



Basilica Papale
Santa Maria Maggiore

Pilgrim's Itinerary

Jubilee 2025





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Pilgrims of hope

«The coming Jubilee will thus be a Holy Year marked by the hope that does not fade, our hope in God... May the witness of believers be for our world a leaven of authentic hope, a harbinger of new heavens and a new earth (cf. 2 Pet 3:13), where men and women will dwell in justice and harmony, in joyful expectation of the fulfilment of the Lord's promises. Let us even now be drawn to this hope! Through our witness, may hope spread to all those who anxiously seek it. May the way we live our lives say to them in so many words: "Hope in the Lord! Hold firm, take heart and hope in the Lord!"»

(Pope Francis, Spes non confundit, 25).

The Plenary Indulgence of the Jubilee 2025

During the Ordinary **Jubilee** of 2025, the Church invites us to rediscover **God's infinite mercy** and to experience a profound renewal of faith. Through the **plenary indulgence**, we can obtain the **remission of sins** and be renewed in divine grace.

Here is how, according to tradition, we can receive this gift:



Pilgrimage with a Pure Heart to the Holy Places

Let us visit with devotion and reverence the sacred places where faith has left its mark, crossing the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of Saint Mary Major.



Pray for the Intentions of the Holy Father

Let us support the Supreme Pontiff with our prayers, reciting the Our Father, the Hail Mary, and other prayers.



Receive the Sacrament of Penance

God forgives our sins, even though the traces of our errors may remain in our behaviors and thoughts.



Receive with Joy the Body of Christ in the Eucharist

Let us participate in the Holy Mass with faith and gratitude, embracing the precious gift of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist.



Transformed by grace, we will return to our daily lives carrying with us the love that sustains us, the faith that enlightens us, and the hope that never disappoints.

.. Holy Door

Going on a pilgrimage means stepping out of our homes, leaving behind our routine, and embarking on a journey that leads us to an encounter with God.

God opens His doors for this encounter. An open door is an invitation to enter, to be welcomed into His house for a while.

As we step into the Basilica, we also open the doors of our hearts, allowing Him to enter.

If God is within us, everything changes, blessing is born.

Upon entering, let us touch the Holy Door with our hand and make the sign of the cross, pronouncing the words of our baptism:

*In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*



Seat of Reconciliation

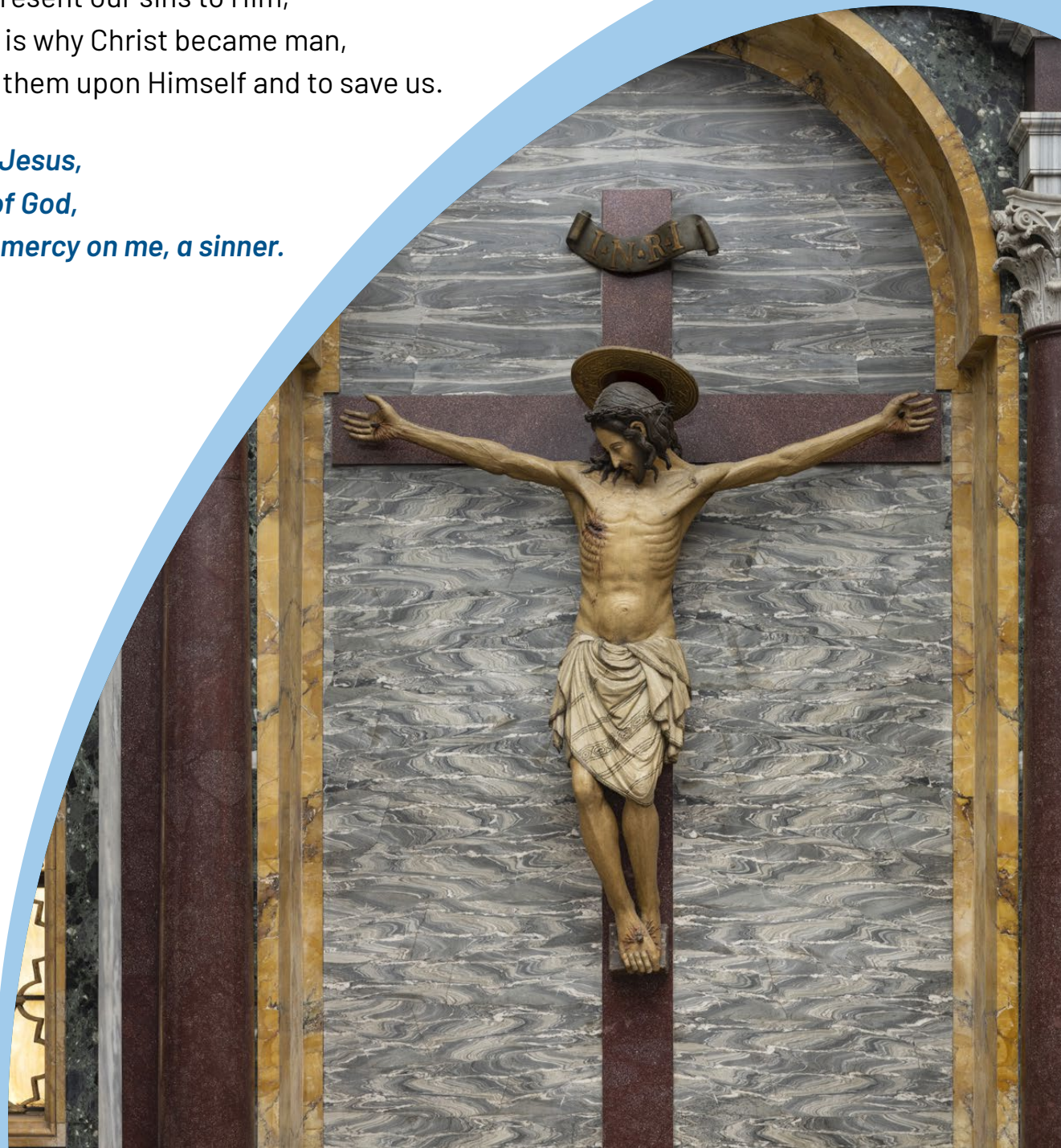
We come burdened with the weight of sin and the troubles that weigh down our lives. The Lord Jesus now opens the doors of His mercy, the altar of His heart, so that we may lay down our offering.

We have little to bring, only our sins.

Yet this is the very offering He awaits:
to forgive them and fill us with joy and peace.

Let us approach the Sacrament of Confession,
let us present our sins to Him,
for this is why Christ became man,
to take them upon Himself and to save us.

*Lord Jesus,
Son of God,
have mercy on me, a sinner.*





Icon of Mary "Salus Populi Romani"

Contemplate.

We can truly make an image, an icon, our own only if we contemplate it attentively, without haste, paying attention to every detail: her eyes, her hands...

At the same time, the icon is like a gaze directed at each of us.

The image also contemplates us.

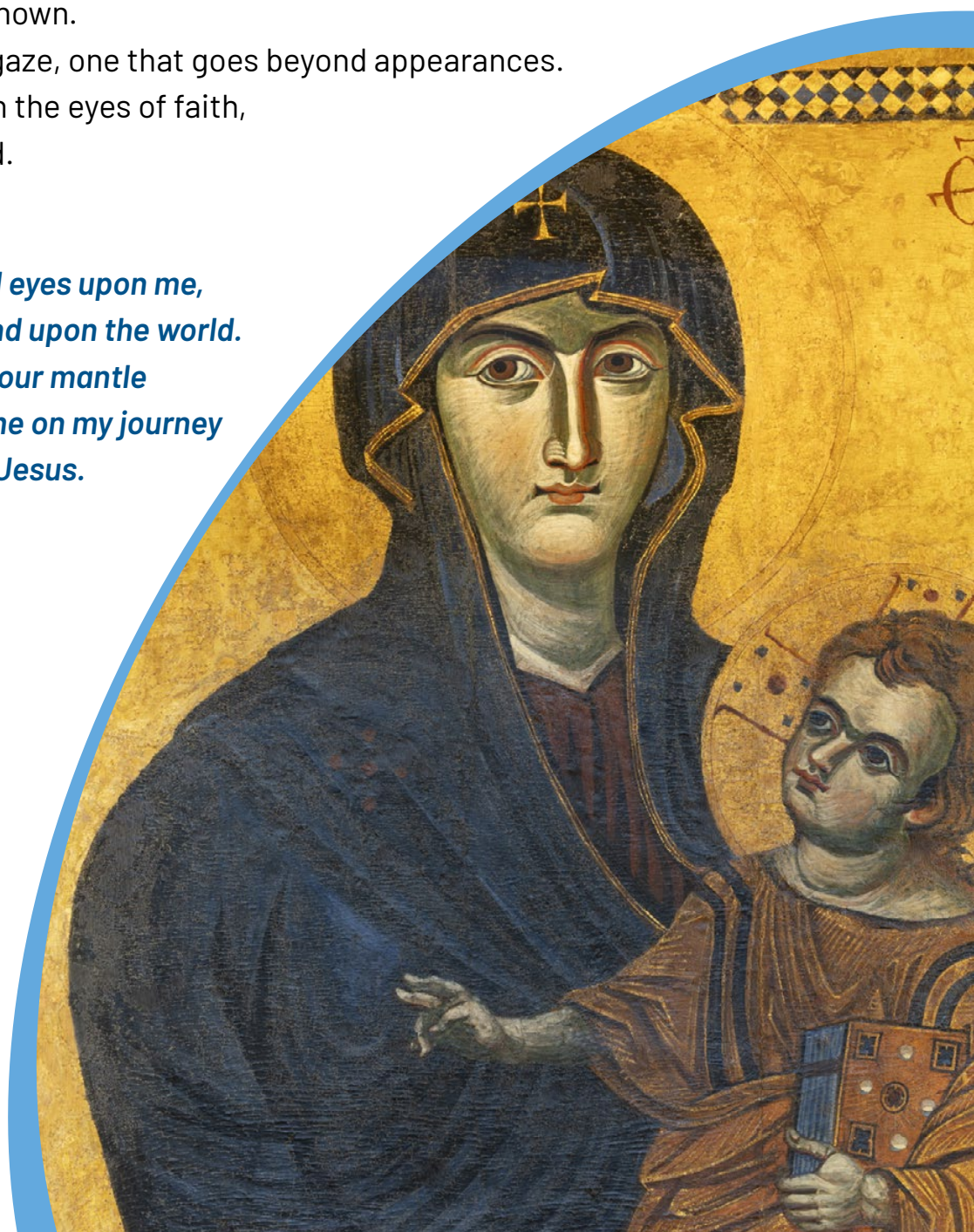
To contemplate and to be contemplated.

To know and to be known.

To have a different gaze, one that goes beyond appearances.

To contemplate with the eyes of faith,
with the gaze of God.

*O Mary,
turn your merciful eyes upon me,
upon my family and upon the world.
Protect me with your mantle
and accompany me on my journey
toward your Son, Jesus.*





Holy Crib

"She gave birth to her firstborn son, wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." (Lk 2:7).

The Incarnation.

The manger was the simple and humble place where the earth welcomed the Savior that night. On His last night, Jesus promised us a place with Him in the Father's house.

Do I prepare a place for Him in my heart, in my daily life?

Around the mid-7th century, in 644, a precious gift arrived at the Papal Basilica of Saint Mary Major, historically also known as *Sancta Maria ad Praesepe*, the "Bethlehem of the West." This gift, the relic of the *Holy Crib*, was presented by the then Patriarch of Jerusalem, Saint Sophronius, to Pope Theodore I, a native of Jerusalem.

Today, the relic is preserved inside a precious crystal reliquary, adorned with silver bas-reliefs, crafted by Giuseppe Valadier in the early 19th century.

Holy Crib

You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!

You came to illuminate human life through the Gospel.

You are our hope. You alone have the words of eternal life.

You, who came into the world on the night of Bethlehem, stay with us!

You, who are the Way, the Truth, and the Life, guide us!





Tabernacle

Mystery of Communion.

From Mary, Jesus took on human flesh, a body.

Jesus willed that bread become the sacrament of His body.

The body that was nailed to the cross and glorified in the resurrection.

A bread that is also the sacrament of unity,
uniting every Christian with Him and with one another.

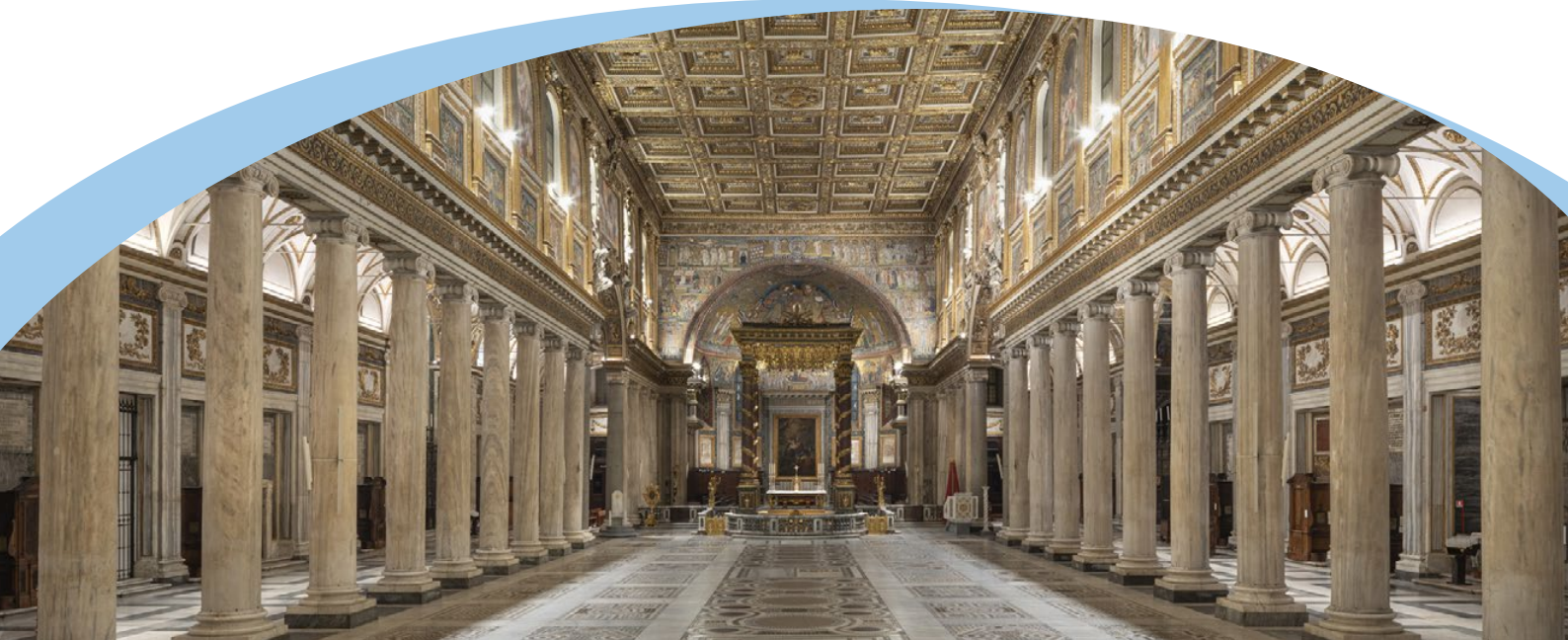
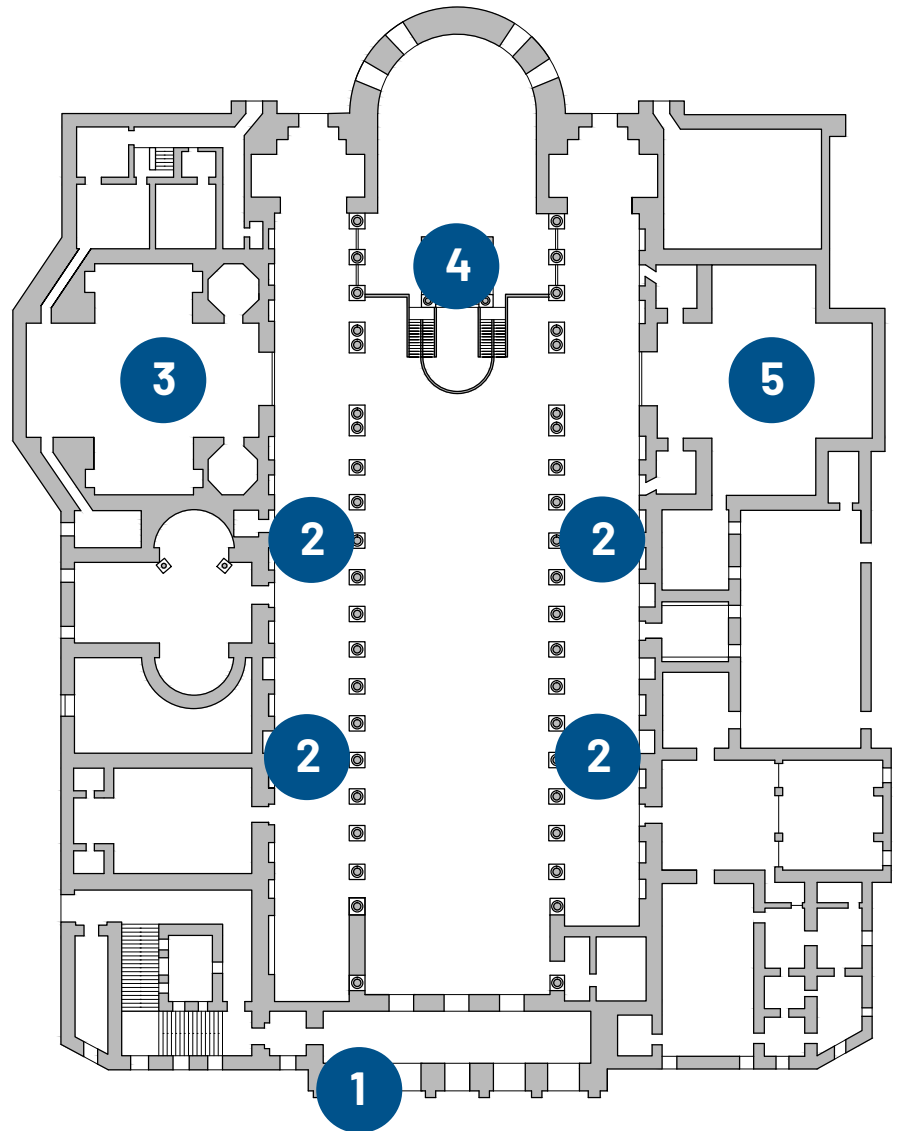
Jesus, I love You.





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