

Dear Parishioners:

Pope Francis has issued the opportunity of a *Plenary Indulgence* during these difficult times. A plenary indulgence is defined as "the remission before God of the temporal punishment due for sins already forgiven as far as their guilt is concerned."

Because of the pandemic, anyone who, with "the will to fulfil the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the Holy Father's intentions), as soon as possible," recites the Divine Mercy Chaplet with the intention "to implore from Almighty God the end of the epidemic, relief for those who are afflicted and eternal salvation for those whom the Lord has called to Himself," **can receive a plenary indulgence each day.**

There are other ways to gain this special plenary indulgence, as well:

- The faithful suffering from coronavirus and subject to quarantine by order of the health authority in hospitals or in their own homes, with a spirit detached from any sin, can gain the plenary indulgence if they "unite spiritually through the media to the celebration of Holy Mass, the recitation of the Holy Rosary, to the pious practice of the Way of the Cross or other forms of devotion, or if at least they will recite the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and a pious invocation to the Blessed Virgin Mary, offering this trial in a spirit of faith in God and charity towards their brothers and sisters, with the will to fulfil the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the Holy Father's intentions), as soon as possible."
- "Health care workers, family members and all those who, following the example of the Good Samaritan, exposing themselves to the risk of contagion, care for the sick of Corona virus according to the words of the divine Redeemer: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (Jn 15:13), will obtain the same gift of the Plenary Indulgence under the same conditions."
- "This Apostolic Penitentiary also willingly grants a Plenary Indulgence under the same conditions on the occasion of the current world epidemic, also to those faithful who offer a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, or Eucharistic adoration, or reading the Holy Scriptures for at least half an hour, or the recitation of the Holy Rosary, or the pious exercise of the Way of the Cross, or the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, to implore from Almighty God the end of the epidemic, relief for those who are afflicted and eternal salvation for those whom the Lord has called to Himself."

And here's a crucial concession to us all, in case we can't receive the Anointing of the Sick during this period of pandemic and quarantine:

- "The Church prays for those who find themselves unable to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and of the Viaticum, entrusting each and every one to Divine Mercy by virtue of the communion of saints and granting the faithful a Plenary Indulgence on the point of death, provided that they are duly disposed and have recited a few prayers during their lifetime (in this case the Church makes up for the three usual conditions required). For the attainment of this indulgence the use of the crucifix or the cross is recommended (cf. *Enchiridion indulgentiarum*, no.12)."

Look on Page 3 of the Bulletin to see times for Mass/Divine Mercy Chaplet/Rosary to help obtain this Plenary Indulgence.

**NOTE: Our Lady of Lourdes celebrates Mass EVERY day at 8:30am & 12:10pm.
You can view Mass by going to our Parish Website.**