

2024 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SEASONS
OUR LADY OF LOURDES COMMUNITY - SAWSTON

Dates	Mass Times
1st December - First Sunday of Advent - New Lectionary	08:45 & 11.15
2nd Monday of Advent	09:30
3rd Tuesday of Advent (St Francis xavier - Migrants' Day)	09:30
4th December - Wednesday of Advent (St John Damascene)	09:30
5th December - Thursday of Advent	09:30
6th December - Friday of Advent (St Nicholas)	09:30
7th December - Saturday of Advent (St Ambrose)	09:30
8th December - Second Sunday of Advent	08:45 & 11:15
9th December - Monday of Advent (Immaculate Conception)	09:30
10th December - Tuesday of Advent (Bl. Henry Heath & Comps.)	09:30:00
11th December - Wednesday of Advent (St Damasus I)	09:30
12th December - Thursday of Advent (Our Lady of Guadalupe)	09:30
13th December - Friday of Advent (St Lucy)	09:30
14th December - Saturday of Advent (St John of the Cross)	09:30
15th December - <i>Gaudete</i> Sunday of Advent	08:45 & 11:15
16th December - Monday of Advent	09:30
17th December - Tuesday of Advent (<i>O Sapientia</i>)	09:30
18th December - Wednesday of Advent (<i>O Adonai</i>)	09:30
19th December - Thursday of Advent (<i>O Radix Jesse</i>)	09:30
20th December - Friday of Advent (<i>O Clavis David</i>)	09:30
21st December - Saturday of Advent (<i>O Oriens</i>)	09:30 14:00 (Cantonese)
22nd December - Fourth Sunday of Advent (<i>O Rex Gentium</i>)	08:45 & 11:15
23rd December - Monday of Advent (<i>O Emmanuel</i>)	09:30
24th December - Tuesday of Advent	09:30 13.30 (Knanaya) 18:00 & 21:00
CHRISTMAS VIGIL - Holy Jubilee	
25th December - CHRISTMAS DAY	10:00 & 11:30
26th December - Thursday of Christmas Octave (St Stephen)	09:30
27th December - Friday of Christmas Octave (St John)	09:30
28th December - Saturday of Christmas Octave (Holy Innocents)	09:30
29th December - The Holy Family Sunday	08:45 & 11:15
30th December - Monday of Christmas Octave	09:30
31st December - Tuesday of Christmas Octave	09:30:00
1st January 2024: Holy Mary - Mother of God	09:30

TIMES OF CONFESSION: Just ask the priest (when he is free) before or after any Mass.

PAPAL BULL OF INDICATION OF THE ORDINARY JUBILEE OF THE YEAR 2025

1. SPES NON CONFUNDIT. “Hope does not disappoint” (Rom 5:5). In the spirit of hope, the Apostle Paul addressed these words of encouragement to the Christian community of Rome. Hope is also the central message of the coming Jubilee that, in accordance with an ancient tradition, the Pope proclaims every twenty-five years. My thoughts turn to all those pilgrims of hope who will travel to Rome in order to experience the Holy Year and to all those others who, though unable to visit the City of the Apostles Peter and Paul, will celebrate it in their local Churches. For everyone, may the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the “door” (cf. Jn 10:7.9) of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere and to all as “our hope” (1 Tim 1:1).

Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring. Even so, uncertainty about the future may at times give rise to conflicting feelings, ranging from confident trust to apprehensiveness, from serenity to anxiety, from firm conviction to hesitation and doubt. Often we come across people who are discouraged, pessimistic and cynical about the future, as if nothing could possibly bring them happiness. For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. God’s word helps us find reasons for that hope. Taking it as our guide, let us return to the message that the Apostle Paul wished to communicate to the Christians of Rome.

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25. In our journey towards the Jubilee, let us return to Scripture and realize that it speaks to us in these words: “May we who have taken refuge in him be strongly encouraged to seize the hope set before us. We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus, a forerunner on our behalf, has entered” (Heb 6:18-20). Those words are a forceful encouragement for us never to lose the hope we have been given, to hold fast to that hope and to find in God our refuge and our strength.

The image of the anchor is eloquent; it helps us to recognize the stability and security that is ours amid the troubled waters of this life, provided we entrust ourselves to the Lord Jesus. The storms that buffet us will never prevail, for we are firmly anchored in the hope born of grace, which enables us to live in Christ and to overcome sin, fear and death. This hope, which transcends life’s fleeting pleasures and the achievement of our immediate goals, makes us rise above our trials and difficulties, and inspires us to keep pressing forward, never losing sight of the grandeur of the heavenly goal to which we have been called.

The coming Jubilee will thus be a Holy Year marked by the hope that does not fade, our hope in God. May it help us to recover the confident trust that we require, in the Church and in society, in our interpersonal relationships, in international relations, and in our task of promoting the dignity of all persons and respect for God’s gift of creation. May the witness of believers be for our world a leaven of authentic hope, a harbinger of new heavens and a new earth (cf. 2 Pet 3:13), where men and women will dwell in justice and harmony, in joyful expectation of the fulfilment of the Lord’s promises.

Let us even now be drawn to this hope! Through our witness, may hope spread to all those who anxiously seek it. May the way we live our lives say to them in so many words: “Hope in the Lord! Hold firm, take heart and hope in the Lord!” (Ps 27:14). May the power of hope fill our days, as we await with confidence the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and glory, now and forever.

Given in Rome, at Saint John Lateran, on 9 May, the Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, in the year 2024, the twelfth of my Pontificate.

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