

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

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On May 9, 2024, Pope Francis issued "SPES NON CONFUNDIT" (Hope does not disappoint), Bull of Induction of the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025.

The Jubilee Year of Hope will begin on December 24, 2024, with the opening of the Holy Door at the Basilica of St. Peter in Rome, and continue until the closing of the Jubilee Year on January 6, 2026.

The Jubilee has always been an event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church. Hope is the central message of the coming Jubilee that, in accordance with an ancient tradition, the Pope proclaims every twenty-five years.

Throughout the Church's history, Jubilee Years have been enriched by three signs which attest to the mercy of God, the redemption by Christ, and which foster the faith and devotion of the Christian people:

Pilgrimage, The Holy Door, Jubilee Indulgence

PILGRIMAGES

The faithful, Pilgrims of Hope, will be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence granted by the Holy Father if they undertake a pious pilgrimage to any sacred Jubilee site:

- by participation in Holy Mass or another liturgical service such as Morning or Evening Prayer or acts of piety such as Stations of the Cross, praying the Rosary, or visits to the Blessed Sacrament;
- and there, for a suitable period of time, engage in Eucharistic adoration and meditation, concluding with the Our Father, the Profession of Faith from Mass, and a prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In the course of the Jubilee Year, the faithful are invited to make pious pilgrimages to one or more local churches that have been designated by Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski as local sacred Jubilee sites.

For the faithful who cannot participate in various solemn celebrations, pilgrimages and pious visits for serious reasons, can obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if united in spirit with the faithful taking part in person, they recite the Our Father, the Profession of Faith, and other prayers in conformity with the objectives of the Holy Year, in their homes or wherever they are confined offering up their sufferings or the hardships of their lives.

LOCAL DESIGNATED PILGRIMAGE SITES:

THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF ST. LOUIS | ST. LOUIS
BASILICA OF SAINT LOUIS, KING OF FRANCE | ST. LOUIS
HOLY SPIRIT ADORATION SISTERS | ST. LOUIS
THE CARMEL OF SAINT JOSEPH | ST. LOUIS
SAINT MARY'S OF THE BARRENS - NATIONAL SHRINE OF
OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL | PERRYVILLE
MONASTERY OF SAINT CLARE | ST. LOUIS
PASSIONIST NUNS OF ST. LOUIS | ELLISVILLE
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY | NEW MELLE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION | UNION

WORKS OF MERCY AND PENANCE

In a special way "during the Holy Year, we are called to be tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind." The faithful will be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if, with a devout spirit they participate in certain works of mercy and penance:

- if the faithful visit, for an appropriate amount of time, their brothers and sisters who are in need or in difficulty (the sick, prisoners, lonely elderly, disabled...), in a sense making a pilgrimage to Christ present in them according to the usual conditions;
- through initiatives that put into practice, in a concrete and generous way, the spirit of penance, the penitential nature of Friday can be rediscovered.

Despite the rule that only one plenary indulgence can be obtained per day, the faithful who have carried out an act of charity on behalf of the souls in Purgatory, if they receive Holy Communion a second time that day, can obtain the plenary indulgence twice on the same day, applicable only to the deceased (this must take place within a Eucharistic celebration).

For a full list of conditions to receive the Jubilee Indulgence, visit archstl.org/2025jubileeyear

WHAT IS AN INDULGENCE?

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints. An indulgence is partial or plenary according as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin. The faithful can gain indulgences for themselves or apply them to the dead." (CCC #1471)

The Jubilee Indulgence is a plenary indulgence. The Church's usual conditions for gaining an indulgence apply in connection with the Jubilee Indulgence.

WHAT ARE THE "USUAL CONDITIONS" FOR RECEIVING AN INDULGENCE?

In addition to the acts of charity, penance, and pilgrimage that are particular to the Jubilee Indulgence, the Church prescribes "usual" conditions:

- Be in a state of grace and have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin
- Sacramental Confession
- Reception of Holy Communion
- Prayer for the Pope's intentions

