

# JUBILEE 2025

## Pilgrims of Hope

### What is a Jubilee?

A Jubilee is a special year of prayer. Jubilees are times for forgiveness, reconciliation, and pilgrimage and are a part of the Catholic tradition. Jubilees ordinarily take place every twenty-five years.

### When does this Jubilee begin?

Pope Francis will formally open the Holy Doors at St. Peter's Basilica on December 24, 2024. Locally, our observance of the Jubilee will begin on December 29, 2024.

### What is the theme of Jubilee 2025?

The theme of Jubilee 2025 is Pilgrims of Hope.

"Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring...For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope."

*-Pope Francis*

### What are ways to observe the Jubilee?

During the Jubilee, millions of people are expected to make a pilgrimage to Rome to walk through the Holy Doors at one of the four major basilicas. For those unable to travel to Rome, there are many other ways to participate in the Jubilee, through pilgrimage, prayer, and service.

### What is the Jubilee indulgence?

The Jubilee indulgence is a traditional part of a Jubilee year. It is a plenary indulgence which can be applied either to yourself or your deceased loved ones. The ordinary conditions for obtaining the Jubilee indulgence are to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, to pray for the intentions of the Holy Father, and to make a pilgrimage locally or to Rome. You can also obtain the Jubilee indulgence by participating in one of the spiritual or corporal works of mercy. Learn more on the USCCB website.

### How can I celebrate the Jubilee locally?

Three special events will mark our diocesan participation in the Jubilee Year:

- An opening Mass for the Jubilee Year was celebrated on December 29th. Watch the Mass recording online at [syracusediocese.org/jubilee-2025](https://syracusediocese.org/jubilee-2025)
- A Pilgrimage Diocesan Retreat on March 31, April 1, & April 2 taking us to three different sites in the Diocese of Syracuse for a 2-hour evening of prayer and reflection each night. This event will also be live-streamed, and more details will be available after the New Year.
- A Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy at Stockbridge, MA in Fall 2025.

