



May Hope Fill Our Days!

Celebrating the Conclusion of the Jubilee Year

On December 24, 2024, Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica, solemnly beginning the 2025 Jubilee. The concept of "Jubilee" has its origins in the Book of Leviticus as a special year of reconciliation, pilgrimage, and coming home. Pope Francis has designated the 2025 Holy Year as a time to renew ourselves as "Pilgrims of Hope."

Our Holy Father Pope Francis has granted a special plenary indulgence to everyone who observes the Jubilee Year 2025. Indeed, the *indulgence* is a way of discovering the unlimited nature of God's mercy. It is not by chance, that for the ancients, the terms "mercy" and "indulgence" were interchangeable, as expressions of the fullness of God's forgiveness, which knows no bounds.

A Catholic would gain this special Jubilee Year Indulgence by doing the following:

- visiting a Jubilee church (**Note: The Co-Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist is designated as a Jubilee Church**)
- make a sacramental Confession before, during or after visiting the pilgrimage site,
- receive the Eucharist at Mass before, during or after visiting the pilgrimage site,
- make a profession of faith and offer prayers for the Holy Father's intentions.

Indulgences can always be applied either to oneself or to the souls of the deceased, but they cannot be applied to other persons living on earth.

Although the Jubilee Year will draw to a close in Rome on the Solemnity of Epiphany, 6 January 2026, **the Jubilee will end in other Churches throughout the world on 28 December 2025.**