

## JUBILEE OF 2025

December 24, 2024 to January 6, 2026

This Holy Year is a special year of atonement and remission of sins, debts and the punishment due to sin. The practice has ancient roots in the Jewish tradition (Lev 25). In the Old Testament a Jubilee was observed every 50 years to restore relationship with God. The practice was adopted by the Catholic Church in 1300 by Pope Boniface VIII and in 1470 Pope Paul II declared a Jubilee take place every 25 years.

The Jubilee begins by opening of the Holy Doors throughout the world. "There is only one way that opens wide the entrance into the life of communion with God: this is Jesus, the one and absolute way to salvation". (St John Paul II)

The Vatican issued a decree that all the faithful, who are repentant and free from affection for sin, and who through the sacrament of penance and Holy Communion pray for intentions of the Supreme Pontiff are able to obtain a plenary indulgence, with remission and forgiveness of all their sins that can be applied in suffrage to the souls in purgatory in various ways.