

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

PASTOR'S CORNER



Do you know what indulgences are? *You will often hear this word during the Jubilee Year of 2025. Let me explain the concept of this term using a very simple analogy. Imagine you are playing baseball in your backyard. You take a swing, and when you hit the ball, it goes flying straight through the window of your house. You tell your parents what happened and say sorry, and they accept your apology. However, your action had consequences: the window still needs to be fixed.*

This is where indulgences come in. In fact, the baseball analogy is very similar to Pope Francis's explanation of why indulgences are important: *"Every sin 'leaves its mark' even after a person has received forgiveness and absolution through the sacrament of reconciliation," Pope Francis wrote in the document proclaiming the Holy Year. "Sin has consequences, not only outwardly in the effects of the wrong we do, but also inwardly, inasmuch as 'every sin, even venial, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here on earth, or after death, in the state called Purgatory.'" The great news is that we will have many opportunities to receive indulgences during this Jubilee Year 2025.*

Plenary indulgences remove the temporal punishment (Purgatory time) for sins that have already been forgiven. In other words, you can obtain a plenary indulgence to completely remove temporal punishment for the sins you have committed, or you can offer the indulgence for the souls in Purgatory. To receive a plenary indulgence, you must have detachment from sin (even venial), confession within about 20 days, Communion, and prayer for the Pope's intentions (e.g., an Our Father and Hail Mary). Each indulgence requires a separate Communion and prayer, ideally on the day of the indulgenced act. While one sacramental confession is adequate for obtaining several plenary indulgences, each individual plenary indulgence requires its own reception of Holy Communion and prayers for the Holy Father's intentions.

One of my favorite options is going on pilgrimage to the local Jubilee site(s) that the archbishop selected for our archdiocese (the closest one is St. Barnabas Church, just down the road, in a sense). One reason I like this option is because it gives you an opportunity to see churches and shrines that you may never have visited. Moreover, those impeded by serious reasons - the elderly or the sick, for instance - can get the indulgence by uniting spiritually with pilgrims, reciting an Our Father and Creed, and offering up their sufferings or the hardships of their lives, for as someone once said, *"Success is not final, or failure not fatal; courage to continue is what counts."*

Fr. Slawek

MARCH 16, 2025

The Divine Mercy Novena

Good Friday April 18 – Saturday April 26, 2025



- Day 1 - Good Friday After the 3:00 p.m. Service
- Day 2 – Holy Saturday After the 7:30 p.m. Mass
- Day 3 – Easter Sunday After 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Mass
- Day 4 – Monday 10:15 a.m. (In Church Basement)
- Day 5 – Tuesday After the 9:00 a.m. Mass
- Day 6 - Wednesday After the 9:00 a.m. Mass
- Day 7 – Thursday After the 9:00 a.m. Mass
- Day 8 - Friday After the 9:00 a.m. Mass



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
Holy Spirit Conference

Turning concern into action

Our Christian vocation demands that we help the Poor, the Hungry and the Homeless. Just as Jesus taught and did, we need to welcome them, identify their needs and satisfy them.

Your contributions to the Poor Box after Mass support the efforts of our Society 'Saint Vincent de Paul' to serve the needy in our community.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

Pre-Authorized Giving Plan—Pre-Authorized Giving is a very simple procedure. When you participate in Pre-Authorized Giving, your offering will be withdrawn from your account on or about the 20th of the month. This amount will then be deposited to the Parish's account.

This amount will be receipted at the end of the year for tax purposes.

Application forms are on the table at the back of the church.

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS Reception of Holy Communion

It has come to my attention that some people, receiving on the hand, carry the Sacred Host back to their seats. This is forbidden. Please be sure to consume Jesus, truly present in the Sacred Host, right after you receive Him. You must consume the Host in the front of the church, right after receiving. There are people who wish to steal consecrated Hosts for the sake of rituals. If you see anyone walking away without having consumed the Sacred Host please alert one of the Ushers, the Sacristan—Anthony or Fr. Slawek.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, March 18

9 a.m. Intentions of thanksgiving for the blessing from God req. by the Pan family.

Wednesday, March 19

9 a.m. Intetions of Bobby Constantino req. by Maria Valerio.

Thursday, March 20

9 a.m. Private Intentions.

Friday, March 21

9 a.m. Intentions of Xavier Pereira on his Birthday..

Saturday, March 22

4:30p.m Repose of the soul of Rowel Garcia req. by Rome Garcia.

Sunday, March 23

9 a.m. Intentions of all Parishioners

11 a.m. Repose of the soul of Julian Mohan req. by Bastianpillai req. by Mercy Christian.



COFFEE & TEA & SNACKS SOCIAL

Wednesday, March 19, 2025
After the 9 a.m. Mass
in the Parish Basement



ARE YOU MOVING? OR HAVE YOU MOVED ALREADY?

Please contact the parish office so your records can be updated.

WHEN WE
FORGIVE, OUR
HEALING
BEGINS

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