



Annunciation Parish

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Dear Friends in Christ,

In ancient Israel the people would often be gathered for special occasions by the blowing of a hollowed-out ram's horn. The name for that horn, or more technically the ram from which it came, was "jubal." This is where we get our word jubilee.

The approach of Annunciation Parish's 100th Anniversary sounds in our hearts, calling us together for rejoicing and jubilation. Because one hundred years is something worthy of extended observance, there are several events – some leading up to, and others flowing from, our anniversary celebration in February 2010 - scheduled for the next several months. It is, for us, a jubilee year.

You will notice that most of these events have a decidedly Marian focus. This is because we are Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, and we are under Mary's patronage and protection. As a parish, we should turn to Mary in a special way at this special time in our parish's history. Most of our jubilee offerings will invite us to ponder Mary and her "yes" at the time of the Annunciation. It is hoped that our "spending time with Mary" will deepen our yes: to the Lord, to one another in this community of faith, to our parish. God calls us; the jubilee summons. With Mary, may we answer that call with a faith-filled yes. For yes is the characteristic mark of jubilarians such as ourselves.

We begin our jubilee celebration next Saturday, August 15th, the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, with Mass at 5:00 p.m., followed by a picnic and ice cream social. By now, you have seen plenty of information on this event; refer once again to today's bulletin. (Please note: although the 5:00 p.m. Mass is during the time of precept and therefore fulfills the Sunday obligation, the readings, prayers, and music will all be in celebration of the Holy Day. Of course, it wouldn't hurt to come back to Mass on Sunday morning as well!)

So, join your fellow parishioners next Saturday, for Mass and feasting, to find out more about other jubilee year happenings, and to receive a free gift for each household. I hope to see you next Saturday evening, all jubilant and rejoicing.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Todd O. Grogan