

of God, but she was not exempt from temptation. Her hope was tested far beyond anything we will have to undergo. The Heavenly Father asked Our Lady to follow her Son all the way to the Cross. And Mary was faithful. She stood there watching her Son die a brutal death. Mary stood there united with her Son in offering His sacrifice and in trusting the Father.

Sister Catherine Marie C.P.

The Passionists invoke Mary as Mother of Sorrows and also as Mother of Holy Hope. These two devotions to Our Lady remind us that she is with us in all the situations we have to face in life. As a loving Mother, she never abandons us, her children, but wishes to lead us to Jesus her Son who is the source of true hope in suffering.

Mary, Mother of Hope, accompany us on our journey. Teach us to proclaim the living God; help us to bear witness to Jesus, the one Saviour; make us kindly towards our neighbours, welcoming to the needy, concerned for justice, impassioned builders of a more just world; intercede for us as we carry out our work in history, certain that the Father's plan will be fulfilled. Mary, Dawn of a new world, show yourself the Mother of Hope and watch over us. Amen.

St John Paul II

Prayers for the Pope's Intentions

We conclude our Jubilee Pilgrim Visit by praying the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Glory be to the Father for the Pope's intentions.

St Charles of Mount Argus

Before leaving the church, you might also offer a prayer at the tomb of St Charles of Mount Argus for those who are in need of your prayers, especially those who are sick.

Saint Charles, you encourage us to have faith in God's love for us.

We ask you to intercede for us all, especially those who are sick.

May we know that the loving hand of God reaches out to us with healing and hope for body and spirit.

May we learn to trust in God and place our lives in his hands. Amen.

The Jubilee at a distance

The elderly, the infirm and those who cannot leave their home to make the Pilgrim Visit to a Church of the Passionists can gain the Jubilee Indulgence by joining spiritually in the Jubilee celebrations by praying at home and committing themselves to fulfilling the three conditions (confession, Eucharist, prayer for the Pope) as soon as possible.

Safety Notice: Because of the Coronavirus Pandemic, this leaflet is for your own use only. Please take it home with you after your Pilgrim Visit; do not leave it on one of the benches or on the table at the entrance to the church. Thank you.

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A Pilgrim Visit for the Passionist Jubilee Year

The Church of St Paul of the Cross & the Shrine of St Charles of Mount Argus

When we stand before Jesus crucified, we see the depth of his love which exalts and sustains us, but at the same time, unless we are blind, we begin to realize that Jesus' gaze, burning with love, expands to embrace all his people.

Pope Francis
Letter for the Passionist Jubilee Year

Introduction

The Passionist Jubilee Year is an invitation to experience God's love revealed in the Passion of Jesus Christ and to be witnesses to that love. At the heart of the Passionist Jubilee Year is the invitation of Jesus to open our hearts to his mercy and forgiveness and to bring to others his love and compassion. A sign of this mercy and love is the Jubilee Indulgence granted by Pope Francis to all who participate in the Passionist Jubilee Year which lasts until 1 January 2022.

To gain the Jubilee Indulgence, we celebrate the following:

1. A Pilgrim Visit to the Passionist Church at Mount Argus
2. Spiritual Participation in the Passionist Jubilee
3. The Profession of Faith
4. Prayer for the Pope's Intentions
5. The Sacrament of Reconciliation
6. The Reception of the Holy Eucharist

On your Pilgrim Visit to the Church of St Paul of the Cross, Mount Argus, you may not have the time or opportunity to receive Confession and Holy Communion; it is sufficient to do so within a reasonable time.

This Pilgrim Visit has five stations. As we walk from one station to the next, we reflect on the meaning of God's merciful love revealed in the Passion of Jesus and

we pray for our own needs and the needs of those who trust in our prayers.

Before entering the Church of St Paul of the Cross, take a moment to look at the front of the building. Between the two towers we see St Michael the Archangel holding a fiery sword and standing on a plinth on which is carved the Passionist Sign. Below this, St Paul of the Cross can be seen standing on the mission platform and preaching to the people, while an angel whispers into his ear.

The three panels above the church doors depict three incidents from the life of St Paul of the Cross. They show St Paul of the Cross as a young man being saved by Our Lady from drowning, Our Lady giving the Passionist habit to St Paul at the beginning of his religious life, and St Paul receiving approval for the Passionist Rule from the Pope.

1 The Holy Door

God our loving Father welcomes us and offers us life.

The Holy Door is the centre door at the main entrance to the Church.

The Jubilee Year is a time of 'grace': God's free gift of His life and love. We want to recognize and accept this gift as an opportunity and a call to fulfil the Lord's desire that "all may be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim. 2:4) which, for St Paul of the Cross, is realised in the Passion of Jesus. The commemoration of the Jubilee is primarily a call to conversion and an opportunity for renewal and newness of life. Let not this moment of grace pass us by; rather, let us seize the opportunity to accept God's offer of the fullness of life.

Message of Fr Joachim Rego, Superior General,
for the Passionist Jubilee Year

The Holy Door is like the arms of the Father who welcomes the prodigal son. Think of the joy that is in the Father's heart as he sees you pass through the Holy Door. As you enter the church, thank him for his love and ask him for mercy.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

2 The Sanctuary

Thanksgiving & Renewal of Faith

Go up the centre aisle and find a place to pray before the main Altar.

O Lord, I love the house where you dwell, the place where your glory abides.

Psalm 25:8

The area where the Altar is located is called the Sanctuary. Within the Sanctuary, behind the Altar, is the Tabernacle where the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist is reserved. As you pray here in the presence of Jesus, thank him for the gift of faith. You can make a profession of faith by praying the Apostles Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resur-

rection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

4 St Paul of the Cross

Founder of the Passionists

To the left of the Crucifix is the statue of St Paul of the Cross

If you are meditating on Jesus in agony in the garden, place yourself there in that garden, all alone with him. Look at him with compassion but with a lively faith and with love, and take account of those drops of Precious Blood and ask: 'Jesus, my dearest, for whom are you suffering?' Listen as he replies to your heart: 'I am suffering for you, for your sins, because I love you'.

St Paul of the Cross

Three hundred years ago, St Paul of the Cross founded the Passionist community to keep alive in the Church the memory of the love of God which flows from the Cross of Jesus. He encourages us to spend a few minutes each day meditating on the Passion, so that we can come to know the personal love of God revealed in the sufferings of Jesus his Son.

Lord Jesus Christ, you inspired St Paul of the Cross with a special love for preaching the mystery of the Cross and willed that through him a new religious family should flourish in your Church. Grant by his prayers, that our meditation on the Passion in this life may prepare us for us the reward of eternal life in heaven. Amen.

5 Mary, Mother of Sorrows

& Mother of Hope

To the left of the statue of St Paul of the Cross is the altar of Our Lady of Sorrows.

Our Lady's whole life on earth was a journey of hope. Mary relied totally on the promises