



Holy Jubilee CES

May 3

What is the Holy Jubilee?

Catholic tradition holds that the concept of a Jubilee, or “Holy Year,” originated to mark a year of forgiveness, reconciliation, and great hope.

Holy Jubilee CES eagerly anticipates the upcoming 2025 Jubilee, themed "Pilgrims of Hope," as the Catholic Church celebrates a tradition rooted in forgiveness and reconciliation. In the 1300s, Pope Boniface VIII declared the first Jubilee, marking the start of each century. In the 1500s, Pope Saint Paul II declared each Jubilee would now be celebrated every 25 years. The 2025 Jubilee holds special significance, serving as a beacon of hope for a world grappling with serious issues, including war, climate change, and the ongoing challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Designed as a period of conversion, the Jubilee emphasizes God's mercy and the forgiveness of sins. The symbolic opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica marks the commencement of this sacred time, with Holy Doors at four papal basilicas in Rome becoming focal points for pilgrims seeking special graces. Pope Francis, in spiritual preparation for the 2025 Jubilee, urges Catholics to delve into the key documents of the Second Vatican Council, held from 1962 to 1965, while starting 2024 with a collective emphasis on prayer.

The official inauguration of the Jubilee of Hope is scheduled for December 2024 when Pope Francis opens the "holy door" at St. Peter's Basilica. This symbolic act offers the world's 1.3 billion Catholics the opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence and access a year of special graces. The Jubilee of Hope will culminate on the feast of the Epiphany in 2026, concluding a transformative period focused on spiritual growth, mercy and a renewed sense of hope for the global Catholic community. Holy Jubilee CES recognizes these significant years as a tribute to their school feast days, fostering an atmosphere of spiritual reflection and engagement among its students and community members.

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Quotes

"You shall treat this fiftieth year as sacred. You shall proclaim liberty in the land for all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you."

-Lv 25:8-10

"The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; He has sent me to bring good news to the afflicted, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favour."

-Is 61:1-2

Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit;

Heavenly Father,

As we gather in the light of your grace, we come before you with hearts filled with gratitude for the gift of knowledge and the opportunity to grow in faith. Today, we lift our voices in prayer, especially as we embark on the Holy Jubilee.

Lord, we thank you for the rich traditions of our Catholic faith, particularly the Jubilee, a time of forgiveness, reconciliation and hope. As students, we seek your guidance and strength during this sacred period. May the Jubilee of Hope be a source of inspiration, leading us on a path of spiritual growth and transformation.

In the midst of the challenges our world faces – the impact of wars, the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the growing threats to our environment – we turn to you, O Lord, with trust and hope. Grant us the courage to be beacons of your light, spreading love, compassion and understanding in our school and beyond.

As we open our hearts to the teachings of the Second Vatican Council, help us, Lord, to grasp the essence of your message and apply it in our daily lives. May our prayers reflect our commitment to a deeper understanding of your mercy and forgiveness.

Bless our Holy Jubilee journey, dear God. May the opening of the Holy Door usher in a year of special graces, and may we, as students, be receptive to the blessings you pour upon us. Guide us in our studies, friendships and endeavours, so that we may be true pilgrims of hope, carrying the light of your love into the world.

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, we pray.

Amen.





York Catholic District School Board



FEAST DAY:

May 3

SCHOOL LOCATION:

Maple, ON

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Sovereign LORD is on
me, because the LORD
has anointed me to
proclaim good news to
the poor."*

-Isaiah 61:1

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