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Date: November 3, 2025

To: Clergy, religious, parish communicators, principals, campus ministers, youth ministries, young adult ministries, parish ministry coordinators, directors of religious education and Chancery staff

From: Father Gerardo Ceballos Gonzalez, director, Office of Divine Worship

Re: Winter Ember Mass

The **Jubilee Year of Hope**, a special year of celebration and spiritual renewal in the Catholic Church, included **four Ember Saturday Masses** at Mary Our Queen Catholic Church.

The last Ember Saturday Mass will be the Rorate Mass on **December 20, at 6:30 a.m.**

A rosary will be recited before Mass.

On ember days, the Church is encouraged to offer thanks, engage in fasting and abstinence, pray for priests and vocations to the priesthood and offer alms or support to those in need.

For more information on joining us for this Ember Saturday Jubilee Year Mass or to plan a visit to Mary Our Queen please go to, write to or call:

Visit: [https://maryourqueen.com/jubilee – pilgrimage/](https://maryourqueen.com/jubilee-pilgrimage/)

Email: Jubilee@maryourqueen.com

Call: 770-416-0002

Mary Our Queen Church serves nearly 750 families, all praying in a traditional Romanesque-style setting. Designed to replicate St. Gerard Church in Buffalo, New York, the church owns the exact altar, pews and statues from the New York parish.

Pilgrims to Mary Our Queen can explore the church's sacred artwork, murals and historical plaques scattered throughout the grounds, which highlight the parish's ties to four dioceses. These include artifacts from Father Thomas O'Reilly and the newly renovated St. Joseph's Hall. Father O'Reilly was the pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (now the Shrine) during the Civil

War.

The parish also offers opportunities for communal prayer and cultural celebrations, such as the Flame of Love Rosary on Tuesday nights and a Polish-language Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Pilgrims can also visit the youth hall to learn about the church's community programs.