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January 4th & 5th, 2025 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



... Things to know about Jubilee 2025 - By Maria Wiering (OSV News)

Signs around the Eternal City declare "Roma si trasforma" — "Rome is transformed" as an explanation for the ubiquitous infrastructure projects underway, including the restoration of iconic sculptures and monuments, ahead of Jubilee 2025, a Holy Year that began on Christmas Eve.

While the metropolis is seizing the opportunity for renewal, that is ultimately the jubilee's expectation for the entire church. "For everyone, may the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the 'door' ... of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere and to all as 'our hope,'" Pope Francis wrote in the document that officially declared the year.

.... things to know about the upcoming Jubilee Year.

A jubilee year, also known as a "holy year," is a special year in the life of the church currently celebrated every 25 years. The most recent ordinary jubilee was in 2000, with Pope Francis calling for an Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy in 2015-2016. Jubilee years have been held on regular intervals in the Catholic church since 1300, but they trace their roots to the Jewish tradition of marking a jubilee year every 50 years. According to the Vatican website for the jubilee, these years in Jewish history were "intended to be marked as a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation, and involved the forgiveness of debts, the return of misappropriated land, and a fallow period for the fields."

Jubilee 2025 opened with the rite of the opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican immediately before Pope Francis celebrated midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. Holy Doors will also be opened at Rome's three other major basilicas. The doors represent the passage to salvation Jesus opened to humanity. At the end of a holy year, the Holy Doors are formally closed and then bricked over by masons.

Drawing on their Jewish roots, jubilee years emphasize the sacrament of reconciliation and restoring relationships with God. They also provide an opportunity for a special jubilee indulgence, which can remove the residual effects of sin through the grace of Christ.

The year calls Christians to action. Pope Francis called for "signs of hope" in the Jubilee Year, including the desire for peace in the world, openness to life and responsible parenthood, and closeness to prisoners, the poor, the sick, the young, the elderly, migrants and people "in difficult situations."

Expect Rome to sparkle and shine. Many famous sites and artworks in Rome and at the Vatican have been cleaned or restored for the jubilee, many of those projects are expected to be completed with a fresh-face reveal in time for the jubilee. In October, St. Peter's Basilica revealed its newly restored baldacchino, designed by Gian Lorenzo Bernini in the 1600s, after 10 months of work. Also receiving cleaning or restoration are Michelangelo's Pietà, Bernini's Fountain of the Four Rivers in Piazza Navona, and Bernini's angels on the Ponte Sant'Angelo.

....Catholics are encouraged to make pilgrimages to their cathedral during the year and should watch for communications for local events.

Please Pray for:

Torii Cain
Charlotte Larson &
Cheryl Kartes
David Pope
Dionesio Briones &
Don Taylor
Doug Pope &
Fred Hawkes
Gordon Bryson
Hector Garduno &
Irving & Lucille Douroux
Jean Bourque &
Jill Nagrodsky

Jim Keys
Jim Scarth †
Joseph Graziano
Karen Poelakker
Kitty Woolridge
Kyle Hanson †
Laura Fawson
Lilie Ostro
Lynn Spencer
Lynne Cook
Mark Borowiak
Norm Engle
Pat Foran

Richard McAfee
Rita Hoffman
Rob Dwyer
Roger Hawkes †
Samuel Scarth
Shaun Rich
Sue Munoz
Suzie Bledsoe
TJ Olsen
Tom Garegnani
Tracy Goodin
Wanda Guglielmetti
Wendy & Lance Tanner

We are a Mission Parish: our Priests travel from St George

CONTACT A PRIEST

Saint George Catholic Church (435) 673-2604 www.saintgeorgecatholics.com

> Pastor, Reverend David Bittmenn.

Reverend Tristan Dillon Deacon Dan Weber

Communion to the Sick & Homebound:
Please contact the church office.

Parish Calendar

VIGIL MASS: Saturday 6pm

MASS: Sunday 12:30pm

BIBLE STUDY: Mondays @ 12:30p

ROSARY: Monday @ 2pm

BINGO: More info soon

KNIGHTS ROUNDTABLE:

Third Monday at 3pm

CCD CLASS—Tuesday @ 5:30-7p

COMMUNION SERVICE:

Wednesday @ 9am

ADORATION:

Wednesday, Jan 15th 9:30-10a

If you are new to the area; we invite you to make St Paul's your new church home.

Registration forms are located on the back wall near the poor box.

Carlo Acutis: The First Millennial Saint - According to the Diocese of Assisi, Acutis' canonization Mass is expected to take place on Sunday, April 27, at 10:30 a.m. local time in St. Peter's Square.

Carlo Acutis, an Italian computer-coding teenager who died of cancer in 2006, is known for his great devotion to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Born in 1991, Acutis is the first millennial to be beatified by the Catholic Church. Shortly after his first Communion at the age of 7, Carlo told his mother: "To always be united to Jesus: This is my life plan." To accomplish this, Carlo sought to attend daily Mass as often as he could at the parish church across the street from his elementary school in Milan.

Carlo called the Eucharist "my highway to heaven," and he did all in his power to make this presence known. His witness inspired his own parents to return to practicing the Catholic faith and his Hindu au pair to convert and be baptized.

Carlo was a tech-savvy kid who loved computers, animals and video games. His spiritual director has recalled that Carlo was convinced that the evidence of Eucharistic miracles could be persuasive in helping people to realize that Jesus is present at every Mass.

Over the course of two and a half years, Carlo worked with his family to put together an exhibition on Eucharistic miracles that premiered in 2005 during the Year of the Eucharist proclaimed by Pope John Paul II, and it has since gone on to be displayed at thousands of parishes on five continents. He is remembered for saying, "People who place themselves before the sun get a tan; people who place themselves before the Eucharist become saints."

Carlo died at the age of 15 in 2006, shortly after being diagnosed with leukemia. Before he died, Carlo told his mother, "I offer all of my suffering to the Lord for the Pope and for the Church in order not to go to purgatory but to go straight to heaven."

Thousands of people visited Carlo's tomb in Assisi following his beatification in the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi on Oct. 10, 2020.

2025 Mass Intentions

Pope Paul VI said, "The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer!" It has immense power and countless miracles and conversions have occurred throughout the centuries by offering Masses for a specific intention or person.

If you have a specific date you would like to have a mass offered in 2025 - contact Suzie at the church office.



"Sayin' 'Amen' is like pressing the 'SEND' button for your prayers."

The Liber Christo Method: A Field Manual for Spiritual Combat by Daniel R. Schneider

"Whenever you experience any sort of pain—whether physical, psychological, or emotional—the "Judo Prayer" is also quite effective. In judo, you learn to use your opponent's force and momentum against him. In a similar way, this prayer takes the force and momentum of the enemy and uses it for the salvation of souls. This prayer also shows the subtleties of how to use mental prayer and also the value of using suffering as a weapon in spiritual combat. When your opponent rushes you, use the Judo Prayer: Lord, I am experiencing (n.). If this is not from you and is diabolic in origin, I ask you to send it back to its source with a tenfold blessing. If, however, you want me to carry this cross, I willfully accept it, I ask you for the grace to carry it, and I offer it for (insert your intention here). Whether you have something as simple as a headache or sleeplessness, or an intense diabolic affliction and attack, offer your affliction for the person you need to forgive, the purification of the Church, the souls in purgatory, a family member who has left the Church, or in atonement for a past sin which bothers you. If you begin to offer all the little crosses of your day to the Lord, especially for anyone who has hurt you, you will progress quickly towards freedom."

An Examination of Conscience Based on the Beatitudes

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BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT, FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

Have I truly recognized my complete dependence on God?

Have I been proud, arrogant and self-righteous?

Have I been selfish, greedy, possessive and self-seeking?

Have I sought after status, recognition, power, material possessions and wealth?