



Official Calendar of the Events

Diocese of Jackson

Jubilee of Mercy

October 2015

***Saturday, October 3** - Holy Door Closed at the Cathedral of Saint Peter the Apostle - 5 pm

December 2015

Tuesday, December 8

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – Holy Day of Obligation

Opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica, Rome.

Saturday, December, 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Sunday, December 13

III Sunday of Advent

*Opening of the Holy Door of the Basilica of St. John Lateran and in the Cathedrals of the world, **including St. Peter Cathedral in Jackson (10:30 a.m. Mass)**

January 2016

Friday, January 1, 2016

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God – Holy Day of Obligation

World Day for Peace.

Tuesday, January 19, - Thursday, January 21, 2016

Jubilee for those Engaged in Pilgrimage Work

***Monday, January 25, 2016**

Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul

***Special Pilgrimage day for Vicksburg Site**

February 2016

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord and the Day for Consecrated Life

Jubilee for Consecrated Life and the closing of the Year for Consecrated Life.

***Prayers for vocations to consecrated life.**

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Ash Wednesday

Sending forth of the Missionaries of Mercy, St. Peter's Basilica, Rome.

***Day of Fasting and Works of Mercy - parishes**

Monday, February 22, 2016

Feast of the Chair of St. Peter

Jubilee for the Roman Curia

***Pilgrimage to Holy Door Opportunity -**

Noon Mass and adoration

***Patronal Feast of the Diocese**

***Day of Works of Mercy by Parish and Diocesan Staff**

March 2016

***Friday, March 4 and Saturday, March 5, 2016**

"24 Hours for the Lord" with a penitential liturgy in St. Peter's Basilica on the afternoon of Friday, March 4.

March 4 - 5 cont'd

***Pilgrimage day**

***Confession in all parishes OR area reconciliation services in pilgrimage city sites**

Works of Mercy by parishes and parish organizations

Sunday, March 20, 2016

Palm Sunday

The diocesan day for youth in Rome.

***Palm processions throughout diocese**

Tuesday, March 22, 2016

Diocesan Chrism Mass

Saturday, March 26

Easter Vigil

Sunday, March 27, 2016

Easter Sunday

April 2016

Sunday, April 3, 2016

Divine Mercy Sunday

Jubilee for those who are devoted to the spirituality of Divine Mercy.

***Divine Mercy Chaplet recited in parishes**

Sunday, April 24, 2016

V Sunday of Easter

Jubilee for young boys and girls (ages 13 - 16)

To profess the faith and construct a culture of mercy.

***Pilgrimage Day**

May 2016

Friday - Sunday, May 27-29, 2016

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi in Italy

Jubilee for deacons.

*** "40 hour" devotion and processions in parishes and/or deaneries throughout the diocese**

June 2016

Friday, June 3, 2016

Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Jubilee for priests.

160 years since the introduction of the Feast by Pius IX in 1856.

***Prayer for Priests and Day of Works of Mercy**

Sunday, June 12, 2016

XI Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jubilee for those who are ill and for persons with disabilities.

***Prayers for the sick and those with disabilities
July 2016**

Tuesday, July 26 - Sunday, July 31, 2016

To conclude on the XVIII Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jubilee for young people.

World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland.

***July 28 - 179th anniversary of the establishment of the diocese - *Pilgrimage Day**

August 2016

Monday, August 15 - The Assumption of Mary

***Solemnity, but not a holy day of obligation this year.**

***Rosary prayed in all parishes, families and homes in the diocese**

September 2016

Sunday, September 4, 2016

XXIII Sunday of Ordinary Time

Memorial of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta - September 5

Jubilee for workers and volunteers of mercy

***Pilgrimage Day and Day of Works of Mercy**

Thursday, September 15, 2016

**Our Mother of Sorrows*

Original Patroness of the Diocese of Natchez
Stabat Mater recited in all parishes, families and homes throughout diocese. *Special Pilgrimage opportunity for Natchez pilgrimage site

Sunday, September 25, 2016

XXVI Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jubilee for catechists

**Prayers for ministers in Catholic Education and Faith Formation*

October 2016

Saturday, October 8 and Sunday, October 9, 2016

Saturday and Sunday after the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

**Marian Jubilee – Rosary prayers at 9 a.m.*

Saturday and throughout the weekend in all parishes, families and homes of the diocese.

**Salve Regina sung at all Masses as a Hymn of Thanksgiving after Holy Communion.*

November 2016

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

Solemnity of All Saints

Holy Mass celebrated by the Holy Father in memory of the faithful departed – **Holy Day of Obligation**

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2016

**All Souls Novena begins at Cathedral*

**Dressing of cemeteries*

Sunday, November 6, 2016

XXXII Sunday of Ordinary Time

In St. Peter's Basilica, the Jubilee for prisoners.

**Pilgrimage Day – Prayer for Prisoners and Works of Mercy*

Sunday, November 13, 2016

XXXIII Sunday of Ordinary Time

Closing of the Holy Doors in the Dioceses of the world.

**Holy Door closed in St. Peter Cathedral – Final Pilgrimage Day – Prayer for Peace*

Sunday, November 20, 2016

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Closing of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica and the conclusion of the Jubilee of Mercy.

**Holy Hour before or after Mass in all parishes where possible.*

Pilgrimage Sites

For this Jubilee of Mercy individual churches as well as whole towns have been designated as pilgrimage sites for the Diocese of Jackson. In the calendar several days are labelled as Pilgrimage Days. On these days, pilgrims may gain an indulgence for attending the pilgrimage site and praying for the Holy Father's intentions, participating in adoration and/or Mass if available and then going to confession within 8 days of the visit. **Here is a link to a further explanation of the Holy Father's letter:**

<http://www.iubilaeummisericordiae.va/content/gdm/en/giubileo/lettera.html>. This letter has also been emailed to all parishes.

In the designated pilgrimage sites that are towns, pilgrims should make a visit at all the station churches.

The ten (10) designated pilgrimage sites are:

- Jackson - The Cathedral of Saint Peter the Apostle - Holy Door entrance.
- Columbus - Annunciation Church
- Greenwood - IHM and St. Francis Churches
- Greenville - Sacred Heart and St. Joseph Churches
- Meridian - St. Joseph and St. Patrick Church
- Natchez - Assumption. Holy Family and St. Mary Basilica Churches
- Philadelphia - Holy Rosary Missions and Holy Cross Church
- Southaven - Christ the King Church
- Tupelo - St. James Church
- Vicksburg - St. Paul, St. Mary and St. Michael Churches

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Events may be added as the year progresses in conjunction with Vatican celebrations and other diocesan celebrations.



Lord Jesus Christ,

you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.

Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money;

the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

Amen.