

Jubilee Year of 2025

Harvest Time

Dear Friends, as you know, the Jubilee Year of 2025 is coming to its conclusion on December 27th. In our advent issue of “The Divine Messenger” you’ll find a detailed report from our Parish Pastoral Council outlining all the initiatives and events we organized to help celebrate and appreciate this special and blessed time. As the Jubilee Year comes to a close, now it is the “harvest time”. In our discussions among the members of the Parish Pastoral Council, we strongly felt that it would be great for this Jubilee Year to leave some visible and lasting fruit in our Church and our parish community. The obvious area of interest was the liturgy. The liturgy is where we gather to worship, to celebrate, and to commemorate the Paschal Mystery.



Holy Eucharist is the focal point of every Mass, Jesus Christ made truly present by the consecration of the bread and wine. Sadly, we have all heard the disturbing statistics of belief in the Real Presence, the ancient and consistent teaching of the Church. Yet it is edifying to see a growing sense of reverence for the Eucharist in our parish—whether at Mass, during adoration or beyond—which proclaims to all who visit Divine Infant the beautiful encounter with the Lord that can be found in the Catholic Church. This is the place where saw an opportunity for the calling of the Jubilee Year, to become the “pilgrims of hope”, to be visibly represented.

Lately, there has been an increase in the number of requests to make kneelers available to accommodate those who wish to kneel for the reception of the Holy Communion, but are unable to or have difficulty doing so on the floor. In order to meet the spiritual needs of our parishioners and as a visible fruit of this Jubilee Year, we have decided to make a kneeler available for those who wish to kneel as they are receiving the Holy Communion. The choice to stand or kneel remains up to each communicant. The kneeler will be placed in the middle of the centre aisle for Sunday



Masses only, so people from both Communion lines can use it as needed. You may also continue to kneel directly on the floor in the Communion line, if you wish.

Let us support and pray for each other as we grow in love with Jesus and, like the disciples at Emmaus, come to recognize Him in the breaking of the bread. We truly hope that this simple but visible gesture will be a strong and lasting fruit of the Jubilee Year of 2025. Our hope is built on Christ who is truly present in the Eucharist, the “Source and Summit” of our Christian life.

The kneeler will be available beginning with Masses on the weekend of December 27/28, as we close the 2025 Jubilee Year (more details about this celebration will be announced at later time).

In Christ,

Divine Infant Parish Pastoral Council