

Pope Francis Jubilee Audience 11 January 2025

To hope is to begin again– John the Baptist

Many of you are here in Rome as “pilgrims of hope”. This morning, we are starting the Saturday Jubilee audiences, which will ideally welcome and embrace all those who are coming from all over the world in search of a new beginning. Indeed, the Jubilee is a new beginning, the possibility for everyone to start anew from God. With the Jubilee we start a new life, a new phase.

On these Saturdays I would like to highlight, from time to time, some aspects of hope. It is a theological virtue, the Catechism tells us. And in Latin, *virtus* means “strength”; thus, it is a strength that comes from God. Hope, therefore, is not a habit or a character trait – that you either have or you don’t – but a *strength to be asked for*. That is why we make ourselves pilgrims: we come to ask for a gift, to *start again* on life’s journey.

We are about to celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus, and this makes us think about that *great prophet of hope, John the Baptist*. Jesus said something wonderful about him: that he is the greatest among those born of women (cf. *Lk 7:28*). We understand then why so many people flocked to him, longing for a new beginning, longing to start over. And the Jubilee helps us in this. The Baptist appeared truly great, he appeared credible in his personality. Just as we today pass through the Holy Door, so John proposed to cross the river Jordan, entering the Promised Land as Joshua had done the first time. To begin again, to receive the land all over again, like the first time. Sisters and brothers, this is the word: *begin again*. Let us put this in our heads and let us all say together: “begin again”. Let us say it together: begin again! [all repeat several times] There, don't forget this: begin again Jesus, however, immediately after that great compliment, adds something that makes us think: “I tell you, among those born of women, no one is greater than John; yet the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he” (v. 28). Hope, brothers and sisters, is everything in this qualitative step. It does not depend on us, but on the Kingdom of God. Here is the surprise: welcoming the Kingdom of God leads us to a new order of greatness. Our world, all of us, we need this! And us, what must we do? [Everyone: “Begin again!”]. Do not forget this.

When Jesus utters those words, the Baptist is in jail, full of questions. We too bring many questions on our pilgrimage, because there are many “Herods” who still oppose the Kingdom of God. Jesus, however, shows us the new path, the path of the Beatitudes, which are the surprising law of the Gospel. Let us ask ourselves, then: do I have within me a true desire to start again? Think about it, each one of you: inside myself, do I want to begin again? Do I want to learn from Jesus who is truly great? The least, in the Kingdom of God, is great. Because we must ... [Everyone: “Begin again!”].

From John the Baptist, then, we learn to recreate ourselves. Hope for our common home – this Earth of ours, so abused and wounded – and the hope for all human beings resides in the difference of God. His greatness is different. And let us start again from this originality of God, which shone in Jesus and which now binds us to serve, to love fraternally, to acknowledge ourselves as small. And to see the least, to listen to them and to be their voice. Here is the new beginning, our Jubilee.

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



HOLY MASS

Saturday: 05:30 pm English, Church.

Sunday: 09:00 am English, Church.
10:30 am Creole, Church.
12:30 pm Spanish, Church.

Weekdays: 05:30 pm English, Upper Room, St. Maria Goretti.

Fridays: 04:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary.

05:30 pm Upper Room St. Maria Goretti.

SCHEDULE OF SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: Contact one of the priests in person.

1st Confession: 13 June, 2025.
1st Communions: 22 June, 2025.

Confirmations: To be confirmed.

Marriage: Call the parish office for preparation before setting a fixed date.

Anointing of the Sick: Upon request.

Confessions: Everyday before Mass or by appointment.

Surprisingly today's Gospel is the wedding feast of Cana, from John's Gospel. With it we begin the new year after the Christmas season. You would think that people had had enough wine and are not in need of new wine. This is not the case. I see many people tired after this holiday season. You have run out of wine and this is the best place to see yourself. It's like you ran out of gas. This means that hopefully you see the need for the New wine that only Jesus Christ can provide and He does. He comes to you in the Sacrament of His body and blood but it is necessary to be prepared. The first thing is see the need for the new wine in your life; that it seems meaningless or routine or you feel trapped in it. Then Jesus comes today to lift you out of your torpor. Secondly, there is the need to examine your conscience and to repent of your sins. This means to begin to see that you are wrong and not the other person even if it seems to be completely their fault, because it is never 100% the other person's fault. There is always some sin on the "aggrieved" person's side, such as resentment or even hatred and therefore there is always something to ask forgiveness for from the other person. There are a whole host of sins that you are blind to and that do affect other people, such as your lack of charity or bad temper and so forth. The Lord, however comes in the Mass to give us His body and blood. These break down in your stomach and intestinal tract and are absorbed into your body. Jesus becomes one with you. This is wonderful good news, that in spite of your sins the Lord still comes to you to lift you up and give you the new wine which is the Holy Spirit. May the Lord grant us all the "New Wine" of the Holy Spirit. Fr. Paul



**HOLY HOUR
FRIDAYS
4:00 pm—5:00 pm.**

Holy Rosary in three languages, readings reflection, and meditation on the Holy Eucharist. Upper Room St. Maria Goretti.

BAPTISM REQUIREMENTS

- Child's birth certificate.
- Complete application form.
- Parents & godparents need:**
- Catechetical preparation (3 classes).
- Godparents also need:**
- Minimum 16 years old.
- Confirmed Catholic practicing the Catholic faith.

Jubilee -World Youth Day

PLEASE HELP US GET THERE



(around 50 young and adults \$3,000 e/a)

Any help God will reward you a hundred fold, not only spiritually but materially as well.

Parish Events Jan 19-26

- Holy Mass: 09:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:30 pm.**
- 04:00pm Coeur de Marie Children's group.
 - 05:00pm Fraternite, Red Room.
 - 05:00pm Creole Youth Choir practice.
 - 05:30pm Sacre Coeur de Jesus, P. Hall.
 - 06:00pm Choeur D'hommes 1st and 3rd Sunday at church.

Monday St. Sebastian
05:30 pm Daily Mass, SMG, Upper Room

Tuesday St. Agnes, martyr
05:30pm Daily Mass, SMG, Upper Room
07:00pm First English, Blue Chapel
07:00pm Second English, St. Joseph's Room
07:00pm Spanish, St. Maria Gorretti

Wednesday
05:30pm Daily Mass, SMG, Upper Room
07:00pm Third English, SMG, Upper Room
07:00pm Fourth English, St. Joseph Room
07:00pm Fifth English, Blue Chapel
07:00pm Creole Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Thursday St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr
05:30 pm Daily Mass SMG, Upper Room

Friday St. Francis de Sales
04:00 pm Adoration, SMG upstairs
05:30 pm Daily Mass, SMG upstairs

Saturday Conversion of St. Paul
05:30 pm Mass in Church
07:00 pm Eucharist NCW



School Notes

Holy Family Academy
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Morning Mass has resumed for all HFA students which this week emphasized the strength found through faith, drawing a connection to Jesus's healing of the leper and reminding students that faith can help them overcome their own challenges.



Holy Family Academy is also very attentive to keeping students safe; This week all classes practiced their fire evacuation safety routes in the event of a fire at the school.

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We continue to look for donations and sponsors to support our **Scholarship Program** and help the school with necessary supplies.

Your sponsorship payment can be done through direct deposit or bank transfer or by donating any of the items below.

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- Projector stands
- Art Supplies
- Printing Paper
- Sport supplies
- Asthma Inhalers & AED

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