

How Chinese Catholics celebrate Chinese New Year



For Chinese Catholics, Chinese New Year is a time of faith-filled celebration, blending cultural tradition with Catholic spirituality: It signifies a time for personal renewal, honoring ancestors, and sharing God's grace with the community. Special activities include the celebration of a Chinese New Year Mass, festive meals shared with family, friends and the church community, and special prayers and blessings for the New Year. These activities emphasize

the importance of family, unity, and fellowship in the Chinese culture.

Chinese New Year represents new beginnings – the Spring Festival's theme of "farewell to the past to welcome the future" carries with it the spirit of repentance and spiritual renewal. This aligns closely to the theme of renewal and the beginning of new life in Easter, which celebrates the Resurrection of Christ. Both Chinese New Year and Easter are observed at the onset of the Spring season.



Chinese New Year is also a time of generosity and goodwill, expressed especially by the giving of traditional red envelopes (*hongbao*) – a deeply rooted tradition in which the giver wishes good fortune, health and prosperity to the recipient. These red envelopes, which usually contain currency in some form or another, are given with wishes of a good and happy year ahead.

ancestors during Chinese New Year is a cultural tradition based on filial piety, where families honor deceased relatives to ensure their blessings for health and prosperity in the coming year. The offering of food, wine and flowers, along with burning incense and bowing thrice demonstrate the deep respect of families towards their deceased relatives and ancestors. The Catholic Church has



allowed the solemn tribute to ancestors since 1939.

A delicious way to welcome the New Year is the tradition of cooking and eating fresh dumplings. Eating dumplings has become a cultural tradition among Chinese people in many countries to usher in the Chinese New Year with good wishes and bright expectations for the New Year.

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Attention children and parents: We will not have Sunday School class today!

Attention OCIA class members and sponsors: Please be present at the Rite of Sending today at the 10:30am Mass.

We will celebrate Chinese New Year today in lieu of the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time. We will hold our monthly potluck today. If you are celebrating your birthday in February, we have ordered a cake for you.

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal for 2026 has begun. Our goal is \$3,500. For your convenience, you can make your donations through our church. If you wish to donate through our church, please make sure your check is payable to HNOJ and write AAA in the memo. Please use the AAA envelopes provided. Thank you for your support.

The 10th year anniversary of the dedication of our church will be on November 19, 2027. We would like all church members to have their picture taken for the 10th year anniversary commemorative parish book. Please sign up with Tommy Puk.

Prayer List: Xie Yannong, Bian Meiyi, Chen Kun, Chen Shupeng, Ni Yufang, Lydia Chen, David Wang, Chen Jianxin, Liang Chenjing and Xu Taicheng.

Mass Schedule	Confessions	Bible Study
Sundays 10:30 AM (Chinese)	Sundays 9:00-9:30 AM	Wednesdays 10:00 AM (Chinese)
Sundays 2:00 PM (English)	Tuesdays 2:00-3:00 PM	Mondays 6:00 PM (English)
	By Appointment	
Mondays 12:00 PM (English)		Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesdays 12:00 PM (English)	Anointing of the Sick	Sundays 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM
Wednesdays 12:00 PM (Chinese)	First Sundays after 10:30 AM Mass	Tuesdays 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Fridays 12:00 PM (English)		
First Friday 7:00 PM (English)		
First Saturday 10:00 AM (Chinese)		