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Plenary Indulgence:

August 28, 2024–
January 6, 2026

"The name of God is mercy."
Pope Francis

More Information:

Learn more about the Jubilee Year, celebratory archdiocesan events, and pilgrimage sites:

ArchSA.org/Jubilee2025



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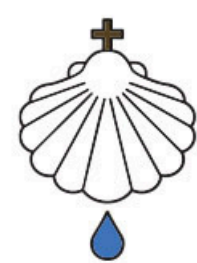
A plenary indulgence is a special grace that completely removes the temporal punishment for sins already forgiven, cleansing the soul as if the person had just been baptized.

HOW DOES A PLENARY INDULGENCE WORK?

To understand how a plenary indulgence works, it's important to understand sin, forgiveness, and temporal punishment:



Sin and Forgiveness: When we sin, God forgives us through the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). After forgiveness is received, consequences or effects caused by the sin may remain. These effects need healing.



Temporal Punishment: This is the effect of sin that needs to be healed after forgiveness is granted. Spiritually, temporal punishment is a way of restoring and healing the relationship with God and others, often seen as purification that can happen in this life or in purgatory after death.

HOW DO I OBTAIN A PLENARY INDULGENCE?

In honor of the anniversary of the Diocese of San Antonio and the Jubilee Year, Catholics can receive a plenary indulgence from August 28, 2024–January 6, 2026 by completing the following conditions:



Visit at least one of the 23 pilgrimage sites in the Archdiocese of San Antonio

Celebrate Sacramental Confession



Receive Holy Communion

Pray for the Pope's intentions with one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be



Perform works of mercy (e.g. visiting the sick or imprisoned; helping the disabled)

Be free from all attachment to sin



People who are unable to leave their home due to illness or other reason can gain plenary indulgence by spiritually joining themselves to the anniversary celebrations and offering their sufferings to God.