

1 Enter Into Mercy

HOLY DOORS

Passage through a Holy Door is a sign of our decision to enter into the life of Jesus Christ and make the passage from sin to grace. During a Jubilee, pilgrimage to a Holy Door offers the possibility of obtaining a Plenary Indulgence under the usual conditions.



To learn more about the Jubilee Holy Doors and Indulgences, visit: archphila.org/mercy/liturgy

PRINCIPAL HOLY DOOR

Cathedral Basilica of
Saints Peter & Paul
Philadelphia

SHRINE HOLY DOORS

Miraculous Medal Shrine
Philadelphia

Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa
Doylestown

Shrine of St. John Neumann
Philadelphia

Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel
Bensalem

Shrine of St. Rita of Cascia
Philadelphia

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2 Encounter Mercy

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE & RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation is a particular manifestation of the mercy of the Lord. The Lord shows his face of mercy to the sinner who confesses sorrow for sins and is then freed to live more faithfully the Gospel way of life. The Jubilee Year of Mercy brings a fresh emphasis to the need for regular Confession in the life of a Christian and a renewed appreciation for the gift of the grace of this Sacrament. The celebration of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation is central to the observance of the *Jubilee Year of Mercy*. An awareness of the



importance of this Sacrament also illumines for us the value of doing works of penance as a regular reminder of the tender compassion and mercy of our Lord.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Lord Jesus redeems and saves us in his mercy with every celebration of the Eucharist. The *Jubilee Year of Mercy* gives us a new opportunity to understand more fully what happens at Mass as the Sacrifice of the Lord. This Sacrifice revealed in the Word of God and made present in the Eucharist Prayer is the ordinary means of grace for Christians—with Holy Communion—to experience our heavenly Father's kindness and mercy and to respond to him with faithful Christian lives. The *Jubilee Year of Mercy* invites all Catholics to commit anew to participation in Sunday Mass and other occasions, to adore the Lord in his holy Body and Blood, and to serve one another in the living Body of Christ, the Church.

3 Contemplate Mercy

HOLY HOURS OF MERCY



Mon, Jan 25, 7pm
Miraculous Medal Shrine*, Philadelphia

Sun, Feb 7, 4pm
St. John Neumann Shrine*, Philadelphia

March 4-5—Observance of 24 Hours for the Lord

Sun, April 3, 5:30pm—Divine Mercy Sunday
Cathedral of Sts. Peter & Paul*, Philadelphia

Tues, April 26, 7pm
Mother of Divine Providence†, King of Prussia

Thurs, May 19, 7pm
St. Joseph Parish, Downingtown

Fri, May 13, 6:15pm
Shrine of St. Rita of Cascia*, Philadelphia

Fri, June 3, 7pm—Solemnity of the Sacred Heart
Sacred Heart Parish, Royersford

Thurs, August 4, 7pm
Our Lady of Ransom†, Philadelphia

Wed, Sept 14, 7pm—Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Holy Cross Parish, Springfield

Thurs, Oct 6, 2016, 7pm
St. Alphonsus Parish, Maple Glen

Fri, Oct 14, after 7pm Mass
Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine*, Doylestown

Wed, Nov 2 after the 11am Mass
St. Katharine Drexel Shrine*, Bensalem

Holy Hours in Spanish coming soon!

* Indicates a location with a Jubilee Holy Door.
† American Sign Language interpretation will be available at this holy hour.

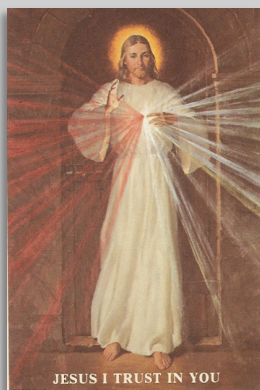
4 Discover the Truth About Mercy

FAITH FORMATION

In an era when there is so much confusion about *what mercy is*, Christians discover the truth about mercy by setting their gaze on Jesus Christ, mercy incarnate. We can do this by studying the Church's rich teachings about mercy and allowing ourselves to be transformed by them into authentic witnesses of mercy in the world.

Visit archphila.org/mercy/formation to explore the small group studies, books and formation resources that are available to help us discover the truth about mercy. Also, check out the Jubilee calendar of events to find occasions to deepen your knowledge of and strengthen your faith in God's merciful love.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION



Discover the truth about divine mercy *personally* by praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet each day during the Jubilee. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is a short, 10-minute prayer that uses traditional Rosary beads to meditate upon

and ask for the infinite mercy of God that was poured out upon the world through the passion of Jesus Christ. Special intentions for the Jubilee prayer of the Divine Mercy Chaplet can be found at: archphila.org/mercy/liturgy

5 Live Mercy



WORKS OF MERCY

Since the whole human person, body and soul, is the subject of God's loving mercy, the works of mercy are oriented towards both the physical and spiritual good of the human person. In living the works of mercy, the Church shares in God's action in the world, namely, the restoration, protection and affirmation of the full dignity of the person made in the image of God.

Visit archphila.org/mercy/works to learn about the many ways you can live the works of mercy in the greater Philadelphia area!

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

Feed the hungry

Admonish the sinner

Give drink to the thirsty

Instruct the ignorant

Clothe the naked

Counsel the doubtful

Shelter the homeless

Comfort the sorrowful

Visit the sick

Bear wrongs patiently

Visit the imprisoned

Forgive all injuries

Bury the dead

Pray for the living and the dead

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Live the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy



"I have opened my Heart as a living fountain of mercy. Let all souls draw life from it. Let them approach this sea of mercy with great trust."

-Jesus to St. Faustina, Diary of St. Faustina, 1520

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