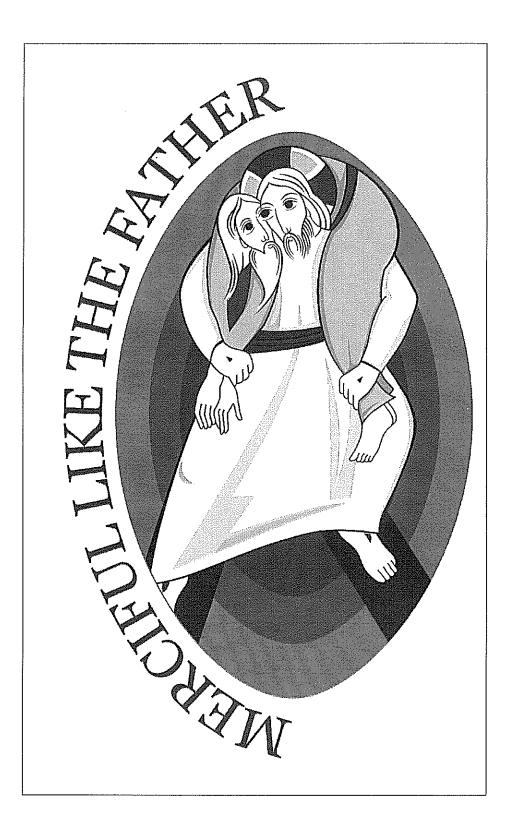


Lord Jesus Christ, You have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from Seeking happiness only in created things; Made Peter weep after his betrayal, And assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if addresses to one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!" You are the visible face of the invisible Father. Of the God who manifests his power above All by forgiveness and mercy. Let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved and forgiven by God. Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us With its anointing, So that the Jubilee of Mercy may be A year of grace from the Lord, And 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 through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, You who live and reign with the Father And the Holy Spirit Forever and ever. Amen.





## Diocesan Calendar for the Jubilee of Mercy

## 2015

- Tuesday, December 8 at 7:30: Opening Mass of the Jubilee at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Bellerive.
- Sunday, December 13 at 10:30 Opening of the Holy Door at Saint Cecile Basilica-Cathedral: The Jubilee continues with the Opening of the Holy Door by Pope Francis in his Cathedral, Saint John Lateran, and bishops around the world will open Holy Doors in their own Cathedrals. "To pass through the Holy Door means to rediscover the infinite mercy of the Father who welcomes everyone and goes out personally to encounter each of them." Pope Francis
- December 25: Christmas of Mercy!
- Sunday, December 27: Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Jubilee of families.

## 2016

- January: Solidarity activities for the newly arrived Syrian refuges in the diocese. (Sharing of clothes, toys, welcome and companionship.)
- February 10 through March 26: LENT: Each Sunday will have a theme of mercy illuminated in the Gospel of Saint Luke who pays particular attention to the tenderness and compassion of God. Lenten theme: "The Joy of Your Covenant"
- Development and Peace campaign: We commit ourselves to...
- Tuesday, March 22 at 7:30PM: Chrism Mass at the Basilica-Cathedral Saint Cecile (11 rue de l'Eglise, Salabery-de-Valleyfield)
- March 27: EASTER "In the Joy of the Spirit"

- Sunday, April 3 MERCY SUNDAY: Each parish is invited to celebrate the Feast of Mercy endeared to Saint John Paul II in a special way of their choosing. The day will conclude with a collective evening of prayer at 7:30PM at the Basilica-Cathedral Saint Cecile (11 rue de l'Eglise, Salaberyde-Valleyfield), where each community will present a symbol of mercy from their parishes.
- Saturday, April 23 9:30AM 3:30PM: Renewal Retreat on Mercy given by Bishop Pierre Murray, C.S.S. at Saint PIE X Church (748 avenue Grande Ile, Salaberry-de-Valleyfield)
- Saturday, April 30 7:30PM: Concert of Sacred Music at Saint Clement Church in Beauharnois with Brother Andre Laberge and Brother Minier organised by the Cursillo Movement of the diocese. (183 Chemin St-Louis, Beauharnois)
- Friday, June 3 at 7:30PM: Celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Salaberryde-Valleyfield. (202 rue Alphonse Desjardins, Salaberry-de-Valleyfield)
- Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>: Festival of Faith at Delpha-Sauvé Park in Valleyfield to regroup the children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation during the year as a sign of mercy of the Lord who called them to be apostles and witnesses of his love.
- Sunday, July 10 at 3PM: Anointing of the Sick at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes in Rigaud. (43 rue Saint Viateur, Rigaud)
- Monday, August 15 at 7:30PM: Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes in Rigaud. (43 rue Saint Viateur, Rigaud)
- September: Diocesan Retreat
- Sunday, November 20 at 5PM: Feast of Christ the King.
   Vespers and Closing of the Jubilee Year at the Poor Clare's Monastery. (5 rue St-Clare, Salaberry-de-Valleyfield, QC)



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