

Pope Leo XIV proclaims Franciscan Jubilee Year

Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a “Special Year of St. Francis” to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the saint’s death. During this time of grace, which will extend until January 2027, the faithful are granted the opportunity to obtain a [plenary indulgence](#).

This Franciscan Jubilee Year, considered a gift for the entire Church and an occasion for authentic spiritual renewal, was inaugurated on Jan. 10 with [a decree](#) issued by the Apostolic Penitentiary of the Holy See.

Until Jan. 10 of next year, the faithful can obtain this grace under the usual conditions — sacramental confession, Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the pope — by making a pilgrimage to any Franciscan conventual church or place of worship dedicated to St. Francis anywhere in the world.

Furthermore, the elderly, the sick, and those who, for serious reasons, cannot leave their homes can obtain the plenary indulgence by spiritually joining in the jubilee celebrations and offering their prayers, pains, or sufferings to God.

In a world where “the virtual takes over the real, disagreements and social violence are part of everyday life, and peace becomes more insecure and distant every day, this Year of St. Francis spurs all of us, each according to our possibilities, to imitate the poor man of Assisi, to form ourselves as far as possible on the model of Christ,” the

ROANOKE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Roanoke Catholic School is currently searching for a part time **Head Varsity Football Coach** for the 2026-2027 Fall Season. The coach is responsible for the coordination, practice, and performance of their sport, communication with athletes, parents, and student-athlete development as outlined in the RCS Coaches Handbook. The Head Coach is hired and appraised by the Principal and works in close association with and under the direction and supervision of the Athletic Director. Prior coaching experience is preferred. Interested candidates should direct questions and/or send a resume, cover letter and [diocesan application](#) to Shawn Good, Athletic Director, at sgood@roanokecatholic.com.

Roanoke Catholic School is seeking an **After School Care Assistant** for our Pk-7 after school program. Hours are between 2:30 and 6 and vary as needed. Please submit a diocesan application or letter of interest to Mrs. Delores Azar: dazar@roanokecatholic.com.

**ST. ELIAS MARONITE
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January 18, 2026**



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Liturgy Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 10:30 am
Weekdays: 9:00 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
Every Friday following the 9:00 am
Liturgy until 5:00 pm

Mystery of Reconciliation: Saturdays from 3:00 PM to 3:40 PM and Sundays from 9:45 AM to 10:15 AM or by appointment

LITURGY INTENTIONS

WEEKEND OF JANUARY 17 & 18, 2026

Saturday: 4:00 PM Mandy Tolano & Joe Moses, special intention
(Rufus & Tammy Flinchum)

Sunday: 10:30 AM: All souls in Purgatory

Monday, Jan 19: 9:00 AM- All souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, Jan 20: 9:00 AM- All souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, Jan 21: 9:00 AM- Craig Turner, special intention (Craig Turner)

Thursday, Jan 22: 9:00 AM-

Friday, Jan 23: 9:00 AM- Craig Turner, special intention (Craig Turner)

PLEASE NOTE: Saturday's vigil on February 7th will be at 4:30, due to the dinner.

Offertory— January 11, 2026- \$3,024.00*

***This includes 1/6/26 Holy Day**

Second Collection: this weekend, 1/ 17 & 1/ 18/ 26 for the needy

ALTAR EUCHARIST CELEBRATION January

The bread, wine & candles are being offered in loving
memory of Joe, Marie & Michael Eunice and
Reggie Gilbert by Donna Gilbert



Daily Scripture Readings Week of January 18, 2026

Monday: 2 Corinthians 1:1-11 : John 1:43-51

Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 1:12-24 : Luke 5:1-11

Wednesday: 2 Corinthians 2:1-11 : Mt 4:18-25

Thursday: 2 Cor 2:12-17 : Matthew 9:9-13

Friday: 2 Corinthians 12:17 - 13:4 : Mt 9:35-38

Saturday: 2 Corinthians 13:5-13 : Mt 10:1-6

Sunday: 1 Tim 4:6-16 : Lk 12:42-48



MARK YOUR CALENDAR... **The Feast of St. Maron Dinner**

February 7, 2026, starting at 6 PM

Tickets are on sale after all Liturgies. Tickets will also be
available at the office - please call Deebie at 540-562-0012.
We need your help to sell tickets to family and friends!

The adult **chicken** dinner is \$35.00 per person. Children's **chicken meal** for ages 10 and under
is \$15.00. Adult **lamb** dinner is \$40.00 per person. The menu consists of:

hummus with pita bread, salad, chicken **OR** lamb & rice with almonds, spinach feta roll, kibbeh
& Lebanese dessert, ice tea, lemonade & coffee. .

Take out will be available.

Thank you for your support.

HELP NEEDED

Here is the prep and dinner day schedule if you are able, and would like to help:

Saturday, 1/24: Make kibbi ... 9 am-5 pm

Friday, 2/6: plate sweets, cut bread, setup, cut veg... 9 am- 5 pm

Saturday, 2/7: Dinner at 6 pm: starting 2 pm till after dinner: making coffee, takeout, plating
salad, hummus, entrée.

Enjoying dinner and then cleaning.

UPCOMING MEETING

There will be a Festival 2026 meeting at **6 PM on Monday, January 19th**. All pa-
rishioners are encouraged to attend as we need everyone's help!

2025 Tax Letters

**2025 Tax Letters will be mailed out to Parishioners no later than the end of
January.**

If you have changed your address, please notify the office.