

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHEDRAL PARISH

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CLERGY

Bishop: Most Rev. Peter Baldacchino, J.C.L.

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES / MISAS

WEEKENDS / FINES DE LA SEMANA

Saturday Vigil/Vigilia los Sabados: 5:30 p.m. (English)

Sunday/Domingo: 7:30a.m., 11:00a.m. (English)
9:00a.m. (*Español*)

WEEKDAYS / DÍAS DE LA SEMANA

Mon. to Sat.: 8:15 a.m. (English)

Tuesday: 6:00 p.m. (*Español*)

Thursday: 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour (*Español*)

Friday: 3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (English)

Baptisms: Call office for information

Confessions in Church: Monday - Friday: 7am-8am

Sat.: 4pm-5pm

OR ANYTIME BY APPOINTMENT WITH ONE OF THE PRIESTS

Anointing of the Sick: Upon Request

Marriage: Call Parish Office for Preparation at least 6 months
in advance and before setting a firm date.



Registration: We welcome new parishioners, fall visitors and visiting friends to our parish. New members are encouraged to visit the IHM office to complete a registration form. We encourage you to use your envelope even if your donation is a modest one; this helps us to know that you are an active parishioner.



RECENT EVENTS

1. Concert in Spanish December 25th
2. Visitation of the Three Kings to IHM on January 4th
5. Christmas Pageant in English and Spanish at IHM on January 5th



Let us find our identity, for we are the children of God!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

After a great Christmas celebration, where we contemplated the baby Jesus in the manger and the reflection of His love on the faces of others, especially the little ones and the poorest of the poor, we now look at the adult Jesus. The child in the manger has grown to manhood, but also to divine wisdom and understanding of His mission as the Son of God. The solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord is the preparation for His journey to the cross; it is the first public act of the ministry of our Divine Redeemer. The Baptism of the Lord is also the prologue to His life, demonstrating that He has chosen to be obedient to the will of the Father. It is necessary for us, as Catholics, to follow the example of our Savior, with whom the Father "is well pleased." Matthew 3:17

Obedience to authority and especially to God's will is a challenge for so many Catholics around the world. Maybe, like the people of Jesus' times, we are also filled with expectation and sometimes confusion. But we have only to look at the example of John the Baptist, who epitomizes the perfect attitude of humility, faith and clarity of his mission. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Mathew 3:11. It is very impressive that the harshness of a holy man named John reminds us that we are unimportant, unworthy sinners, but as Pope Francis affirms, sinners seen by the eyes of a merciful, loving, and wonderful God.

As we enter the new year, I hope to encourage you to humble yourselves, to be obedient, and to ask the Lord what His holy will is for us. In addition, I ask your prayers for the IHM FAMILY OF FAITH: to help us to enter this Jubilee Year with open hearts and minds to God's plans in our lives; to give us a servant heart that pleases Him and not the world or a few people; to help us to really bring justice and freedom to those whom we call brothers and sisters; and to bring the light of Christ to those who live in the darkness of error and sin. Also, in communion with our holy Mother the Church, we have a serious commitment to pray for the world's peace, as it has been said in song: "Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me."

There is nothing sadder than to see communities, people, and families fighting amongst themselves or divided by gossip, rivalry, jealousy, and perfidy. These and many other grievous sins do not come from God and must be denounced. As Baptized Catholics, we are called to be children of God and give signs of God's presence in our lives. How can that be possible? Only if we understand the many graces we have received from baptism, because it is God who cleanses us from our sins and vices and gives us His sanctifying grace to fulfill our mission.

As we clearly know, Jesus did not need to be baptized. But by undergoing this sacrament, with His body, and with His divinity in baptism, he blessed all the waters, so that waters would have the power to confer baptism on us. And then before ascending to heaven, Jesus told us to go into the world to baptize. Therefore, when we baptize a child, we have undertaken the mission to transmit our faith to our children. This is the beautiful inheritance you will leave them.

For that reason, we are doing our best in our parish to prepare initiates for the reception of this sacrament, so please don't take it for granted; I have a serious concern for the parents and sponsors of those who are going to baptize a child. How can we be a transmitter of something that we don't understand or sometimes don't appreciate? Therefore, I invite each of you to deepen your faith, to take your mission seriously and to commit more fully in the building of the Kingdom of God as members of this parish. You can do this by caring for and participating more in the different activities and missions of our parish.

I want you to remember what the lemma or motto of this Jubilee Year is. In this Jubilee Year, our mission is to be pilgrims of hope! It shall give us the realization that we are not journeying alone or in different directions, but instead we are journeying together. There is a kind of dissociation that leads to the temptation to go in a different direction with our own ideas. Evangelization is not proselytism and the success of it is not in the implementation of our great plans, but in doing the will of God and giving testimony between our faith and how we live. How many times do we just become complainers of things that are not being done or how are things being done? We complain, but we don't want to commit and we don't help.

For this and many other important reasons this year, I challenge you to be more united. Together we will try to take better care of our temple! Yes! This year we are going to cleanse it together, and to maintain presentability. Once a month, we are going to have a cleaning day where everyone is welcome to serve, and where we can share our joy of belonging to this community. However, when I said temple or church, I don't just refer to the physical material temple but also to our hearts which are God's temple. This will bring joy and a sense of belonging to the mystical body of Christ, which we call IHM, but also bring awareness of the importance of being true servants in imitation of Christ the Lord.

Pope Francis once said baptism is a real gift of divine eternal life. It is an event of grace and communion with God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Happy Feast of the Baptism of the Lord!

Sincerely, Father Alejandro Reyes Cardenas, Rector!

¡Encontremos nuestra identidad, somos hijos de Dios!

Queridos hermanos y hermanas, después de una gran celebración navideña y de contemplar al niño Jesús en el pesebre y en los rostros de los demás, especialmente en los pequeños y en el bosque de los pobres, ahora miramos a un Jesús adulto. El niño en el pesebre ha crecido hasta llegar a la edad adulta, pero también a la sabiduría divina y a la comprensión de su misión como hijo de Dios. La solemnidad del bautismo del Señor es la preparación para su camino a la cruz, es el primer acto público del ministerio de nuestro Divino Redentor. El bautismo del Señor es también el prólogo de su vida, demostrando que ha elegido ser obediente a la voluntad del Padre.

Es necesario que nosotros, los católicos, sigamos el ejemplo de nuestro salvador, de quien el Padre es complacido.

La obediencia a la autoridad y especialmente a la voluntad de Dios es un desafío para muchos católicos en todo el mundo. Quizás como gente de los tiempos de Jesús también estemos llenos de expectativa y a veces confusión, pero miremos el ejemplo de Juan Bautista quien personifica la actitud perfecta de humildad, fe y claridad de su misión. Yo os bautizo con agua, pero viene una más ligera que yo. No soy digno de desatar las correas de sus sandalias. Él os bautizará en Espíritu Santo y fuego. Es muy impresionante el arnés de un santo llamado Juan que nos recuerda que no somos más que pecadores indignos y como afirma el Papa Francisco pecadores vistos por el ojo de la misericordia de un Dios maravilloso.

Al entrar en el nuevo año, los animo a humillarse, a ser obedientes para preguntarle al Señor cuál es su Santa voluntad para nosotros, la FAMILIA DE FE de IHM.

Para ayudarnos a entrar en este año jubilar con el corazón y la mente abiertos a los planes de Dios en nuestras vidas. Para darnos un corazón de servidor que le agrade a Él y no al mundo o a pocas personas. Para ayudarnos a llevar realmente justicia y libertad a aquellos a quienes llamamos hermanos y hermanas. Y la luz de Cristo para quienes viven en las tinieblas del error y el pecado.

También en comunión con nuestra santa madre la iglesia tenemos el compromiso de orar por la paz mundial, pero como se ha dicho y cantado: "que haya paz en la tierra y comencemos por mí".

No hay nada más triste que ver comunidades y personas y familias peleando entre sí o divididas por la murmuración, la rivalidad, los celos, la perfidia, éste y muchos otros pecados graves que no vienen de Dios y que más pueden ser denunciados.

Como Bautizados estamos llamados a ser hijos de Dios y a dar signos de la presencia de Dios en nuestras vidas. Esto sólo es posible si entendemos las muchas gracias que recibimos en el bautismo. Es Dios quien nos limpia de nuestros pecados y vicios y nos da su gracia santificante para cumplir nuestra misión.

Como sabemos claramente Jesús no necesitaba ser bautizado sino con su cuerpo, con su divinidad en el bautismo bendijo todas las aguas, para que las aguas tuvieran el poder de conferir el bautismo.

Y antes de su ascensión al cielo, Jesús nos dijo que fuéramos al mundo a bautizar y que pasa cuando bautizamos a un niño tenemos la misión de transmitir nuestra fe a nuestros hijos. Esta es la hermosa herencia que les vivireis.

Por esa razón estamos haciendo todo lo posible en nuestra parroquia para prepararlos para la recepción de este sacramento, por favor no lo den por sentado, tengo una seria preocupación por los padres y padrinos de quienes van a bautizar a un niño. ¿Como podemos ser transmisores de algo que no entendemos o en ocasiones no apreciamos?

Los invito a profundizar su fe para tomar más en serio su misión y comprometerse más en la construcción del Reino de Dios como miembros de esta parroquia. Para preocuparnos y participar más en las diferentes actividades y misiones de la parroquia, finalmente, este año en respuesta al año jubilar y a nuestra misión de ser peregrinos de la esperanza, quiero que recuerden cuál es el lema de este jubileo: ¡somos peregrinos de la esperanza! Nos dará la comprensión de que no estamos viajando solos o en diferentes direcciones, estamos viajando juntos, hay una especie de disociación que nos lleva a la tentación de ir en una dirección diferente con nuestras propias ideas. La evangelización no es proselitismo y el éxito de esta no está en la implementación de nuestros grandes planes sino en hacer la voluntad de Dios y dar testimonio entre lo que predicamos y cómo vivimos. ¿Cuántas veces nos quejamos de cosas que no se hacen? o ¿cómo se están haciendo? Pero no queremos comprometernos, no ayudamos.

Por esta y muchas otras razones importantes este año los desafío a estar más unidos, juntos intentaremos cuidar mejor nuestro templo, ¡sí! Este año vamos a limpiarlo juntos, para mantenerlo presentable, una vez al mes vamos a tener un día de limpieza donde todos son bienvenidos a servir, y donde podemos compartir nuestra alegría de pertenecer a esta comunidad, sin embargo, cuando Dije templo o iglesia, no me refiero al templo físico material sino también a nuestros corazones que son el templo de Dios. Esto traerá alegría y sentido de pertenencia al cuerpo místico de Cristo, que llamamos IHM, pero también en conciencia de la importancia de ser verdaderos servidores a imitación de Cristo Señor.

El Papa Francisco dijo una vez que el bautismo es un verdadero regalo de la vida divina eterna, un evento de gracia y comunión con Dios Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo.

Feliz fiesta del Bautismo del Señor

Atentamente,

Padre Alejandro Reyes Cárdenas, ¡Rector!

MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE MISAS

~ Readings of the Week ~

VIGIL MASS/VIGILIA: Saturday/Sábado, January 11

5:30 PM † Saul Burciaga (by Bertha Burciaga)
† Aurora Balizan (by Josie and Family)

SUNDAY/DOMINGO, January 12

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 / Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 / Acts 10:34-38 / Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

7:00 AM For those that are homeless
9:00 AM(Sp) † Maria Loera (por su familia)
† Hugo Rodriguez (por la familia Rodriguez)
Almas del Purgatorio
11:00 AM † Luis Garcia (by his family)
† Jennie Rowilson (by Dale Schueler and family)

Monday/Lunes, January 13

Hebrews 1:1-6 / Psalm 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 / Mark 1:14-20

8:15 AM For the youth in our parish

Tuesday/Martes, January 14

Hebrews 2:5-12 / Psalm 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 / Mark 1:21-28

8:15 AM For the souls in purgatory
6:00 PM(Sp) Por las vocaciones a la vida religiosa

Wednesday/Miércoles, January 15

Hebrews 2:14-18 / Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 / Mark 1:29-39

8:15 AM For the IHM Families

Thursday/Jueves, January 16

Hebrews 3:7-14 / Psalm 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 / Mark 1:40-45

8:15 AM For the unborn
6:00 PM Por las familias parroquiales

Friday/Viernes, January 17

Hebrews 4:1-5, 11 / Psalm 78:3 & 4bc, 6c-7, 8 / Mark 2:1-12

8:15 AM Vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Saturday/Sabado, January 18

Hebrews 4:12-16 / Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15 / Mark 2:13-17

8:15 AM In thanksgiving for answered prayers

WHAT IS HAPPENING

Anuncio de Servicio Comunitario Gratuito

Consejería Católica

Caridades Católicas del Sur de Nuevo México y la Catedral del Inmaculado Corazón de María se han unido para ofrecer un valioso servicio a nuestra comunidad. A partir de ahora, brindaremos sesiones de consejería católica gratuitas para todas aquellas personas que sientan la necesidad de hablar con un profesional sobre problemas familiares, personales o la pérdida de un ser querido.

Detalles del Servicio:

Días: **lunes y martes**
Lugar: **Oficinas de la parroquia**
Costo: **Completamente gratuito**

Para más información:

Comuníquese con la parroquia en horario de oficina al (575) 524-8563
Contacte directamente a Claudia Fuentes al (575) 386-7652

No pierda la oportunidad de recibir apoyo y orientación profesional.

Estamos aquí para ayudarle

Catholic Charities of Southern New Mexico and the Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Announcement of Free Community Service:

Catholic Counseling

Catholic Charities of Southern New Mexico and the Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart of Mary have partnered to offer a valuable service to our community. We are providing free Catholic counseling sessions for individuals who feel the need to speak with a professional about family issues, personal problems, or the loss of a loved one.

Service Details:

Days: **Mondays and Tuesdays**
Location: **Parish offices**
Cost: **Completely free**

For more information: Contact the parish during office hours at (575) 524-8563
Reach out directly to Claudia Fuentes at (575) 386-7652

Do not miss the opportunity to receive support and professional guidance.

We are here to help you

Catholic Charities of Southern New Mexico and the Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart of Mary



Mass Intentions

Weekday: \$10
Weekend: \$15

*Please request
Mass Intentions at least
2 weeks in advance*

Please remember that you are not paying for the graces from God (which are of infinite value and cannot be paid for), but for the material things that are involved with celebrating that Mass.

prayer Requests



**“Pray, Hope and Don’t Worry!
Worry is useless,
God is merciful
and will hear your prayer”
~Saint Padre Pio~**

**To add a name to the parish prayer list
in the bulletin,
simply call the IHM office at (575)523-2252
or email frontdesk@ihmcathedral.org**

**If your loved one has recovered or found healing, please
contact the office so that their name can be removed from
the list. Thank you!**

- Baptism in the Jordan River -



www.CatholicPlayground.com

PRAY FOR THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH WHO ARE ILL

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| Hortencia Butler | Donna & Jimmy | Samuel Gutierrez |
| Juanita Mendoza | Graham | Martha Legarreta |
| Pat King | Yolanda Salas | Rena Carson |
| Ernestina Rodriguez | Marko Artem | Tammy Martinez |
| Freddy Castaneda, Jr. | Virginia Mike Ortega | Linda Salaiz |
| Benjamin Mendoza | Deacon Ed Misquez | Vicki/Peter Alvarez |
| Dylan Wilson | Sylvia Briseño | Sandra Lucero |
| Daniel Telles | Ralph Cadena | Marissa Madrid |
| Merlinda Moreno | Liz Garcia | Mary Benavidez |
| Pat Villines | Alicia Romero | Melissa Benavidez |
| Tim Thomas | Jimmy & Josh | Jacob Villa |
| Alice & Carlos Castro | Mary Mayers | Christopher Villa |
| Emanuel & Micaela | Oscar Rico | Terri Villa |
| Frietze and Family | Mary Moyers | Bertha Lucero |
| Edward Frias | Arcadio Garcia | Sandra Ramirez |
| Nellie Rigales Vigil | Jimmy Martinez | Toni Frietze |
| Inez Frietze | Josh Willhite | Mary & Tony Gallegos |
| Leo Alirez | Ethel Vigil Ebner | Cassie Hamilton & |
| Michael Rodriguez | Caesar Lopez | Melinda Moreno |
| Roni Trevillo | Sally Lozano | Josh A Lucero |
| Gabriel Granillo | Raymond Telles | Jim Hirschy |
| Ed Fragoso, | Richard Duran | Manuel Garcia |
| Mother Maria & Family | Lewie Chavez | Mr. and Mrs. Gino |
| Raymond Matlak | Gabriel Rodriguez | Delvillar |
| Matilda Evaro | Gabriel Gomez | Bill Chubb |
| Briana Telles | Albert Medina | Carlos Armendariz |
| Arturo Serna | Silas & Bea Garcia | Margie Armendariz |
| Angel Baker | Jeannie Lucero | Raquel Chubb |
| Danny Gamboa | Priscilla Serna | Ruth Laguna |
| Frank Jimenez | Lorraine D Matteo | Cathy Healthon |
| Felicia Krynitz | Les Flores Jr. | Gloria Babb |
| Everardo Meza | Albert Chavez Sr. | Elenor Misquez |
| Blanca Echevarria | Msr. Juan Moreno | Jose Alfredo Trujillo Vargas |
| Jose Ignacio Garcia | Daniel Jasso | Isabel Juarez |
| Amparo Espinosa | Isaiah Jimenez | Narciso Dominguez |
| Fatima Aguilar Ortiz | Nayhem Jimenez | |
| | Jesus Frietze | |

Collections: 1-5-2025

- 1st Collection.....\$5,948.00
- 2nd Collection.....\$2,405.00
- Office.....\$1,634.00
- Gift Shop.....\$68.00
- Online Donations.....\$4,888.75
- Mail Ins.....\$7,912.00

2nd Collections:

January 12: IHM Building Fund

Mass Intentions Weekday: \$10.00 • Weekend: \$15.00 • Prayer Request: Free
 ** Please request Mass Intentions at least 2 weeks in advance. **



Exámenes Preventivos de Ultrasonido
Cathedral of Immaculate Heart of Mary

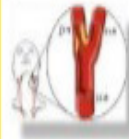
jueves, 16 de enero

Llamar al 832-437-7355 para hacer su cita.

¿Tiene Usted Algunos de Estos Factores de Alto Riesgo para Enfermedades Cardiovasculares?

Tensión Arterial Alta • Colesterol Alto • Historial Familiar de Ataque Cerebral, Ataque del Corazón, Aneurisma Aórtico o Cáncer • Diabetes • Fibrilación Auricular • Obesidad

(El primer síntoma del derrame cerebral ES un derrame! La detección temprana ayuda salvar vidas. Maneje estos riesgos controlables: fumar, dieta mala, falta de ejercicio, peso excesivo, y consumo excesivo de alcohol.



Riesgo de Derrames Cerebrales
 Ultrasonido de las arterias carótidas buscando placas o bloques.



Examen del Hígado
 Ultrasonido en donde se buscan lesiones físicas como masas o tumores.



Aneurisma Aórtico Abdominal
 Ultrasonido de la aorta abdominal buscando aneurisma.



Examen de los Riñones (2)†
 Ultrasonido en donde se buscan lesiones físicas como quistes, masas y cálculos renales.



Examen de las Tiroides†
 Ultrasonido en donde se buscan lesiones físicas como nódulos o quistes.



Examen de la Vesícula†
 Ultrasonido en donde se buscan lesiones físicas como pólipos, cálculos y todo.

Paquete de 7 Exámenes de Ultrasonido Por \$179

Citas: 832-437-7355; †No se permiten sustituciones o descuentos



Vascular & Organ Wellness Ultrasound Screenings
Cathedral of Immaculate Heart of Mary

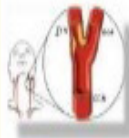
Thursday, January 16th

Please call 832-437-7355 for your appointment.

Do You Have Any of These Risk Factors?

High Blood Pressure • High Cholesterol • Family History of Stroke, Heart Attack, Aortic Aneurysms or Cancer • Diabetes • Atrial Fibrillation • Obesity

The first symptom of a stroke IS a stroke! Early detection helps to save lives. Manage these controllable risk factors: smoking, unhealthy diet, physical inactivity, excessive weight, and alcohol consumption.



Stroke Risk Screening
 Ultrasound of the carotid artery looking for plaque or blocked arteries.



Liver Screening
 Ultrasound looking for physical lesions such as masses or tumors.



Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening
 Ultrasound of the abdominal aorta looking for an aneurysm.



Kidneys (2) Screening†
 Ultrasound looking for physical lesions such as cysts, masses and stones.



Thyroid Screening†
 Ultrasound looking for physical lesions such as nodules or cysts.



Gallbladder Screening†
 Ultrasound looking for physical lesions such as polyps, stones, and sludge.

Total Discounted Package: All 7 Ultrasounds for \$179

Appointments: 832-437-7355; † No substitutions or discounts allowed



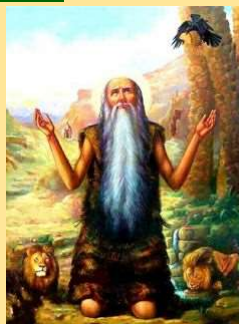


San Pablo de Tebas

El primer ermitaño

Día festivo: 15 de enero

Se sabe muy poco sobre San Pablo, reconocido como el primer ermitaño cristiano. Noble de Egipto, huyó al desierto durante la persecución de los cristianos por parte del emperador romano Decio (249-251). Aprendió a disfrutar tanto de su vida solitaria "solo con Dios", que permaneció allí por el resto de su vida.



Según la tradición, su celda se encuentra en el monte Sinaí. Murió muy anciano, después de más de 90 años de vida solitaria. Antes de morir, fue descubierto por San Antonio Abad quien difundió la noticia de su santidad. Murió a la edad de 113 años, momento en el que, según relata San Antonio, dos leones cavaron una tumba para él.

Se cree que San Pablo se mantenía con vida gracias al fruto de una palmera y a un cuervo que diariamente le traía un trozo de pan.



Saint Paul of Thebes

The First Hermit

Feast Day: January 15

Very little is known about St Paul, who is recognized as the first Christian hermit. A nobleman from Egypt, he fled to the desert during the persecution of Christians by the Roman emperor Decius (249-251). He learned to enjoy his solitary life "alone with God alone" so much, that he remained there for the rest of his life.

According to tradition, his cell is found on Mt Sinai. He died at a very old age, after more than 90 years of solitary life. Before he died, he was discovered by St Anthony the Abbot who spread the news about his holiness. He died at the age of 113, at which time, as related by St Anthony, two lions dug a grave for him.

It is believed that St Paul was kept alive by the fruit of a palm tree and by a raven which daily brought him a piece of bread.

Pope proposes 'diplomacy of hope' to members of Diplomatic Corps

Pope Francis delivers his 'State of the World' address at the annual Audience for Members of the Diplomatic Corps accredited to the Holy See, and calls for a diplomacy of hope based on truth, forgiveness, freedom, and justice.

By Devin Watkins

At his annual Audience for Members of the Diplomatic Corps accredited to the Holy See on Thursday, Pope Francis laid out his vision for a 'diplomacy of hope' based on truth, forgiveness, freedom, and justice.



The Holy Father began his address - which, after the initial greeting, was read by Msgr. Filippo Ciampanelli, Under Secretary of the Dicastery for the Eastern Churches - by noting the importance of the Jubilee year for the Catholic Church, saying it calls each of us to rediscover "what is truly essential."

He expressed his gratitude to the Italian authorities for their efforts to prepare the city of Rome to welcome millions of pilgrims who will travel to the Eternal City in 2025.

As the year begins, noted the Pope, we find our world torn by numerous conflicts, acts of terror, societal tensions, and the creation of new barriers that divide people.

He invited all people to set aside a "logic of confrontation" and rather embrace a "logic of encounter, so that the future does not find us hopelessly adrift, but pressing forward as pilgrims of hope, individuals and communities on the move, committed to building a future of peace."

DIPLOMACY OF HOPE IN TRUTH

Pope Francis then set out his vision for a "diplomacy of hope," which he said can sweep away the dense clouds of war with the "renewed winds of peace."

All people, he said, are endowed with an innate thirst for truth and long to hear the glad tidings that respond to humanity's need for someone to save us from our misery.

At the same time, he noted, "hardly any corner of our world has been left untouched by the broad cultural transformation brought about by the rapid advances in technology, whose alignment to commercial interests is increasingly evident, generating a culture rooted in consumerism."

In response, said the Pope, a diplomacy of hope must therefore be a "diplomacy of truth," which links reality, truth, and knowledge in order to provide human beings with a common language anchored in reality.

Language is especially important in diplomatic relations, he noted, lamenting efforts to change the meaning of terms or unilaterally reinterpreting the content of human rights treaties.

"It represents a form of genuine ideological colonization that attempts, in accordance with carefully planned agendas, to uproot the traditions, history and religious bonds of peoples," he said, condemning as "unacceptable" attempts to enshrine "an alleged 'right to abortion'."

FORGIVENESS TO MOVE BEYOND HATRED

The Pope went on to call for a "diplomacy of forgiveness," which can find ways to mend relationships broken by hatred and violence in ways that care for victims.

He appealed for the international community to put an end to the wars in Ukraine and Gaza, recalling the enormous toll the conflicts have wrought on innocent civilians.

"At the same time," he added, "it must also be pointed out that war is fuelled by the continued proliferation of ever more sophisticated and destructive weapons," repeating his assertion that "war is always a failure."

Pope Francis also recalled ongoing conflicts in Myanmar, Sudan, the Sahel, the Horn of Africa, Mozambique, and the eastern regions of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

He condemned growing expressions of anti-Semitism and persecutions against Christian communities.

"There can be no true peace without the guarantee of religious freedom, which entails respect for the conscience of individuals and the possibility of publicly manifesting one's faith and membership in a community," he said.

The Pope expressed his hopes for the future of Syria, saying all Syrians, including Christians, should share in the common good of the entire nation.

FREEDOM AND JUSTICE AS FOUNDATION FOR PEACE

Pope Francis then called for a "diplomacy of freedom," which seeks to put an end to the scourge of human trafficking, drug addiction, and other forms of modern slavery.

He urged all countries to care for the victims of human trafficking and migrants who set out in search of a better life, while also calling for efforts to address the root causes of displacement.

A diplomacy of hope, he added, is also a "diplomacy of justice," saying

there can be no peace without justice, highlighting the Jubilee year's call for the forgiveness of debts, be they societal or fiscal.

"I reiterate my call for the death penalty to be eliminated in every nation, since it finds no justification today among the instruments capable of restoring justice," he said.

REPAYING ECOLOGICAL DEBTS TO COMMON HOME

In conclusion, Pope Francis recalled humanity's debt to our common home, which he said countries should care for through efforts to share financial resources to mitigate the effects of climate change.

"In light of this ecological debt," he said, "it is important to find effective ways to convert the external debt of poor countries into effective, creative and responsible policies and programmes to promote an integral human development."

The Pope then expressed his condolences and prayers for the victims of the "earthquake that struck Tibet two days ago."

As the Jubilee year gets underway, the Pope told diplomats accredited to the Holy See, may hope flourish in the hearts of all people, so that our desires for peace may be realized.

Apostolic Nuncio to Jordan: 'Middle East Christians are not alone'

In an interview with Vatican News in Amman, Archbishop Giovanni Pietro Dal Toso, Apostolic Nuncio to Jordan, reflects on the rich history of Jordanian Christians, which continues to enrich the community of Christians in the Middle East.

By Deborah Castellano Lubov

"The Middle East would be not the Middle East without the Christians. We should remember the big contribution of Christians to the societies here in Jordan, a contribution that continues."

In an interview with Vatican News in Amman, the Apostolic Nuncio to Jordan, Archbishop Giovanni Pietro Dal Toso, made this observation as he reflected on the historic and long-standing Christian presence in Jordan.

"We do not just have biblical sites where the presence of Christ is confirmed," he explained. "We have also sites where we can see the presence of the very first Christian communities."

The conversation took place after the Archbishop had presented the "Jordan: Dawn of Christianity" exhibit on Wednesday.

Q: Your Excellency, could you explain for the faithful the importance of the 'Jordan: Dawn of Christianity' exhibition that will debut in the Vatican later this month?

I would say the title of the exhibition already speaks for itself with 'the dawn' the dawn of Christianity that we have here in Jordan. We do not just have biblical sites where the presence of Christ is confirmed; we also have sites where we can see the presence of the very first Christian communities. Thus, here in Jordan, there is a continuity through all these centuries, a continuity of the presence of the Christian communities here in this country.

The exhibition would like to highlight exactly this presence. This is important, especially for our Western part of the world, to know that Jordan keeps this treasure and to know, better, that the Christian presence here in Jordan was always there, and that Christian communities belong to the Middle East, belong to the Arab culture like other religions. Therefore, I hope this exhibition will also help the West to understand better what the nature and history of the Middle East are.

Q: As Apostolic Nuncio to Jordan, how would you say the Christian communities here are doing at this time, even on an emotional level, having the war certainly not in Jordan, which is a stable, peaceful State, but having it nearby?

Of course, we have some consequences due to the war, and especially because a good part of the population here has Palestinian origins. Many of them have their relatives on the other side of the Jordan. And of course, they feel, much more, the tragedy of the war. Every war is a tragedy, but the closeness lets us experience all this in a more tragic way.

Our hope is that peace will come as soon as possible. And I must say the words of the Holy Father: Pope Francis underlined the importance of peace, the importance of looking for dialogue in order to achieve peace, in order to achieve a peaceful future for the whole region.

These words of the Holy Father were most appreciated and will have, for sure, an impact here in the Middle East and especially in this Kingdom. Of course, we hope that his words will be heard by many people so that we can soon achieve peace.

Q: Pope Francis has made countless appeals for peace and spoke of peace also in his letter to Cardinal Parolin, his upcoming visit for the consecration of the church at the Baptism site. The Pope always voices his and the

Church's prayers for peace and closeness to those suffering in the region.

How does the upcoming consecration of the church at the Baptism site represent the much larger reality of the Church's closeness to Christians in the Middle East and their hope that they can stay in the Middle East?

I would say the visit of Cardinal [Secretary of State Pietro] Parolin, the consecration of this new church, his being here as a papal legate, of course, underlines the importance of the site, because this is the baptismal site; this can remind every one of us of our baptism. But at the same time, I think this visit is very important also as a sign of closeness to the local Church, to the Christians here in the Middle East, and that they are not alone.

They are not alone. We really care; the Holy See really cares for the Christian communities, because the Middle East would not be the Middle East without Christians. We should remember the big contribution of Christians to the societies here in Jordan, a contribution that continues.

If we think, for example, of how many non-Christians go to Christian schools, to Catholic schools especially, this is a contribution to society which continues. This is why it is important that we are aware of our role here in the Middle East and that we are aware that the universal Church is supporting our role here in the Middle East.

Q: Christians can learn a lot at the exhibition, obviously, but for those who want to see with their own eyes Christianity in Jordan, is it a time for pilgrims to think of visiting Jordan, or is this something, especially in the Jubilee of Hope, that they should put on their radar?

Jordan is a very welcoming country, and I'm sure that Jordan is a place to be visited exactly in this Holy Year, because visiting the holy sites can bring a renewal to our faith, and this is also the aim of the Holy Year.

The Holy Year invites Christians to renew their faith, and, of course, one of the best ways to renew our faith is to have direct contact with the places where this faith was born.

Celebraciones del Papa Francisco para enero y principios de febrero

Entre los acontecimientos anunciados por el arzobispo Diego Ravelli, maestro de las celebraciones papales, se encuentran las segundas vísperas en la basílica de San Pablo con motivo de la Semana de oración por la unidad de los cristianos y los primeros actos jubilaires

Vatican News



La agenda del Papa para las próximas semanas es una mezcla de tradición y novedades jubilaires. El arzobispo Diego Ravelli, maestro de las celebraciones litúrgicas pontificias, dio a conocer hoy, 8 de enero, la lista de eventos que Francisco presidirá entre finales de este mes y principios del próximo.

LA SEMANA POR LA UNIDAD DE LOS CRISTIANOS

La tradición está representada por la celebración de las Segundas Vísperas en la Basílica de San Pablo Extramuros, prevista para el 25 de enero a las 17.30 horas, con motivo de la Semana de Oración por la Unidad de los Cristianos, que alcanzará su 58ª edición en 2025. El tema elegido para este año es la pregunta extraída de un versículo del Evangelio de Juan: "¿Crees esto?" - con textos de reflexión editados por la Comunidad Monástica de Bose e inspirados en el 1.700º aniversario del Concilio de Nicea, el primer ecuménico del cristianismo.

PRIMERAS MISAS DEL AÑO SANTO

El día siguiente, 26 de enero, la atención se centrará en el primero de los grandes acontecimientos del Año Santo, el Jubileo del mundo de la comunicación, que verá a Francisco en el altar de la Basílica de San Pedro a las 9.30 horas para la celebración de la Misa.

El 1 de febrero, fiesta de la Presentación del Señor, el Papa presidirá la celebración de las Primeras Vísperas a las 17 horas en la Basílica Vaticana. Luego, el domingo 9 de febrero, se celebrará otro gran acontecimiento del Año Santo con la Misa de Francisco con motivo del Jubileo de las Fuerzas Armadas, de la Policía y de la Seguridad, prevista a las 10.30 horas en la Plaza de San Pedro.

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 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.



Important Dates at IHM

Christmas Décor Takedown

Sunday, December 12
Following the 11:00am Mass

Religious Education

Classes Resume
This Wed, January 15
Beginning at 6pm

Ash Wednesday

Not a Holy Day of Obligation

Tentatively scheduled for
Wednesday, March 5

English Mass: 8:15am, 12:10pm,
3pm, 6pm
Spanish Mass: 7:30pm

Ultra- Sound Screenings

Stroke Scan Plus will offer Stroke
screens for \$179 per person on
Thursday, January 16

Enchilada Fest

Saturday and Sunday,
March 8 and 9, 2025

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from his letter announcing the theme for the 2025 Jubilee year - *Pilgrims of Hope.*

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