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## JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY IN 2016



**Year of Mercy celebrations announced**  
The Vatican announced July 30 that more than a dozen individual celebrations will be scheduled for the Jubilee of Mercy in 2016, giving pilgrims the chance to celebrate their own holy year with Pope Francis in Rome. The year long extraordinary jubilee will include a number of individual jubilee days, such as for consecrated men and women, catechists, the sick and disabled and prisoners. In conjunction with the holy year, it also was announced that the remains of St. Padre Pio will be on display at St. Peter's Basilica for veneration from Feb. 8-14, 2016. For a complete calendar of events for the Holy Year of Mercy, visit [www.im.va](http://www.im.va).



## ST. PADRE PIO

Padre Pio was born Francesco Forgione in Pietrelcina Italy in the year 1887. His family lived on a farm and were shepherds. At the age of 16 he entered the novitiate of the Capuchin Franciscan Friars and was ordained when he was 20.

After going home for a while because of health problems he was sent to the friary of San Giovanni Rotondo where he remained for the rest of his life. While praying before a crucifix on September 20, 1918 he received the stigmata wounds of Christ and was the first priest ever to be so blessed. As word spread of this holy priest, especially by American soldiers coming home from WWII with stories about Padre Pio, he himself became the center of pilgrimage for both the powerful and the curious.

He heard confessions for hours and is said to have been able to read the consciences of those who held back from telling him some sins. He was also said to be blessed with the ability to bilocate, levitate and heal the sick with his touch and prayer.

It is said that he foretold of John Paul II's papacy when the future pope was a young priest visiting Padre Pio. He founded a hospital that cares for over 60,000 people a year and founded prayer groups that continue today. He died in 1968 and was canonized in 2002 by Pope John Paul II.

Many miracles and cures have been found to be attributed to the intercession of Padre Pio.

## Padre Pio Prayers Part Of Pope's Jubilee

### Yearlong Celebration to Begin Dec. 8

Twelve prominent events each with the participation of Pope Francis, have been scheduled in Rome for the upcoming Jubilee of Mercy. The big events of the Jubilee of Mercy will be: "24 Hours for the Lord," a day long period of Eucharistic adoration, and "To Dry the Tears," a prayer vigil. In addition to these events, a "Jubilee for Padre Pio's Prayer Group" will take place Feb 13, 2016. "The Holy Father expressed the wish that Padre Pio's corpse be exposed in St. Peter's Basilica on Ash Wednesday of the upcoming extraordinary holy year," Archbishop Rino Fisichella, president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization, wrote to Archbishop Michele Castoro of the Archdiocese of Manfredonia-Vieste-San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy, where Padre Pio lived.

The Jubilee of Mercy will begin on Dec. 8 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, and conclude on Nov. 20, 2016, the Solemnity of Christ the King. The jubilee for pilgrimage workers will take place Jan. 19-21, 2016. A mass will be said Jan. 19 at the Basilica of St. John. They will meet with Pope Francis on Jan. 21 in Paul VI Hall. On the feast of the Chair of St. Peter, Feb. 22, the Pope will also celebrate a special Jubilee for the Roman Curia, the Vatican Governorate and the institutions linked to the Holy See.

On April 1-3, during the Easter Octave, Divine Mercy spirituality will be celebrated. On April 1, some Roman parishes will celebrate a penitential rite, and the following day Pope Francis will lead a prayer vigil in St. Peter's Square. He will say a Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday on April 3. The teenagers' jubilee will begin with an April 23 evening festival at Rome's Olympic Stadium, followed by a Mass said by Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square the following day. The jubilee of deacons will take place May 27-29, with a Mass said by Pope Francis on May 29. Priests will celebrate their jubilee June 1-3. The Holy Father will preach their spiritual retreat June 2, and on June 3, he will say Mass with them. The jubilee of the sick and disabled will occur June 10-12; a Mass in St. Peter's Square with the Holy Father will be on June 12. From Sept. 2 to 4, the volunteers of mercy will gather in Rome for catechesis and a Mass with Pope Francis. The catechesis' jubilee is scheduled Sept. 23-25. Pope Francis will say Mass Sept. 25 in St. Peter's Square. A Marian jubilee will be celebrated Oct. 7-9, which will gather delegates from Marian shrines across the world. Pope Francis will be present at the Oct. 8 prayer vigil and say Mass Oct. 9.

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## Holy Year of Mercy

Dates Description: Dec. 8, 2015 until Nov. 20, 2016 Pope Francis proclaimed this Holy Year of Mercy to Highlight the Catholic Church's "mission to be a witness of mercy." The biblical theme of the year will be "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." The yearlong extraordinary jubilee will include several individual jubilee days, such as for the Roman Curia, catechists, teenagers, and prisoners.

Indeed, the Jubilee begins on Dec. 8, the Marians' patronal feast day, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

Why begin the Jubilee on this date? What is Pope Francis up to? He is highlighting the fact that God desires all of us to become like Mary, humbly and obediently doing the will of the Father. Her Immaculate Conception is a signpost for what we can be. In Heaven, we will be pure of heart. But God wants us to begin the process now, on earth.

The biggest problem today is that there aren't enough living saints making Jesus present in the world. Our Holy Father wants us to become part of the solution to that. This Jubilee is to be "a journey that starts with a spiritual conversion," he said. The Pope is calling upon the Church "to find in this Jubilee the joy of rediscovering and making fruitful the mercy of God, with which we are all called to give consolation to every man and every woman of our time."

He knows graces abound for those who invoke Our Lady's powerful intercession.

"At the foot of the cross, Mary, together with John, the disciple of love, witnessed the words of forgiveness spoken by Jesus," He said. "This supreme expression of mercy towards those who crucified him show us the point to which the mercy of God can reach. Mary attests that the mercy of the Son of God knows no bounds and extends to everyone, without exception."

It's also telling that the Jubilee concludes on the Solemnity of Christ the King, Nov. 20, 2016. Indeed, the whole Jubilee leads us to Jesus through Mary Immaculate!

## This is our year!

In calling for the Jubilee, the Holy Father is also emphasizing yet another mission of the Marians and Marian Helpers: the spread of the Divine Mercy revelations of St. Faustina, who he specifically mentions by name in *Misericordiae Vultus (The Face of Mercy)*, the papal bull declaring the Jubilee.

In 1941, barely three years after the death of St. Faustina, the Divine Mercy devotion was brought to the United States from Poland by a Marian priest, Fr. Joseph Jarzebowski. Since that time, thanks to the work of the Marians and our Marian Helpers, we have witnessed wonderful fruits in the lives of those who have embraced the Lord's call through St. Faustina to turn from sin, receive Christ's mercy, and share his mercy with others. The Holy Father knows the power of this message: that it brings about renewed peace and hope, miracles of grace, and extraordinary conversions.

In his papal bull, the Holy Father said of St. Faustina, "May she, who was called to enter the depths of divine mercy, intercede for us and obtain for us the grace of living and walking always according to the mercy of God and with an unwavering trust in his love."

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## Jubilee Homepage

**Visit our special home page for the Jubilee Year:  
[TheDivineMercy.org/jubilee](http://TheDivineMercy.org/jubilee).**

**There you'll find news updated regularly and videos to help guide you in your spiritual journey during this extraordinary year.**



## ST. FAUSTINA

Helen Kowalska was born in 1905 in Glogowiec, Poland. She was the third of ten children born in a poor family who struggled during the years of World War I on their little farm.

She attended school for three years and at the age of fifteen began working to help support her family. She believed she had a calling to be a nun and applied to many convents until she was finally accepted as a Sister of Our Lady of Mercy. She became a nun in 1926 and took the name Sister Maria Faustina of the Blessed Sacrament.

Not having much of an education, she usually worked as a gardener or a cook or a housekeeper.

On February 22, 1931, Jesus appeared to her bringing a message of Mercy. She tells that Jesus was dressed in white with His right hand raised in a blessing and the other touching the garment at the breast. Two large rays came forth from the garment, one red and one white or pale. She was told by Jesus to paint

this image of Him and at the bottom put the words, "Jesus, I trust in You". He also asked that the First Sunday after Easter be celebrated as the Feast of Mercy. With the help of Fr. Michal Sopocko, devotion to the Divine Mercy spread. Sister Maria Faustina kept a diary, later published as "Divine Mercy in My Soul: The Diary of St. Faustina". In 1935, she had a vision of teaching her the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Sister Faustina became sick in 1936 but continued to pray for the conversion of sinners and to recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. She died in 1938 and was canonized the first female Polish saint by Pope John Paul II in 2000.

Although her published works were forbidden by the Vatican for twenty years, when Pope John Paul II was Archbishop of Krakow, Sister Faustina's life was reinvestigated and the devotion to the Divine Mercy was permitted and has now spread all over the world.

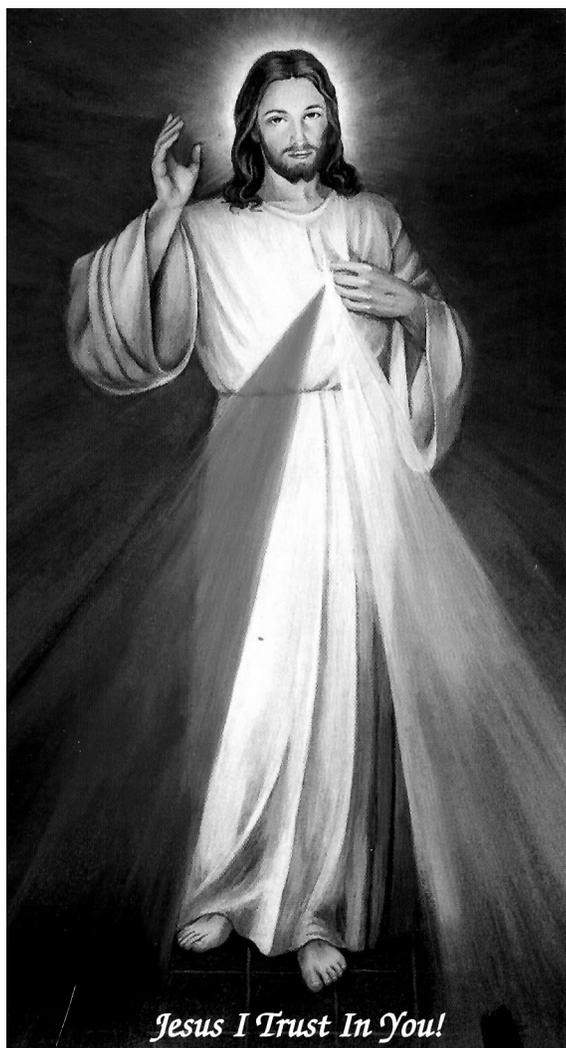
❖ *Feast Day:* October 5

❖ *Patron Saint of:* World Youth Day

## NOVENA TO ST. FAUSTINA

*O Jesus, Who filled Your servant,  
St. Faustina, with profound veneration  
for Your boundless Mercy, deign,  
if it be Your holy will,  
to grant me, through her intercession,  
the grace for which I fervently pray.  
My sins render me unworthy  
of Your Mercy, but be mindful  
of St. Faustina's spirit of sacrifice  
and self-denial, and reward her virtue  
by granting the petition which,  
with childlike confidence,  
I present to You through  
her intercession.*

*Amen*



## DIVINE MERCY

The message and devotion of the Divine Mercy is based on the apparitions of Jesus to Sr. Maria Faustina of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Poland beginning in 1931. According to the Diary of Saint Faustina, Jesus said, "Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the inscription: Jesus, I trust in You. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, then throughout the world". In 1935, an inner voice taught her the Prayer of Divine Mercy and Jesus told her, "Say unceasingly the chaplet that I have taught you". He also asked her to pray at three o'clock each afternoon and to "Immerse yourself in My Passion".

Devotion to the Divine Mercy spread even before the death of Sr. Faustina in 1938. However, around 1959, the Church prohibited the spread of the devotion due to inaccurate information and confusing translations of the Diary. Through the persistence of the Archbishop of Krakow, almost twenty years later, Cardinal Karol Wojtyla had the evidence reevaluated and the

Church reversed its earlier decision.

The message that Jesus gave to Sr. Faustina is one of complete love and mercy for poor sinners and for every soul that will draw near to Him. "My mercy is greater than your sins, and those of the entire world." He says, "I let my Sacred Heart be pierced with a lance, thus opening wide the source of mercy for you. Come with trust to draw graces from this fountain. "Jesus calls upon us to trust Him, to receive His mercy and to let it flow to others. "No soul that has called upon my Mercy has ever been disappointed".

## THE CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY (TO BE RECITED ON ORDINARY ROSARY BEADS)

Begin with:

**Our Father..., Hail Mary..., The Apostles' Creed.**

Then, on the OUR FATHER BEADS you will say the following words:

**Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.**

On the HAIL MARY BEADS you will say the following words:

**For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

In conclusion, THREE TIMES you will recite these words:

**Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

*(From the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina, 476)*

*IMPRIMATUR: Joseph F. Maguire November 17, 1979 Bishop of Springfield, MA*

*"Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for will be compatible with My will" (Diary, 1731, see also 1541).*

*"By this novena [of chaplets, before the Feast of Mercy], I will grant every possible grace to souls" (Diary, 796).*

*"Even if a sinner were most hardened, if only once he will recite this chaplet, he will obtain grace from My infinite mercy" (Diary, 687).*

## YEAR OF MERCY

### Pope Francis announces jubilee indulgences

Ahead of the Year of Mercy, which begins Dec. 8, the Holy Father outlines ways in which faithful can obtain indulgences

#### By OSV Staff

The extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy begins on Dec. 8, and in a Sept. 1 letter to Archbishop Rino Fisichella, president of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization, Pope Francis said it was his "wish that the Jubilee be a living experience of the closeness of the Father, whose tenderness is almost tangible, so that the faith of every believer may be strengthened and thus testimony to it be ever more effective."

As with other jubilee years, the Holy Father has instructed that special indulgences be available for the faithful through the duration of the year. Here's how to get one.

#### For able-bodied Catholics:

• Take a pilgrimage. Make a journey to your local Holy Door (a physical portal in your local cathedral, shrine or other designated Church) or to one of the Holy Doors in the four papal basilicas in Rome. Crossing through a Holy Door is a spiritual journey that signals, as the Holy Father said, "the deep desire for true conversion."

- Go to confession.
- Receive the Holy Eucharist "with a reflection of mercy."
- Make a profession of faith.
- Pray for the pope and for his intentions.

#### For the elderly, confined and the ill:

Pope Francis said that they may obtain the indulgence by "living with faith and joyful hope this moment of trial,"

Receiving the Eucharist,

Or by attending Mass and community prayer, "even through the various means of communication."

#### For those in prison:

The incarcerated may obtain the indulgence in their prison chapels.

Said Pope Francis: "May the gesture of directing their thought and prayer to the father each time they cross the threshold of their cell signify for them their passage through the Holy Door, because the mercy of God is able to transform hearts, and is also able to

transform bars into an experience of freedom.

#### For the deceased:

Through the prayers of the faithful, indulgences may be obtained for the dead.

#### For all Catholics:

Perform a spiritual or corporal work of mercy. Pope Francis said that an indulgence may be obtained when a member of the "faithful personally performs" one of these merciful acts."

"The experience of mercy, indeed, becomes visible in the witness of concrete signs as Jesus himself taught us," he said.

#### Other acts

Pope Francis also decided to "concede to all priest's" for the Year of Mercy, the "discretion to absolve of the sin of abortion those who have procured it and who, with contrite heart, seek forgiveness for it."

He also announced that the faithful who go to confession with priests from the fraternity of St. Pius X, which broke from the Church in 1988, "shall validly and licitly receive the absolution of their sins."

Some canonical questions remain regarding these points, which experts hope the Vatican will soon address, But both decisions indicated Pope Francis' strong pastoral desire to usher in greater opportunities for mercy in the upcoming year.

### What is an indulgence?

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (No. 1471): "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." Indulgences may be applied to the living or the dead.

## Pope Gives All Priests Authority to Absolve Sin of Abortion

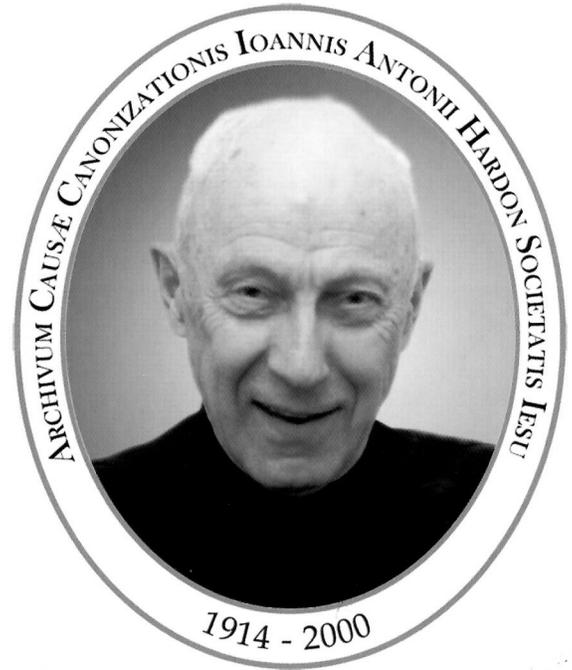
BY ELISE HARRIS  
CNA/EWTN NEWS

In a new set of pastoral guidelines for the upcoming Year of Mercy, a jubilee, Pope Francis has made some significant moves, allowing all priests to forgive the sin of abortion and granting SSPX priests the faculty to forgive sins.

"One of the serious problems of our time is clearly the changed relationship with respect to life," the Pope said in a Sept. 1 letter addressed to Archbishop Rino Fisichella, president of the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization, charged with organizing the jubilee.

In today's society, "a widespread and insensitive mentality" has become an obstacle to welcoming new life, with many who don't fully understand the deep harm done by the "tragedy of abortion," he said. However, Francis also noted that there are many women who, despite thinking abortion is wrong, feel that they have no other choice. "I am well aware of the pressure that has led them to this decision. I know that it is an existential and moral ordeal. I have met so many women who bear in their hearts the scar of this agonizing and painful decision," he said.

A woman who obtains an abortion incurs an automatic excommunication, as well as those who assisted her in the process. Normally the penalty associated with the sin of committing abortion can only be absolved by a bishop, or priest appointed by him, as is the overwhelming case in the United States.



### Prayer for the Beatification and Canonization of Father John Anthony Hardon of the Society of Jesus

Almighty God, You gave Your servant, Father John Anthony Hardon of the Society of Jesus, the grace of consecration as a religious dedicated to the apostolate and the grace of consecration as an ordained priest, after the Heart of Your Divine Son, our Good Shepherd.

Through Father Hardon into loving care of the Blessed Virgin Mary whose counsel, "Do whatever he tells you" (Jn 2:5), he faithfully followed and whose intercession he unceasingly invoked.

If it be Your holy will, please grant the request I now make, calling upon the help of Father Hardon, so that his heroic sanctity may be recognized in the whole Church.

I ask this through Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, Who with You and the Holy Spirit, is one God forever and ever. Amen.

*All favors granted should be reported in writing to:*

The father John A. Hardon S.J., Archive and Guild  
4440 Maryland Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63108-2497  
[www.HardonSJ.org](http://www.HardonSJ.org)

## A FEW WORDS OF HOPE

Taken from the New Catechism of the Catholic Church  
(*New Hope For Old Teachings*)

### WHAT IS HOPE?

1817 Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit. "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful." 84 "The Holy Spirit... he poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life." 85

1820 Hope is also a weapon that protects us in the struggle of salvation: "Let us... put on the breastplate of faith and charity, and for a helmet the hope of salvation."90 It affords us joy even under trial: "Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation."91 Hope is expressed and nourished in prayer, especially in the Our Father, the summary of everything that hope leads us to desire.

1821 We can therefore hope in glory of heaven promised by God to those who love him and do his will. 92 In every circumstance, each one of us should hope, with the grace of God, to persevere "to the end"93 and to obtain the joy of heaven, as God's eternal reward for the good works accomplished with the grace of Christ. In hope, the Church prays for "all men to be saved."94 She longs to be united with Christ, her Bridegroom, in the glory of heaven:

*Hope, O my soul, hope. You know neither the day nor the hour. Watch carefully, for everything passes quickly, even though your impatience makes doubtful what is certain, and turns a very short time into a long one. Dream that the more you struggle, the more you prove the love that you bear your God, and the more you will rejoice one day with your Beloved, in a happiness and rapture that can never end.95*

84 Heb. 10:23  
85 Titus. 3:6-7  
90 1 Thess. 5:8  
91 Rom. 12:12  
92 Cf. Rom. 8:28-30; Mt. 7:21  
93 Mt. 10:22 cf. Council of Trent: DS 1541.  
94 1 Tim. 2:4.  
95 St. Teresa of Avila, Excl. 15:3.



### HOPE THAT DOES NOT DISAPPOINT

2658 "Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."10 Prayer, formed by the liturgical life, draws everything into the love by which we are loved in Christ and which enables us to respond to him by loving as he has loved us. Love is the source of prayer; whoever draws from it reaches the summit of prayer. In the words of the Cure' of Ars:

*I love you, O my God, and my only desire is to love you until the last breath of my life. I love you, O my infinitely lovable God, and I would rather die loving you, than live without loving you. I love you, Lord, and the only grace I ask is to love you eternally..... My God, if my tongue cannot say in every moment that I love you, I want my heart to repeat it to you as often as I draw breath.11*

10 Rom. 5:5  
11 St. John Vianney, Prayer



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EVERY FAMILY SHOULD HAVE ONE.

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## Prayers to the Holy Spirit

### "Come, Holy Spirit"

#### SANCTIFY OUR FAMILY LIFE IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

*The Christian family is the Church in its smallest and most powerful form. When the family gathers together to pray then Christ is in the midst in a special way. He blesses the father, mother and children in their unique relationship with one another. Through sharing in prayer the family grows together in Christ.*

#### PRAYER OF ST. POPE JOHN PAUL II FOR THE FAMILY

Lord God, from You every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. Father, You are love and life. Through Your Son, Jesus Christ, born of woman, and through the Holy Spirit, the fountain of divine charity, grant that every family on earth may become for each successive generation a true shrine of life and love.

Grant that Your grace may guide the thoughts and actions of husbands and wives for the good of their families and of all the families in the world.

Grant that the young may find in the family solid support for their human dignity and for their growth in truth and love.

Grant that love, strengthened by the grace of the sacrament of marriage, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass.

Through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that the Church may fruitfully carry out her worldwide mission in the family and through the family.

We ask this of You, who are life, truth, and love with the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## FAMILY PRAYER

### For the Family: parents and children

Heavenly Father bless us all this day. In our lives at work, at school and at home help us always to do your holy will, and to know that in doing it we are pleasing to you and fulfilling your plan for our salvation.

Michael Buckley

### For appreciation of each other

We thank you, Father, for the gift of Jesus your Son who came to our earth and lived in a simple home. We have a greater appreciation of the value and dignity of the human family because he loved and was loved within its shelter. Bless us this day; may we grow in love for each other in our family and so give thanks to you who are the maker of all human families and our abiding peace.

Michael Buckley

### To the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, be with us throughout this day. Strengthen us in our work, enlighten us in our study, make us constantly aware of each other and of you, so that we will live every moment of this day as you would have us do.

Michael Buckley

### For Peace in the Family

Lord Jesus, my family needs your help today. We need Your peace and tranquility, an end to discord. Give us strength and compassion to understand each other, and the trust and patience we need to live peacefully together. Grant that, through the intercession of Your mother, Mary and St. Joseph, our family too may become a holy family, a family that works together as one, a family that embraces peace and love, a family whose members are dedicated to each other and to you.

Amen

**One Candle  
May Light A Thousand**  
*When you are finished with  
your bulletin pass it on.*



## Luke 2

Her confinement were completed. <sup>7</sup>She gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the place where travelers lodged. The Shepherds. <sup>8</sup> There were shepherds in that region, living in the fields and keeping night watch by turn over their flocks. <sup>9</sup> The angel of the Lord appeared to them as the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were very much afraid. <sup>10</sup> The angel said to them: "You have nothing to fear! I come to proclaim good news to you—tidings of great joy to be shared by the whole people. <sup>11</sup>\* This day in David's city a savior has been born to you the Messiah and Lord. <sup>12</sup>\* Let this be a sign to you: in a manger you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes." <sup>13</sup> Suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>\* "Glory to God in high heaven, peace on earth to those on whom his favor rests."

## Peace on Earth

"Peace on Earth" they sang on high  
And pointed to where the Baby lie;  
For peace had come to mark the Son,  
Salvation now offered to everyone.

Peace had come to capture hearts,  
No longer man need be apart;  
And as I bowed my head to pray,  
Peace entered in, there to stay.

"Peace on Earth" what more is there,  
To a shattered life - one in despair;  
To a soul once lost, now filled with love,  
Peace was granted me from God above.

Barbara Joan Million

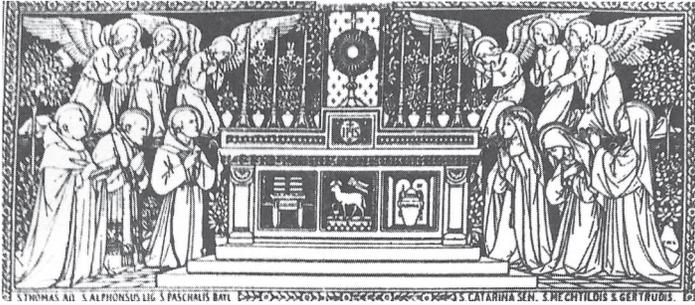


*When they had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you..."*

*Matthew 2:13*

## Seeking the Peace of Christmas





"The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this Sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet Him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never censer (John Paul II, Dominicae cenae, 3)

**THE EUCHARIST  
THE SACRAMENT OF LOVE**

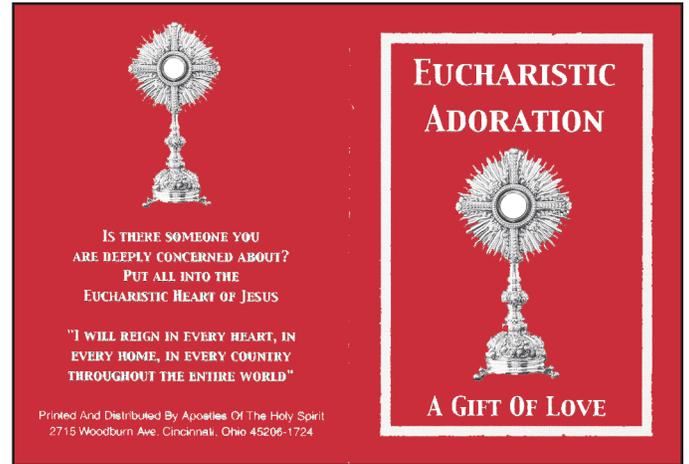
'The Eucharist makes the Church' because it is the center towards which all other sacraments are orientated, and the source from which they derive their power. All the sacraments are ideally celebrated within the context of the Eucharist. The Eucharist is, *par excellence*, the sacred action by which God gives himself to us, and through which we give glory to him through our brother and Lord, Jesus the Christ. It is a reciprocal flow so that God's gift to us in Christ is at the same time our response to him.

The Eucharist is both a sacrifice and a sacrament since the one essentially involves the other. The victim (sacrifice), Christ, is the meal (sacrament). The Eucharist is a sacrifice which is identified with Calvary. Christ is our paschal lamb who sacrificed himself for us on the cross so that by his body and blood we are nourished as the new people of God.

When we celebrate the Eucharist we call effectively into our lives the presence of Christ's body and blood, soul and divinity, which alone reconciles us to the Father. In it we celebrate, at Christ's command, the memory of what he did for us. We thank him for what he has done and in joyful anticipation we celebrate the Eucharist until he comes again in glory.

Offer one hour of Eucharistic Adoration, a gift of love for your pastor, for a special priest friend, a missionary, a military chaplain or a retired priest. So many are in need, a gift of love would be perfect.

**Outside of Card**



**Inside of Card**

**A GIFT OF PRAYER**

**T**hrough the Angel of Fatima, Heaven taught us the secret of how to convert the whole world through the Great Power of Eucharistic Adoration.

"O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore you profoundly. I offer you the Most Precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the Tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is most offended.

By the Infinite Merits of the Sacred heart of Jesus, and the merits of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg you for the Conversion of the Whole World."

To: \_\_\_\_\_

*I have made this hour of Eucharistic Adoration for you and your intentions.*

YOUR FRIEND IN CHRIST

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

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**“Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love”.**

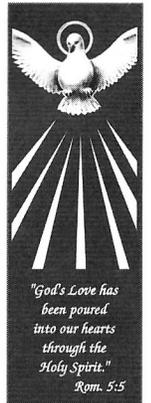
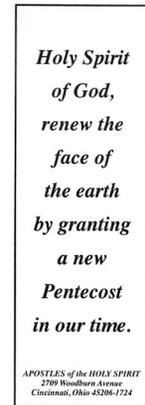
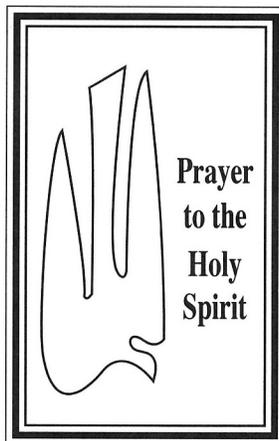
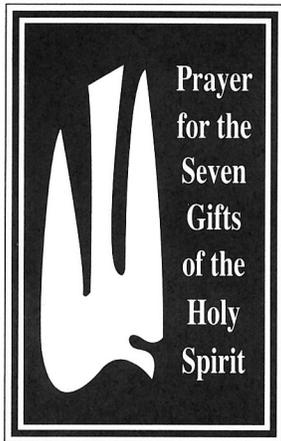
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