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JUBILEE

Year 2025

What is the Jubilee Year?

As the Universal Church looks toward the Jubilee Year 2025 (the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord), the USCCB shared that it 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..."

Jubilee Year 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

What happens during the Jubilee Year?

The Jubilee Year will offer the faithful opportunities to participate in various jubilee events at the Vatican and in our own diocese and parishes. The great tradition of opening the Holy Door will begin when Pope Francis opens the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica on Dec. 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.

Local Jubilee Year Events

Can't travel to Rome to participate in jubilee events? Plan to celebrate right here in Haubstadt! St. James and Sts. Peter & Paul are planning parish-wide activities beginning in January 2025. Throughout 2025, details will be shared on how you can help our parishes celebrate and participate in the Jubilee Year.

Learn More

To learn more about this history of the Jubilee or plans for Jubilee Year 2025, visit usccb.org.

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Parish-wide Activities

The Jubilee and the Eucharist

The Jubilee of 2025 offers a valuable opportunity for preparing and deepening our understanding of the true meaning of the Eucharist. In 2025, challenge yourself to better prepare for the celebration of the Eucharist.

Prepare for Mass Well in the Jubilee: Approach the Eucharist with personal preparation in silence to reflect on the mystery you are about to experience. Read the passages of God's Word that will be proclaimed in the liturgy ahead of time.

Make the Sign of the Cross Well in the Jubilee: The words and gestures made enable us to be involved body, soul and mind in the celebration. The Sign of the Cross summarizes the whole of our Christian faith.

Listen Carefully to the Word of God in the Jubilee: By listening and through personal recollection, it is possible to translate the Word into everyday life.

Pray the Lord's Prayer Attentively in the Jubilee: Meditate on the prayer that Jesus taught by reflecting on the meaning of the words that are said. Dwell carefully and reverently on every expression used.

Welcoming the Eucharistic Jesus in the Jubilee: The broken bread becomes nourishment for the life and presence of God that strengthens and sustains us. As you approach Holy Communion, silent prayers can be recited in your heart, preparing you to receive the Lord with greater awareness and gratitude.

"The Mass is ended, go in Peace" in the Jubilee: With the final greeting, we are invited to become credible witnesses of Christ. Before leaving, pause to give thanks for the gift received in Holy Communion.

What's Happening?

The celebration of jubilee years typically includes pilgrimages, processions, celebrations of Mass and an invitation to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. These liturgical celebrations are opportunities to receive the Lord's mercy and lead to the performance of works of mercy.

Opening of the Diocesan Jubilee

Sunday, December 29, 10:30 a.m., Saint Benedict Cathedral

All are invited to the cathedral for the celebration of the local opening of the Jubilee on the Feast of the Holy Family. The Jubilee cross will be brought into the cathedral and the Jubilee will officially begin for the diocese.

The Light is Always On

Additional Reconciliation Opportunities

Extra reconciliation times will be offered on the 5th Sundays in March, June, August and November. Times to be announced.

Parishioner Challenges

Sharing the Faith & Giving Thanks

Each month, parishioners will be challenged to share their faith and show their appreciation to others. Specific details for each challenge will be provided monthly.



Stay Tuned!

Watch for more details on special blessings, parish events and even Flat Father adventures coming in 2025, all in celebration of the Jubilee Year!



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Pilgrims of Hope



The Jubilee Year is a time for prayer, celebration and reconciliation, inviting us to become Pilgrims of Hope in our world. To honor this special year, let's embark on this Jubilee journey together! Each month, parishioners will be encouraged to express their faith, show gratitude to others and spread hope.

This month...

Invite Someone to Mass or Adoration

A simple invitation can make a big impact. Extend an invitation to a friend, someone you haven't seen in awhile or to a family that has fallen out of the habit of attending Mass regularly. Perhaps you know a young family that feels hesitant about bringing their children to Adoration or maybe you know someone interested in dedicating more time to prayer with our Father. Don't hesitate; invite them to join you at Mass or Adoration. Take it one step further and invite them to break bread with you afterwards.

Share Your Faith with the Community

Use social media as a platform to spread the good news and inspire others to do the same. Throughout January, share a favorite prayer, post family photos taken at our beautiful churches or share something you cherish about our Catholic faith.

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Learn More

There are many Jubilee Year resources available, and a quick Google search can provide links to Jubilee content and updates.

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