

# St. John the Evangelist Catholic Parish

Pastor: Fr. Ramon Jose Oncog JCL



## Confession Schedule:

Saturday (4:00 – 4:45 PM) & Sunday (5:00 – 5:45 PM) or call for appointment

## PARISH UPDATE 12/22/2024

I hope the explanation about Indulgences in my previous post was comprehensible. For this post, I would like to talk about the ways how one can obtain plenary indulgence during the jubilee year 2025. All these ways are prescribed in the Decree from the Vatican dated May 13, 2024..... One way to obtain plenary indulgence is works of mercy. There are two kinds of works of mercy: Corporal and Spiritual. The corporal works of mercy are: feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, welcoming the stranger, healing the sick, visiting the imprisoned. The spiritual works of mercy are: counselling the doubtful, instructing the ignorant, admonishing sinners, comforting the afflicted, forgiving offences, bearing patiently those who are doing us ill, and praying for the living and the dead. You see, we are doing some of these works of mercy every day especially those in the teaching and caring profession. Even a mom helping her child dress for school or a dad reprimanding a child for misbehaving are doing works of mercy. Through these acts, one may obtain a plenary indulgence for himself/herself or for a soul in Purgatory every day throughout the jubilee provided certain conditions are met..... What are the conditions for obtaining a plenary indulgence? These are: (a) have approached Sacrament of Confession, (b) have received Holy Communion, (c) have interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin, and (d) pray for the intentions of the Pope..... It is appropriate, but not necessary, that the sacramental Confession and especially Holy Communion and the prayer for the Pope's intentions take place on the same day that the indulgenced work – e.g. feeding the hungry - is performed; but it is sufficient that these sacred rites and prayers be carried out within several days (about 20) before or after the indulgenced act. Prayer for the Pope's intentions is left to the choice of the faithful, but an "Our Father" and a "Hail Mary" are suggested. One sacramental Confession suffices for several plenary indulgences, but a separate Holy Communion and a separate prayer for the Holy Father's intentions are required for each plenary indulgence..... Another way to obtain plenary indulgence is acts of penance. The Vatican lists several options, including: (a) Abstaining from "futile distractions," such as social media or television, once a week (b) Fasting, (c) Donating "a proportionate sum of money to the poor", (d) Supporting religious or social works, especially in the defense of life in all phases, (e) Offering support to migrants, the elderly, the poor, young people in difficulty, and abandoned children, (f) Volunteering in service to your community. The same conditions aforementioned are applicable ..... Lastly, as the theme of the Jubilee is "Pilgrims of Hope", there is great emphasis on going on a pilgrimage as a way of obtaining plenary indulgence. More of that in the future post.

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## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY\* (Simbang Gabi)

Dec 21 // 5PM- Intentions of Simbang Gabi sponsors/ Birthday thanksgiving & intentions of Jason Lopez/ Eternal repose of Emeteria Dagooc, Jose Sr & Josefa Zamoras – req. Dagooc-Zamoras Family

### SUNDAY\* (Fourth Sunday of Advent/ Simbang Gabi)

Dec 22 // 11AM- Eternal repose of Remya Mathew – req. Anju Susan

Dec 22 // 6PM- Intentions of Simbang Gabi sponsors

### MONDAY\* (Simbang Gabi)

Dec 23 // 7PM- Intentions of SIMBANG GABI sponsors

### TUESDAY (Christmas Carols & Night Mass)

Dec 24 // 4:30PM - For the intentions of all parishioners

### WEDNESDAY (Christmas Day Mass)

Dec 25 // 11 AM- For the intentions of all parishioners

### THURSDAY

Dec 26 // 7PM- Healing of Donna Gumanit – req. Tara Beatty

### FRIDAY

Dec 27 // 10AM- Eternal repose of Remya Mathew – req. Anju Susan

### SATURDAY

Dec 28 // 5PM- Eternal repose of Sylvia Mutcheson – St. John CWL

### SUNDAY

Dec 29 // 11AM- For the intentions of all parishioners

Dec 29 // 6PM- Healing of Donna Gumanit – req. Tara Beatty

## UPCOMING EVENTS\*

- ◆ Simbang Gabi- Dec15th to Dec23rd
- ◆ Children's Choir Practice- Dec22nd//1PM-3PM & Dec23rd//8pm
- ◆ Vigil Mass for the Theotokos (New Year)- December 31st//5 PM
- ◆ Solemnity of the Theotokos (New Year) - January 1st//11 AM



### Answers of 12/15/2024

1. Gaudete Sunday 2. Bethlehem, Rule

## ◆ Weekly Bible Quiz

- When does the Church year begin??
  - First Sunday of Advent
  - Christmas day
  - January 1st
  - Epiphany
- In the Gospel of Luke what is the name given for an army of Angels praising God?
  - Covenant
  - Multitude
  - Heavenly Host



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