



# December 15, 2024

## Third Sunday of Advent

# St. Mary St. Patrick

### Dec. 15 – The Jubilee Year of 2025

Pope Francis declared that Christmas Eve will initiate the beginning of the Jubilee Year of 2025, but what is a Jubilee Year? And why 2025?

A “Jubilee Year” is rooted in Scripture. The Book of Leviticus declared what the people of Israel would “count seven times of seven years” (49 years), and the year after that, the 50th year “... you shall treat as sacred. You shall proclaim liberty in the land for all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you, when each of you shall return to your own property, each of you to your own family” (Lev. 25:10). Thus, it was a special year that involved forgiving of all debts and freeing of slaves, as many slaves in that time were themselves something like “indentured servants,” who became slaves precisely to work off debts they could not pay.

In 1300s, the Catholic Church began to officially declare regular “Jubilee Years” once again but decided to celebrate every 25 years instead of every fifty. Ever since, the Church has celebrated a Jubilee year, every 25 years, making 2025 the next “ordinary” (regularly scheduled) Jubilee Year. A Jubilee can be “ordinary” if it falls after the set period of years (every 25 years), and “extraordinary” when proclaimed for an outstanding event. There have been 26 “ordinary” Holy Years so far, with 2025 being the 27th. And three extraordinary jubilees in this past century: 1933 proclaimed by Pope Pius XI to mark the 1900th anniversary of Redemption; 1983 proclaimed by Pope John Paul II to mark 1950 years since the Redemption carried out by Christ through his Death and Resurrection in the year 33; and in 2015-16, Pope Francis declared an Extraordinary Jubilee “Year of Mercy.”

As the Pope himself says, “The Holy Year of 2025 is itself in continuity with preceding celebrations of grace. In the last Ordinary Jubilee, we crossed the threshold of two millennia from the birth of Jesus Christ. Then, on 13 March 2015, I proclaimed an Extraordinary Jubilee for the sake of making known and encouraging an encounter with the “merciful face of God”, the core message of the Gospel for every man and woman of every time and place. Now the time has come for a new Jubilee ...” (Spes Non Confundit, 6).

Jubilee years, then, emphasize the importance of extending mercy to others (forgiveness of debts, etc.) and receiving God’s mercy (in the Sacrament of Reconciliation). Emphasized in this Holy Year, there is also an element of *pilgrimage*.

Lastly, this particularly Jubilee Year of 2025, Pope Francis is emphasizing the theme of *Hope*. On May 9, 2024, in a document titled Bull of Indiction, Pope Francis formally declared the 2025 Jubilee Year as “hope does not disappoint.” (See Rom. 5:5). I will speak more of these elements of *mercy, pilgrimage, and hope* in upcoming bulletin columns, as we enter this Jubilee Year.

Peace,

— Fr. Kevin

### 15 de Dic. – Jubileo 2025

El Papa Francisco declaró que esta Nochebuena comencemos el Año de Jubileo 2025, pero ¿qué es un Año de Jubileo? Y ¿por qué el 2025?

Un “Año de Jubileo” tiene sus raíces en las Escrituras. El Libro de Levíticos declaró que la gente de Israel “contará siete veces siete años” (49 años), y el año siguiente, el 50 “... santificaréis el año cincuenta, y pregonaréis libertad en la tierra a todos sus moradores; ese año os será de jubileo, y volveréis cada uno a vuestra posesión, y cada cual volverá a su familia” (Lev. 25:10). Por lo tanto, fue un año especial que implicó el perdón de todas las deudas y la liberación de los esclavos, ya que muchos esclavos en ese tiempo eran algo así como “sirvientes contratados”, que se convertían en esclavos precisamente para pagar las deudas.

En el siglo XIV, la Iglesia Católica comenzó a declarar una vez más, “años jubilaires” regulares, pero decidió celebrarlos cada 25 años en lugar de cada cincuenta. Desde entonces, la Iglesia ha celebrado un año jubilar cada 25 años, haciendo del 2025 el próximo Jubileo “ordinario” (programado regularmente). Un Jubileo puede ser “ordinario” si cae después del período de años establecido (cada 25 años), y “extraordinario” cuando se proclama por un evento sobresaliente.

En este siglo ha habido 26 Años Santos ordinarios, siendo el año 2025 el 27mo. Y tres jubileos extraordinarios: en 1933 el Papa Pío XI quiso conmemorar el aniversario de la Redención; en 1983 el Papa Juan Pablo II conmemoró los 1950 años de la Redención realizada por Cristo mediante su Muerte y Resurrección en el año 33; y en 2015-16 el Papa Francisco convocó el año de la Misericordia. Como dice el Papa, “El Año Santo 2025 está en continuidad con los acontecimientos de gracia precedentes. En el último Jubileo ordinario se cruzó el umbral de los dos mil años del nacimiento de Jesucristo. Luego, el 13 de marzo de 2015, convoqué un Jubileo extraordinario con la finalidad de manifestar y facilitar el encuentro con el “Rostro de la misericordia” de Dios anuncio central del Evangelio para todas las personas de todos los tiempos. Ahora ha llegado el momento de un nuevo Jubileo ...” (Spes Non Confundit, 6). Los años jubilaires, entonces, enfatizan la importancia de extender la misericordia a los demás (perdón de deudas, etc.) y recibir la misericordia de Dios (en el Sacramento de la Reconciliación). En este Año Santo se pone también de relieve un elemento de *peregrinación*. Por último, para este Jubileo del 2025, el Papa Francisco está enfatizando el tema de la *Esperanza*. El 9 de mayo del 2024 el Papa Francisco llamó formalmente en el documento “Bula de Convocación” al Jubileo del 2025 como “la esperanza no defrauda.” (Ve Rom. 5:5). Hablaré más de estos elementos de *misericordia, peregrinación y esperanza* en las próximas columnas del boletín, a medida que entramos en este Año Jubilar.

Paz,

— Padre Kevin

# St. Mary

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## Book Club

No Book Club in December  
January 6 at 5:30 p.m.

*The Paper Bag*

By Kevin Alan Meline

Everyone is welcome to join! Great discussion and fellowship!

## Catholic Charities

Dear Father Kevin,

On behalf of everyone here at Catholic Charities USA, I want to thank St. Mary for the generous gift in the amount of \$2000. To support our efforts to continue providing critical relief to the individuals and families experiencing unimaginable disruption and devastation by natural disasters. We are very proud to share with you that one hundred percent of your donation will be allocated to local Catholic Charities Agencies, helping them provide shelter, food and clean water – along with other basic humanitarian aid to meet the needs of members in their communities. Thank you for helping our agencies deliver immediate and long-term relief assistance.

*Luis Marques*

*Senior Director, Development  
Catholic Charities*



## Stewardship - Treasure

Sunday, December 8, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$1767
Offertory	\$186
Holyday	\$170

Give Online [www.FranklinHardinCatholic.org/online-giving](http://www.FranklinHardinCatholic.org/online-giving)

## Liturgical Ministers

December 22 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Lector: Rosie Lindaman, Jessica Schipper

Ushers: Duane Sudtltge, Richard Bloom,

Jaxon Schipper, Jim Brandt

Eucharistic Ministers; Jim Wessels, Denise Sprain

Money Counters: Lisa Kielty, Mary Schumacher

Light the Advent Wreath: Frank and Lenis Reyes family

Altar Servers: Lucas Mausser

Sacristan: Jodi Uthe

*If you are unable to fulfill your duties please find your own replacement.*

Eucharistic Adoration and Prayers in Spanish on  
Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

*Everyone is welcome!*

## Budget Envelopes

Budget envelopes are on the table at the back of church. Please take the time to pick yours up. If by chance you don't see yours talk to Barb Keninger.

## Children's Christmas program

*The children's Christmas program  
will be held December 18*

*Supper will be served at 6 p.m. with the  
program to follow at 6:30 p.m.*

*Everyone is welcome to attend!*

The angel Gabriel and St. Joseph the carpenter were instruments of God's will for Mary. She responded with prompt obedience. If we accept with humility and joy the message of God spoken to us through our superiors, we, too, will become pleasing to God and carriers of his love.

*Thirsting for God  
Mother Teresa*

# St. Patrick

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 Office Hours: Monday through Thursday  
 9:00 AM-1:00 PM, excluding holidays.  
 dbq097sec@dbqarch.org

## Liturgical Ministries

December 22nd, 2024 – Diciembre 22nd, 2024

### Mass—December 22nd, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Lector: Richard Peacock II  
 Ushers: Greg Cavazos, Ryne Magner  
 Eucharistic Ministers; Jose & Maria Alonzo  
 Money Counters: Julie Streblov, Liz Carr  
 Altar Servers: Drew & Cameron Horton, Ruby Alonzo  
 Sacristan: Samantha Markwardt  
 Linens: Judy Nelson

### Spanish Mass—Diciembre 22nd, 2024 5:30 p.m.

Lector: Janeth Valenzuela, Carmen Garcia  
 Ministros de Eucarísticos: Margarita Dominguez, Lizbeth Garcia  
 Contador es de Dinero: Margarita Dominguez, Rafael Garcia  
 Monaguillos: Joselyn Garcia, Nicole Vicek, Skarlett Espejo  
 Sacristan: Anabel Alanis

You are responsible to find your own replacement.  
 Usted es responsable de encontrar su propio reemplazo.

## Happenings Week of December 15, 2024

### Tuesday/ Martes December 17th/ Diciembre 17th

8:30 AM Mass  
 7:00 PM AA/Al-Anon (RE Center)

### Wednesday/ Miercoles –December 18th / Diciembre 18th

10:00 AM-12:00 PM Food Pantry/Despensa de Alimentos  
 (Social Hall)  
 6:30 – Faith Formation

### Thursday/ Jueves December 19th / Diciembre 19th

8:30 AM - Mass  
 1:00 PM– 3:00 PM - Crafts (Social Hall)  
 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM - Adoration

### Sunday/ Domingo December 22nd/ Diciembre 22nd

10:30 AM – Mass  
 5:30 PM – Mass



### SCRIP for Christmas / SCRIP para Navidad

NEED CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS:

WE have food, fuel cards along with, Amazon, Target, Walmart, Menards, Fleet Farm along with restaurants and many more

These make great STOCKING STUFFERS AND GIFTS for anyone you are buying for this Holiday Season!

Stop and pick up your Holiday gifts and help out St Patrick!

**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS**

**CHRISTMAS EVE DECEMBER 24**  
 4:00 PM ST. PATRICK - ENGLISH  
 6:30 PM ST. MARY  
 MIDNIGHT MASS - ACKLEY  
 DOORS OPEN AT 11:30

**CHRISTMAS DAY DECEMBER 25**  
 5:30 PM ST. PATRICK - SPANISH

**CELEBRACIONES NAVIDEÑAS**

**VIGILIA DE NAVIDAD 24 DE DICIEMBRE**  
 4:00PM ST. PATRICK - INGLÉS  
 6:30PM ST MARY  
 MISA MEDIANOCHE  
 LAS PUERTAS ABREN A LAS 11:30PM  
 ST. MARY

**DÍA DE NAVIDAD 25 DE DICIEMBRE**  
 5:30PM ST PATRICK - ESPAÑOL

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS HOLY NIGHT CELEBRATION TO CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD

**MIDNIGHT MASS**

DOORS OPEN AT 11:30 DECEMBER 24  
 MASS BEGINS AT 12:00 AM DECEMBER 25

Christmas is a time to reflect and celebrate. Let's use this holiday season to inspire us for the year ahead.

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### STEWARDSHIP TREASURY SUNDAY DECEMBER 8, 2024

REGULAR	\$	763.33
OFFERTORY	\$	524.00
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	\$	5,000.00
FOOD PANTRY	\$	1,000.00

Give On-Line at [www.franklinhardincatholic.org](http://www.franklinhardincatholic.org) online-giving.  
 Dona en línea para [www.franklinhardincatholic.org](http://www.franklinhardincatholic.org) donaciones en línea.

### DISCIPLE MAKERS INDEX SURVEY

Just a quick reminder to complete your Survey on-line by the QR code, the link:



[portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/x064kx](http://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/x064kx)  
 or by paper. Thank you for your participation!

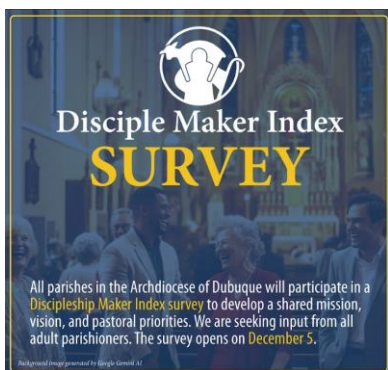


# Would you like to join the Catholic Church?

Father Kevin will begin classes for anyone who is interested in joining the catholic church. It will be a six-week course meeting twice a month starting in January. The classes will be held at St. Mary. If you have any questions or would like to attend contact Father Kevin.

## Communal Reconciliation

December 11 – 6:30 p.m. – St. Patrick



## SURVEY IN NOW OPEN

The survey from the Archdiocese is now open to fill out. You can fill the survey out in three different ways. 1. Go to the link 2. Scan the barcode 3. Paper copy on the table at the back of church.

### PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO FILL OUT THE SURVEY

If you have any questions please check with the parish office and we will do our best to help you!!

Surveys are on the table at the back of church or go to <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/surveyx064kx!>

*(St. Mary do not use the barcode that was published in the newsletter – there is a new barcode for St. Mary it is on the sheet inserted in the bulletin)*

*Pray for...*

Cathy Kuper, Darwin Wikert,  
Megan (Keninger) Hesnard,  
Jacob Sudtelgte



Please make use of your parish's prayer chain:

St. Mary, Ackley:

Jolene Harms at [stmarypatrick@gmail.com](mailto:stmarypatrick@gmail.com)

St. Patrick, Hampton:

Mary Ann Patton at [thepattons4@gmail.com](mailto:thepattons4@gmail.com)

## Movie – “Star”

The movie “Star” will be shown at the Windsor Theatre December 18 at 6:30 p.m. It is FREE admission. Everyone is welcome to attend. There will be no religious education classes at St. Patrick that evening - so everyone can enjoy the movie. A huge thank you to First Bank of Hampton for sponsoring the movie.

## Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve December 24

4 p.m. – St. Patrick

6:30 p.m. – St. Mary

Midnight Mass – St. Mary

Christmas Day – December 25

5:30 p.m.- St. Patrick – Spanish

## MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 16

8:30 a.m. Arlene Thuente St. Mary

Tuesday, December 17

8:30 a.m. Fr. John Moser St. Patrick

Wednesday, December 18

8:30 a.m. Msg. Karl Glovik St. Mary

Thursday, December 19

8:30 a.m. Gerald Kelch St. Patrick

Sunday, December 22

8 a.m. Mary Harrenstein St. Mary

10:30 a.m. Duane Kelch St. Patrick

5:30 p.m. For the people St. Patrick

Spanish

Live stream of Mass

[www.franklinhardincatholic.org/livestream](http://www.franklinhardincatholic.org/livestream)

YouTube Channel: Franklin Hardin CatholicNOO MASS

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