

# St. Patrick Catholic Church

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## Mass Times

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

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

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

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

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

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



## July 27, 2025 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ~ Colossians 2:12*





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Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3,6-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

In bargaining with God, Abraham demonstrates a real persistence in prayer (1). Jesus invites us to persist in prayer as well, to “ask... seek... knock” (3). May our prayer open us to God’s will, and so build up his strength within us (Ps). In baptism we have died with Christ, and have been raised to life with him (2).

### Conversation with God

Prayer is our focus this weekend. In the Gospel, Jesus gives his disciples, and us, the Lord’s Prayer, which we have cherished through the centuries. The first two words encompass much about our faith—unity among all Christians (Our), and a sense that we are in a deeply bonded relationship with God (Father).

In Genesis, we see Abraham in conversational prayer, in his creaturely humility before his Creator, seeking mercy and compassion for the innocent. The psalm is a lyrical prayer of thanksgiving and praise for the God who answered the sincere prayers of a people who had called out for help, showing them mercy. In Luke’s Gospel, the disciples want to pray like Jesus, with the same intimacy—to experience God as Abba in the depths of their being.

Do we try to talk to God? Do we listen for answers? This relationship is always a work in progress.

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### Treasures From Our Tradition

Apart from the period from Thanksgiving through Christmas, the summer is a favored time for family reunions. We trace family trees and recall our origins. Worship has a family tree as well, and the way we celebrate today has been influenced by various styles and customs through the centuries. We are Western Christians of the Latin Rite. By far, we are the most numerous Western Christians, but there are other ritual families as well. The Archdiocese of Milan in Italy follows the Ambrosian Rite, Toledo in Spain preserves the Mozarabic Rite and the Arab language, and Lyons in France is home to the Gallican Rite. Other liturgical families, such as the Celtic in Ireland and the Sarum in England, faded away after the Reformation. Until recent times, members of some ancient religious orders such as Carmelites and Trappists followed a pattern of Mass that varied slightly from the plan observed in Latin Rite parishes.

Isn’t the Catholic Church the same everywhere? Not at all. It never has been! The existence of so many liturgical families in the West reminds us that unity, not uniformity, is what the Church seeks to achieve among her children. We are united in faith, but wonderfully diverse in rituals, ceremonies, languages, customs, and spirituality.

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### Prayer of the Week

#### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure.

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 use the good things of this world without clinging to them?

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### Adversity

Adversity has the effect of eliciting talents which, in prosperous circumstances, would have lain dormant.

~ Horace

### AAA Update (as of 17 July 2025)

2025 AAA Goal	\$38,705.00
Received	\$21,507.00
Amount Remaining	\$17,198.00
% of Goal	56%

### Happy Birthday!!

Happy Birthday to our Parishioners celebrating a birthday this week.

Mark Oliver Mendoza Belocura	7/27	Hanz Aeron Raymundo	7/29
Ken Venancio	7/27	Roel Caburao	7/30
Ma. Theresa Del Rosario	7/28	Melissa Cayco	7/31
Lydia Eusebio	7/28	Demy Duldulao	7/31
Cristin Salangsang	7/28	Thomas Miles	7/31
Daniel Agregado	7/29	Fe Macatangay	8/1
Janette Palaganas	7/29	Justin Salangsang	8/1



### Please Pray for Pope Francis’ Intention for July

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

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## Religious Education Classes

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

Our Religious Education Program is designed to assist you in the faith formation of your children. Enroll your child after all Masses every Sunday in August. First-time students must provide a valid baptismal certificate. Classes begin on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> and run through May. Class hours are from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

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

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

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

## Saints & Special Observances

Tuesday: Memorial ~ Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

Wednesday: optional memorial ~

*St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*

Thursday: Memorial ~ St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Friday: Memorial ~

*St. Alphonsus Ligouri, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*

Saturday: optional memorial ~ *St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop*

Friday: optional memorial ~ *St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest*

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## Readings for the Week

Monday: *Ex 32:15-24,30-34; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42*

Tuesday: *Ex 33:7-11;34:5b-9b,28; Mt 13:36-43*

Wednesday: *Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:36-43*

Thursday: *Ex 40:16-21,34-38; Mt 13:47-53*

Friday: *Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37; Mt 13:54-58*

Saturday: *Lv 25:1,8-17; Mt 14:1-12*

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Ecc 1:2;2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6,12-14,17; Col 3:1-5,9-11; Lk 12:13-21*

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — Abraham bargains with God to spare the city (Genesis 18:20-32).

**Psalm** — Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me (Psalm 138).

**Second Reading** — You were buried with Christ in baptism, in which you were also raised with Christ (Colossians 2:12-14).

**Gospel** — Everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds (Luke 11:1-13).

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## Who's Your Daddy?

We all know the Lord's Prayer by heart, right? How easily it easy rolls off our tongues—but when was the last time you stopped and gave it some thought, phrase by phrase? Jesus' disciples were certainly used to memorized prayer. They were required by Jewish law to say the prayer beginning "Hear, O Israel" (Deuteronomy 6:4-5) every day of their lives. Those words are so sacred that most Jewish people hope to have these words on their lips at death. The disciples, however, have learned that Jesus does not limit himself to what the law requires. So they say, "Teach us to pray." He responds, "When you pray, say 'Father'. . ." This is a shock. Jesus uses a child's version of "Father," the word "Abba," which means "Daddy" or "Papa." No believing Jew says God's name—it is simply too holy—so "Lord" or "The Blessed One" is used instead. Jesus is showing us that we are not distant from God up there in the sky, but close to God's heart like a babe in arms. We can speak in absolute trust, knowing that God will hear us. We honor God for who God is, pray for the Kingdom to be among us, to be fed daily with what we need to nourish body and soul, for the power to forgive others as we know that God forgives us. Finally we pray—and the words in English sound odd—not to be led into temptation. As if God really would. What Jesus' original words meant were more like "Please do not put us to the test" for, as beloved children, we do not want to disappoint our Abba who loves us. This prayer helps us to strip away all complications in our relationship with God and know that God always listens.

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## Mass Intentions for Jul 27 - Aug 02

Date	Time	Intention
<b>Sunday 27</b>	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Valente Banez † George C. King † Lourdes Villanueva SI Evelyn Bird
<b>Monday 28</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Maria Bravo TG Cecilia Abaoag SI Mercedita Cadiz
<b>Tuesday 29</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Marilyn Sumulong † Shanthi Placid Prabhu SI MC Canlas
<b>Wednesday 30</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI John & Judith Casper SI Sandra Cea SI Dr. Beverly Lynn Bolinger
<b>Thursday 31</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Aniceto & Ignacia Macatangay SI Derrick Chang SI Dan & Katya Coming
<b>Friday 01</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	BD Fe Macatangay SI Ryan, Precious & Baby Raya Tizon † Nicomedes & Juanita Abello
<b>Saturday 02</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Cristina & Francis Agbayani † Poor Souls In Purgatory SI Marilou Alegre

## 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.

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**[www.stpatricksf.org](http://www.stpatricksf.org)**

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**We have 93 Lifetime Donors as of 14 July 2025**

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## LEGION OF MARY - ST. PATRICK CHURCH

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

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



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



The Founder Frank Duff  
1889 - 1980

### Legion of Mary's History

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

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

### Legion of Mary's Aim

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

### Legion of Mary's Unit

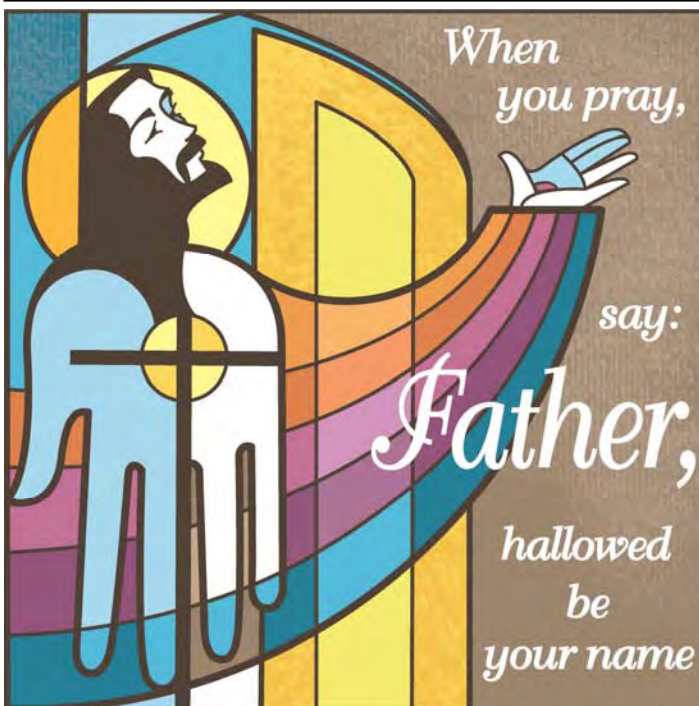
The unit of a Legion of Mary is called a praesidium, which holds a weekly meeting where prayer is intermingled with reports and discussions. Persons who wish to join the Legion must apply for membership in a praesidium.

### Legion of Mary's Active Works

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

### Legion of Mary's Active Membership

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



## Letters from Heaven



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

Jesus said to his disciples, "And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek ..."



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Answer: *and you will find*

saint snippets

"Martha, Martha, you are worried and anxious about many things; there is need of only one thing."  
-Luke 10:41-42

**St. Martha**  
The sister of Lazarus and Mary of Bethany. She witnessed Jesus raising her brother from the dead.

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July 29

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The poor stretch out the hand, but God receives what is offered.

**St. Peter Chrysologus**  
5th-century Italian Bishop known for his powerful homilies; his reputation led the Emperor to give him the surname "Chrysologus", meaning "golden-worded"

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July 30

## Listening to God

Familiarity, in the case of the Lord's Prayer, probably hasn't bred contempt in most of us, but it certainly can breed a kind of inertia. The words we speak in prayer run the same risks as all our other human words: they can be spoken hastily, thoughtlessly, carelessly. In a manner parallel to the words we say in the Lord's Prayer—"forgive us as we forgive others"—today might be the day to invite God to "listen to us as well as we listen to you." Today might be the day to listen to the Lord's Prayer with newly attentive ears.

Let us learn from the example of Luke's Jesus, who would not instruct others how to pray until he himself had been a man of prayer. Moreover, listen carefully to the follow-up Jesus gives for the prayer itself. In our quick-fix society we must heed the call to persistence; in a world that puts glib explanations on difficult situations we must continue to seek and knock; in our all-too-humanness, we must be open to the patience, grace, and wisdom of the will of God. Do we want the Lord to listen to our voice? Maybe we can start by listening to God's.





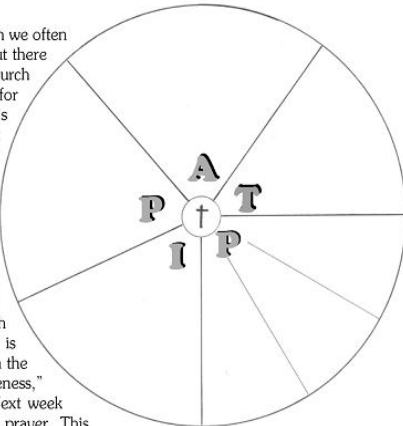
## TEACH US TO PRAY

In this Sunday's Gospel (Luke 11:1-13) one of Jesus' disciples says, "Lord, teach us to pray." The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (2626-2643) teaches us that there are several forms of prayer. Two might be most familiar to you, prayers of thanksgiving and prayers of petition.

We pray in thanksgiving because we know that God is the giver of all good things. We thank God for our lives, our families, the world we live in, the food we eat. For what are you thankful? Can you make a list of five things? Ten things? Fifty things? If you named them all, how big a number would you need? Ask everyone in your family to add something to your list.

When we say a prayer of petition we often just ask God for things we need. But there are different types of petition. The Church reminds us that we should also ask for the grace of forgiveness, that God's kingdom will come, and for all that we need. The Lord's Prayer, the Our Father, includes all of these forms of petition: "forgive us our trespasses . . . thy kingdom come . . . give us this day our daily bread."

This circle is divided into five sections, one for each different form of prayer. Write the word "Thanksgiving" in the section with a T. In the section marked P that is divided into parts write "Petition" in the first part, and below it write "Forgiveness," "God's reign," and "My needs." Next week we will add three other types of prayer. This week, use your list of things to be thankful for in your nightly prayer. Try to use all three types of petition in your daily prayer. End your prayers by saying the Our Father.



## The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

KNOCK? I'M GONNA  
POUND ON THE  
DOOR OF HEAVEN



"So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." Lk 10:40

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Father,  
hallowed be  
your name,  
your kingdom come.

LUKE 11:3

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY  
27  
2025



"Betty, you actually told everyone who works here that besides medical and dental they'd get indulgences?"

CHRIS  
McDONOUGH

## Asking for Help

The Beatitudes praise the poor in spirit. One characteristic of those who are poor in spirit is their ability to ask for help; they know when others can provide what they lack. Today's readings encourage us to practice poverty in spirit by asking God for what we need. What could be more natural than to ask God for good things? God is, after all, the inventor of goodness and the giver of all good things.

Asking God for help puts us in conversation with God. These conversations take many forms. The reading from Genesis shows Abraham bantering with God like a skilled negotiator, while Saint Paul's letter to the Colossians praises God for answering us even when we don't deserve it. In Saint Luke's Gospel, Jesus not only gives us words to use in our conversations with God (the Our Father), but also promises that God always listens to our prayers.

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## Treasures From Our Tradition

The pilgrim experience of going by foot to Santiago de Compostella, the shrine of St. James, reached its high point this week at the feast of the Apostle, with tens of thousands of pilgrims on the road. Typically, they cover twelve to twenty miles a day through rough territory. The difficult journey and the often primitive lodging facilities are made bearable by the joy of the pilgrims, their songs and prayers. When their journey is documented properly, they receive the scallop shell, a reminder not only of James the fisherman, but also his call to fish for human beings and to baptize the nations. In the Middle Ages, those who wore this badge on their hats were granted lodging and hospitality wherever they went. Next to the palm, the sign of a Jerusalem pilgrim, the scallop shell was most highly prized.

In the Middle Ages, some people so enjoyed the pilgrim road, although it was filled with discomfort and danger, that they spent most of their lives on the road. Today, some people take up the route for exercise, but are drawn gradually into the spirituality of the journey. As you make your summer travels, always fold in an element of pilgrimage: a long walk through beautiful countryside, a visit to a church, a prayer of gratitude for your journey through life's hills and valleys.

## Keep Praying

St. Monica, whose feast we celebrate in August, is often known as "the persistent mother." She watched her oldest son, Augustine, turn his back on his Christian faith.

Monica was exasperated. For years she gave up talking directly to her son on the advice of a local bishop, who told her that it was better to talk to God about Augustine than to Augustine about God.

The mother never gave up praying for her son. Eventually Augustine gave up his wild ways, was baptized, and later ordained and named bishop of Hippo. St. Augustine went on to become one of the Church's greatest scholars.

Today's readings address the importance of persistent prayer. Abraham, in spite of trepidation that he is bothering the Lord, continues to ask about the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah. Jesus, in Luke's Gospel, tells his disciples to "ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you" (Luke 11:9). This is our charge: keep praying.

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## Treasures From Our Tradition

Sometimes when bishops are consecrated, they are not given the care of a diocese as an "ordinary." A very old tradition, however, assures that they are invested with a "see," a link with a local church. Many hundreds of places around the world were dioceses at one time, but are no longer. In England, for example, some of the historic dioceses such as London, Salisbury, and Manchester ceased to be Catholic at the Reformation and their cathedrals passed to the Church of England. The reestablishment of the Catholic Church in the nineteenth century meant that new dioceses had to be created, such as at Liverpool and Westminster. Similarly, in Scandinavia the ancient Catholic dioceses vanished under Lutheranism. In North Africa, tiny dioceses disappeared under the sands or were swept away by Islam.

In the United States, some original dioceses never really developed as population centers, such as the old dioceses of Bardonia, Vincennes, Sault Ste. Marie, or Walla Walla. The tradition of "titular sees" assures that the ancient churches are always held in prayer, as the bishop celebrates Mass in its memory a few times a year.

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## Saint Martha (First Century)

July 29

Whether you find Martha Stewart admirable or annoying, she has the perfect patron saint. Luke describes Martha—saint, not Stewart—as "burdened with much serving" (Luke 10:40). About Mary, seated, listening to Jesus, Martha complained, "Do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving?" Jesus' response, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things . . . Mary has chosen the better part" (10:41, 42), suggests to some the superiority of the contemplative life, leaving the rest of us, supporting families, earning livings, (helping others?), as "second-class" Christians. But Luke introduces Martha and Mary immediately after Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan, whom Jesus recommends as a model of practical compassion, concluding, "Go and do likewise" (10:37). Go and do! Sit and listen! Discipleship is never either/or but both/and. Jesus ministered in prayerful silence and hospitable service. Monastic calendars add Martha's sister Mary and brother Lazarus, calling all three "hosts of the Lord," recalling their welcome of Jesus to their home in Bethany, reminding us Whom we welcome whenever we extend summer-time hospitality!

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### Unless We Become Like Children

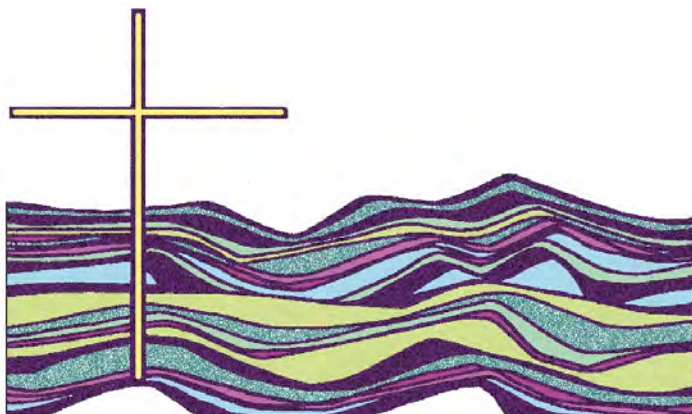
Elsewhere in Luke's Gospel Jesus tells us we must become like children to enter the kingdom of God. Today's Gospel gives us a practical example of how to become childlike: ask questions, and expect answers. We need to ask as many questions as the neediest, most inquisitive children we know. Moreover, like babies, we need to expect to be cared for. Jesus models this for us, going so far as to let us call God our own Father. The Our Father prayer that Jesus teaches us asks God for many things: a divine plan for our world, daily sustenance, forgiveness, help, and protection. Jesus invites us to ask for these things over and over again. He promises that God will always listen and honor our prayers.

Of course, sometimes babies and children ask for things that aren't in their best interest, like a third candy bar or a real sword. Like children, we can expect to feel disappointed from time to time when it seems that God has refused to answer our prayers. In those moments, we can remember, like Abraham, that we are but "dust and ashes." We can be confident that the "judge of all the world" will act with justice for the good of humanity.

### Mercy Shock

It's true that God always answers our prayers, and sometimes in good and grand ways we don't expect. It's also true that God answers prayers we've never uttered. God gives us things we don't even know to ask for. Saint Paul meditates on the very best gift God ever offered us: salvation. Jesus suffered, died for us, and rose from the dead, and we had no idea what he was doing. Without our realizing it, our own sinful debt was bought and paid for by Jesus. That's the shocking thing about mercy: God offers it even when we don't know we need it. God works for our good even if we never say thank you. Sharing in the Eucharist today is the very best way to thank God now.

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## Be Careful What You Ask For

Jesus talks about praying for whatever we need with faith and confidence, but he ends by asking, "How much more will the Father . . . give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?" (Luke 11:13). Is he saying there are limits to what we can ask for?

"Be careful what you ask for," the saying warns. Just because we want something doesn't mean it will be good for us. Remember the Indiana Jones movies? The artifact that the bad guys were seeking usually turned out to be lethal. But if we have enough faith to pray for something, we probably would not pray for anything evil. So what is Jesus really saying? He is giving us two lessons about prayer.

First, he assures us that God does hear our prayers and answers them. Many people take "ask and you shall receive" so literally that they expect God to do their bidding no matter what they want. Prayers, however, are not a magical ritual that somehow forces God to do our will. God is free to do what is best for us, free to answer some prayers with a no when what we seek is against God's will. So maybe our first prayer should be to ask God to show us what we really need.

That leads us to the second lesson: prayer changes us, not God. If we truly pray as Jesus prayed, we would ask for what we need, adding, "Not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:39). If we pray humbly and are open to what God wills for us, we will begin to see that what we really need most is actually God. It's not easy to change our minds about what we want or need. To change our desires from selfish to holy takes a lot of power, the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus was raised from the dead by that power and we will be, too (Romans 8:11). Mary conceived by the power of the Spirit (Matthew 1:18). The bread and wine of the Eucharist become the Body and Blood of Christ by the Spirit's power. So when Jesus promises that the Father will give the Spirit to us for the asking, the Spirit is both the source of and the answer to our prayers. Let us ask the Spirit to empower us to desire and pray for what we really need.

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## Look Around You

To see the world in a grain of sand  
and a heaven in a wildflower,  
hold infinity in the palm of your hand  
and eternity in an hour.

~ William Blake





## Challenging God

Ancient Judaism held in highest regard those figures in its tradition who were willing to challenge God. This was particularly characteristic of the two patriarchs most highly esteemed, Abraham and Moses. This boldness in addressing God is present in today's story from Genesis, when Abraham attempts to save the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. This resonates with the Gospel passage—the Lord's Prayer—since it was truly bold of Jesus to address the Lord God as "Abba." Our familiarity with this prayer most likely makes us unaware of this.

The boldness of Abraham, Moses, and Jesus in addressing God is an expression of a deep, intimate relationship. We tend to argue most heatedly with and speak most tenderly to those whom we love the most. This very human trait is what generates the wide variety of emotions expressed toward God throughout the psalms. Hopefully our own relationship with God is intimate enough that we don't only come asking for favors or with heads bowed meekly, but also ready to question and argue, to praise joyfully, and to embrace our relationship with God lovingly.

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## Reflecting on God's Word

Prayer has always been part of the Christian heritage. The book of Psalms long ago became the prayer book of the church, along with some hymns and canticles from other books of the Bible, both Old and New Testaments. Among the most beautiful prayers we have are the *Magnificat* of Mary, the *Benedictus* of Zechariah, and the *Nunc Dimittis* of Simeon, all in the Gospel of Luke (Luke 1:46–55; 1:68–79; 2:29–32).

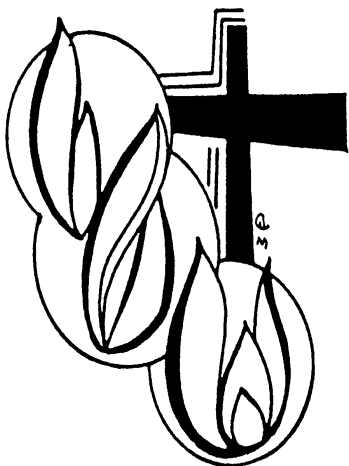
Most importantly, Jesus prayed. Think about that for a moment. Jesus, the Son of God, the Word made flesh, the only begotten Son, prayed. We know that he went off by himself to pray. He did this before some of the most important moments in his ministry, like before he chose those who would be with him. But it is safe to assume that he did it as a habit.

So when one of the disciples asked him to teach them to pray and Jesus responded with the Our Father, it deserves our attention. This prayer reveals the heart of Jesus, and tells us how we should speak to the Father. The prayer has two parts: blessing the Father and calling for his presence in the world, then turning to God for our basic needs of food, forgiveness, and fidelity.

The parables that follow call us to persevere and persist in prayer because God is a Father who will give us his life-blood, in this case, the Holy Spirit, to all who ask. Continue to knock, continue to ask. God will respond.

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

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**Ask  
and  
you  
shall  
receive**

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## Mercy

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and eternity in an hour.

~ William Blake

## Spiritual Progress

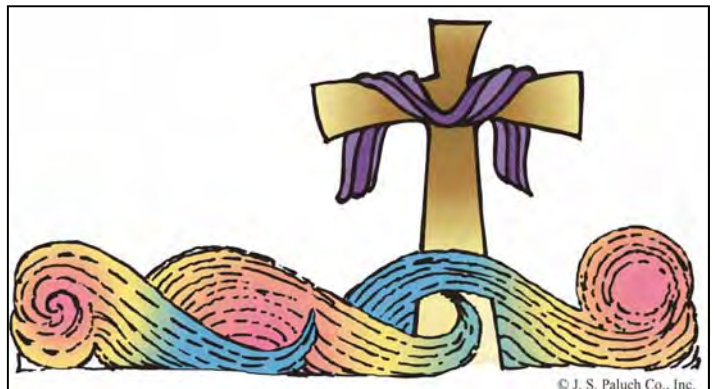
Let each one remember that we will make progress in all spiritual things only insofar as we rid ourselves of self-love, self-will, and self-interest.

~ St. Ignatius of Loyola

## Deception

Indeed, it is not in human nature to deceive others for any long time, without in a measure deceiving ourselves, too.

~ John Henry Newman



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## Keep Praying

St. Monica, whose feast we celebrate in August, is often known as “the persistent mother.” She watched her oldest son, Augustine, turn his back on his Christian faith.

Monica was exasperated. For years she gave up talking directly to her son on the advice of a local bishop, who told her that it was better to talk to God about Augustine than to Augustine about God.

The mother never gave up praying for her son. Eventually Augustine gave up his wild ways, was baptized, and later ordained and named bishop of Hippo. St. Augustine went on to become one of the Church’s greatest scholars.

Today’s readings address the importance of persistent prayer. Abraham, in spite of trepidation that he is bothering the Lord, continues to ask about the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah. Jesus, in Luke’s Gospel, tells his disciples to “ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you” (Luke 11:9). This is our charge: keep praying.

## Treasures From Our Tradition

Sometimes when bishops are consecrated, they are not given the care of a diocese as an “ordinary.” A very old tradition, however, assures that they are invested with a “See,” a link with a local church. Many hundreds of places around the world were dioceses at one time, but are no longer. In England, for example, some of the historic dioceses such as London, Salisbury, and Manchester ceased to be Catholic at the Reformation and their cathedrals passed to the Church of England. The reestablishment of the Catholic Church in the nineteenth century meant that new dioceses had to be created, such as at Liverpool and Westminster. Similarly, in Scandinavia the ancient Catholic dioceses vanished under Lutheranism. In North Africa, tiny dioceses disappeared under the sands or were swept away by Islam.

In the United States, some original dioceses never really developed as population centers, such as the old dioceses of Bardstown, Vincennes, Sault Ste. Marie, or Walla Walla. The tradition of “titular sees” assures that the ancient churches are always held in prayer, as the bishop celebrates Mass in its memory a few times a year.

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## Living God’s Word

Pray Luke’s version of the Our Father, then pray Matthew’s version (Matthew 6:9–13). Linger over each phrase as you say them. Take one of these phrases with you throughout the day and repeat it when you have a chance, like a mantra. Let it dwell in your heart.

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## Living Stewardship Now

Is your prayer too formal? Do you have difficulty with the idea of God as Father? Try talking to “Abba” as your closest friend.

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**Seventeenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
July 27, 2025**

You were buried with him in baptism,  
in which you were also raised with him  
through faith in the power of God,  
who raised him from the dead.

— Colossians 2:12

## Bargaining With God

In the first reading from Genesis today, we hear one of the most protracted deal-making scenes between a human and God in all of the Bible. It was this sort of courageous standing toe-to-toe with the Almighty that helped earn Abraham the reputation of being a fearlessly faithful man, one who lived his end of the covenant and, in deep, trusting faith, would call upon the Lord to live up to the other end. Other ancient religions had accounts of mortals bartering with the divine, but for a mere man to whittle down the divinity’s requirements, to stay the wrathful hand of the heavens for the sake of a handful of the innocent, was new and remarkable. Abraham began the trajectory that would find a pinnacle in Christ on the cross, where his own “faith in the power of God” (Colossians 2:12) would lead him not to care how many innocent there were, but to offer himself as a sacrifice so that all might be forgiven their transgressions and allowed to live in life eternal.

## Striking a Scary Deal

In teaching his disciples how to pray, Jesus gives them the benefit of the doubt: “Forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us” (Luke 11:4). It is not too difficult to imagine Jesus looking around at his followers rather pointedly as he says this, eyebrows arched, perhaps emphasizing the word “everyone” as he spoke. This, when truly prayed, is a scary invitation (or challenge) to God: forgive us in the same way and to the same degree that we forgive others. Perhaps we count on the Almighty to live up to the forgiveness end of the bargain even when we fail to; we, therefore, don’t really seem to believe the fact that God can reserve the right to say “OK” to this invitation at any time, and make us bear the consequences. A good barometer of whether or not we’re truly sincere in our invitation might be whether or not we break out in a cold sweat when we pray it. Can we always count on God to be merciful and forgiving? Yes. Can we always count on God to honor every agreement God enters into? Again, yes.

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## The Mark of the Maker

If things created are so full of loveliness, how resplendent must be the One who made them! The wisdom of the Worker is apparent in such handiwork.

~ St. Anthony of Padua

**EVERYONE  
WHO ASKS,  
RECEIVES;**

**THE  
ONE  
WHO  
SEEKS,  
FINDS.**



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# SAVE THE DATES!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

1 Corinthians 10:31



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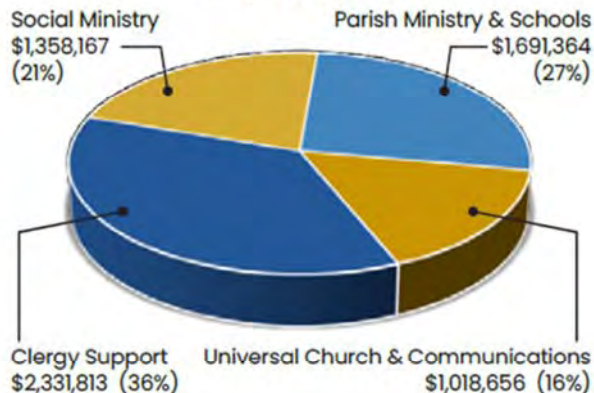


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## CHANCERY BUDGET FOR 2025 SOURCES OF INCOME: \$17,200,000

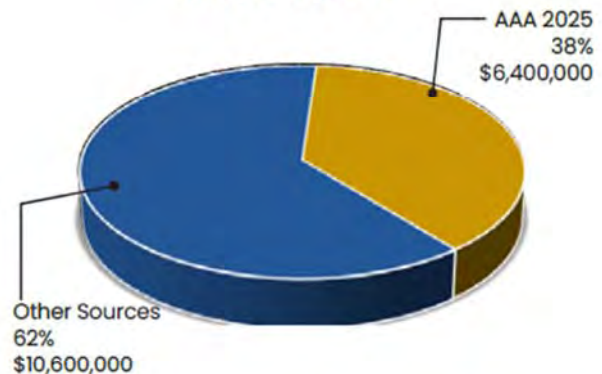


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## DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

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

**WED, NOV 5**

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

### **ARRIVE VENICE**

**THU, NOV 6**

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

### **VENICE**

**FRI, NOV 7**

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

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

**SAT, NOV 8**

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



Assisi



### VENICE/PADUA/FLORENCE

**SAT, NOV 8 — Continued**

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



### FLORENCE

**SUN, NOV 9**

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

**(B,D)**

### FLORENCE/ASSISI

**MON, NOV 10**

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

**(B,D)**

### ASSISI/ROME

**TUE, NOV 11**

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**(B)**

### ROME — PAPAL AUDIENCE

**WED, NOV 12**

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

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

### ROME

**THU, NOV 12**

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

### ROME

**FRI, NOV 14**

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

### ROME/SAN FRANCISCO

**SAT, NOV 15**

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

**(B) ~ Breakfast**

**(D) ~ Dinner**





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# What does it mean to be Filipino Catholic?

## Youth Summer Workshop

Preserving, Promoting, & Celebrating the  
Filipino Cultures & Traditions

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



### Workshop Overview:

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

#### **WORKSHOP 1:**

**May 10 | 10am to 1pm**

Mater Dolorosa Church, South San Francisco

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

Saint Bruno Church, San Bruno

#### **WORKSHOP 2:**

**June 14 and 2 | 10am to 1pm**

Saint Bruno Church, San Bruno

**July 12 | 1pm to 4pm**

**July 19 | 10am to 1pm**

Our Lady of Mercy Church, Daly City

#### **PARADE PREPARATION & PRACTICE**

(ALL PARTICIPANTS):

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

St. Robert Church, San Bruno

#### **PISTAHAN PARADE:**

Saturday, August 9 in San Francisco

(More info to follow)



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



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

**Limited space. Register Today!**

Scan QR Code (first come, first served basis)



ADSF Filipino Ministry - Youth and Young Adult Committee

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

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

## AUGUST 8, 2025

### Faith, Commemoration, and Redemption

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



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

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

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#### Acknowledgment of Our Collaborators:

- Rev. George Williams, SJ, Catholic Chaplain at San Quentin Rehabilitation Center
- Rev. Armando Gutierrez, Archdiocese of San Francisco
- Edwin Chávez, Resident of San Quentin Rehabilitation Center
- Esperanza Navas, St. Peter's Church
- Carolina Parrales, St. Kevin's Church
- Manuel and Rosario Guzmán, St. John the Evangelist Church
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- Elsy Molina, Cathedral of Christ the Light of the World
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# SANTA MISA EN HONOR A LA FIESTA DEL DIVINO SALVADOR DEL MUNDO EN EL CENTRO DE REHABILITACIÓN DE SAN QUENTIN

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

## 8 DE AGOSTO DE 2025

### Fe, Conmemoración y Redención

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

#### !DONA AQUÍ!



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

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

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*Celebrate the Assumption of Mary*  
*Friday, August 15, 2025 - 6:00 pm*

*Come for Mass - Concert immediately follows*

*Contributing artists*

*Phoebe Chee, Soprano Soloist*

*Griselda MacDonald, Organ, Piano*

*Vaughn Jones, Organ*

Compositions by Gounod, Schubert, Mozart, Chepponis, Foster, Alstott

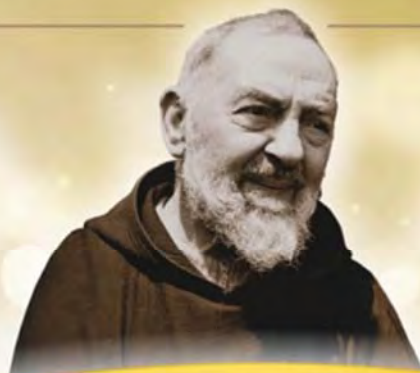
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## Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church

300 Fulton Street, Redwood City, CA 94062

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

August 15 and 16, 2025

#### August 15, Friday

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

#### August 16, Saturday

- 1:00PM - Starting time of public veneration
- 5:00PM - Vigil Mass in honor of St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina
- 8:00PM - Ending time of public veneration

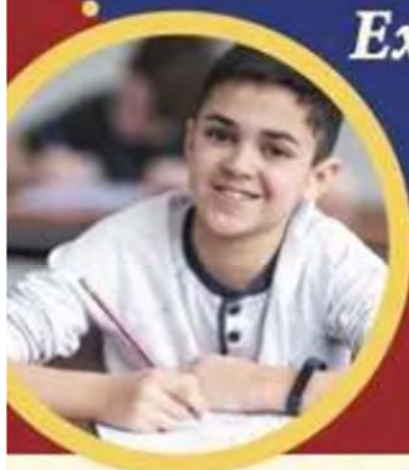




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**Competition Date: September 13, 2025**

**Time: 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

**Location: Star of the Sea Church Auditorium**

4420 Geary Blvd., San Francisco

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

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



**REGISTRATION IS OPEN: MAY 5 - AUGUST 30, 2025**

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Romans 15:13



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# 13th ANNUAL GALA

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Dinner Ticket: \$100 ★ Raffle Ticket: \$20

1st Prize: \$3,000 | 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$2,000 | 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: \$1,000

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

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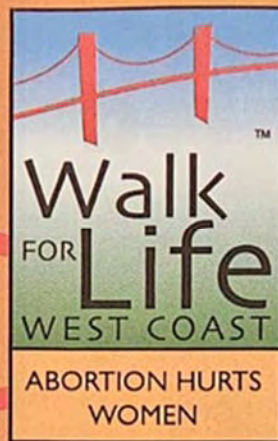
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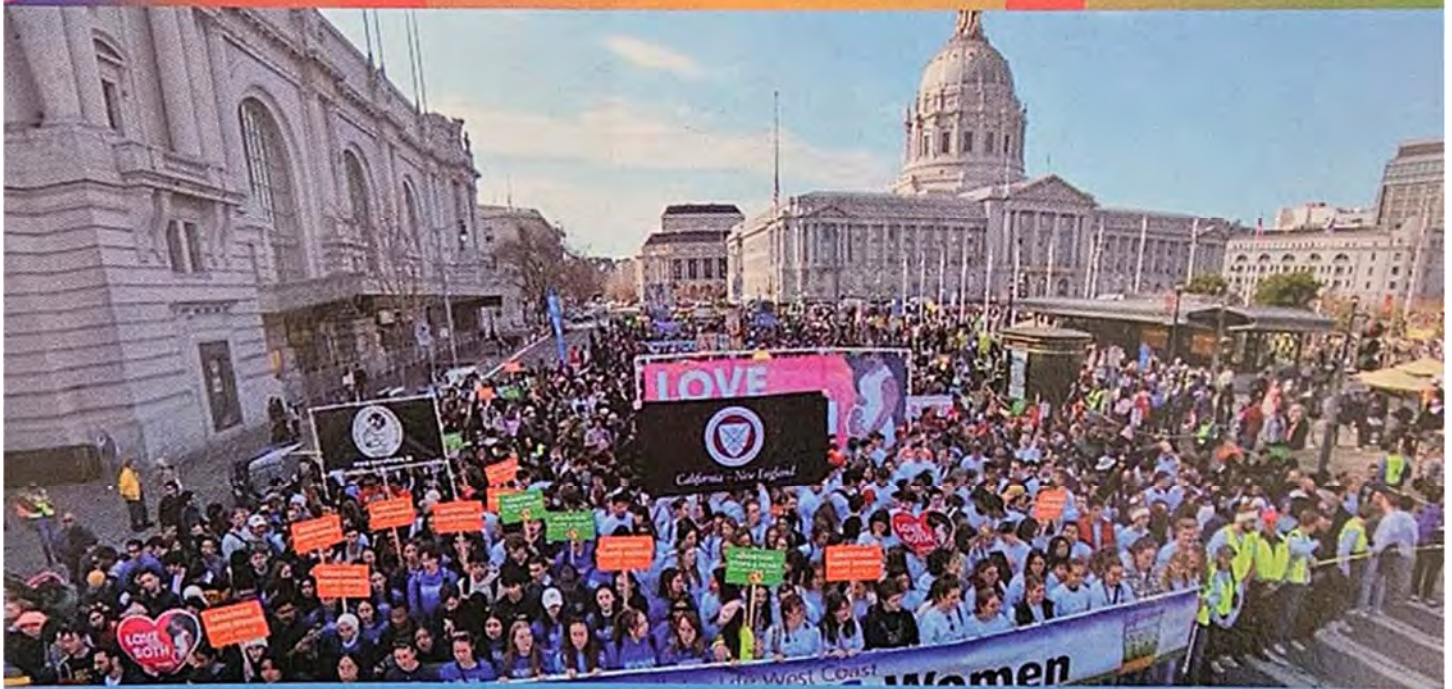
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January 27 - February 11

16 DAYS 15 NIGHTS





**LUZON – VISAYAS – MINDANAO**  
**CEBU – BOHOL – CAGAYAN DE ORO – BICOL – QUEZON – MANILA**  
**BATANGAS – PANGASINAN – TARLAC – PAMPANGA**

**27 January | Arrival in Cebu**

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

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

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

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

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

**30 January | Free day**

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

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

Mass before Dinner. Dinner at the resort.

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

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

**01 February | Bukidnon Day Trip**

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Dahilayan Adventure Park, Bukidnon. During this visit, the guests will experience Panampulot, a ritual of Manobo Tribe. Banog-Banog dance will welcome the arriving guests and they will experience 8 different stations of Manolo Fortich Culture. Various activities available such as 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*



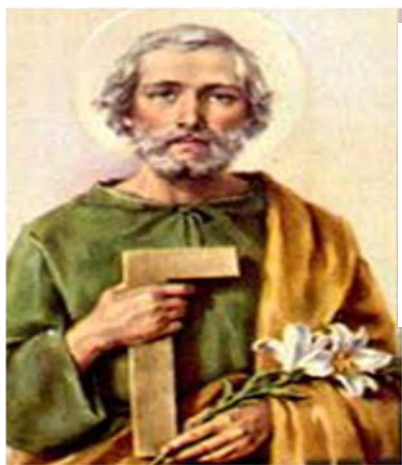
***Our Lady of  
Perpetual Help  
Devotion***  
(every Tuesday  
after the  
12:10 Mass)

*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*

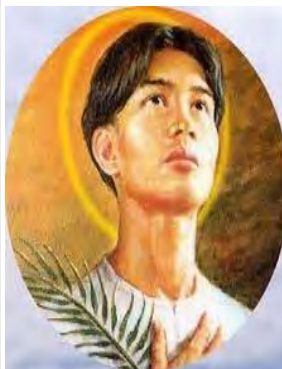


*Our Lady  
of Guadalupe*

*Feast Day  
December 12*



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



*Elena Ramoran  
Romeo & Antonina Real  
Jesus, Jr. & Malou Paningbatan  
Vida Ventura  
Nenette Murata  
Wishing Well  
Pelar Sabudalao*