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Extraordinary Jubilee YEAR OF MERCY Dec. 8, 2015 -Nov. 20, 2016



Pope Francis' Prayer for the Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal; and assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers

would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

“It will be a Holy Year of Mercy”

~Pope Francis

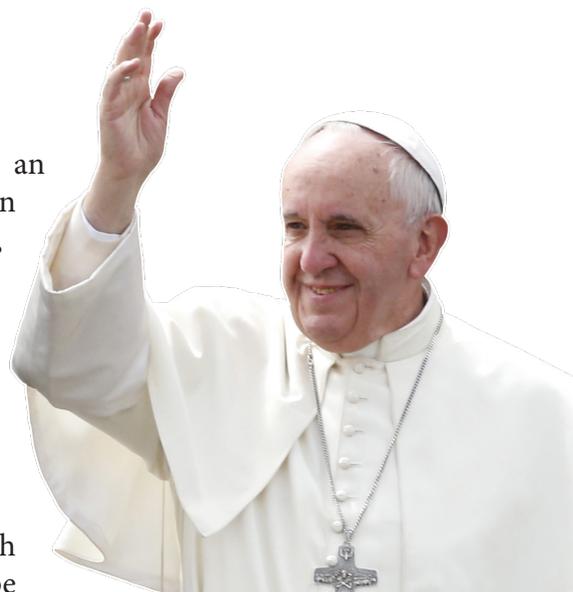
Pope Francis has declared December 8, 2015- November 20, 2016, an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. A Jubilee Year of Mercy is a time of reflection for the church to receive a blessing and forgiveness and remission of sins, through Jesus Christ.

Pope Francis has asked souls around the world to “open wide” the doors of our hearts to forgive others. In Pope Francis *Misericordiae Vultus*, he says-“the practice of pilgrimage has a special place in the Holy Year, because it represents the journey each of us makes in this life. Life itself is a pilgrimage, and the human being is a visitor, a pilgrim traveling along the road, making his way to the desired destination. Similarly, to reach the Holy Door in Rome or in any other place in the world, everyone, each according to his or her ability, will have to make a pilgrimage. This will be a sign that mercy is also a goal to reach and requires dedication and sacrifice. May the pilgrimage be an impetus to conversion; by crossing the threshold of the Holy Door, we will find the strength to embrace God’s mercy and dedicate ourselves to being merciful with others as the Father has been with us”.

Therefore, as the Holy Door remains open because it is the sign of the welcoming that God himself reserves for us, so also our doors-those of the heart-must always be open to not exclude anyone. Not even those that bother me. No one!”
~Pope Francis

This mercy is the bridge that brings healing and communion between God and man. Jesus becomes the door which we can enter, the free gift, salvation from our sins.

“This is the door of the Lord through which the righteous may enter.” Psalms 118:20



Mary, Mother of Mercy

Every Family needs a mother; only Christ could choose His own, and He chose carefully for His entire covenant family. Everything He has, He shares with us; His Divine Life, His Home, His Father, His Brothers and His Mother. For a family is incomplete without a loving and merciful mother.

Pope Francis has asked that we especially pray the Salve Regina (Hail, Holy Queen) In the Jubilee Year of Mercy.



Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope.

To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O merciful, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!
Amen.

Bishop McElroy has delegated the following churches in the Diocese of San Diego for the faithful to cross the threshold of the Holy Doors:

1. La Capilla de Cristo Rey
El Centro, California 92243

2. Our Lady of Guadalupe
536 Rockwood Ave
Calexico, CA 92231
(760) 357-1046

3. Mission San Diego de Alcalá
10818 San Diego Mission Road
San Diego, CA 92108
(619) 283-7319

4. Saint Joseph Cathedral
1435 3rd Avenue
San Diego, CA 92101
(619) 239-0229

5. Saint Jude Shrine of the West
1129 S 38th St
San Diego, CA 92113
(619)264-2195

6. Saint Thomas Moore
1450 S Melrose Dr
Oceanside, CA 92056
(760)758-4100

Upcoming Events

April 3

Divine Mercy Sunday @St. Elizabeth Seton Church

April 19

Father Calloway @St. Elizabeth Seton Church

Mercy, is the face of Jesus

Love and mercy is the foundation of our faith. Jesus Christ is the face of God the Father's mercy.

My daughter, do you think that you have written enough about My mercy? What you have written is but a drop compared to the ocean. I am Love and Mercy Itself. There is no misery that could be a match for My mercy, neither will misery exhaust it, because as it is being granted—it increases, The soul that trust in My mercy is most fortunate, because I Myself take care of it. (Diary, 1273)

In St. Faustina's diary, Jesus says to her, "My heart overflows with great mercy for souls, and especially for poor sinners. If only they could understand that I am the best of Fathers to them and that it is for them that the Blood and water flowed from My Heart as from a fount overflowing with mercy. For them I dwell in the tabernacle as King of Mercy, I desire to bestow My graces upon souls, but they do not want to accept them. You, at least, come to Me as often as possible and take these graces they do not want to accept. In this way you will console My Heart. Oh, how indifferent are souls to so much goodness, to so many proofs of love! My Heart drinks only of the ingratitude and forgetfulness of souls living in the world. They have time for everything, but they have no time to come to Me for graces. (Diary, 367)

Things to do in the Jubilee Year of Mercy:

- + Go to Confession regularly—monthly or even weekly.
- + Read and meditate on the Sacred Scriptures, especially the Gospel of Luke.
- + Read Divine Mercy in My soul—Diary of Saint Faustina Kowalska.
- + Place the Divine Mercy Image in a prominent place in your home and venerate it daily.
- + Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy daily, imploring mercy "on us, and on the whole world."
- + Make the Stations of the Cross regularly, especially at 3pm the Hour of Great Mercy.
- + Offer a novena of chaplets for the intentions Jesus gave St. Faustina in the nine days preceding Divine Mercy Sunday. (Novena start at Good Friday)
- + Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday in your parish, receiving Communion in the state of grace.
- + Go on a pilgrimage—visit the threshold of the Holy Doors.
- + Make the Nine First Fridays devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
- + Make the Five First Saturdays in reparation for the outrages and sacrileges that offend Our Lady.
- + Include your enemies in your intentions as you pray the Rosary.
- + Forgive those who have hurt you or have done you wrong.
- + Perform one or more works of mercy everyday:

1. Spiritual Works of Mercy

- a. Admonish Sinners
- b. Instruct the Uninformed
- c. Counsel the Doubtful
- d. Comfort the Sorrowful
- e. Bear Wrongs Patiently
- f. Forgive Offenses
- g. Pray for the Living and the Dead

2. Corporal Works of Mercy

- a. Feed the Hungry
- b. Give Drink to the Thirsty
- c. Clothe the naked
- d. Shelter the Homeless
- e. Comfort the Imprisoned
- f. Visit the Sick
- g. Bury the Dead.

Our Lord's words: I demand from your deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it. I am giving you three ways of exercising mercy toward your neighbor: the first—by deed, the second—by word, the third—by prayer. In these three degrees is contained the fullness of mercy, and it is an unquestionable proof of love for Me. By this means a soul glorifies and pays reverence to My Mercy." (Diary, 742)

"...Write this for the many souls who are often worried because they do not have the material means with which to carry out an act of mercy. Yet spiritual mercy, which requires neither permission or storehouses, is much more meritorious and is within the grasp of every soul. If a soul does not exercise mercy somehow or other, it will not obtain My mercy on the day of judgment. Oh, if only souls knew how to gather eternal treasure for themselves they would not be judged, for they would forestall My judgment with their mercy." (Diary, 1317)



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- Dedicated to the development of a Divine Mercy Shrine located in Southern California
- Spreading to a fallen world the Divine Mercy message and devotion
- Drawing people of all nations, cultures, and beliefs to a place of meditation in prayer for graces to the fountain of mercy-the image of the Divine Mercy.
- Venerating this image with trust in our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I promise that the soul who will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over its enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I myself will defend it as, My own glory...By means of this image I shall grant many graces to souls.
- Through this shrine to proclaim to the whole world God's unfathomable Mercy.

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