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-POPE FRANCIS

In a time where many countries are suffering from the effects of war, disease, climate change, disunity and financial hardship, Pope Francis' intention is that in this year ahead, we might work collectively to restore hope, and experience renewal and rebirth in our lives of faith as well as in our communities.

The logo for the Jubilee represents all of humanity coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate solidarity as we are called into fraternity by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The cross is a symbol of hope, which can never be abandoned, and its presence as an anchor in the waves reminds us that, though life can have its share of rough waters, with the help of God and our brothers and sisters, we can weather life's storms!



**Jubilee
2025**

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THE JUBILEE PRAYER

WHAT IS A JUBILEE?

A Jubilee is a holy year devoted to re-establishing a proper relationship with God and one another. In 1470, Pope Paul II declared that an ordinary Jubilee would take place every 25 years.

There are several characteristics of a Jubilee Year. The faithful are called to make a pilgrimage. Many make plans to pass through the Holy Doors in Rome, that were opened by Pope Francis to begin the Jubilee on Christmas Eve. If you cannot travel to Rome, you can also make a pilgrimage to sacred places within our own diocese such as Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Another important aspect of the Jubilee Year is for the faithful to participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation and to offer forgiveness to others. An increase in prayer is also a habit of the Jubilee Year. Attending Eucharistic Adoration, praying the Rosary, engaging in the Liturgy of the Hours, or reciting other traditional prayers are all good ways to be present to Jesus in the Holy Year. Finally, a commitment to the Eucharist and participation in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as we continue our three year Eucharistic Revival is at the center of the Jubilee focus.

*Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us in your
Son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled in our
hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us
the blessed hope for the coming of your
Kingdom.*

*May your grace transform us into tireless
cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos in
the sure expectation of a new heaven and
a new earth, when, with the powers of evil
vanquished, your glory will shine
eternally.*

*May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in
us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the
treasures of heaven.*

*May that same grace spread the joy and
peace of our Redeemer throughout the
earth.*

*To you our God, eternally blessed, be
glory and praise for ever.*

Amen.

~Pope Francis

The Church will observe the Jubilee Year from December 24, 2024, with the opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica and will end on Epiphany, January 6, 2026 with the closing of that door (pictured below).

