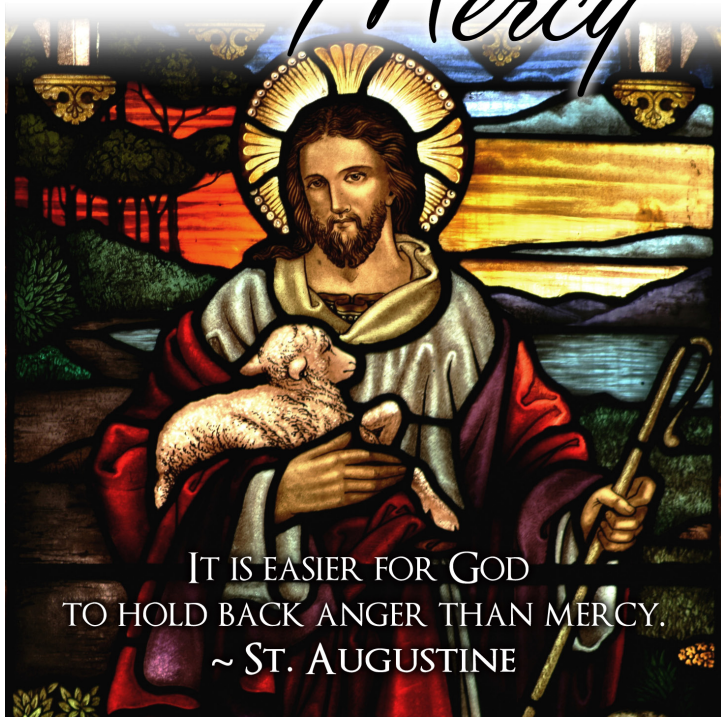


EXTRAORDINARY
JUBILEE YEAR
OF *Mercy*



IT IS EASIER FOR GOD
TO HOLD BACK ANGER THAN MERCY.
~ ST. AUGUSTINE

Jubilee Year of Mercy, Dec. 8, 2015-Nov. 20, 2016

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;
Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things;
made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.
You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his
power above all by forgiveness and mercy.

Send your Spirit so that your Church, with renewed enthusiasm,
may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives
and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

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.



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