# December 8, 2015-November 20, 2016

# PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY

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!"

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.

# What is the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy?

The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy is a major event in the Catholic Church, held from the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (December 8), 2015 to the Feast of Christ the King (November 20), 2016. Jubilee years are rooted in the Old Testament tradition of freeing slaves and prisoners once every 50 years, a concept that died out within Judaism but was taken up by Pope Boniface VIII for the Catholic Church in 1300.

This extraordinary jubilee year is a practical way of giving a live expression of forgiveness, reconciliation, and creating a Church that is a "field hospital", healing and binding the wounds of its flock.

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# Celebrate the Year of Mercy with Newman Centre



## PRAY LEARN

#### **SERVE**

#### **Divine Mercy Prayer Group**

Every Wednesday from 6 pm—7 pm

Come and pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet weekly and learn more about this beautiful gift to the Church through St. Faustina's Diary.

#### Walking Pilgrimage

On Divine Mercy Sunday—April 3rd
Join us on a walking pilgrimage from the Newman
Centre to the designated Holy Doors of Mercy at
St. Patrick's Church.

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday-Friday 11:45 am—12:05 pm

"As we exit the confessional, we will feel his strength which gives new life and restores ardor to the faith. After confession we are reborn." - Pope Francis

#### Teaching on the Spiritual Works of Mercy

Every Monday from 1 pm—2 pm Learn from Fr. Cris Graas about the Spiritual works of mercy through discussion.

#### **Bible Study on Mercy**

Every Thursday from 1 pm—2 pm Grow in your understanding of Scripture and see in how many ways God's mercy is shown to all.

### Thursday, January 21st: To Shelter the Homeless

Out of the Cold's Hospitality Program

Starting at 3 pm, we will visit with the homeless, serve them warm beverages, play board games with them and learn more about them.

#### Thursday, February 4th: To Visit the Sick

The Balmoral Club, 155 Balmoral Avenue
Starting at 2:30 pm, we will visit seniors at the
Residence and provide entertainment for them by
singing songs and visiting with them.

#### Saturday, March 5th: To Bury the Dead

Precious Angel Gowns

Starting at 1 pm, we will disassemble wedding gowns. The material from these gowns will be used to sew burial gowns so parents who have suffered the loss of a baby ensuring their precious child can be clothed in something beautiful during a family's final moments together.

# Sunday, April 24th: To Give drink to the Thirsty

6 St. Joseph Street

Starting at noon we will prepare soup and warm beverages at 6 St. Joseph Street's Sunday Drop-in Café.

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"At times we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives." - Pope Francis