

What is the Jubilee?

Meaning of “Jubilee”:

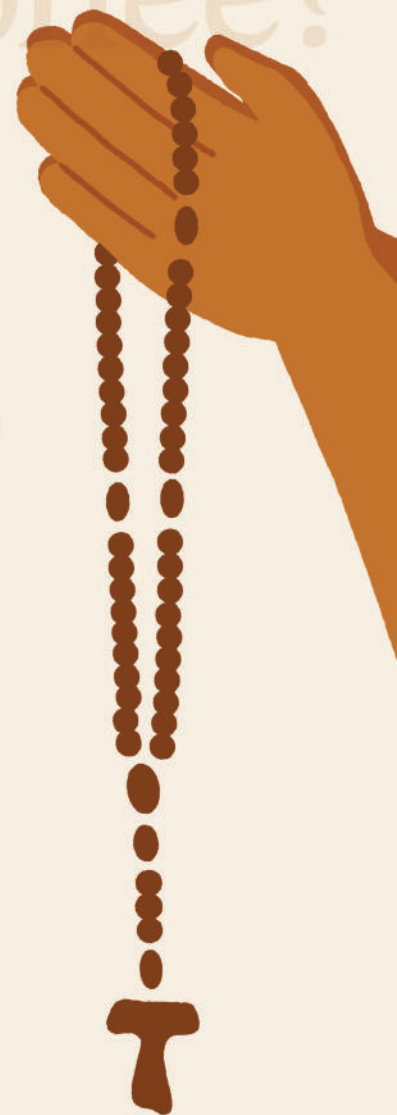
- Originates from the Hebrew word “yobel” (ram’s horn), used to proclaim the Jubilee on the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur).
- Happens every 25 years, marking a special year of restoration and reconciliation (Lev. 25:8-13).

Key Traditions of the Holy Year:

- Pilgrimage to Roman Basilicas (e.g., St. Peter and St. Paul).
- Passing through Holy Doors for spiritual renewal
- Participating in Acts of Mercy
- Receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Reciting the Profession of Faith

Biblical Basis and Jesus’ Mission:

- Cited in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus’ mission reflects the spirit of Jubilee: “He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives...and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord,” (Lk. 4:18-19; Is. 61:1-2).
- Jesus’ life embodies the liberation and renewal of relationships that Jubilee symbolizes.



The First Holy Year (1300):

- Pope Boniface VIII established the first Jubilee as a “Holy Year” for spiritual renewal.
- Over centuries, the frequency evolved:
 - Every 100 years initially.
 - Reduced to every 50 years by Pope Clement VI in 1343.
 - Standardized to every 25 years by Pope Paul II in 1470.

I declare this year, 1300, as the Holy Year.

Extraordinary Holy Years:

- Declared for unique reasons, e.g., 1933 by Pope Pius XI to honor the 1900th anniversary of Redemption.
- Pope Francis declared the Year of Mercy in 2015 as an extraordinary jubilee.

What exactly is a Holy Door?

- A door made sacred by the Pope. Once opened by the Pope, it officially marks the beginning of the Jubilee Year.
- Passing through grants the opportunity to receive plenary indulgences.
- Represents salvation, echoing Jesus’ words, “I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved.” (Jn. 10:9)

Jubilee Celebration in the Archdiocese:

- Three locations will be established as Jubilee Pilgrimage Sites:
 - Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains
 - Shrine of the Holy Relics at Maria Stein
 - Emmanuel Catholic Church, Dayton
- A pilgrimage visit to any of these sites can apply to the reception of the Jubilee Indulgence.

Listen to the official Jubilee Hymn!



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