



# RADIO MARIA

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## Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy

Dear Friends:

This is a time of grace for the Church. Pope Francis has opened the **Jubilee of Mercy** on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 8, 2015 until the Solemnity of Christ the King on November 20, 2016. It is a time when we can open ourselves to the great mercy of God. Especially, at a time the world is experiencing much evil with the presence of hatred, unforgiveness, divisions, etc., we need to look at Christ who is the face of the Father's mercy. St. Paul wrote: "... *where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more* (Rom 5:20) *because we are reminded that we have "a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness" (Ex 34:6).*

God continues to be merciful, even though we do not deserve it. In his *Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, The Face of Mercy*, Pope Francis wrote: "***Mercy will always be greater than any sin, and no one can place limits on the love of God who is ever ready to forgive***".

At Radio Maria we encourage everyone to experience the love and mercy of God who forgives through the Sacrament of Penance or Confession. For this reason, Jesus himself calls confession the "***Fountain of Mercy***" (# 1602) as He revealed it to St. Faustina Kowalska and as she



wrote it in her Diary. Confession is the source of the mercy of God. That is why it is called the **Sacrament of Mercy**; "here the misery of the soul meets the God of Mercy" (# 1602).

Even after sacramental absolution of all sins, there remains in us the temporal punishment of sin. We have to get rid of/or purify it either here on earth or after death in purgatory to be ready for heaven. In order to receive the complete remission of all temporal punishment due to sin, in Year of Mercy we can obtain a **plenary indulgence**. We may receive the plenary indulgence for ourselves or offer it for the faithful departed, once a day. To receive the Jubilee indulgence, we must fulfill the usual conditions, described on page 4 in this newsletter and perform the indulgenced work of passing through a designated Door of Mercy. This is surely a time of grace for the Church.

Finally, the Year of Mercy

encourages us to rediscover the importance of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The **corporal** works of mercy are: **to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned and bury the dead**. The **spiritual** works of mercy are: **to counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offenses, bear patiently those who do us ill and pray for the living and the dead**. Let us be merciful to one another.

May the New Year 2016 be a year filled with God's Blessings to you and your loved ones. Let us pray for one another and for the mission of Radio Maria. Please be generous in the New Year in order to continue to help Our Lady to help us.

Blessings,

*Fr. John Tino*

**December 2, 2015  
Message to Mirjana**

"Dear children, I am always with you because my Son entrusted you to me. And you, my children, you need me, you are seeking me, you are coming to me, and you are bringing joy to my motherly heart. I have, and always will have, love for you; for you who suffer and who offer your pains and sufferings to my Son and to me. My love seeks the love of all of my children, and my children seek my love.

Through love, Jesus seeks unity between Heaven and earth; between the Heavenly Father and you, my children - His Church. Therefore, it is necessary to pray much, to pray and love the Church to which you belong. Now, the Church is suffering and needs apostles who by loving unity, by witnessing and giving, show the ways of God. The Church needs apostles who by living the Eucharist with the heart, do great works; it needs you, my apostles of love.

My children, from the very beginning, the Church was persecuted and betrayed, but day by day it grew. It is indestructible because My Son gave it a heart - the Eucharist, and the light of His resurrection shone and will continue to shine upon it.

Therefore, do not be afraid. Pray for your shepherds that

they may have the strength and the love to be bridges of salvation. Thank you!"



**December 25, 2015  
Message to Marija**

"Dear children! Also today I am carrying my Son Jesus to you and from this embrace I am giving you His peace and a longing for Heaven.

I am praying with you for peace and am calling you to be peace. I am blessing all of you with my motherly blessing of peace. Thank you for having responded to my call!"

Note: We await the final judgment of the Catholic Church to which we humbly submit.

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# New Programs

## *Faith and Finance*

Hosted by:  
**Thomas Zordani**



**Wednesdays, 9pm (ET);  
8pm (CT)**

**Thomas Zordani** is a highly sought after Catholic speaker nation-wide, and a published author of several books, including the best-seller *Faith Finances*. He has conducted extensive research on biblical stewardship concepts, and is a renowned personal finance counselor. He has appeared on Fox News, Catholic Live Television, Catholic TV and has been heard on numerous Catholic radio stations nationwide, including EWTN and Ave Maria Radio.

Thomas is a member of St. Pius Catholic Church in Aurora Colorado, an active Knights of Columbus member, an adjunct educator for the Archdiocese of Denver. He resides in Denver with his wife Phyllis, and 3 of their 8 children.

**Faith and Finance** teaches religious, financial principals based upon holy Scripture. This program will help people to become better stewards with the resources that God has blessed them with, and live more Christ-centered lives.

Tune in on Wednesdays at 9pm (ET)/8pm (CT). Thomas would love to hear from you at **866-333-MARY (6279)**. Please give him a call with any comments and/or questions.

## *The Healing Mercy of God*

Hosted by:  
**Kathleen Keefe**



**Tuesdays, 5pm (ET);  
4pm (CT)**

Teacher, Marian catechist, author of 5 books, family counselor, and spiritual director, **Kathleen Keefe** has conducted parish missions, healing retreats and national conferences.

**The Healing Mercy of God** will begin with Mary's role in leading us to forgiveness and repentance. Understanding how we may be blocking God's mercy and the importance of humility in opening our hearts to mercy through forgiveness of sins, will be stressed.

As we get closer to Lent, we will turn to the Wound in the Heart of Jesus as the source of our healing and cover in depths the effects of the Sacrament of Confession; how to approach the Tribunal of Mercy; and the role of priests as confessor and spiritual guide of our souls.

All of this prepares us to understand the great gift of the Holy Eucharist. We are enlightened about the importance of devotion to God's Mercy and the Feast of Mercy are offered the opportunity to enthrone the Merciful Jesus in our hearts and homes.

Tune in on Tuesdays at 5pm (ET)/4pm (CT). Kathleen will be waiting to hear from you. **Call 866-333-MARY (6279)**.

## Feedback



...from our  
Listeners

"I especially appreciate the new programs on Radio Maria. Fr. John O'Brien's program on the *Diary of St. Faustina* is so prayerfully presented and personally meaningful. That one hour weekly program is like a retreat for me and has been so timely with the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Fr. Tino, your frequent catechesis is also very enriching. I appreciate the development on the sacraments and their indispensable need in one's life.

Lastly, Greg Schutte's Marriage program at 11 A.M. on Monday is also excellent. It is so on target with the recent synod on the family in Philadelphia. I had the opportunity to hear him on September 12 at a Life Tech Conference in Dayton, Ohio. There are several others that I have discovered which I find helpful: Joshua Danis hosts one and Attorney Heller hosts one on Friday evening. Radio Maria continues to grow in strength with its program variety in the proclamation of the truth."

— Pamela J., Springfield, OH



# Plenary Indulgences during the Jubilee Year of Mercy

In the Jubilee Year of Mercy you can obtain a plenary indulgence (the complete remission of all temporal punishment due to sin).

You may receive the plenary indulgence yourself, or offer it for the faithful departed.

To receive the Jubilee Year indulgence, you must fulfill the usual conditions, described below and perform the indulgenced work: passing through a designated Door of Mercy during the extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy between December 8, 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, and November 20, 2016, the Solemnity of Christ the King. A Holy Door or Door of Mercy is opened in every cathedral around the world, as well as in particular shrines.

**To receive a plenary indulgence the following conditions are necessary:**

- Baptized Catholics must be in the state of grace (free from mortal sin) who have the intention of gaining the indulgence.
- A plenary indulgence can be gained only once a day. In order to obtain it, the faithful must:
- Have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin;
- Have received confession within 20 days after performing the indulged work (pilgrimage to the Door of Mercy)
- Have received Holy Communion;
- Pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff within 20 days after performing

the indulgenced work. This prayer is up to the individual but it is customary to pray the Profession of Faith (the Creed) or one Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be.

- It is appropriate but not necessary that Confession, reception of Holy Communion and prayer for the Pope's intentions take place at the time of the indulgenced work.

**For those who cannot make a Pilgrimage to the Door of Mercy:**

- The sick and the elderly can obtain the indulgence as the Holy Father says, "*For them it will be of great help to live their sickness and suffering as an experience of closeness to the Lord who in the mystery of his Passion, death and Resurrection indicates the royal road which gives meaning to pain and loneliness. Living with faith and joyful hope this moment of trial, receiving communion or attending Holy Mass and community prayer, even through the various means of communication, will be for them the means of obtaining the Jubilee Indulgence.*"
- For the imprisoned, Pope Francis says, "*They may obtain the Indulgence in the chapels of the prisons. May the gesture of directing their thought and prayer to the Father each time they cross the threshold of their cell signify for them their passage through the Holy Door, because the mercy of God is able to transform hearts, and is also able to transform bars into an experience of freedom.*"



## YEAR OF MERCY

DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2015 - NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 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.*

Even though we can only obtain one plenary indulgence a day, if you perform the required actions for other plenary indulgences on the same day, you can still obtain multiple partial indulgences.

# Winners of the Radio Maria 2015 Sweepstakes

On behalf of the entire Radio Maria Family, congratulations to the following winners of the **2015 Radio Maria Sweepstakes**. The winners were drawn on December 8, 2015

## Grand Prize Winner

*(one round trip ticket to Medjugorje or the Holy Land)*

### George Diedrich

Thibodeaux, LA

## Second Prize Winner

*(A Painting of Mary)*

### Anna Ryland

Alexandria, LA

## Third Prize Winner

*(Holy Bible & a Rosary)*

### Anjeanette Moore

Sulphur, LA



May God bless everyone that supported our Sweepstakes, both financially and their heartfelt prayers.

# Happy New Year!

*May God be with  
you through the  
New Year and fill  
your heart with*



*comfort, love and cheer. May this day and the days  
ahead, hold many blessings for you and yours.*

*~ Your Family at Radio Maria ~*

## Radio Maria 2016 Dinner Dance Gala



*Dinner Dance Gala*

**Sunday, April 10, 2016**

(More details to follow at a later date)



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