knowing that God's help comes right on time, whenever we need it, calms our hearts and helps us trust the Lord. In his second Letter to Timothy, Saint Paul demonstrates his own trust in God. Despite the grueling struggles Saint Paul has faced because of his Christian faith, he praises the Lord for rescuing him time and again. Today's Gospel draws us close to Jesus too, revealing his special love for the poor and humble. As Jesus tells his parable about the prayer habits of a Pharisee and a tax collector, our hearts long to become as gentle as Christ's.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

Saturday's Solemnity of All Saints and Sunday's Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed fit well at the beginning of November. The liturgical readings of this final month in the Church year are keyed to the end of time and the fulfillment of Jesus' saving acts. Nowhere is this more fully celebrated than in Mexico, where November 2 is the "Day of the Dead." Missionaries moved an ancient Aztec festival from midsummer to November, linking the festival to Christian themes. Today, it is a time for remembering the dead and celebrating the continuity of life, principally by festive picnics in cemeteries. There are special foods and games, and people socialize with other families and tell favorite stories about their dear ones. The sweetness of life is honored by sugary desserts and treats. Flowers, music, lights, and feasting assure that the day is not at all morbid. Traditionally, the day begins with Mass, a procession to the cemetery, and a morning feast. Most families have a special dinner with the *pan de muerto*, or "bread of the dead." A toy skeleton is baked into the loaf, and the one who bites into it is considered lucky indeed. The dead are not feared, but deeply loved, and this joyful family feast points both to age-old customs and Resurrection faith.

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No Comparisons

How many times have we read or heard about someone who's gotten into trouble—maybe even fired from a job—because of a brush with the law? While our “Christian” minds tell us to be sorry and even pray for the person, a little voice inside our heads may also be saying, “I’m glad I would never do anything like that.”

And perhaps we wouldn’t. But are there some things we do that are still not pleasing in God’s eyes? Today’s readings caution us not to look so intently at someone else’s wrongdoing that we overlook our own weaknesses and shortcomings. When we measure ourselves against the worst people we can think of, we come out looking pretty good. There is a danger, however, in using someone else’s behavior as a way of reflecting our own goodness.

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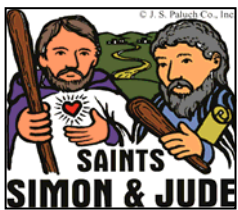
Treasures From Our Tradition

Imagine the frustration of bishops who work strenuously over their *ad limina* reports, directing study committees, assembling data, honing the texts, traveling to Rome “to the threshold,” only to have it all collapse into a fifteen-minute group meeting with the pope. More than a few have grumbled at the weight of this “treasure” from our tradition, yet from the pope’s vantage point, they are essential to his ministry.

Pope John Paul II recalled his own experience as the Bishop of Kraków, visiting with Pope Paul VI in the late 1960s and early 1970s. The memory of those individual visits caused him to strengthen the format, assuring each of the world’s 2,744 bishops a privileged fifteen private minutes with the pope every five years. If you wonder what the pope does all day, the thought of dealing with five hundred bishops a year and reading their detailed reports on diocesan life should help fill up the calendar. Pope John Paul II used to say that he approached each individual meeting with the personal goal of learning something new about the Church, and his lively interest made the visits immensely worthwhile. The content of the private meetings remains under a privilege of secrecy, or as Cardinal Theodore McCarrick once said, “You’re only supposed to quote the pope if he tells a joke.”

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Saints Jude and Simon, Apostles October 28



Saint Jude, apostle and . . . Hollywood success story? Indeed! Beyond Simon’s being a “Zealot” for Israel’s liberation and Jude’s question about Jesus revealing himself (John 14:22), no historic facts are known about either saint. But Saint Jude’s well-known patronage of “lost causes” and “hopeless cases” is largely due to a desperate vow made just before World War II by a struggling entertainer, the son of Arab-American immigrants, Danny Thomas. Unemployed, his wife about to give birth, Danny, attending Mass, impulsively donated his last \$7.00 to the collection, promising: “Saint Jude, if you help me find my way in life, I will build a shrine in your honor!” Older Americans remember well Danny’s long, successful movie and television career. Grateful parents worldwide know the miracles that have taken place for fifty years at his Saint Jude Children’s Research Hospital, where needy children are cared for regardless of race, religion, or financial resources, and monumental advances continue in healing and preventing pediatric cancers and catastrophic childhood diseases. A living, life-giving partnership is this “Communion of Saints”: Simon, Jude, Danny Thomas—us!

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God’s Logic is Not Ours

Nobody will ever mistake the Bible for a logic textbook. We need to remember this when we approach today’s readings. How can a God who knows no favorites have a chosen people, or give us the disciplines of fasting and almsgiving and then instruct us not to talk about them? God, in love and tenderness, knows how quickly we can get “into a rut.” The Spirit inspires passages like the instruction from Sirach and the parable in Luke to help drag us out of the rut of thinking that God’s ways are our ways.

Sirach poetically uses contrast to answer the question, “Whose prayer will reach the lofty clouds of heaven?” The answer? Those who are lowly on earth. Jesus amplifies this in his parable of the Pharisee and the publican. It is Spirit-inspired illogic that communicates today’s message: God hears the voices of those who are ignored by the rest of the world.

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Reflecting on God’s Word

It’s not that the Pharisee’s prayer is a bad prayer. It starts out well: “O God, I thank you . . .” Gratitude is good. But then it gets into boasting: “I am not like the rest of humanity . . . I fast . . . I pay tithes” (Luke 18:11, 12). It’s a Little Jack Horner prayer. Remember the old nursery rhyme that ends with Jack saying, “What a good boy am I!”? The Pharisee’s prayer is all about him and what he does, all the while gauging the distance between himself and the rest of humankind.

In contrast, the tax collector “stood off at a distance” with bowed head, beating his breast and saying, “O God, be merciful to me a sinner” (18:13). He knows who he is and who God is and what God alone can do for him. No repetitive “I,” no swelling ego there, just a repentant figure, one who asks to receive what only God can give—mercy.

Jesus tells this story “to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else” (18:9). How do we hear it? It acknowledges God who makes us “just,” that is, who helps us to be in proper relationship with God, with each other, and with all creation.

Sirach reminds us that our just God hears the cry of the oppressed, the wail of the orphan, the complaint of the widow, the petition of those who serve God willingly, and the prayer of the lowly. These folks allow room for God to enter their minds and hearts, and then all kinds of things can begin to happen, both within and all around them.

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

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Blind Justice

A statue of Blind Justice stands atop many courts of law in the United States. She wears a blindfold and holds the scales of justice. She represents the ideal expressed in today's reading from Sirach—that each person will be treated equally in the eyes of the law and that judges will "[judge] justly and [affirm] the right" (Sirach 35:18) based solely on the justness of each plaintiff's case.

Yet we know that the wealthy can buy very good lawyers, giving them an edge in the courtroom. We know that blacks far outnumber whites on death row. We also know that high-profile defendants are often tried and convicted by the media before the judge and jury ever enter the court. However careful, no human judge or human justice system can be completely blind to factors such as race, wealth, religion, gender, age, or background.

The Mercy of the Court

In comparison, today's scriptures depict God as "the just judge" who offers every person an equal measure of justice. Like the Pharisee in today's Gospel, we must be careful not to overestimate our own worthiness or to judge the unworthiness of others. Like the apostle Paul, we must realize that, if we are judged to be righteous in the courts of God, it will be based not on our status as Christians, or on our good deeds, or on any other factor by which we might exalt ourselves. Instead, it will be solely because we asked for and relied on God's mercy.

Sirach reminds us that God is swift to hear and respond to every person who cries out for mercy, even those whom the world despises as unworthy. "Those who [are] convinced of their own righteousness and despise everyone else" (Luke 18:9) would be well advised to humble themselves enough to beg for mercy, or they may get a surprise on judgment day!

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Wake-Up Call

I dreamt that I visited heaven and an angel was showing me around. In a large workroom, filled with angels, my guide said, "This is the Receiving section for all prayers and petitions to God." The angels were busily sorting messages from people all over the world. We moved on. The angel said, "This is Shipping, where graces and blessings are processed, packaged, and sent." Again, it was a very busy place. Finally, we stopped at the door of a small room. Only one angel was sitting there, not doing much. "This is the Acknowledgment section," my guide said. "Why is no work going on here?" I asked. The angel sighed. "Sadly, after people receive their blessings, very few send any acknowledgments. And think about this. If you have food in a refrigerator, clothes to wear, a roof overhead, and a place to sleep you are richer than 75 percent of the world. If you have money in the bank and in your wallet, and spare change in a dish, you are among the top 8 percent of the world's wealthy. If you contact people on a computer you are among 1 percent in the world with that opportunity. If you woke up healthy this morning, think of all those suffering the pains of sickness or who will not survive this day. If you have never experienced fear in battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation you are unlike seven hundred million people in the world. If you can express your beliefs without harassment, arrest, torture, or death you are freer than three billion people in the world." I woke up with a start and said, "Thank you, Lord. I promise to share all my blessings today."

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The Tale of Jack O'Lantern

A Read-aloud Story from Catholic Update

Jack, the Irish say, grew up in a simple village where he earned a reputation for cleverness as well as laziness. He applied his fine intelligence to wiggling out of any work that was asked of him, preferring to lie under a solitary oak endlessly whittling. In order to earn money to spend at the local pub, he looked for an "easy shilling" from gambling, a pastime at which he excelled. In his whole life he never made a single enemy, never made a single friend and never performed a selfless act for anyone.

One Halloween, as it happened, the time came for him to die. When the devil arrived to take his soul, Jack was lazily drinking at the pub and asked permission to finish his ale. The devil agreed, and Jack thought fast. "If you really have any power," he said slyly, "you could transform yourself into a shilling."

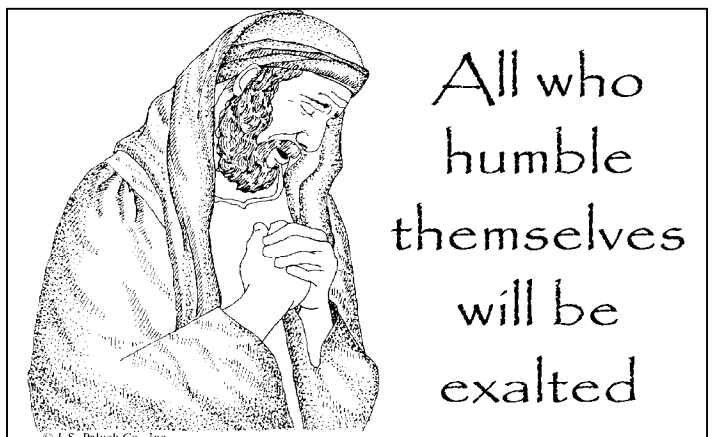
The devil snorted at such child's play and instantly changed himself into a shilling. Jack grabbed the coin. He held it tight in his hand, which bore a cross-shaped scar. The power of the cross kept the devil imprisoned there, for everyone knows the devil is powerless when faced with the cross. Jack would not let the devil free until he granted him another year of life. Jack figured that would be plenty of time to repent. The devil left Jack at the pub.

The year rolled around to the next Halloween, but Jack never got around to repenting. Again the devil appeared to claim his soul, and again Jack bargained, this time challenging him to a game of dice, an offer Satan could never resist, but a game that Jack excelled at. The devil threw snake eyes - two ones - and was about to haul him off, but Jack used a pair of dice he himself had whittled. When they landed as two threes, forming the T-shape of a cross, once again the devil was powerless. Jack bargained for more time to repent.

He kept thinking he'd get around to repentance later, at the last possible minute. But the agreed-upon day arrived and death took him by surprise. The devil hadn't showed up and Jack soon found out why not. Before he knew it Jack was in front of the pearly gates. St. Peter shook his head sadly and could not admit him, because in his whole life Jack had never performed a single selfless act. Then Jack presented himself before the gates of hell, but the devil was still seething. Satan refused to have anything to do with him.

"Where can I go?" cried Jack. "How can I see in the darkness?" The devil tossed a burning coal into a hollow pumpkin and ordered him to wander forever with only the pumpkin to light his path. From that day to this he has been called "Jack o' the Lantern." Sometimes he appears on Halloween!

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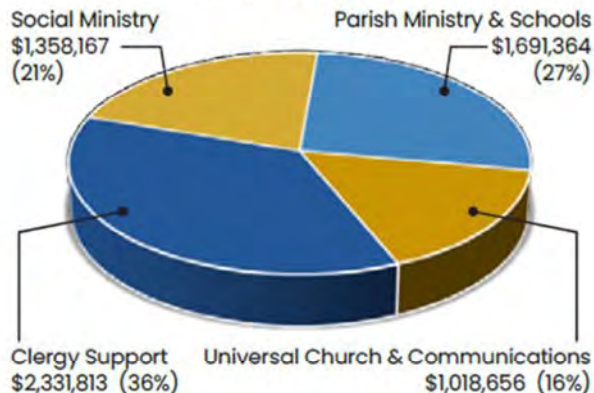


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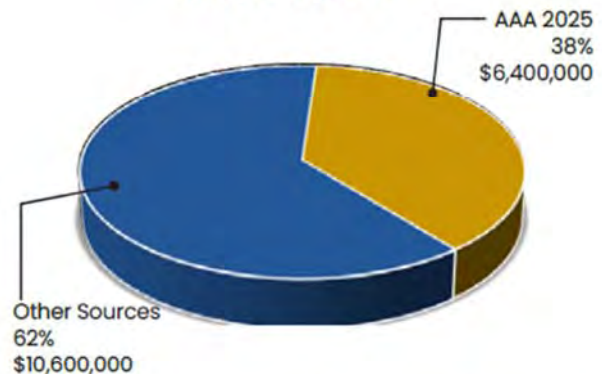


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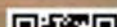
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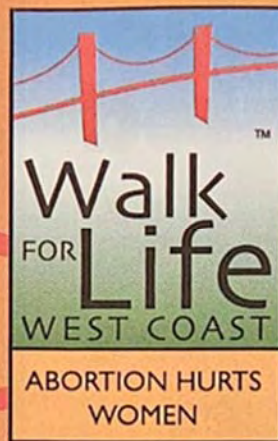
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THE PHILIPPINES



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Vicar for Filipinos

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

PHILIPPINES PILGRIMAGE 2026

January 27 - February 11

16 DAYS 15 NIGHTS



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 Panampulat, 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, Panampulat 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 Ilustrado 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



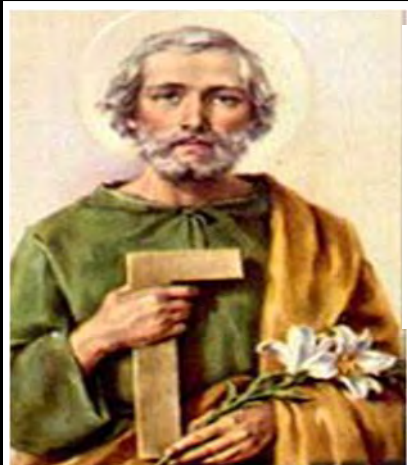
***Our Lady of
Perpetual Help
Devotion***
(every Tuesday
after the
12:10 Mass)

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.

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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

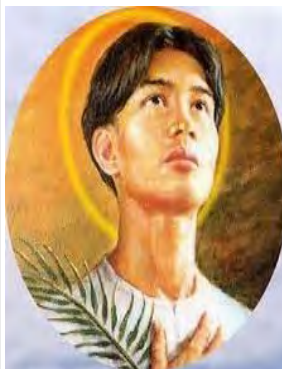


*Our Lady
of Guadalupe*

**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