



**Pope Francis Call Us  
to a Year of Mercy  
December 8, 2015--  
November 20, 2016**

**Why a Year of Mercy?**

**The Year of Mercy calls us to look at things the way God does—with a heart of mercy. Pope Francis' hope is that people will learn more about God's mercy, what mercy truly is, become more merciful in their own lives, and share that mercy with others.**

**Mercy is a Common Theme**

**Mercy is not something new. The theme of mercy is found everywhere in our Catholic teachings and prayers. It is a common theme in the Old and New Testaments. How many times is "mercy" mentioned in our Liturgy? We have the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.**

**Joining in the Year of Mercy**

**Plans are under way for the parish to participate in the Year of Mercy through prayer, hospitality, formation and service.**

**Prayer for Jubilee of Mercy**

**Prayer cards are in the pews and at Church entrances. Please take one home to join the world in prayer to grow in the understanding of God's mercy.**