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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 2025

On Indulgences (First of Several Reflection on the Jubilee Indulgence specially linked to St. Paul's)

Every word is a story in itself. What story is given in the word "indulgence"? Rooted in an ancient word *dleggh meaning "to be engaged in" something, when one puts an "in" before "dulgence" it either means "to really be engaged in someone" or "not to be too hard on someone". It is not surprising given this story, that Pope Francis comments that,

God's mercy becomes the "indulgence on the part of the Father who, through the Bride of Christ, his Church, reaches the pardoned sinner and frees him or her from every residue left by the consequences of sin". Similarly, now the Holy Father declares that the gift of the Indulgence "is a way of discovering the unlimited nature of God's mercy. Not by chance, for the ancients, the terms 'mercy' and 'indulgence' were interchangeable, as expressions of the fullness of God's forgiveness, which knows no bounds" (*Spes non confundit*, 23). The Indulgence, therefore, is a Jubilee grace.

"Mercy" and "Indulgence" refer to the same mystery of God: God is truly with us, understanding our situating from within each of us, and **utterly engaged with us**; also, God is kind, compassionate, and patient with us –

*"As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.
For he knows how we were made;
he remembers that we are dust."*

Thus, Psalm 103 sings, inviting us to meet a **God who is not too hard on us His children**.

What is a "temporal punishment" for sin?

Pope Francis speaks of "**residue left by the consequences of sin.**" Are not our sins completely washed away by the Blood of the Lamb through the Sacrament of Confession? Absolutely. God in forgiving completely **fore-gives** us; God gives us our future relationship with no backward glances at hurts. Think over that for a moment. How many of us can give to someone who has hurt us a future that will no longer be conditioned by what they had done to us in the past? That is possible only for God and only through God's grace for us who want to forgive.

However, there still remain consequences of our sins that have yet to be worked out in our earthly relationships, are there not? Even if we have confessed and been forgiven by God, the consequences of our betrayals and hurts visited upon others still affects them, do they not? That certainly goes for our betrayal of our bodies when - for example - we quit smoking, the consequences of what we have done to still continue to affect our lives. If it is this way with our bodies, is it not even more so with our relationships. Always, there will be a hint, a shadow, a note of sadness in these relationships. **This will cause pain in our journey in time – that is what is meant by temporal punishment.**

"The Christian must strive to accept this temporal punishment of sin as a grace. He should strive by works of mercy and charity, as well as by prayer and the various practices of penance, to put off completely the "old man" and to put on the "new man". (Catechism of the Catholic Church §1473)

How do I obtain the Jubilee Indulgence?

→ By Pilgrimages to a Sacred Jubilee Site:

The faithful, pilgrims of hope, will be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence granted by the Holy Father if they undertake a pious pilgrimage:

→ to Holy Family Cathedral, St. Paul's Co-Cathedral or any sacred Jubilee site and devoutly participating in Holy Mass; or:

- a celebration of the Word of God;
- the Liturgy of the Hours
- the Marian Rosary;
- recitation of the Akathist hymn
- a penitential celebration ending with individual confessions

→ Putting into practice the spirit of penance

(e.g. Rediscover Friday penance)

→ Pilgrimages to Christ present in others in need

visit, for an appropriate amount of time, their brothers and sisters who are in need or in difficulty (the sick, prisoners, lonely elderly people, disabled people...)





MONDAY, February 10, 2025
St. Scholastica (M)

11:00 am - Confessions & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** († Anna Cram)
6:30 pm - Medjugorje Prayer Group
7:30 pm - K of C

TUESDAY, February 11, 2025
Our Lady of Lourdes (OM)

11:00 am - Confessions & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** († Anna Cram)

WEDNESDAY, February 12, 2025

11:00 am - Confessions, & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** († Stuart Walker)

THURSDAY, February 13, 2025

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (SI Leif Christensen)
4:30 pm - RCIC
7:00 pm - RCIA
8:00 pm - Christ the King Prayer Group

FRIDAY, February 14, 2025
St. Cyril & St. Methodius (M)
St. Valentines Day

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (SI Lisa Marchildon)
5:30 pm - Sto. Nino Prayer Group

SATURDAY, February 15, 2025
Our Lady's Saturday (OM)

11:00 am - Confessions & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (SI Evelyn Walker & Family)

SUNDAY, February 16, 2025
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am - **Mass**
10:00 am - **Mass**
7:30 pm - **Solemn Vespers**
8:00 pm - **Mass**

Last day to register for Confirmation is February 12!

Confirmation Class will be held Wednesday **evenings March 5 - April 9 at 4:30pm** in the Welcome area. The deadline to register is February 12. The class is available for children aged 12 and older.

There is a \$30 fee to cover the cost of the book. If the fee is an issue, please speak with Sr. Peter.

Registration forms can be found on the parish website at www.stpaulscc.com/parish-life/sacraments/

Contact srpetermary@stpaulcathedral.ca or 306-986-3885 for information or to register

K of C Council #1517 Jubilee Year Feast

Saturday, March 1 at St. Paul's

Doors open at 5:00pm, dinner served at 6:30pm, featuring a chicken and rib main course, cake raffle, 50/50 and bar.

Adult tickets - \$40, Youth Ticket- \$25 (under 15)
Tickets will be sold after all 3 Sunday Masses

Contact: kofc1517@gmail.com

Melodia Singers Children's Chorus is a children's community choir in collaboration with St. Paul Co-Cathedral undertaking a Sound of Music Medley and General Choir Repertoire **starting Feb. 25** with rehearsals Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Suggested for children 7 to 13 years, but younger or older children who feel comfortable are also welcome. Cost is \$30 per child to a max of \$45 per family. To sign up or for info please e-mail letussing321@gmail.com or visit the website at www.melodiasingers.com

OFFERING for February 2, 2025

Cash Donations	\$	586.60
Envelopes	\$	2,475.00
Renovations	\$	1,935.00
Total collected for St. Mary's	\$	3,948.75