



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

**December 29, 2024
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY and
INAUGURATION OF THE JUBILEE YEAR: 2025**

Sun., Dec. 29 th	10:30 am	<u>DIOCESAN HOLY YEAR 2025 OPENING MASS</u> (in Cathedral)
Tues., Dec. 31 st	5:00 pm	<u>NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS</u>
Wed., Jan. 1 st	+++	<u>NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES:</u> 8:30 am & 10:30 am
Thurs., Jan. 2 nd	9:00 am	Mass of Sts. Basil & Gregory
Fri., Jan. 3 rd	9:00 am	The Holy Name of Jesus Mass
Sat., Jan. 4 th	5:00 pm	VIGIL MASS: THE EPIPHANY
Sun., Jan. 5 th		<u>MASSES OF THE EPIPHANY</u> 8:30 am & 10:30 am



**THE THEME OF
THE JUBILEE
HOLY YEAR
2025:
"WE ARE
PILGRIMS OF
HOPE"**

THIS SUNDAY'S DIOCESAN INAUGURATION MASS IN THE CATHEDRAL AT 10:30 AM

The Jubilee Holy Year 2025 was proclaimed by Pope Francis in Rome on Christmas Eve. This Sunday, it will be inaugurated in all the Cathedrals of the world, including ours.



This Special Sunday Mass will proceed in this way: +++

- ◆ At 10:30 am, the people here for Mass are invited to proceed to the Cathedral Foyer at the front entrance, where the Ritual begins with a Welcoming Prayer, a Reading of the Gospel and the Prayer of the Holy Year. (*those who wish can participate audibly from their pews*);
- ◆ All will then process into the Church, led by the Jubilee Cross and the Book of the Gospels;
- ◆ Once all are in their pews, a short Prayer of water blessing will be recited at the Baptismal Font and the people will be sprinkled with the blessed water from the Font;
- ◆ After all are blessed with the Water, the Gloria is sung and the Mass begins in the usual way.



NEW YEAR'S MASSES

On January 1st, we observe the Holy Day of Obligation of Mary, the Mother of God. Masses will be celebrated on: New Year's Eve at 5:00 pm and on New Year's Day at 8:30 am and 10:30 am.

N.B.: NO 9 am Mass on December 31st

I wish to express my sincere thanks to Joan Dutli, Susan and Thomas Momot, Dave Bragnalo, Patrick Klug, Larry Pankuch, Erick Villanueva and Kevin Cerutti for setting up the Nativity stable and trees and for preparing the figures. This was a big job and it was great to see so many working together. Blessings to each of you. Cheryl DeLorenzi.



... and a special thanks to Cheryl, our Environment Director, for her leadership and hard work throughout the year! Msgr. Pat

DONATIONS TO OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Last Sunday's Collection	\$ 5,060.45
Christmas (totals: next week).....	-----
On-Line Donations	250.00
Missals/Calendar.....	80.00
Donation for Flowers	30.00
Votive Candles	275.00
St. Anthony Poor Fund	35.10

"ST. PAT'S HAT" DONATIONS THIS WEEK

Free Will & Online Donations.....	\$ 1,715.00
In Honour of Patricia & James Heino.....	200.00
In Memory of Alice MacCormack	1,000.00

Donation Totals this Week \$ 2,915.00

TOTAL PLEDGED/COLLECTED TO DATE

*** \$ 1,326,301.00 ***



Q. What are Jubilee Holy Years and why did Pope Francis decree one to be observed by the worldwide Catholic Church in 2025?

A. Pope Francis inaugurated the special year of which you speak, in the Vatican when, at the Christmas Eve Mass he solemnly opened the symbolic Holy Doors of St. Peter's Basilica. He also announced that on this Sunday, December 29, 2024, the Feast of the Holy Family, the opening of the Jubilee 2025 would be subsequently celebrated in all the Cathedrals of every Catholic Diocese in the world, including our own. In his words this Jubilee is meant to be 'a holy year dedicated to hope, conversion and spiritual renewal', offering to all peoples the opportunity to be reconciled to God, to others and to themselves!

Holy Years in the Bible

The Concept of Jubilee years had its origins in the Jewish Faith. In the Old Testament Book of Leviticus (Chapter 25), the Jewish people were taught to observe a "Jubilee" every 50 years. During these year-long observances, debts were forgiven, slaves were freed and land was allowed to remain fallow. The observance of such a year, was meant to remind God's People that everything on earth belongs to the Lord and that we are only stewards and not owners of creation. It was also a time to rest and to gain a proper perspective regarding our work and accomplishments. In other words, it was a year designed to help us make the distinctions between the insignificant aspects of life and the important and essential ones.



The Church's First Holy Year

In the year, 1300, Pope Boniface VIII proclaimed the Church's first worldwide "Jubilee". It was he who named it a "Holy Year" because he envisioned it as a time to promote holiness and spiritual growth for God's People. His plan was to celebrate future Jubilee celebrations every 100 years. Later, though, in keeping with the original Biblical Jewish tradition the intervals were reduced to every 50 years and eventually to a 25 year span, a custom that we still observed today.

Teaching Holy Years

Popes in recent times have also declared 'Holy Years' outside of the regular 25 year cycles, to teach us various aspects of our Faith, like: 'The Year of the Priest', 'The Year of Faith', 'The Year of Consecrated Life', and, Pope Francis' 'Year of Mercy' in 2016.

While the themes for these years may differ, their purpose is always the same: *to encourage prayer, a re-dedication to Gospel values and an enthusiastic renewal of spirit.*

"We are Pilgrims of Hope" Year

As you can see on the opposite page, our Inaugural Mass here will emphasize different aspects of commitment. This year will offer all peoples worldwide, a special time of opportunities to participate in various events designed to nurture our spiritual lives, to renew our Faith and to promote unity and peace among all the nations of the globe!



Catholic Women's League

UPCOMING PINS' CEREMONY

Our Years of Service Pins ceremony is scheduled for all Masses on January 11/12. We ask that all League members please wear their pins and/or scarves on that weekend. Members who wish to volunteer to be ushers at any of the Masses on that weekend are asked to please contact:

Joan Joubert at 622-4754 or at: joubertj@tbaytel.net.



Knights of Columbus



On Saturday, Dec. 14, over 45 men gathered for breakfast fellowship, prayer and an inspirational video. The gathering was sponsored by the Knights as part of their men's COR Faith Formation Program. Men are welcome to attend our meetings held twice monthly on Saturdays at 9 am at the Columbus Center. For more information contact Bruce Sutton, District Deputy, at 807-632-3120.



Development and Peace
CARITAS CANADA

We promote laws that include provisions for Ombudspersons who can effectively and independently investigate complaints against Canadian companies who are not protecting human rights and the environment.