

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. You can only earn a plenary indulgence once a day except if death is imminent or via a Papal decree.
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 or 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)

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 Pass 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 March 2026

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thurs	Friday	Saturday
1 Mary Fahey	2 John Quartarone	3 Hattie Smith	4 Hiram Grant	5 Katie E Mack	6 Timothy Flaherty	7 Daniel Flynn
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2/9 – 3/12	2/10 – 3/13	2/11 – 3/14	2/12 – 3/15	2/13 – 3/16	2/14 – 3/17	2/15 – 3/18
8 Jessie Jackson	9 James Marley	10 Micky Lolich	11 Bill Mazersoki	12 Joseph Fitzpatrick	13 Jane Duff	14 Ellen Mongovan
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2/16 – 3/19	2/17 – 3/20	2/18 – 3/21	2/19 – 3/22	2/20 – 3/23	2/21 – 3/24	2/22 – 3/25
15 Julia Maney	16 Johanna Hartnett	17*Thomas Murray	18 Michael Roy	19**James Holden Jr.	20 Daniel Duggan	21 Maria McHugh
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2/23 – 3/26	2/24 – 3/27	2/25 – 3/28	2/26 – 3/29	2/27 – 3/30	2/28 – 3/31	3/1 – 4/1
22 John McNamara	23 Lisa Parker	24 Bridget Ward	25 Margaret Morrilly	26 Margaret Murphy	27 Michael Moynihan	28 Michael Hennessey
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3/2 – 4/2	3/3 – 4/3	3/4 – 4/4	3/5 – 4/5	3/6 – 4/6	3/7 – 4/7	3/8 – 4/8
29 Michael Dempsey	30 Ellen Dunn	31 Mary Holden	1 John O'Donnell	2 Katie Horan	3 Jeremiah Moriarty	5 Katie Moriarty
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3/9 – 4/10	3/10 – 4/11	3/11 – 4/12	3/12 – 4/13	2/13 – 4/14	3/14 – 4/14	3/15 – 4/15
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Indulgence Calendar Key

* Feast of St. Patrick. Plenary Indulgence available if you attend St. Patrick's Church in Whitinsville, Lowell or Fiskdale	** Feast of St. Joseph Plenary Indulgence if you attend St Joseph's Parish in Fitchburg or Malden	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>		
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Be Generous 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.