

# St. Patrick Catholic Church

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**December 28, 2025 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

*Over all [other virtues] put on love,  
that is, the bond of perfection. ~ Colossians 3:14*

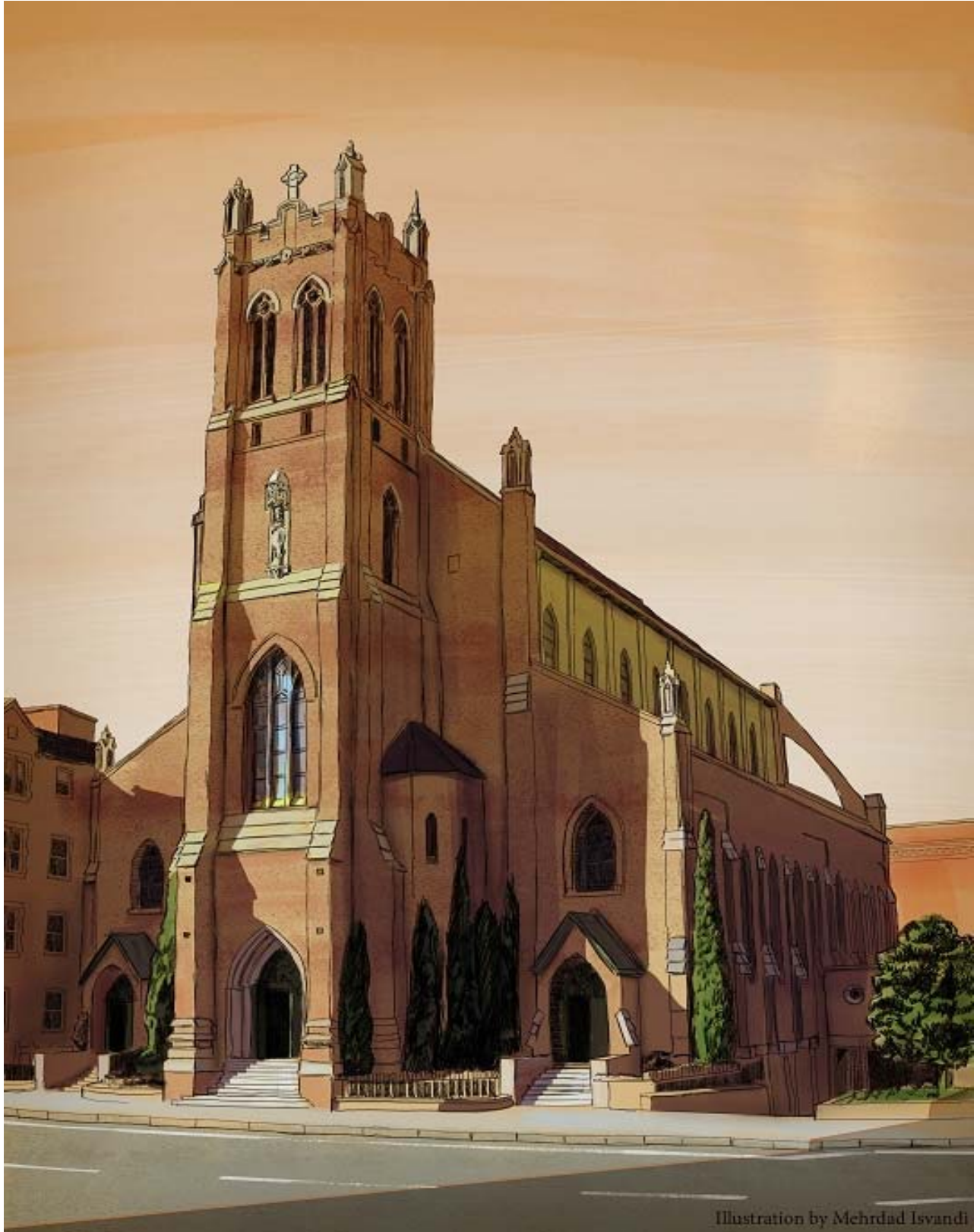


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**December 28, 2025**

## ***The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph ~ Year A***

***Sir 3:2-6,12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15,19-23***

Family life (1,Ps) is rooted in the unconditional love of God (2) as witnessed by the Holy Family (3).

### **Pastoral Staff**

Rev. Andrew Spyrow - *Pastor*

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

Rev. Patrick Okoye - *Parochial Vicar*

Deacon Ferdinand Mariano - *OCIA Coordinator*

### **Parish Staff**

Rachelle Morales and Nenette Murata -

*Religious Education Coordinators*

Charles Corpus - *Music Coordinator*

Virginia Dilim - *Wedding Coordinator*

Nora Regaspi - *Office Manager*

Camelle Sudario - *Parish Receptionist*

Emy Pasion - *Bookkeeper*

### **Mass Times**

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **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

#### **Sacred Heart**

First Friday of the month at 4:00 p.m..

#### **Sto. Niño Devotion**

Every Friday after the 12:00 p.m. Mass

#### **Our Lady of Fatima**

First Saturday of the month at 11:30 a.m.

### ***Salvation in Daily Life***

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### ***Treasures From Our Tradition***

We are in the season of the Incarnation, the mystery of God's love poured out in Christ's birth. The word derives from the Latin *carnis* meaning "flesh." Throughout history, some Christians have distrusted the "flesh," and stressed a hatred of this world and its pleasures. Perhaps they have not paid enough attention to how "embodied" the sacraments are. One third-century author put it plainly in an image that may alarm diet-conscious Americans, explaining that we wash the body so the soul can be cleansed, that we anoint the body so the soul can be strengthened, and that we eat the body and blood of Christ so that "the soul can fatten on God."

Catholics "get" that God is revealed in this world. The sacraments use the "stuff" of creation: water and oil; the senses of the body, touch and taste and smell. We use the things of this world rightly. After all, God's love poured out into human flesh means the world has eternal value. Why else would Jesus describe the kingdom to come as a teeming city or a marriage banquet? Catholics are realists, and nowhere is that more evident than when we gather for a sacrament.

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### ***January 1, 2026***



Thursday, January 1, 2026, the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God, is a holy day of obligation. We will have only have one Mass at 9:00 a.m..

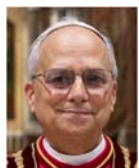
### ***Help Wanted***



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!!

***An expanded color version of our printed bulletin, with online-only content, is available on our website: [www.stpatricksf.org](http://www.stpatricksf.org)***

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



**Pope's Intention:** *For Christians in areas of conflict.* Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.



## St. Patrick Church Lifetime Donors

You can still make a donation by going to our parish website: [www.stpatricksf.org](http://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.

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or call us at 415-421-3730

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

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To find out more about refugees and ways to offer practical help, contact Jesuit Refugee Services or Catholic Relief Services. Pray for all refugees and prisoners of conscience.

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## Saints & Special Observances

Monday: optional memorial ~

St. Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr

Wednesday: optional memorial ~ St. Sylvester I, Pope

**THURSDAY:**

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

Friday: Memorial ~

Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen,  
Bishops, Doctors of the Church

Saturday: optional memorial ~ The Most Holy Name of Jesus

**SUNDAY: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

## Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

**THURSDAY: Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21**

Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28 Jn 1:19-28

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Jn 1:29-34

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13; Eph 3:2-3a,5-6; Mt 2:1-12

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — Those who honor and comfort their parents shall never be forgotten (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14).

**Psalm** — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128).

**Second Reading** — You are called into one body. Bear with one another; forgive one another; let Christ's peace control you (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]).

**Gospel** — Joseph rose, took the child and his mother, and fled to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23).

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## Living God's Word

The letter to the Colossians urges us to "put on love." Does that motivate you to change the way you treat someone in your parish community, or to mend a rift with a member of your family?

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## Happy Birthday!!

Happy Birthday to our Parishioners celebrating a birthday this week.

Jaqueline Sampaga	12/28	Andrea Allais	1/1
Alan Saavedra	12/29	Evelyn Del Rosario	1/1
Rosalina Rafael San Diego	12/30	Jana Palanganas	1/2
Aethan James Amoroso	12/31	Christine Dela Rosa	1/3

## AAA Update (as of 15 December 2025)

2025 AAA Goal	\$38,705.00
Received	\$49,109.00
Amount Remaining	\$0.00
% of Goal	127%

## Mass Intentions for Dec 28 - Jan 03

Date	Time	Intention
<b>Sunday 28</b>	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Jo Tjin Thoy SI Cora Cuison † Rene Perez SI All The Parishioners Of St. Patrick
<b>Monday 29</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Victoriano & Carmen Uchi & Family † Dolores & Nonoy Arce SI Derek Tillotson
<b>Tuesday 30</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Veronica Tayo SI Estela Sullivan SI Jennifer Sunga
<b>Wednesday 31</b>	7:30 a.m. 12: p.m. 8:00 p.m.	SI Jaymie Lynn Santiago SI Rosalina San Diego SI Matthew Rothschild
<b>Thursday 01</b>	9:00 a.m.	SI Virginia Chan <i>New Year's Day Holiday</i>
<b>Friday 02</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Poor Souls In Purgatory † Remedios Merida † Luz Bertha Jacinto
<b>Saturday 03</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Nicomedes & Juanita Abello SI Cristina Agbayani SI Marilou Alegre

## Diaconate Formation Informational Evenings

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

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

### Who should attend?

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

### Dates:

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

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

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

### Time:

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

**Diaconate Formation Office**  
**Deacon Fred Totah,**  
**Director of Diaconate Formation**  
**Phone: 415-614-5615**  
**Email: totah.fred@sfarch.org**



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## The God Squad Catholic TV Mass

The God Squad Catholic TV Mass, aired every Sunday, provides inclusion for those who are homebound, hospitalized, incarcerated and/or unable to attend Sunday Mass. Monsignor Harry Schlitt began broadcasting the TV Mass in the late 1970s and it has been airing ever since. Please watch the TV Mass on Sunday mornings on the following stations:

*In San Francisco*  
**KTSF (CH 26) at 6:00 a.m.; KRON (CH 4) at 5:30 a.m.;**  
*and in Sacramento*  
**KTXL (Fox 40) at 5:30 a.m.**

You may also view the Mass at any time by going to *Father-Harry.org*. You may also find the program beneficial to you, someone in your family, or a friend.

We need your participation and support to continue this valuable ministry.

## 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.



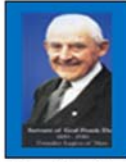
## LEGION OF MARY - ST. PATRICK CHURCH

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

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



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



The Founder Frank Duff  
1889 - 1980

### Legion of Mary's History

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

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

### Legion of Mary's Aim

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

### Legion of Mary's Unit

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

### Legion of Mary's Active Works

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

### Legion of Mary's Active Membership

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

Out of Egypt  
I called  
my son



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## Letters from Heaven



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

Joseph took Jesus and his mother and dwelt in Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be ..."

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Answer: *called a Nazorean.*

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My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.  
-Luke 1:46-47

**Mary, Mother of God**

A young virgin chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus, true God and true man. On the cross, Jesus gave Mary to us to be our mother as well.

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Our least action, when done for God, is precious to him.



**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

Mother of five children who established an orphanage; the first American-born citizen to be canonized

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January 4

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# CATHOLIC CORNER

## HOLY FAMILIES

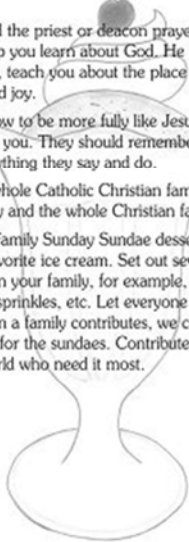
Learning to live like Jesus is hard. You need the help of many people. No matter what your family looks like or how many people it includes, each family member must be an example of love, care, joy, and holiness.

On the day you were baptized the priest or deacon prayed for all the people in your immediate family who would help you learn about God. He reminded them of their responsibility to take care of you, teach you about the place of Jesus and the Church in your life, and show you God's love and joy.

He prayed that you would grow to be more fully like Jesus. He prayed for your parents, and reminded them to thank God for you. They should remember that they would be your first and best teachers of the faith in everything they say and do.

Now you also belong to the whole Catholic Christian family around the world. Today is a great day to celebrate your family and the whole Christian family.

After dinner tonight make a Family Sunday Sundae dessert celebrating your family and the family of God. Start with your favorite ice cream. Set out several different toppings and label them with the names of people in your family, for example, Charlie's chocolate syrup, Gracie's granola, Mom's M&Ms, Steve's sprinkles, etc. Let everyone create their own dessert. It will be a reminder that when everyone in a family contributes, we create something wonderful! Add up the cost of all the ingredients for the sundaes. Contribute an equal amount or more to the Christian families around the world who need it most.



We celebrate the Holy \_\_\_\_\_ Family!

Write your family name

## The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Joseph got up and took the child and his mother while it was still night, and left for Egypt. Mt 2:14

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The angel said to Joseph, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you."

Matthew 2:13

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

## Pastor Al™



"He said he comes here to Pastor-ize the milk. He was just kidding, right, Mommy?"

CHRIS McDONOUGH

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## Reflecting on God's Word

Could any period in history have been more difficult than the one in which we live when it comes to raising children, keeping marriages together, or maintaining ties among adult family members? Our whole culture often seems to be working against us. The Christmas season, especially, magnifies the differences between the values that we Catholic Christians hold and the values of the ordinary world. And not all the stresses are external. Many of our troubles arise from the differences among people within our families. Christmas can also exacerbate those internal tensions. Sometimes we just want to run away and hide from the dual struggle with the bad influences of the world and the strains of family life!

The feast of the Holy Family gives us much needed encouragement. The Gospel story shows Joseph and Mary fleeing to Egypt to keep Jesus safe, and then returning to Nazareth in Galilee to raise him in their Jewish culture. Jesus was protected by his parents from danger of death. Yet they did not keep him sequestered forever. As a child growing up, he lived out his call to holiness while dwelling in the midst of the Galilean Jewish community, with all its positive and negative influences. The readings from Sirach and Colossians illustrate how our own call to holiness can be lived out in our everyday lives. This feast reminds us that in Christ, the divine and the human, the holy and the ordinary have been forever linked. Whether it is in our nuclear family, our extended family, our parish family, the family of Christians, or the human family, today we celebrate the holiness that is to be found within our ordinary human families and communities.

~ Virginia Stillwell  
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## St. Thomas Becket (1118-1170)

December 29

To anyone who imagines conflict between religion and politics to be a modern phenomenon, history witnesses otherwise. Martyred under Henry VIII in 1535, Thomas More declared, "I die the king's good servant, but God's first!" Thomas Becket could have said the same four centuries earlier. As Henry II's closest friend and trusted chancellor, Becket, the king presumed, could be counted on, if made archbishop, to deliver the church to royal control. But Becket experienced a profound conversion, confirmed by the ordination liturgy's rich symbolism of the bishop as Good Shepherd and the church as Bride of Christ. Renouncing secular responsibilities, distributing his wealth to the poor, Thomas became the church's uncompromising champion. Faced with this "new" Becket, the king's previous friendship turned into a ferocious, almost irrational hatred. As eight centuries later, Archbishop Romero would be martyred at the altar of Christ's sacrifice, Becket was slain before the altar of Canterbury Cathedral by royal agents, neither the first nor last good shepherd to lay down his life as the price of freedom for Christ's church and justice for Christ's sheep.

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## Power Mad

By all accounts King Herod was a nasty piece of work. He became the ruler of the province of Judea under the Roman occupation. He set up a functioning bureaucracy, built a new port at Caesarea, and reconstructed the temple in Jerusalem. However, intent on maintaining his own power, he put allegiance to Rome above everything else and executed, murdered, or banished anyone who got in his way, including his own family. He placed a Roman eagle over the main temple entrance and, not being a Jew himself, he frequently broke the laws of Moses. This enraged Jewish religious leaders, but what burdened the people as a whole was a system of excessive taxation, extorted by tax collectors who added their own "fees" on top of the required amount. Only Matthew's Gospel tells us the story of the Holy Family who, warned of Herod's plot to kill all baby boys in Bethlehem, went to Egypt to escape—a long, hard journey of over two hundred fifty miles.

Without much effort we can pinpoint so-called leaders and heads of state in our world today who behave as disgracefully as Herod, raining down violence on their own people. There are over fourteen million refugees around the globe right now: men, women, and children who have fled their homelands to escape brutal atrocities. The majority of them live in camps or restricted areas in their host countries, where conditions foster disease and survival depends on aid agencies. After Herod died the Holy Family came out of Egypt and settled in Nazareth, where Jesus grew to manhood and learned the skills of a carpenter. Many of today's refugees have no immediate hope of returning home. On this feast, let us be grateful for our families and consider how to help those torn from their homes by war and bloodshed.

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## Trust in God

Saint Matthew's account of the flight into Egypt takes center stage today as we continue to follow the story of the Holy Family. Once again the angel of the Lord appears to Joseph in a dream, telling him to take the child Jesus and his mother to Egypt. Joseph heeds the command and takes them on what must have been a strenuous journey. Saint Matthew does not give us any of the details, but we can only imagine what this journey must have been like. Where did they eat? Where did they find shelter? What were the roads like? Was Joseph able to find work? The Holy Family survived in no small measure because they put their trust in God. This is exactly what today's feast calls us, God's holy family, to do.

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## Treasures From Our Tradition

"Octave" comes from the Latin word for "eight," and since eight is one step beyond seven, the number of days in a week, it has long been seen as a symbol of perfection, completion, and new beginnings. Early Christians called Sunday the "eighth day," since it was the day after the Sabbath and a day of resurrected life, the Lord's Day. By the seventh century, people regarded the eight days after Easter Sunday as one great day, an octave, one glorious feast when people were forbidden to fast or kneel. In the seventh century, Pentecost acquired an Octave, too. Christmas didn't claim the honor of a continuous feast, but it did get an Octave Day. January 1 is the oldest Marian feast, the Octave of Christmas. It was originally a feast of the motherhood of Mary, although for centuries until 1969 it was called the Feast of the Circumcision. Our reformed calendar follows the earlier tradition of celebrating Mary as Mother of God.

Today's Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph is a modern one, instituted in 1921. Strains on family life then, with the world emerging from the first "Great War," were enormous. From its inception, this feast was clearly intended to inspire people with an image of family harmony even amid difficulties.

In 1969 the Feast of the Holy Family was moved to its present position, the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas. When Christmas falls on a Sunday, this feast is bumped to December 30, but is not a holy day. The Gospels chosen in 1969 all depict stressful times in the life of the family of Jesus: the Presentation (with the warning of future sorrow), the flight into Egypt, and Mary and Joseph's frantic search for their son in Jerusalem. The feast's former place in the calendar is taken now by the Baptism of the Lord.

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## Love

For generations, various cultures regarded family life merely as a utilitarian necessity. Sirach introduces honor and respect. For Jews and Christians alike, the value of family goes even further. The family is seen as the indispensable school where love is learned. Paul addresses the Colossians and offers a list of virtues that make for a solid and happy church. These values also make for a happy family at ease with itself and its members: mercy, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, forgiveness. As a capstone, Paul urges love, which brings all of these domestic virtues to perfection.

Paul seems to be on a roll as he lauds the virtues of the church at Colossae. With such heartfelt virtues, it is no wonder Paul bursts into song. Who wouldn't? It's clear that the center of the church is love. It is clear that no matter how far from home the members travel, the heart remains and all the members are connected by the gravitational pull of mutual love, a love first learned in family life.

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## "Since They Were No More"

It is hard for us to imagine the ruthlessness of King Herod. Today's Gospel passage omits the section in which Herod orders the massacre of all boys under two years of age in the vicinity of Bethlehem. Out of jealousy that a rival king had been born, Herod resorts to the worst kind of violence imaginable. That particular Gospel passage quotes Jeremiah the prophet:

*"A voice was heard in Ramah,  
sobbing and loud lamentation;  
Rachel weeping for her children,  
and she would not be consoled,  
since they were no more" (Matthew 2:18).*

"Since they were no more." Each day across our planet children die of starvation, disease, and the violence of war. We might be tempted to think that the day after Christmas is probably not the best time to bring this to mind. Or is it? The very fact that God became flesh and dwelt among us in the form of a tiny helpless child should give us pause to consider how well our world treats children.

## Dedication to the Children

For many of us, the Christmas season is a time focused on bringing happiness to our children. The delight in their eyes as they sing the carols, open their gifts, and share in the food and festivity makes all our hard work seem to be really worth it. We should rejoice that our efforts to bring them the joy of the season result in such happiness. However, the sad reality is that there are many children who struggle without the basic necessities of life. Why not take the time during this Christmas season to find out what you can do to help the poorest of the poor? Catholic Relief Services has an excellent Web site that contains all kinds of information on how we, as ordinary Catholics, can help bring relief to poor children. Access the Web site at [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) to see if there is something you can do to help.

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## Feast of Faith

### Processions

Why does the liturgy begin with a procession? It is not just a practical matter of getting the ministers of the liturgy from the sacristy to the sanctuary. The procession is a powerful sign of who we are as Christian people. We are not static, staying in one place. We are going somewhere. Our procession leads us to the altar, sign of Christ's presence in our midst. We move, we process, because we recognize our need for what Christ is preparing for us at that table. We go forward eagerly, because we are hungry for that heavenly food.

This procession is an orderly one: servers, deacon, priest presider. Each is set apart by distinctive vesture: albs for the altar servers, dalmatic for the deacon, chasuble for the priest. The procession is an image of the hierarchical structure of the Church. On a deeper level it is an image of unity in diversity. We are all on a journey to the heavenly city, but each of us is clothed with different gifts. We all receive the call to service, but not in the same way. Only by coming together in all our wonderful variety can we achieve the work of the kingdom.

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## Love Now

Let those love now  
who never lov'd before;  
let those who always lov'd  
now love the more.

~ Anonymous



## Mary, Mother of God

### Keeping God in Our Hearts

Though Mary is celebrated in Christianity, she appears very little in Scripture. Matthew and Luke show her at the birth of Jesus; John records her presence at the foot of the cross. A handful of stories record Mary's patient parenting. In almost every instance, she waits both for his appearance and the revelation of his identity—in a manger in Bethlehem, in a temple in Jerusalem, and in Cana, where she urges other to wait and do whatever he tells them.

In the end, she waits for his death and then waits with the other disciples for the Holy Spirit. The Church holds her up as the role model for those who say yes to God. But I think Mary is really the role model for those who wait for the Lord.

*Keep God in your heart to do his slow work.*

We are not patient. In a culture where food and communication, among other things, can be prefaced with the word instant, many of us command the microwave to hurry up. Teilhard de Chardin, a Jesuit, once urged Christians to trust the slow work of God and not hurry the process. Some things cannot be rushed if they are to bear fruit.

Mary knew this better than anyone. She had lived through pregnancy and birth. She looked for her Son for three anxious days while he talked to his elders in the temple. I think she recognized that her life would forever be caught up in waiting for the right time—for God's time, to be precise. In one of the Gospels (the second of two occurrences), Luke tells us why: "Hismother kept all these things in her heart" (Luke 2:51).

God works through the people and events we encounter to shape us into disciples of Christ. In his heart, we hear the voice of God calling to us, urging us to wait for his time. Let us invite the slow work of God in our hearts until we are where God wants us to be.

Mary will be there waiting for us.

*He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart (Luke 2:51)*

Mary Katharine Deeley

Daybreaks

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## Learned at Home

The mind of Christ is to be learned in the family. Strength of character may be acquired at work, but beauty of character is learned at home.

~ Henry Drummond

## Getting Even

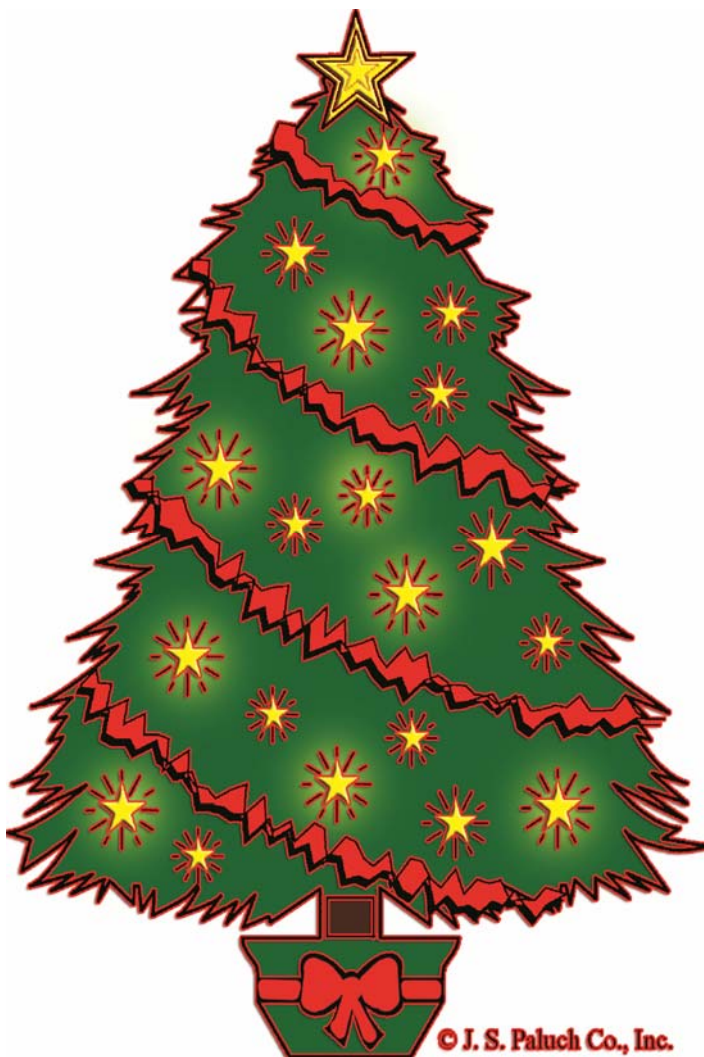
The only ones you should try to get even with are those who have helped you.

~ Anonymous

## New Year

The object of a new year is not that we should have a new year, but rather that we should have a new soul.

~ G. K. Chesterton





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

1 Corinthians 10:31



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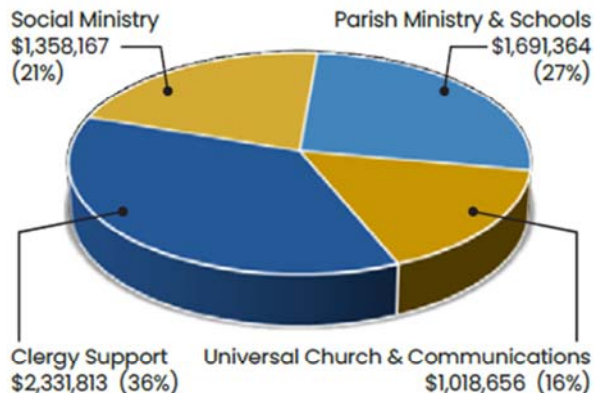


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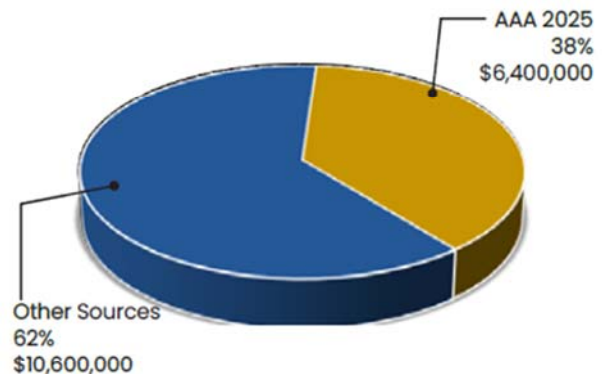


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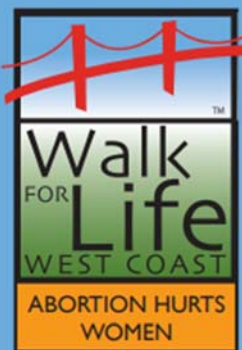
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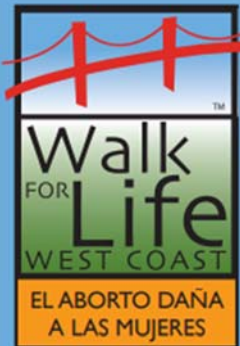
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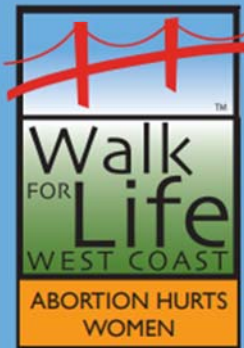
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**27 January | Arrival in Cebu**

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.



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# 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)

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

## THE JUBILEE LOGO

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



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





## THE JUBILEE PRAYER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## THE JUBILEE CALENDAR

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

## DIOCESAN AND EPARCHIAL PILGRIMAGES TO ROME

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





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

#### PLEASE NOTE:

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

## JUBILEE VOLUNTEERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## COORDINATING "STATESIDE" CELEBRATIONS

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





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

## FAQs ON THE JUBILEE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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







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

*Judy Labaria  
Alma Raymundo  
Cathy Bohol  
Sheila Montemayor  
Anonymous*



***Black  
Nazarene***  
***Feast Day  
January 9***

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



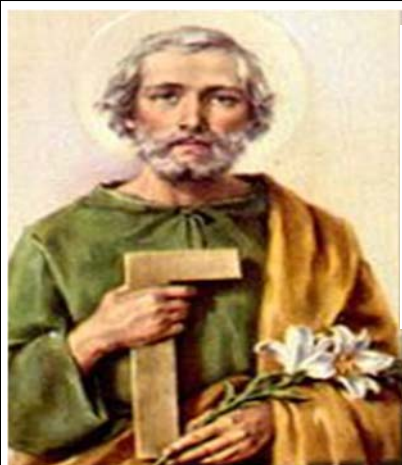
***Our Lady of  
Perpetual Help  
Devotion***  
(every Tuesday  
after the  
12:10 Mass)

*Raya & Gamboa  
Families*



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

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



***Saint  
Joseph***

***Feast Day  
March 19***

*Xenia Villamejor*

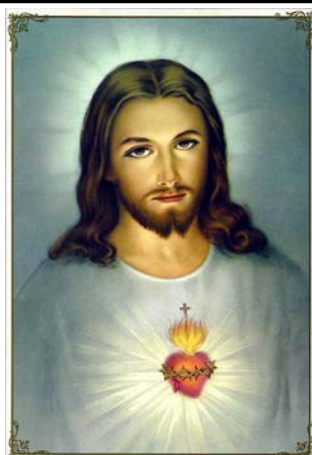
***St. Anne***  
***Feast Day  
July 26***



***Sacred  
Heart***

***First Friday  
Schedule***

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



***OUR  
LADY  
OF  
FATIMA***

***Pray the  
rosary***





The Graceful Chapter

## Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

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

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

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

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

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

The Graceful Chapter

*Yap Family*



### *St. Patrick Charismatic Prayer Group*

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

**Matt Dorsey**  
SAN FRANCISCO SUPERVISOR

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

Best,

*Matt Dorsey*

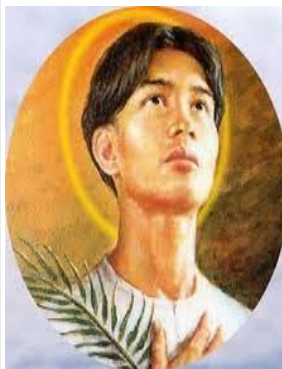


### *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

*Feast Day  
December 12*



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



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