

## DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE SITES

While Pope Francis has designated Jubilee pilgrimage sites in Rome and other places throughout the world, he has also invited local bishops, in addition to the local Cathedral, to designate pilgrimage sites for their own dioceses. Accordingly, Archbishop Hundt has designated three sites in the Archdiocese of St. John's as 2025 Jubilee Pilgrimage sites.

1. Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Flatrock
2. Mass Rock & Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Renews
3. Marymount Shrine, Marystown

## OUR LADY OF LOURDES GROTTO

### Windgap Rd, Flatrock, NL

The Flatrock grotto is inspired by the grotto in France where the Virgin Mary appeared to St. Bernadette.



Construction of the Flatrock Grotto began in 1954. The Grotto was dedicated in 1958 by Most Reverend P.J. Skinner, C.J.M. D.D.; Archbishop of St. John's. Today, there is a plaque where Pope St. John Paul II knelt and prayed at the Grotto during the 1984 Papal visit to Newfoundland.

## MASS ROCK & OUR LADY OF LOURDES GROTTO

### Back Rd, Renews, NL

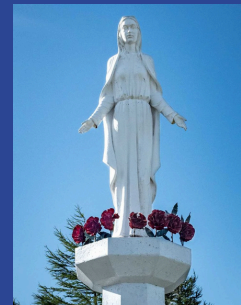
During the mid 1700s, the practice of Catholicism in Newfoundland was restricted. Local folklore shares that Mass was secretly celebrated during the mid 1700s. The addition of the Grotto, modeled after the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in France, was completed in 1928.



## MARYMOUNT SHRINE

### Tolt Rd, Marystown, NL

At 15 ft tall, the statue of Mary at Marymount is the largest Marian statue in Newfoundland. The statue was erected in 1976, overlooking the town of Marystown. Ignatius Fitzpatrick requested to erect this statue in dedication to his parents.



## SPECIAL EVENTS FOR 2025 JUBILEE

Flatrock Grotto: 2:30 pm Aug 10th. Outdoor rosary and refreshments. Organized by the Legion of Mary.

Mass Rock & Renews Grotto: 3:00 pm Aug 15th. Outdoor Mass. Organized by Holy Family Parish.  
Marymount Shrine: 7:00 pm Aug 15th. Outdoor Mass. Organized by Sacred Heart Parish.



Archdiocese of St. John's

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*Spes non Confundit*  
“Hope does not dissappoint”  
(Romans 5:5)

## INTRODUCTION

The Jubilee of 2025 is an invitation to set out on a pilgrimage of hope. In the uncertainty of our times, Pope Francis has invited us to recenter ourselves on Christian hope, which is grounded in the certainty of God’s love that can persevere through any trial. The Jubilee Year is an opportunity to renew this hope. One of the key aspects of any Jubilee Year is pilgrimage. This pamphlet will describe the pilgrimage sites designated for the Archdiocese of St. John’s by Archbishop Hundt and how to make the most of visiting these sites this year.

“For everyone, may the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the “door” of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere and to all as “our hope.” [1]

## WHAT IS A PILGRIMAGE

A pilgrimage involves undertaking a journey to a holy place. Along this journey the pilgrim not only changes their location but is also changed within. The whole Christian life, in fact, can be seen as a pilgrimage of conversion as we proceed toward the goal of eternal life with Christ Jesus. A pilgrimage to a holy place during the Jubilee Year invites us to deepen our spiritual lives and recall the goal of eternal life.

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1. Bull of Indiction of the Ordinary Jubilee of the year 2025, *Spes Non Confundit*, 1.

## INDULGENCES

An important aspect of a Jubilee pilgrimage is the opportunity for a plenary indulgence.

“An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints.” “An indulgence is partial or plenary according as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin.” The faithful can gain indulgences for themselves or apply them to the dead. [2]

Once we have repented and confessed our sins, we can be certain they are forgiven, and our relationship with God restored. “Still, as we know from personal experience, every sin ‘leaves its mark’. In our humanity, weak and attracted by evil, certain residual effects of sin remain. These are removed by the indulgence, always by the grace of Christ, who, as Saint Paul VI wrote, ‘is himself our indulgence’.” [3]

The Jubilee indulgence can be a way to discover God’s mercy and to continue our pilgrimage of life with renewed spiritual freedom.

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2. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, No. 1471.  
3. *Spes Non Confundit*, 23.

## HOW TO OBTAIN THE JUBILEE INDULGENCE

There is a special indulgence granted for the Jubilee year, which can be obtained in numerous ways including pilgrimages, visits to shrines or sacred places, and doing works of mercy or penance. [4] Here we describe the indulgence as it relates to pilgrimage sites.

All the faithful may receive a plenary indulgence by making a pilgrimage to one of these sites and participating in one of the following activities: Holy Mass, a celebration of the Word of God, the Liturgy of the Hours, the Way of the Cross, the Rosary, recite the Akathist hymn, or a penitential celebration with individual confessions. [5]

The usual conditions for a plenary indulgence must also be followed: freedom from affection for sin, confession, Holy Communion, and a prayer of your choice for the intentions of the Holy Father. It is sufficient that these last 3 sacred rites and prayers be carried out at least 20 days before or after. [6]

The faithful who cannot participate in a pilgrimage for serious reason can obtain the plenary indulgence (with the same usual conditions) if they are united in spirit with the faithful taking part in person. [7]

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4. *Decree on the Granting of the Indulgence During the Ordinary Jubilee 2025*.  
5. *Ibid*.  
6. *The Gift of the Indulgence*, Apostolic Penitentiary, 29 January 2000.  
7. *Decree on the Granting of the Indulgence During the Ordinary Jubilee 2025*.