

Pilgrims of Hope Bulletin Questions

December 29, 2024 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

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The virtue of hope is a desire for eternal life with God achieved through trust in Christ's promises and with the grace of the Holy Spirit.

In today's Gospel, Mary and Joseph search for Jesus when he is lost in the temple. While they were concerned for his safety, and scared that he was lost, they certainly had hope, which includes trust in God. We are being invited to take a *Pilgrimage of Hope* over this coming year.

Pondering Point: When do you put your trust in God? How do you show that you trust God in everyday ways?

January 5, 2025 Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

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Pilgrimage is a journey taken for reasons of faith. While many pilgrimages are physical journeys to religious destinations, it is the prayers and purpose of growing closer to God that makes them pilgrimage and not simply sight-seeing.

The magi undertook a great journey to find the King of the Jews. They had a guide, but no certainty about the final destination or how to get there. This pilgrimage is similar to the pilgrimage we each take to Jesus, guided by the Church and Scripture, and confident in the endpoint, it is still a learning process.

Pondering Point: What surprises have you encountered on your faith journey? Where do you hope your faith journey will take you?

January 12, 2025 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

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Jesus' baptism is a glimpse into our own entrance into the Church. With it, he inaugurates his mission as God's suffering Servant, joining humanity in Creation and journeying with us on our pilgrimage to salvation.

Pondering Point: Have you ever considered Jesus as a companion on your faith journey? Consider what role he has had in your journey – guide, companion, or even spectator.

January 19, 2025 _____ **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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In today's Gospel, we hear about the wedding feast at Cana. Celebrations are a key part of Jesus' ministry. So much so, that he began his public ministry at a wedding celebration. Jubilees, likewise, are important moments in our Church. A time to right our relationships and celebrate our faith journeys.

Ponder Point: How do you celebrate with Jesus? Do you remember him at celebrations or parties?

January 26, 2025 _____ **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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The section of Isaiah read by Jesus in today's gospel is also the basis of a Jubilee Year. During a jubilee we strive to right the relationships of our world – in short to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord. Those relationships are as varied as our population.

Ponder Point: What relationships do you have that need to be put on a better track? What groups are you a part of that can help?

February 2, 2025 _____ **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**

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Simeon is a prime example of the virtue of Hope. In today's gospel, the miracle he had hoped his entire life to witness came to pass. Even though it took so long, he never lost hope that he would see the messiah, nor should we.

Ponder Point: When have you had a hope fulfilled, but it took longer than you hoped? Did the patience pay off?

February 9, 2025 _____ **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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In today's Gospel, Simon Peter gives his boat to Jesus to use. Jesus taught from the boat to avoid the pressing crowds, but his greatest lesson came after when Simon caught the miraculous catch of fish. It's a reminder that hope includes an openness to God's plan.

Ponder Point: Imagine you were like Simon Peter, exhausted after a long day (or night) at work, and being asked to do something you knew in your bones would be fruitless only to have it be better than you could have dreamed (or hoped)!

February 16, 2025 _____ **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Today we hear about ‘a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon.’ People journeyed to hear what Jesus had to say, in a sort of pilgrimage. And what they heard – the beatitudes – has the potential to change their lives. Our jubilee pilgrimage, if it includes Jesus as the destination, has the same potential.

Ponder Point: Imagine journeying to hear a celebrity, only to find out it was the Son of God who would save the world!

February 23, 2025 **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Loving your enemies is a tough lesson from Jesus. In today’s world we want justice – or we think we do. True justice is putting right a relationship that has been hurt. It does not mean revenge, retribution, or forgetting; it means seeing Jesus’ lesson in the situation and loving someone even when we can’t like them. It’s a very jubilee stance.

Ponder Point: When have you wanted revenge? When have you wanted justice?

March 2, 2025 **Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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In hoping for life with Jesus, we must also prepare and live that way. Today’s Gospel reminds us that before we look at others’ faults, we must first examine our own conscience. In doing that, our hope for eternal life with Jesus becomes more certain.

Ponder Point: As we prepare for Lent, what wooden beams do you want to remove from your eyes? How do you want to make your hope for life with Jesus more real?

March 9, 2025 **First Sunday of Lent**

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Jesus in today’s Gospel undertakes a pilgrimage of sorts. His journey through temptation prepares him for his public ministry. It truly is an outward journey reflecting an inner movement.

Ponder Point: How can you make this Lent a pilgrimage? In other words, what inner movement are you undertaking this Lent?

March 16, 2025 **Second Sunday of Lent**

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A Jubilee is a time set apart from other years for renewal and refreshment. It should change us, so we come out of it closer to God – much like the journey up the mountain for the disciples in today's Gospel.

Ponder Point: When have I encountered God in my life? How has that encounter changed me?

March 23, 2025 **Third Sunday of Lent**

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Today's Gospel about the fig tree reminds us that even when we don't see fruit, it is worth hoping for a brighter future. The gardener did not lose hope, and instead put in the work to see fruit in the future.

Ponder Point: What areas of my life need attention so I can see fruit in the future?

March 30, 2025 **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

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While it may not seem like it, the son in today's Gospel was on a pilgrimage throughout the parable. His destination was always back home, but the journey helped him realize why. Often pilgrimage can help us learn about ourselves as much as anything else.

Ponder Point: What would someone on pilgrimage to your home find to bring them closer to God?

April 6, 2025 **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

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A hallmark of a Jubilee Year is setting right broken relationships. In today's Gospel, Jesus shows us what that means by helping make right the relationship between the woman and her community. Reconciliation and mercy are fundamental to Jubilee.

Ponder Point: When have I had to recognize that I am not perfect and should therefore recognize others' imperfections with compassion?

April 13, 2025 **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

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Today starts with a pilgrimage into Jerusalem. We see the disciples preparing for Jesus' entry, and then the crowd's reaction to his procession into the city. Pilgrimage is all about preparation *and* journey.

Ponder Point: When have you made preparations for a journey, maybe as simple as finding a jacket, that paid off and made the journey easier?

April 20, 2025 Easter Sunday

April 27, 2025 Second Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025 Third Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025 Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025 Sixth Sunday of Easter

June 1, 2025 Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 8, 2025 Pentecost

June 15, 2025 Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

June 22, 2025 Feast of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

June 29, 2025 Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul

July 6, 2025 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 13, 2025 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 20, 2025 **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

July 27, 2025 **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

August 3, 2025 **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

August 10, 2025 **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

August 17, 2025 **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

August 24, 2025 **Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

August 31, 2025 **Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary**

September 7, 2025 **Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

September 14, 2025 **Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

September 21, 2025 **Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

September 28, 2025 **Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

October 5, 2025 **Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

October 12, 2025 **Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

October 19, 2025 **Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

October 26, 2025 **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

November 1, 2025 **Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day)**

November 9, 2025 **The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

November 16, 2025 **Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

November 23, 2025 **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

November 30, 2025 **First Sunday of Advent**

December 7, 2025 **Second Sunday of Advent**

December 14, 2025 **Third Sunday of Advent**

December 21, 2025 **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

December 28, 2025 **Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

January 4, 2026 **Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord**