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WELCOME! ¡BIENVENIDO! BYENVINI!  
to the premier issue of RITENOTES!



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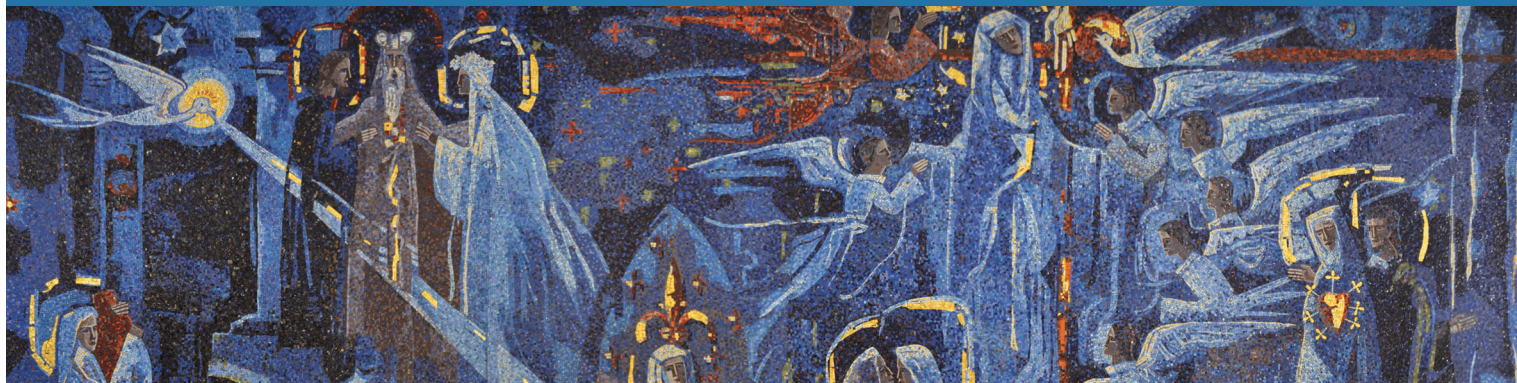
**W**ELCOME to Our New Monthly Liturgy Magazine, RITENOTES! The Office of Worship & Spiritual Life is excited to announce the launch of our new monthly magazine, dedicated to supporting our archdiocese with engaging content on all things liturgy and worship. Each issue will provide insights, guidance, and resources to enrich our liturgical life, helping parishes, clergy, and lay ministers deepen their understanding and love for the sacred mysteries we celebrate.

Through this magazine, we'll explore timely topics, share best practices, and offer practical information to enhance the beauty and reverence of our liturgical celebrations. Whether you're seeking clarification on liturgical norms, inspiration for seasonal celebrations, or resources for formation, this magazine will serve as your go-to guide.

We also want this to be a collaborative endeavor. Please feel free to send us your questions, topics you'd like us to cover, or any concerns regarding liturgy and worship. Your input will help us tailor each issue to meet the real needs of our diocesan community.

We look forward to serving you each month with content that informs, inspires, and unites us in our worship of God.

*Fr. Vigoa*







## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (DEC. 9<sup>TH</sup>) TO BE HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION PER VATICAN DECREE

**T**HIS year, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception falls on the second Sunday of Advent. Because Sundays of Advent take precedence over other Solemnities inscribed in the General Calendar, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to the following Monday (Dec 9<sup>th</sup>). The following communication was sent to all priests on 16 October:

This year, December 8th is the Second Sunday of Advent. As a result, the observance of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America, will be transferred to Monday, December 9th.

In previous years when December 8th fell on a Sunday, it was the practice in our country to indicate that the obligation to attend Mass does not transfer with the liturgical observance. However, the Dicastery for Legislative Texts

has recently clarified that the feast “must be observed as a day of obligation on the day to which it is transferred.”

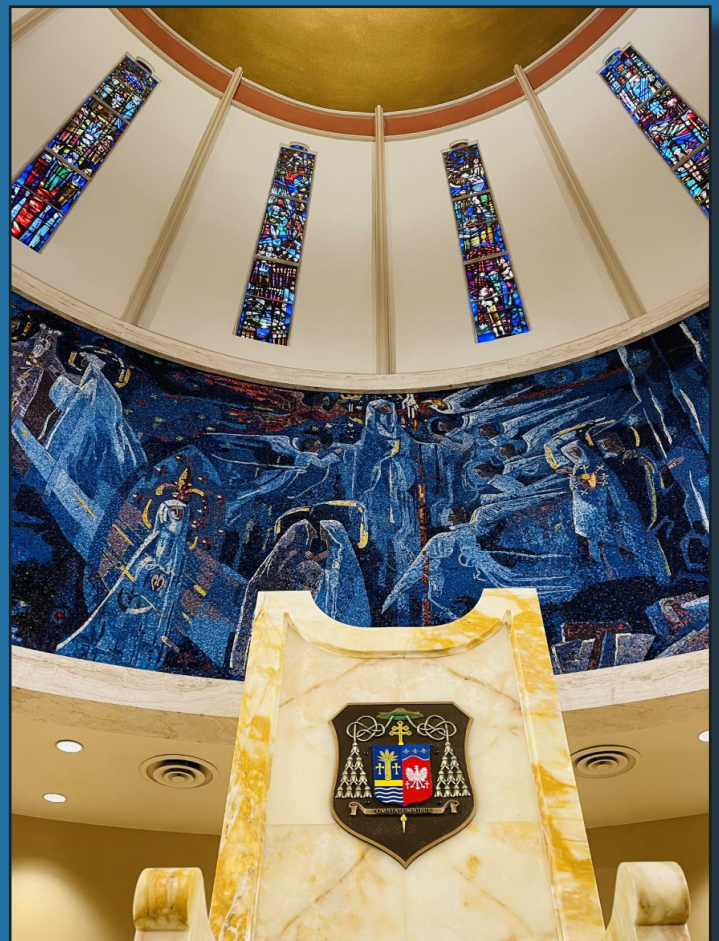
Therefore, to fulfill the obligation for Solemnity on Monday, Dec 9, parishes should accommodate mass times for the faithful to attend on Monday, December 9.

**Note:** Parishes should not anticipate the Solemnity on Sunday evening but celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent for the entirety of Sunday. The Liturgy of the Hours for the Immaculate Conception will also be transferred to Monday, December 9. The optional Memorial of Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin is omitted.

Since the Dicastery’s response will effect a change in our practice, we provide this information now in the hopes that appropriate explanations to the Catholic faithful can be provided.

Questions may be directed to the Director of the *Office of Worship & Spiritual Life* at [rvigoa@theadom.org](mailto:rvigoa@theadom.org).

Editorial Note: emphasis added (MCT)



# What is ADVENT?

**B**EGINNING the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

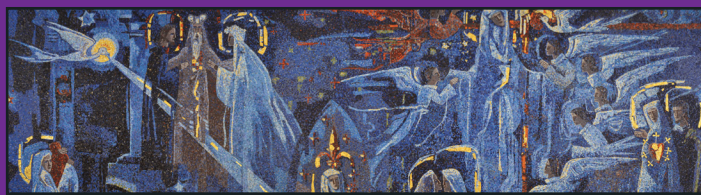
The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36). Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

As we prepare for Christmas, the General Instruction of the Roman Missal notes some differences to the Mass that should be observed during the season. For instance, the priest wears violet or purple during Advent, except for the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) when rose may be worn (GIRM, no. 346). Aside from what the priest wears, other aesthetic changes in the Church can include a more modestly decorated altar.

The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, we focus on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord at Christmas. In particular, the "O" Antiphons are sung during this period and have been by the Church since at least the eighth century. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming of Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but of present ones as well.

Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season. Our Advent calendar (linked below) can help you fully enter into the season with daily activity and prayer suggestions

to prepare you spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ.



## Embracing Advent: A Season of Hope and Anticipation

**A**S WE enter the rich liturgical season of Advent, it's a perfect opportunity to reflect on its unique beauty and meaning. This season invites us to pause, to anticipate, and to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. However, as we've seen. Once thanksgiving is over, people rush toward Christmas decorations, it's easy to feel pressure in the parish to bring out the festive decor prematurely.

In my own parish of St. Augustine, I often hear parishioners ask, "Father, when are we putting up the Christmas decorations?" My response is always gentle but intentional: "Why, of course, but let's pray through Advent first." Advent is a time of holy waiting, a chance to immerse ourselves in the spirit of preparation rather than jumping ahead to the joy of Christmas season. There's a gift in allowing ourselves, and our communities, to experience the season as it unfolds.

Our liturgical traditions provide us with a rhythm that encourages reflection on the themes of hope, peace, joy, and love. Each week, as we light another candle on the Advent wreath, we journey closer to the fulfillment of God's promises. This season is not merely a prelude to Christmas; it's a time to deepen our faith, renew our hope, and grow in our longing for the Lord.

As pastors, we can guide our communities to rediscover Advent as a time of quiet anticipation, a counterbalance to the noise and haste around us. By resisting the urge to rush to put up trees and all things Christmas, we foster a deeper appreciation for the "now and not yet" of our faith – the Christ who has come and who is yet to come.

Let us embrace Advent with hearts fully open to its purpose and beauty, making space for the quiet wonder and longing that prepare us to receive the newborn King.

- *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*



## FROM RITE TO ORDER: UNDERSTANDING THE NAME CHANGE FROM RCIA TO OCIA

**I**N RECENT years, those involved in catechesis and Christian initiation may have noticed a shift in terminology from Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) to Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). This change may seem subtle at first glance, yet it reflects a deeper theological understanding of the initiation process and aligns more closely with the original Latin text.

The term “rite” in English often refers to a specific liturgical action or ceremony. In the context of RCIA, however, “rite” was being used to refer to the entire journey of initiation, which includes multiple stages, rituals, and periods of formation. The new title, Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, more accurately conveys that Christian initiation is not a single rite but a structured, ordered process that unfolds over time, encompassing both the liturgical rites and the stages of catechesis and formation that guide a person toward full communion with the Church.

This shift is rooted in the Latin term *ordo*, which appears in the original document from the Second Vatican Council. *Ordo* implies a sequence or structure that is part of the Church’s larger liturgical and sacramental life. In calling it the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, the Church emphasizes that this journey follows an intentional path, not merely a set of individual ceremonies, but an interconnected process that leads one into the fullness of the Catholic faith.

Another reason for this change is to highlight the communal and liturgical nature of the journey of initiation. The initiation process involves not only the individual catechumen or candidate but also the entire parish community, which accompanies, supports, and prays for those preparing to enter the Church. Referring to it as an “order” reminds the faithful that Christian initiation is a communal celebration of conversion and grace, drawing the Church together to witness and renew its own commitment to faith.

While the transition from RCIA to OCIA may take some adjustment, this change in terminology helps clarify the purpose and structure of Christian initiation. It’s a reminder to all of us that becoming

Catholic is a journey guided by the Holy Spirit, rooted in the wisdom and order of the Church, and centered on our shared mission as disciples of Christ.

*Where can I order the ritual books?*

**Catholic Book Publishing**  
[www.catholicbookpublishing.com](http://www.catholicbookpublishing.com)

**Liturgical Press**  
[www.LitPress.org](http://www.LitPress.org)

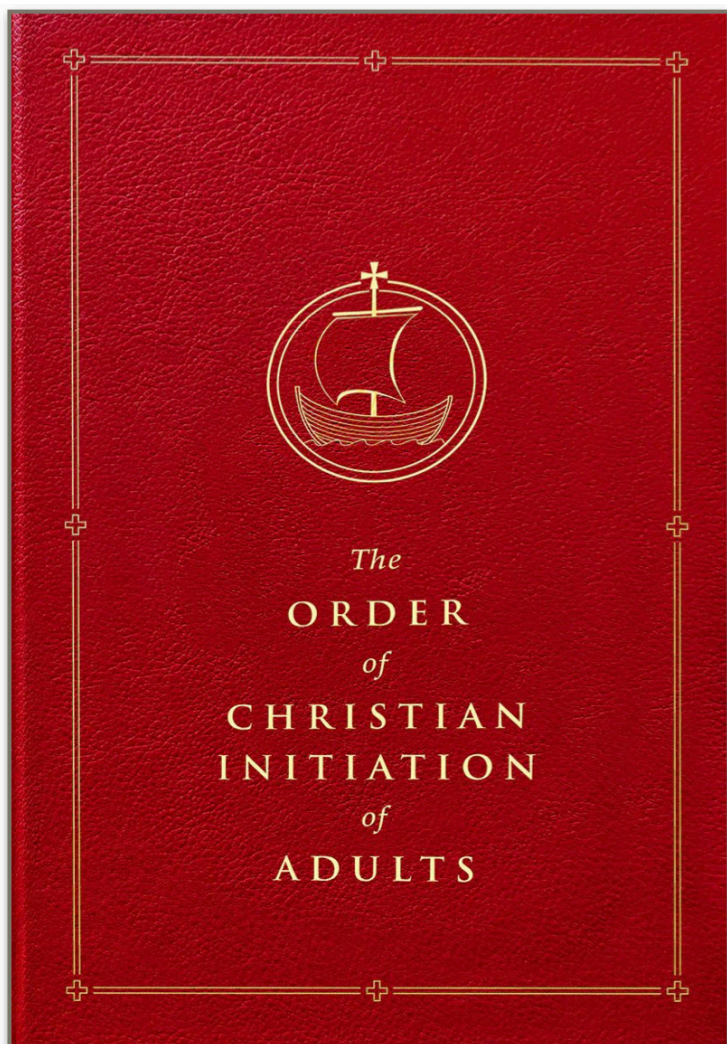
**Liturgy Training Publication**  
[www.LTP.org](http://www.LTP.org)

**Magnificat**  
[www.bookstore.Magnificat.net](http://www.bookstore.Magnificat.net)

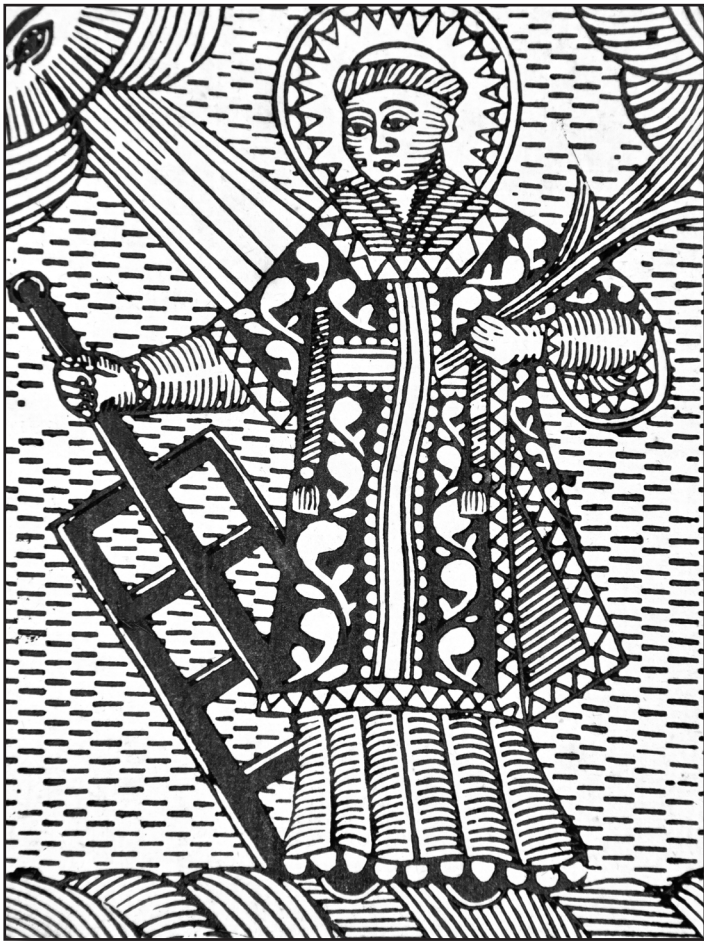
**Midwest Theological Forum**  
[www.TheologicalForum.org](http://www.TheologicalForum.org)

*When do we start using the new ritual books?*

You can begin to use the ritual books on December 1, 2024 (First Sunday of Advent). It is mandatory to use the new ritual books by March 5th, 2024 (Ash Wednesday).







## THE DEACONS' CORNER

### Proper Purification of Sacred Vessels: *A Reminder for Deacons*

**I**N FULFILLING their sacred role, deacons contribute greatly to the reverence and order of the liturgy. One important aspect of this ministry, often observed but sometimes misunderstood, is the purification of sacred vessels after Holy Communion. According to the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (GIRM), it is preferred that deacons purify the vessels at the credence table, rather than at the altar.

This practice helps to maintain the altar's primary focus as the place of sacrifice and allows for a seamless, reverent conclusion to the Communion rite. The GIRM (n. 183) specifically notes that "the Deacon... returns to the altar and purifies the vessels at the credence table." This subtle but meaningful distinction highlights the role of the deacon in assisting the priest while ensuring the proper flow and focus of the liturgical actions.

By purifying the vessels at the credence table, deacons help to keep the attention on the Eucharist present in the tabernacle or in the faithful, rather than on the

mechanics of purification at the altar.

Let us continue to embrace this practice as a reminder of the reverence due to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, allowing each part of the liturgy to reflect the profound mystery we celebrate.

### Reverence When Reposing the Blessed Sacrament: *A Simple Reminder*

As ministers of the Eucharist, priests and deacons are entrusted with the sacred responsibility of handling the Blessed Sacrament with the utmost reverence. This includes the often-overlooked gestures of genuflection that express our faith and honor for Christ truly present.

When reposing the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle, it is fitting to genuflect before closing the door, an act that signifies reverence and humility before the Real Presence. This practice, noted in the liturgical guidance of Mutel and Freeman, *Cérémonial de la sainte messe*, (35), is a simple yet profound way to show devotion as we return the Blessed Sacrament to its place.

In a world that often rushes past moments of reverence, a brief pause to bow in spirit and action reminds the faithful of the gift of Christ's abiding presence.





**A**LL the information pertaining to the Jubilee 2025 can be found at the Vatican website for the jubilee.

[www.iubilaeum2025.va](http://www.iubilaeum2025.va)

Lyrics and musical format for the Jubilee 2025 hymn can also be found there. Below is a link for a YouTube video of the hymn in English.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=7uXO8lUcEZI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7uXO8lUcEZI)

**SPANISH:** [www.iubilaeum2025.va/content/dam/iubilaeum2025/inno-giubileo/HIMNO-JUBILEO-2025-ESPANOL.mp3](http://www.iubilaeum2025.va/content/dam/iubilaeum2025/inno-giubileo/HIMNO-JUBILEO-2025-ESPANOL.mp3)

**FRENCH:** [www.iubilaeum2025.va/content/dam/iubilaeum2025/inno-giubileo/FR-Enregistrement-Pelerins-esperance-CEF.mp3](http://www.iubilaeum2025.va/content/dam/iubilaeum2025/inno-giubileo/FR-Enregistrement-Pelerins-esperance-CEF.mp3)

**IF YOU ARE PLANNING A PILGRIMAGE TO ROME FOR THE JUBILEE 2025 ...**

*What is the pilgrim's card?*

It is a free digital pass bearing the name of the holder, which will be needed to take part in the main Jubilee events and to organize a pilgrimage to the Holy Door.

*How can I obtain the pilgrim's card?*

The card can only be obtained by signing up at the portal, which will be available on the website register. [iubilaeum2025.va/user](http://iubilaeum2025.va/user) or via the official Jubilee App for smartphones. After entering the required details, the pilgrim will receive a unique QR code and a personalized account on the app.

*How do I sign up for events?*

After signing up for the pilgrim's card and accessing their personal account via the website or app, pilgrims will be able to sign up for their pilgrimage to the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica and all the other main events of the Jubilee. This will allow an orderly access both to the Holy Door and to the main Jubilee events at which large numbers of pilgrims are expected to be in attendance. The portal allows individuals or groups to register for events and highlight any disabilities or special access requirements. It will also allow pilgrims to modify or cancel bookings, as well as manage the time, day and month of their pilgrimage.

**EUROPEAN VISA**

Starting around March 2025, the European Union requires U.S./U.K. Passport holders to apply for a visa waiver online.

[www.travel-europe.europa.eu/etias\\_en](http://www.travel-europe.europa.eu/etias_en)

**JUBILEE INDULGENCE**

The Jubilee Indulgence is a concrete manifestation of God's mercy, which goes beyond and transforms the boundaries of human justice. This treasury of grace entered human history in the witness of Jesus and the saints, and by living in communion with them our hope for our own forgiveness is strengthened and becomes a certainty. The Jubilee indulgence allows us to free our hearts from the weight of sin because the reparation due for our sins is given freely and abundantly.

In practical terms, the experience of God's mercy involves some spiritual acts indicated by the Pope. Those who cannot make the Jubilee pilgrimage due to illness or other circumstances are nonetheless invited to take part in the spiritual movement that accompanies the Jubilee year, offering up the sufferings of their daily lives, and participating in the Eucharistic celebration.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Doors\*; Participate in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist (usually within 8 days of pilgrimage); Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

**SPES NON CONFUNDIT** (*Papal Bull declaring Jubilee 2025*)

Thereby decree that the Holy Door of the Basilica of Saint Peter in the Vatican will be opened on 24 December 2024, thus inaugurating the Ordinary Jubilee.





## ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

*Office of the Archbishop*

The Archdiocese of Miami in communion with the Universal Church and Pope Francis will open the Jubilee Year of 2025 with a solemn Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, 7525 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue on Saturday, December 28 at 5:30 PM. The Jubilee Year 2025 marks the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord, an **"event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church."**

The Jubilee Year will offer the faithful opportunities to participate in various jubilee events at the Vatican and in their own dioceses. 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.

For pilgrims who cannot travel to Rome, bishops around the world have designated their cathedrals or a popular Catholic shrine as special places of prayer for Jubilee Year pilgrims, offering opportunities for reconciliation, indulgences and other events intended to strengthen and revive their faith.

Here in the Archdiocese of Miami, designated as special places of prayer for Jubilee Year Pilgrims are the following churches and shrines.

**St. Mary's Cathedral**  
7525 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
Miami, FL, 33150

**The National Shrine of Our Lady of Charity (La Ermita)**  
3609 South Miami Avenue, Coconut Grove (Miami), FL, 33133

**Our Lady of Schoenstatt Shrine**  
22800 SW 187th Avenue  
Homestead, FL, 33170

**St. Mary Star of the Sea Basilica**  
1010 Windsor Lane, Key West, FL, 33040

**St. Clement's Catholic Church**  
2975 N. Andrews Avenue  
Wilton Manors, FL, 33311

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Church**  
11691 NW 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Doral  
Doral, FL, 33172

Pope Francis stated in his February 2022 letter announcing the Jubilee 2025: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given to 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..."

For centuries a feature of holy year celebrations has been indulgence, which the church describes as a remission of the temporal punishment a person is due for their sins. The basic conditions to gain an indulgence are that a person is "moved by a spirit of charity," is "purified through the sacrament of penance and refreshed by Holy Communion" and prays for the pope.

Groups of the faithful who wish to organize pilgrimages to one or more of the above designated churches or shrines should coordinate with the designated site so that the pilgrims can be properly welcomed and have access to the Sacraments, especially confession.

9401 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami Shores, Florida 33138  
Telephone: 305-762-1233 Facsimile: 305-757-3947



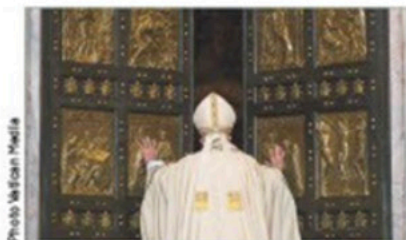
# JUBILEE 2025

## GENERAL CALENDAR

### DECEMBER 2024

**24 December**

Opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica



### JANUARY 2025

**24-26 January**

Jubilee of the World of Communications

### FEBRUARY 2025

**8-9 February**

Jubilee of Armed Forces, Police and Security Personnel

**15-18 February**

Jubilee of Artists

**21-23 February**

Jubilee of Deacons

### MARCH 2025

**8-9 March**

Jubilee of the World of Volunteering

**28 March**

24 Hours for the Lord

**28-30 March**

Jubilee of the Missionaries of Mercy

### APRIL 2025

**5-6 April**

Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers

**25-27 April**

Jubilee of Teenagers

**28-29 April**

Jubilee of People with Disabilities

### MAY 2025

**1-4 May**

Jubilee of Workers

**4-5 May**

Jubilee of Entrepreneurs

**10-11 May**

Jubilee of Marching Bands

**12-14 May**

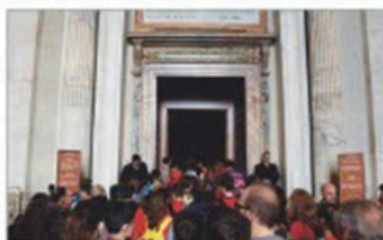
Jubilee of the Eastern Churches

**16-18 May**

Jubilee of Confraternities

**30 May - 1 June**

Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents and the Elderly



### JUNE 2025

**7-8 June**

Jubilee of Ecclesial Movements, Associations and New Communities

**9 June**

Jubilee of the Holy See

**14-15 June**

Jubilee of Sport

**20-22 June**

Jubilee of Governments

**23-24 June**

Jubilee of Seminarians

**25 June**

Jubilee of Bishops

**25-27 June**

Jubilee of Priests

### JULY 2025

**28 July - 3 August**

Jubilee of Youth

### SEPTEMBER 2025

**15 September**

Jubilee of Consolation

**20 September**

Jubilee of Justice

**26-28 September**

Jubilee of Catechists

### OCTOBER 2025

**4-5 October**

Jubilee of the Missions

**4-5 October**

Jubilee of Migrants

**8-9 October**

Jubilee of Consecrated Life

**11-12 October**

Jubilee of Marian Spirituality

**31 October - 2 November**

Jubilee of the World of Education



### NOVEMBER 2025

**16 November**

Jubilee of the Poor

**22-23 November**

Jubilee of Choirs

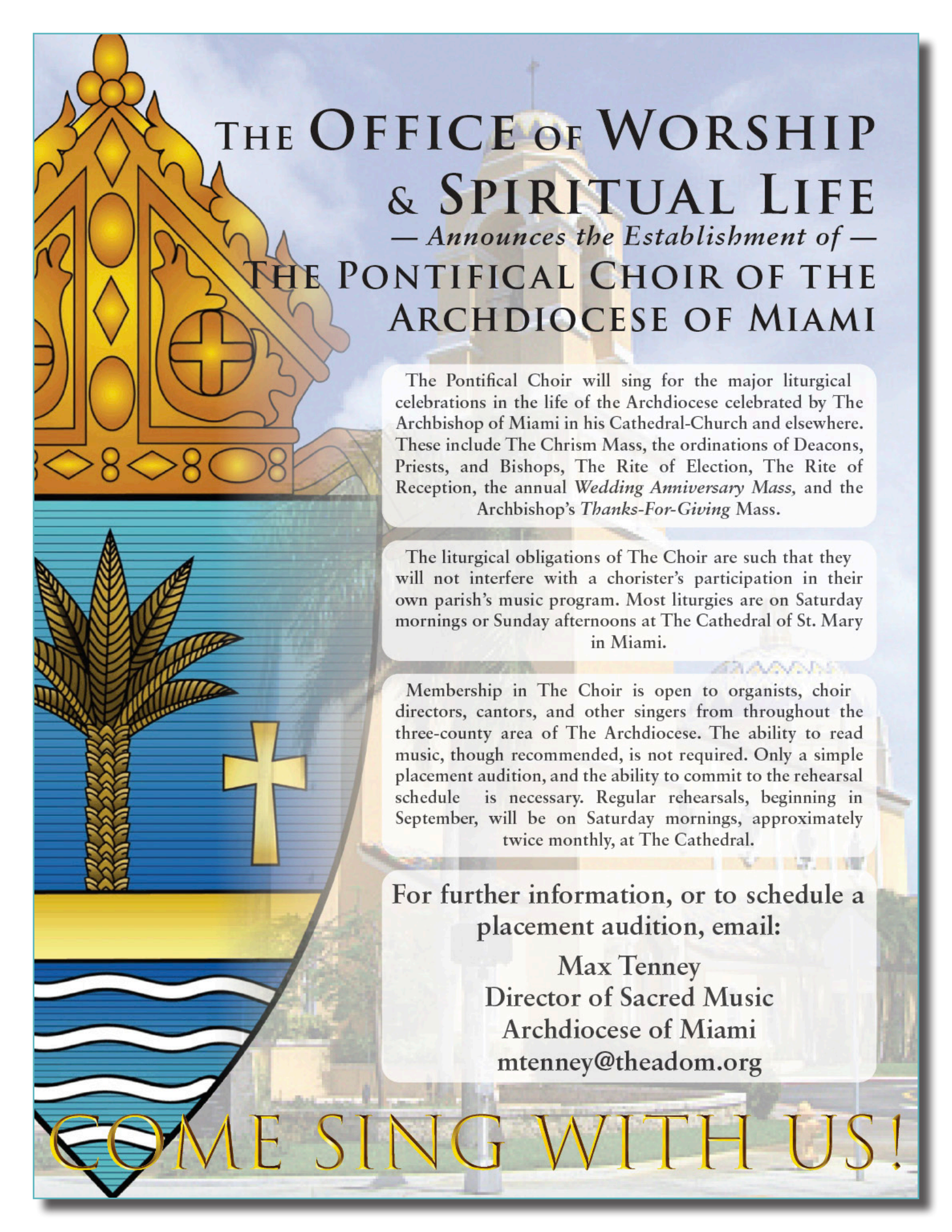
### DECEMBER 2025

**14 December**

Jubilee of Prisoners







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The Pontifical Choir will sing for the major liturgical celebrations in the life of the Archdiocese celebrated by The Archbishop of Miami in his Cathedral-Church and elsewhere. These include The Chrism Mass, the ordinations of Deacons, Priests, and Bishops, The Rite of Election, The Rite of Reception, the annual *Wedding Anniversary Mass*, and the Archbishop's *Thanks-For-Giving Mass*.

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Membership in The Choir is open to organists, choir directors, cantors, and other singers from throughout the three-county area of The Archdiocese. The ability to read music, though recommended, is not required. Only a simple placement audition, and the ability to commit to the rehearsal schedule is necessary. Regular rehearsals, beginning in September, will be on Saturday mornings, approximately twice monthly, at The Cathedral.

For further information, or to schedule a placement audition, email:

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# ADVENT

*Planning with The Office of Worship & Spiritual Life*

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

### LITURGICAL INFORMATION

**Liturgical Color:** **Violet** [*N.B.: The color blue is not an authorized liturgical color in the United States. Its unfortunate occurrence during the season of Advent or for Marian feasts is not legitimate.*]

**Themes:** waiting, trust, charity, hope, promise, light/dark, Second Coming, vigilance, urgency

#### **Entrance Antiphon [Introit]:**

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame. Psalm 25:1-3 [**Roman Missal**]

**Collect:** ["pointed" according to the Solemn Tone of the Missal (the easier of the two tones).]

*Grant* your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his com-ing, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heav-en-ly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Ho-ly Spirit, God, for ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

#### **Lectionary Readings:**

Jeremiah 33:14-16 [I will cause a righteous Branch of David to spring forth. /v.15]

Psalm 25:4-5 / 8-9 / 10,14 [R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul. /v.1b]

I Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2 [May He establish your hearts unblamable in holiness at the coming of our Lord Jesus. /v.13]

Gospel Verse: Psalm 85:8 [Show us, Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.]

Luke 21:25-28,34-36 [Your redemption is drawing near. /v.28]

#### **Prayer over the Offerings:**

Ac-cept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below, gain for us the prize of eter-nal re-demption. Through Christ our Lord. A-men.

#### **Preface I of Advent:** [The two comings of Christ]

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For he assumed at his first coming the lowliness of human flesh, and so fulfilled the design you formed long ago, and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, that, when he comes again in glory and majesty and all is at last made manifest, we who watch for that day may inherit the great promise in which now we dare to hope. And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

#### **Communion Antiphon:**

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase. Psalm 85:13 [**Roman Missal**]

#### **Prayer after Communion:**

May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what en-dures. Through Christ our Lord. A-men.



### **Solemn Blessing:** [1. Advent]

May the almighty and merciful God,  
by whose grace you have placed your faith  
in the First Coming of his Only Begotten Son  
and yearn for his coming again,  
sanctify you by the radiance of Christ's Advent  
and enrich you with his blessing. Amen.

As you run the race of this present life,  
may he make you firm in faith,  
joyful in hope and active in charity. Amen.

So that, rejoicing now with devotion  
at the Redeemer's coming in the flesh,  
you may be endowed with the rich reward of eternal life  
when he comes again in majesty. Amen.

### **LITURGICAL MUSIC**

#### **Hymns:**

Creator of the Stars of Night  
Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending  
O Come, Divine Messiah  
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
To You, O Lord, I Lift My Soul  
Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

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## **THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)**

### **LITURGICAL INFORMATION**

**Liturgical Color:** **Violet** [*N.B.: The color blue is not an authorized liturgical color in the United States. Its unfortunate occurrence during the season of Advent or for Marian feasts is not legitimate.*]

**Themes:** majesty, power, mercy, glory, promise, reform, splendor, royal lineage of Christ, preparation

#### **Entrance Antiphon [Introit]:**

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart. Based on Isaiah 30:19,30  
[**Roman Missal**]

**Collect:** ["pointed" according to the Solemn Tone of the Missal (the easier of the two tones).]

Al-mighty and merciful God,  
may no earthly undertaking hinder those  
who set out in haste to meet your Son,  
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom  
gain us admittance to his company.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Ho-ly Spirit,

God, for ev-er and ev-er. **A-men.**

### **Lectionary Readings:**

Baruch 5:1-9 [Jerusalem, God will show your splendor. /v.3]

Psalms 126:1-2 / 2-3 / 4-5 / 6 [R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. /v.3]

Philippians 1:4-6,8-11 [Be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ. /v.10]

Gospel Verse: Luke 3:4,6 [Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God.]

Luke 3:1-6 [And all flesh shall see the salvation of God. /v.6]

### **Prayer over the Offerings:**

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings,  
and, since we have no merits to plead our *cause*,  
*come*, we pray, to our rescue  
with the protection *of your* mercy.  
Through Christ our Lord. **A-men.**

**Preface I of Advent:** [The two comings of Christ] [**See above.**]

### **Communion Antiphon:**

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God. Baruch 5:5; 4:36  
[**Roman Missal**]

### **Prayer after Communion:**

Re-plenished by the food of spiritual nourishment,  
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,  
*that*, through our partaking in this mystery,  
you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth  
and hold firm to the *things of* heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord. **A-men.**

**Solemn Blessing:** [1. Advent] [**See above.**]

### **LITURGICAL MUSIC**

#### **Hymns:**

Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People  
Creator of the Stars of Night  
Dear Maker of the Starry Skies  
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming  
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

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