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OFFICE HOURS

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

2nd

Sunday of
Ordinary Time

YEAR C



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)

Call Office to Register for Classes

Classes offered 3rd Saturday of every month

Spanish: 10AM-12PM and English: 12PM-2PM

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.

*“What Jesus did here in
Cana of Galilee was the first
of the signs through which
He revealed His glory; and
His disciples believed
in Him.”*

JOHN 2:1-11

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. Nativity Set Winning Entries: 1st Place - Button Art by Vaneska Lujan & 2nd place - Mesh Wreath by Demetryous Griffith. Thank you to all who took part!
2. 9:00 Spanish Choir at Christmas Mass



¿TIENES UNA HERMOSA VOZ?
Y/O SABER TOCAR UN INSTRUMENTO?

IHM QUIERE INVITARTE A FORMAR PARTE DE LA ORQUESTA DE LA CATEDRAL

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March 7th
2025

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are in ordinary time. Even though this time seems to be more relaxed, as good Catholics we are called to listen to the Lord attentively. 'Ordinary Time' (Latin: *Tempus per annum*) is the part of the liturgical year in the liturgy of the Roman Rite, which falls outside the two great seasons of Christmastide and Eastertide, or their respective preparatory seasons of Advent and Lent.

Christmas Time and Easter Time highlight the central mysteries of the Paschal Mystery, namely, the incarnation, death on the cross, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time, on the other hand, take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ.

According to the USCCB, Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, towards which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

Dear family, Mother Teresa tells us that, "It is not how much we do, but how much love we put in the doing. It is not how much we give, but how much love is put in the giving." For this important reason, I present this humble reflection to you: I want to invite you this year to have a different attitude in so far as our mission as parish, to see that in this specific time we are called—as people of God, the God of Israel—to make a difference in the world! To make this possible we don't need special powers. We need to look to the Saints who were ordinary people doing extraordinary things.

Very often, as pastors, we find people who complain about everything and anything but do not move a finger to help or change the problems. Complaining does not help at all. The less we concentrate on our own faults, the more we become more interested in the faults of others. This attitude is sinful because this can lead us to gossip and to a destructive criticism rather than fraternal correction. We need to have a different attitude! My intention is not to offend anybody but to remind you that we all are nothing but unworthy servants, called by the Lord who knows us and invites us to follow him more closely. He calls us to a more mature relationship with him—not just based on words but in actions. Do you want to be appeased? Learn what you are to do that God may be pleased with you. We don't need to do many great things, just those small and ordinary tasks that nobody wants to do. I advise you to offer it up as a kind of penance or sacrifice which will be more pleasing to the Lord. In contrast to the rigorist and Jansenist tendencies which are still present in our own days, let us patiently accept the small penances of daily life rather than looking for extravagant sacrifices.

God does not want our many sacrifices but a contrite heart. Saint Augustine of Hippo stated, "God does not despise a contrite heart." The everyday duties of our state in life are penance enough if we try to fulfill the will of God in everything we do. Therefore, it is not the severity of the penance that makes it effective, but the care we take in doing what we are obliged to do.

During this 'Ordinary Time' find within your hearts what the Lord is asking from you! Examine your consciences and do not be afraid to humbly acknowledge that we need to become better servants. We probably would find that if our offerings have not been pleasing to God, we need to offer our time in service and ask the Lord to purify our intentions. We need to ask him to help us to fix our eyes only on Him—who came to the world to serve not to be served—and who is the greatest example of humility to all Christians.

In Christ the most unworthy of your servants,
Father Alejandro Reyes

Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

este domingo es el tiempo ordinario, aunque este tiempo parezca mas relajado, como buenos católicos estamos llamados a escuchar al Señor atentamente. Tiempo Ordinario (Latín: *Tempus per annum*) es la parte del año litúrgico en la liturgia del Rito Romano, que cae fuera de las dos grandes sesiones de Navidad y Pascua, o de las estaciones preparatorias de Adviento y Cuaresma.

Los tiempos de Navidad y Pascua subrayan los misterios centrales del Misterio Pascual, denominados, la encarnación, muerte en la cruz, resurrección y ascensión de Jesucristo y el descendimiento del Espíritu Santo en Pentecostés. Los domingos y las semanas del Tiempo Ordinario, por otro lado, nos llevan a través de la vida de Cristo. Este es un tiempo de conversión. Esto es vivir la vida de Cristo.

De acuerdo a la USCCB, el Tiempo Ordinario es un tiempo para crecer y madurar, un tiempo en el cual el misterio de Cristo es llamado a penetrar mas profundamente en la historia hasta que todas las cosas queden finalmente recogidas en Cristo. El objetivo, hacia el cual toda la historia se dirige, se representa por el ultimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario, la Solemnidad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo. Querida familia de IHM, la Madre Teresa nos dijo que "No es cuanto hacemos, pero cuanto amor ponemos en lo que hacemos. No es cuanto damos, es cuanto amor ponemos en lo que damos. Por esta importante razón les presento esta humilde reflexión. Quiero invitarles este año a tener una actitud diferente en referencia a nuestra misión en la parroquia. Ver que en este tiempo específico estamos llamados como pueblo de Dios, el Dios de Israel, ¡a hacer una diferencia en el mundo! Y para hacer esto posible no se necesitan poderes especiales. Necesitamos ver a los santos que eran personas ordinarias que hacían cosas extraordinarias.

Frecuentemente como pastores vemos personas que se quejan de todo y no mueven un dedo para ayudar o cambiar los problemas. El quejarse no ayuda para nada. Lo menos que nos concentramos en nuestras propias faltas nos volvemos mas interesados en las faltas de los demás. ¡Necesitamos tener una actitud diferente! Esta actitud es pecadora porque nos lleva al chisme, a una critica destructiva en vez de una corrección fraternal. Mi intención no es ofender a nadie, pero si recordarles que no somos más que siervos inútiles, llamados por el Señor que nos conoce y nos invita a seguirlo mas de cerca. Él nos invita a una relación mas madura con El, no sola basada en palabras, sino que en acciones. ¿Quieres tranquilizar tu conciencia? Aprende lo que tienes que hacer para agradar a Dios.

No necesitamos hacer muchas cosas solo aquellas pequeñas y ordinarias que nadie quiere hacer, es más, les aconsejo ofrecerlas como un tipo de penitencia o sacrificio lo que puede ser más agradable al Señor. En contraste con el rigor y las tendencias Jansenistas todavía presentes en nuestros días, aceptemos pacientemente de la vida diaria en vez de buscar sacrificios extravagantes.

Dios no quiere muchos sacrificios, sino que un corazón contrito. "El Señor no rechaza un corazón contrito" San Agustino de Hippo. Las labores diarias de nuestro estilo de vida son suficiente penitencia si queremos hacer la voluntad de Dios en todo lo que hacemos. Por lo tanto, no es la severidad de la penitencia lo que la hace efectiva, sino que el cuidado que ponemos en hacer lo que debemos hacer.

Este tiempo ordinario encuentra en tu corazón lo que el Señor pide de ti. Examina tu conciencia y no temas aceptar humildemente lo que necesitamos para ser mejores siervos. Si probablemente nuestras ofrendas no han sido agradables a Dios, antes de ofrecer nuestro tiempo para servir, pidamos al Señor purificar nuestras intenciones y especialmente pidámosle su ayuda para fijar nuestra mirada solo en El, quien vino al mundo para servir y no para ser servido y quién es el más grande ejemplo de humildad para todos nosotros que nos llamamos Cristianos.

En Cristo, el más indigno de sus siervos,
Padre Alejandro Reyes

MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE MISAS

~ Readings of the Week ~

VIGIL MASS/VIGILIA: Saturday/Sábado, January 18

5:30 PM † Elvira Gallegos (by Granados Family)
† Andres & Guadalupe Mijares (by Family)

SUNDAY/DOMINGO, January 19

Isaiah 62:1-5 / Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 / 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 / John 2:1-11

7:30 AM Virgen de Guadalupe (by Albert Perez)
9:00 AM(Sp) Hugo Rodriguez (por Familia Rodriguez)
† Carlota & Antonio Flores (por Les Flores y Familia)
Almas del Purgatorio
11:00 AM Luis Garcia (by Family)
† Bertha Gallegos (by Jose & Marie Gallegos)

Monday/Lunes, January 20

Hebrews 5:1-10 / Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4 / Mark 2:18-22

8:15 AM † Stella Alba

Tuesday/Martes, January 21

Hebrews 6:10-20 / Psalm 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c / Mark 2:23-28

8:15 AM † Eloisa Saucedo (by the Saucedo Family)
† Jean Wolfgang
6:00 PM(Sp) † Evalina Colon Delgado (por Laura Izquierdo)

Wednesday/Miércoles, January 22

Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17 / Psalm 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c / Mark 2:23-28

8:15 AM † Rose Mackey

Thursday/Jueves, January 23

Hebrews 7:25—8:6 / Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 / Mark 3:7-12

8:15 AM † Monrella Family (by Victoria Leach)
† Jim Locke
Alejandro Velazco & Roman Gabriel for Healing & Thanksgiving
(by Eliza & Steave Archuleta)
6:00 PM Por los Niños no nacidos

Friday/Viernes, January 24

Hebrews 8:6-13 / Psalm 85:8, 10, 11-12, 13-14 / Mark 3:13-19

8:15 AM Prayers for People going through Grief

Saturday/Sabado, January 25

Acts 22:3-16 / Psalm 117:1bc, 2 / Mark 16:15-18

8:15 AM Healing Prayers for the Sick

WHAT IS HAPPENING

Need to speak with a professional about family issues, personal problems, or the loss of a loved one?

Free Catholic Counseling

Catholic Charities of Southern New Mexico & the Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart of Mary have partnered to offer this service to our community

Days: Mondays and Tuesdays
Location: IHM Parish Office
Cost: COMPLETELY FREE!

For more information,
call the IHM office at: (575)524-8563
Or reach out directly to
Claudia Fuentes at: (575)386-7652

¿Necesita hablar con un profesional sobre temas familiares, problemas personales o la pérdida de un ser querido?

Consejería Católica Gratuita

Caridades Católicas del Sur de Nuevo México y Catedral del Inmaculado Corazón de María se han unido para ofrecer un valioso servicio a nuestra comunidad

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

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



At the wedding feast in the village of Cana...

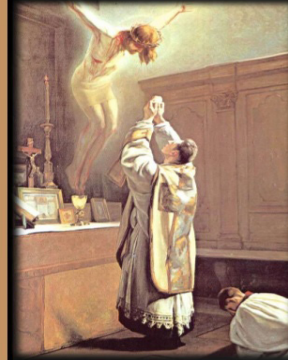


... Jesus turned water into wine! It was his first miracle!

PRAY FOR THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH WHO ARE ILL

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

"No human tongue can enumerate the favors that trace back to the Sacrifice of the Mass. The sinner is reconciled with God; the just man becomes more upright; sins are wiped away; vices are uprooted;



virtues and merits increase; and the devil's schemes are frustrated."

~ Saint Lawrence Justinian

Mass Intentions



One way we pray for people in need, both the living and the dead, is by having a Mass said for that person. (canon 945 §1)

Pope Paul VI said, **"The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer,"** and is said in communion with the entire Universal Church. Mass intentions are a great treasure of the Church and have a spiritual weight that is incalculable.

Please Request Mass Intentions in the office at least 2 weeks in Advance

In Order to Condense the Bulletin Prayer List



We respectfully request that all who wish to have a name remain on the list, please email

AGriffith@IHMcathedral.org

no later than

February 18

Collections: 1-12-2025

1st Collection.....	\$3,943.00
2nd Collection.....	\$2,145.00
Office.....	\$2,987.00
Gift Shop.....	\$198.00
Mail-Ins.....	\$1,179.00

2nd Collections:

January 26 - The Churches in Latin America: Helps with Catholic pastoral programs in Central and South America and the islands of the Caribbean

Mass Intentions Weekday: \$10.00 • Weekend: \$15.00 • Prayer Request: Free

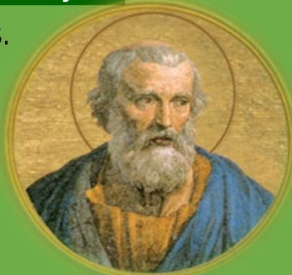
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St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr

Feast Day: January 20

Fabian was Pope for 14 years. He maintained relations with Eastern Christians, and divided Rome into seven diaconates for the assistance of the poor.



When Decius ascended to the throne, he required everyone in the empire to deny Christ and offer sacrifice to the Roman gods for the good of the emperor.

In the face of persecution and the threat of death, some Christians went through the motions of offering sacrifice to save their lives. Others fled and hid. Pope Fabian was among those who looked persecution and death in the face and accepted them. He died a Martyr on January 20, 250.

He is buried in the catacombs of St Callixtus.

San Fabián, Papa y Mártir

Día festivo: 20 de enero

Fabián fue Papa durante 14 años. Mantuvo relaciones con los cristianos orientales y dividió Roma en siete diaconados para la asistencia a los pobres.

Cuando Decio ascendió al trono, exigió que todos en el imperio negaran a Cristo y ofrecieran sacrificios a los dioses romanos por el bien del emperador.

Ante la persecución y la amenaza de muerte, algunos cristianos hicieron el gesto de ofrecer sacrificios para salvar sus vidas. Otros huyeron y se escondieron. El Papa Fabián estuvo entre los que enfrentaron la persecución y la muerte cara a cara y las aceptaron. Murió mártir el 20 de enero del año 250.

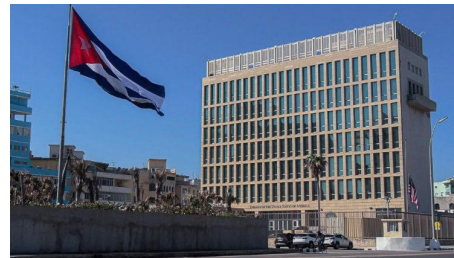
Está enterrado en las catacumbas de San Calixto.



Cuba to release prisoners 'in the spirit of the Jubilee'

The Cuban government has announced a decision to release 553 prisoners "in the spirit of the Ordinary Jubilee of 2025 declared by His Holiness Pope Francis."

By Christopher Wells



Cuba has announced that it will release from prison 553 people "convicted of various crimes." The decision was communicated to Pope Francis earlier this month in a letter from Cuban president Miguel Díaz-Canel, who indicated

that the release of prisoners was made "in the spirit of the Ordinary Jubilee of 2025."

A statement from Cuba's foreign ministry notes that the prisoner release takes place in the context of the "close and fluid relations with the Vatican State" and outlines contacts between the country and the Vatican over the course of the past few years.

The statement notes in particular the meeting between Pope Francis and President Díaz-Canel in August 2022, in which the plight of prisoners, as well as US policy toward Cuba, was discussed.

US lifts designation of Cuba as 'state sponsor of terrorism'

Cuba's statement came after an announcement by the White House that President Joe Biden has notified Congress of his intent to lift the US designation of Cuba as a state sponsor of terrorism as part of a deal facilitated by the Church. The prisoners are expected to be released in the coming days and weeks, with some being granted their freedom before Biden's term ends on 20 January.

Cuba's statement on Tuesday said the country maintains "a respectful, frank, and constructive relationship with the Vatican and the Supreme Pontiff, which facilitates decisions such as the one recently taken."

Pope Francis' Jubilee appeal for release of prisoners

In his Bull of Indiction for the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis proposed that "governments undertake initiatives aimed at restoring hope; forms of amnesty or pardon meant to help individuals regain confidence in themselves and in society; and programmes of reintegration in the community, including a concrete commitment to respect for law."

Prisoner releases have also marked previous relations between Cuba and the Vatican. In 1998, when St John Paul II visited the island nation, Fidel Castro released around 200 people. Thousands of prisoners were granted their freedom on the eve of Benedict XVI's visit to Cuba in 2012, and about 3,500 more ahead of Pope Francis' Apostolic Journey in 2015.

In December 2014, diplomatic relations between Washington and Havana were restored, with then-US President Barack Obama and his Cuban counterpart Raúl Castro thanking Pope Francis for his contribution in reaching the agreement.

Divest from companies that exploit children, pope says

"Fighting exploitation, particularly child exploitation, is the high road to building a better future for all of society," the pope said.

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- People and institutions can protect children by changing what they buy and what they invest in, Pope Francis said.

"Fighting exploitation, particularly child exploitation, is the high road to building a better future for all of society," the pope said Jan. 15, speaking about child exploitation during his audience for the second consecutive week.

Pope Francis begins his weekly general audience in the Paul VI Audience Hall at the Vatican Jan. 15, 2025. (CNS photo/Lola Gomez) Hundreds of thousands of children are subjected to dangerous

working conditions, sex trafficking, pornography or forced marriages, the pope said, but “child abuse, in whatever form it may be, is a despicable and heinous act. It is a most serious violation of God’s commandments.”

Pope Francis urged all people to consider what they can do as individuals to respond to the societal problem of child exploitation.

“First of all, we must recognize that, if we want to eradicate child labor, we cannot be complicit in it,” he said, explaining that people support child labor “when we buy products that employ child labor.”

“How can I eat and dress myself knowing that behind that food or those clothes, there are exploited children who work instead of going to school?” he said. “The knowledge about what we buy is the first act in not being complicit. Look at where those products come from.”

Likewise, institutions, including church bodies, have a “responsibility” to act against the exploitation of children “by shifting their investments to companies that do not use and do not allow child labor,” he said.

After his main talk, a circus performed tricks for the entertainment of the pilgrims gathered in the St. Paul VI Audience Hall. Pope Francis joined the act by tossing a ball for a show dog to catch.

In his speech, the pope spoke about the many factors that lead to the exploitation of children, such as widespread poverty, lack of social support for families and rising unemployment and job insecurity.

As a result, children in cities, where social divides and moral degradation are most present, become active in dealing drugs and other illicit activities, he said, to the point of becoming “executioners of their peers.”

Putting aside his prepared remarks, the pope recalled the case of a 5-year-old boy, Loan Danilo Peña, who disappeared in Argentina in June 2024. Police suspect that he was kidnapped for human trafficking purposes, possibly related to the harvesting of organs.

Pope Francis, returning to his text, said it is difficult for most people to recognize the social injustices that drive two children toward different paths, creating an “unacceptable human and social divide between those who can dream and those who must succumb.”

“But Jesus wants us all free and happy; and if he loves every man and woman as his son and daughter, he loves the little ones with all the tenderness of his heart,” he said. “Therefore, he asks us to stop and listen to the suffering of the voiceless.”

After greeting the visitors in the audience hall, the pope prayed for peace in Ukraine, Myanmar, Palestine, Israel and all nations at war.

“And also, let us pray for the conversion of the hearts of arms manufacturers,” he said, “because with their product they help to kill!”



THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE LOGO: EXPLAINED

The Jubilee Logo 2025 includes the following elements:

FOUR PERSONS: Representing all of humanity, they come from the four corners of the Earth. Their embrace signifies unity and love in



Christ, while their varied colors highlight cultural diversity.

THE CROSS: A symbol of our Lord’s passion, through which He triumphed over sin and death, opening the gates of Paradise. Each time we worthily make the Sign of the Cross, we proclaim our Christian Catholic faith to the world.

WAVES AND ANCHOR: The waves represent the storms and trials that challenge both the Church—the Boat of Peter—and our personal lives. The anchor, extending from the Cross, signifies Jesus Christ as our refuge and protector.

THE WORDING: The Latin motto “Peregrinantes in Spem” (“Pilgrims of Hope”) conveys the spiritual theme of the Jubilee Year. It is printed in green, the color of hope. The inscription “IUBILAEUM A.D. MMXXV” translates to “Jubilee of the Year of the Lord 2025.”

Jubilee of Hope

WASHINGTON – “As we celebrate this Jubilee Year as Pilgrims of Hope, Pope Francis invites us to experience God’s love ‘that awakens in hearts the sure hope of salvation in Christ,’” said Bishop Daniel E. Thomas of Toledo. As chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities, Bishop Thomas offered the following reflection on the 52nd anniversary of the decision by the Supreme Court of the United States in *Roe v. Wade* that legalized abortion nationwide:

“I join all Catholics throughout our nation in observing January 22 as a day of prayer and penance. As we prayerfully continue the essential work of restoring full legal protection of all preborn children and supporting parents facing difficult pregnancies, we also recognize our need for asking forgiveness and healing from the Lord for when we have given in to the culture of death.

“Abortion inflicts deep and lasting wounds on society, but more directly on individuals and families. Many mothers and fathers may feel they have no choice except abortion. Some are pressured or coerced. No matter the circumstances of the abortion, we must recognize the often-silent grief of parents for their child and their despair of being worthy of the love and forgiveness of God and others.

“To the parents of children who have died by abortion, I am deeply sorry for your loss. Know that our Lord loves you as His daughters and sons no matter your actions. No sin is beyond His unfathomable Mercy. Jesus greatly desires our repentant hearts and invites us into an encounter with Him. For Catholics, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available for those seeking God’s forgiveness, hope, and peace.

“As we celebrate this Jubilee Year as Pilgrims of Hope, Pope Francis invites us to experience God’s love ‘that awakens in hearts the sure hope of salvation in Christ’ (Spes Non Confundit, 6). Hope allows those who have been involved in abortion to turn to God and repent, confident that He will forgive and make them whole.

“This January 22 and beyond, we need to be reassured that Jesus Himself, who is the source of our hope, was first wounded for our offenses, and suffered for every sin of ours, including abortion. Please join me in praying that God will fill the hearts of mothers and fathers suffering the emotional and psychological wounds from abortion with the hope of forgiveness that only He can give. We invite them to seek support from the Church’s compassionate and confidential ministries.”

If you or someone you know is interested in confidential help after abortion, please reach out to your local Catholic parish, or visit the national Project Rachel Ministry websites, www.HopeAfterAbortion.org or www.EsperanzaPosAborto.org for a listing of diocesan abortion healing ministries.

Important Dates at IHM

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

Season of Lent

March 5- April 17, 2025

Enchilada Fest

The first Friday of Lent,
March 7, 2025

IHM Pilgrimage

To Our Lady of Guadalupe

Save the Date!
Tentatively scheduled for
Sunday, March 9 to
Saturday, March 15, 2025
Passports will be required

The Immaculate Cristeros of San



Joselito IHM Youth Group



They Meet Every Friday
from 6-8pm
Grades 7th to 12th are invited to attend!

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