

Indulgence Norms and notes

1. Communion on the day of an indulgence. This can be applied to any amount of indulgences that day.
2. Confession within twenty days of the day of an indulgence. Applies to all indulgences during that period
3. Prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father (an Our Father, Hail Mary or any appropriate prayer) once per day of indulgence.
4. To earn an indulgence you must be in a state of grace (no unconfessed mortal sin) at the time of the indulgenced act)
5. Indulgences can only be applied to the dead or to the person earning the indulgence. They can not be applied to any other living person.
6. For a PLENARY indulgence you must have NO attachment to sin. If such an attachment exists the indulgence earned is only partial.
7. While normally you can only earn a plenary indulgence once a day except if death is imminent **During the Jubilee year (Till Jan 6th 2026 a 2nd plenary indulgence can be earned daily but must be applied to the deceased and requires a 2nd reception of Holy Communion at a Mass or Eucharistic celebration.**
8. An indulgence attached to a feast day is still valid if the feast day is transferred lawfully.
9. A specific day's indulgence requiring a visit to a particular church or oratory can be made from noon the previous day to midnight on the actual day.
10. No unbaptized person nor any Christian who is currently under the penalty of excommunication may earn an indulgence.
11. You must ACTIVELY seek and or state your intention to obtain an indulgence for the act or prayer that carries it to be valid.

Prayers & Acts that carry an indulgence (Partial list) All indulgences partial unless **BOLD UNDERLINED**

Prayers

The Actiones Nostras	Act of faith hope and Love	Any Devout Mental Prayer	Adsumus
Adoro te Devote	Prayer to St. Joseph	Prayer of Thanksgiving	The Angelus
Domine Deus Omnipotens	Spiritual Communion	The Apostles Creed	Angels Dei
The Niceane Creed	The office for the dead	Any approved Litanies	Psalm 130
Iesu Dulcissime Redemptor	Ave Maria Stella	Maria Mater Gratiae	Exaudi Nos
O Sacrum Convivium	Prayer for the Pope	Prayer for the Dead	Psalm 51
Sub tuum praesidium	Prayer for Benefactors	Angel of God Prayer	Te Deum
Public Novenas for Pentecost	Christmas or the Feast of the Immaculate Conception		Tantum Ergo
Prayer for Vocations	The Sign of the Cross	Sancta Maria Succurre Miseris	The Magnificat
Vista Quaesumus Domine	Act of Contrition (expect during Sacramental Confession)		
Prayer to St Michael	Chaplet of St Michael	Come Holy Spirit	

Prayer before a Crucifix **Plenary if done after communion Friday in Lent**

Five decades of the Rosary **Plenary if done in a family, religious community or Pious association**

The Stations of the Cross Moving from Station to Station (unless physically unable to do so)

Actions * indicated Plenary during the Jubilee Year (Through Jan 6th 2026)

Making a Pious invocation raising your mind to god while performing the duties of life

*Devoting yourself or your goods in compassionate service to your brothers in need

*Voluntarily abstaining from something that is licit & pleasing in the spirit of penitence

Reading the scriptures **Plenary if done for a half hour or more** Teaching Christian Doctrine

Visiting a church on All Souls day (Nov 2) Going on a religious retreat for 3 or more days

Use a blessed religious object **Plenary if blessed by a Pope & used on the Feast of Sts Peter & Paul**

Visiting a Parish Church on the Feast day of its Saint(s) or on Aug 2nd (say Our Father & Creed)

Attending the 1st Mass of a newly ordained priest or his jubilee mass (25th 50th or 60th anniversary)

Visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead (**Plenary if done from Nov 1st through Nov 8th**)

Adoration of the blessed Sacrament Plenary if done for a half hour or more

NOTE Adorers Hourly & Alternates wanted St Bernard's parish Fitchburg MA: Mondays 8:30-7 PM

Tuesdays 8:30-4 Call 978-343-4927 for info

Indulgence Calendar January 2026

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thurs	Friday	Saturday
28 Patrick Holland	29 Michael Harrahy	30 Joe Cardulo	31 Frank Cardulo	1* William Holland	2 Jeremiah McCarthy	3 Julia Sweet
<i>12/8 – 1/8</i>	<i>12/9 – 1/9</i>	<i>12/10 – 1/10</i>	<i>12/11 – 1/11</i>	<i>12/12 – 1/12</i>	<i>12/13 – 1/13</i>	<i>12/14 – 1/14</i>
4 Eric Sullivan	5** Scott Blake	6 Norman Podhoretz	7 Michelle Reiner	8 Humphrey Conner	9 Margaret Farrell	10 Catherine LaBounty
<i>12/15– 1/15</i>	<i>12/16 – 1/16</i>	<i>12/17 - 1/17</i>	<i>12/18 – 1/18</i>	<i>12/19– 1/19</i>	<i>12/20 – 1/20</i>	<i>12/21 – 1/21</i>
11 Rob Reiner	12 Edard Roche	13 Rosina Lambert	14 John Daly	15 John C. Smith	16 Nicholas Beckley	17 Mary J McCarthy
<i>12/22– 1/22</i>	<i>12/23 – 1/23</i>	<i>12/24– 1/24</i>	<i>12/25 – 1/25</i>	<i>12/26 – 1/26</i>	<i>12/27 – 1/27</i>	<i>12/28 – 1/28</i>
18 Margaret Walsh ***	19 Mary Louney	20 Elizabeth McCauliff	21**** Celina Vincent	22 Anna Peirce	23 Susie Plunkett	24 Henriette Boulanger
<i>12/29 – 1/29</i>	<i>12/30 – 1/30</i>	<i>12/31 – 1/31</i>	<i>1/1 – 2/1</i>	<i>1/2 – 2/2</i>	<i>1/3 – 2/3</i>	<i>1/4 – 2/4</i>
25 Eliza Carey	26 Mary ***** Donnelly	27 Thomas Tighe	28x Mary Gannon	29 David Sao	30 Owen Harrigan	31 Reeves Broussard
<i>1/5 – 2/5</i>	<i>1/6 – 2/6</i>	<i>1/7 – 2/7</i>	<i>1/8 – 2/8</i>	<i>1/9 – 2/9</i>	<i>1/10 – 2/10</i>	<i>1/11 – 2/11</i>

Indulgence Calendar Key

* 1 st Feast of Mary Mother of God Plenary Indulgence if you attend ANY church dedicated to Mary under any name (too many to list)	**5 th Feast of St. John Newman Plenary Indulgence if you attend mass at any College Newman Chappel or the church in Freetown MA	Indulged person for the listed day on the calendar <u>Lines available to add additional people for that day's indulgences. There is no limit to the number of indulgences you can earn for a person in a day</u> <i>In order to receive an indulgence on this date you must go to confession within this date range</i>	***15 th Feast of St. Margaret of Hungry Plenary Indulgence if you attend St. Margaret of Hungry parish in Fall River	****21 th Feast of St. Brigid Plenary indulgence available if you attend St. Brigid parish in Lexington or South Boston
---	---	---	--	--

enerous to all the living, and withhold not your kindness from the dead. Sirach 7:33

** Stared dates indicate a plenary indulgence is available under the conditions listed in the key Only one plenary indulgence can be earned on a given day, (two during the Jubilee year per [Papal Jubilee bull](#) ending January 6th)

***** 26th Feast of St. Timothy Plenary indulgence available if you attend St. Timothy parish in Norwood
x 28th Feast of St. Thomas Aquinis plenary indlulgence if you attend St. Thomas Qauinas parish in Jamaca Plain or Bridgewater MA