

SEEKING THE JUBILEE INDULGENCE BLESSING

“To understand this... consider the abundance of divine mercy shown in the cross of Christ. The *reconciliation* of the sinner with God... develops after the celebration (of the Sacrament). The person must be progressively ‘healed’ of the negative consequences produced within by sin. To be completely healed, the sinner is called to walk on a path of *purification towards fullness of love*. The temporal punishment linked to the forgiveness of sins serves a *medicinal function* to the degree the person **accepts to deeply change...** By the merits of Christ, the Church intends to soften the painful aspect of this punishment (the direct effects of our sin) by developing its medicinal purpose through various avenues of grace.”

CONDITIONS FOR RECEIVING THE JUBILEE INDULGENCE

1. Individual confession: not necessarily the same day, nor every time.
2. Celebrate Eucharist and commune, not necessarily the same day.
3. Pray for the Pope’s intentions (your choice of prayer/s).
4. Accomplish one of the following acts of piety:
 - a. Go on pilgrimage to one of the 4 basilicas in Rome OR one of: Mary Queen of the World Cathedral, Notre-Dame or St Patrick basilicas, or St Joseph’s Oratory (or St Patrick of the Isle). If unable, visit the chapel in your residence, or if still unable, spiritually unite yourself to those going on a pilgrimage. Participate in a liturgy, exercise of piety or prayer closing with the Our Father, Creed, and an invocation to Mary.
 - b. Visit a person in need (sick, prisoner, aged, handicapped or alone), going to them as on pilgrimage to Christ present in them. Spend enough time for a meaningful visit with them; then pray – if possible with the person – close with Our Father, Creed, and invocation to Mary.
 - c. Do penance, such as: abstaining for a day from superfluous things (tobacco, alcohol, TV, video games, toying with computer, surfing, etc.), fast for a day and give the savings to the poor, or give a significant contribution to a charitable work (eg. Development & Peace).
5. Exclude from one’s will all attachment to every sin; otherwise, the indulgence will only be partial (the medicinal effect diminished).

Note on Indulgences

An indulgence is NOT a spiritual form of money or advantage – there are NO shortcuts to God’s favor. His Beloved Son, eternally begotten by the Father, then incarnate in Jesus of Nazareth, known as the Christ – our one and only Savior – has through his holy passion, death and resurrection obtained for us from the Father the forgiveness of our sins and eternal adoption as the children of God. All salvation therefore comes through Christ – even for those who do not know him by name, but may through a good conscience know him in a veiled manner, and finally acknowledge him at the judgement after their death, like the holy men and women who died before Christ came and were visited by Christ when his body lay in the grave – so that all that remains is for us and for every human soul to confess their sins, seek God’s forgiveness, accept the gift of salvation in Christ, and welcome the Holy Spirit. All other activity by Christians is about following our Savior in time until the moment of death: that we might consent to let Him continue to bring his saving grace to every moment and situation, every person and place. All the varied forms of devotion and spiritual exercise used by Christians are the ways our Lord gives us to allow Him to expand our soul, heal our conscience, strengthen our will, and repair the destructive consequences of sin in our lives. That is the indulgence: the spiritual benefit the Lord gives us through participation in Christian devotionals.

The Jubilee indulgence may be obtained for oneself, or applied to the souls of the deceased (offered on their behalf), but not to the living. The living must engage in their own pilgrimage journey of faith. The benefit of this spiritual exercise may be obtained every day during the Jubilee, but only once each day. **ENTER INTO JUBILEE JOY!!!**

OUR MISSION CONTINUES!

“Gracious God, You desire to bring all creation to its promised fulfillment in your Son, Jesus Christ. You call us by our Baptism to serve You with willing hearts and minds. You invite us to share fully in the mission and ministry of your Son. Fill our hearts with praise and gratitude. Bless our Parish in this ongoing mission. May the Holy Spirit touch our hearts with the fire of your love. Transform this community. Help us to live our faith more fully as disciples of Jesus. Help us to witness to others of your abundant goodness and saving grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen!”