

**This past Friday night families and friends participated in the Stations of the Cross and The Litany and Consecration to St. Joseph. These Devotions can lead us to receive a special Plenary Indulgence for a loved one or for ourselves.**

**What is a Plenary Indulgence and the “how” to receive...**

(Plenary Indulgence) Through Jesus' Passion we have access to a “Treasury of Unlimited Grace.” This “treasure vault” when accessed opens us to Graces that can heal/repair the effects of our sins (i.e., THE TEMPORAL PUNISHMENT: GOD'S LOVING DISCIPLINE due to sin: thanks Fr. Alar).

**First we can do one of these acts:**

Uniting with others while:

1. Praying a Rosary online or when physically praying this with others.
2. Praying the Way of the Cross (Stations) on line or with others as in 1.
3. Make a Consecration to St. Joseph.

**After which we should do the following within a short period of time.**

1. Receive the Sacrament of Confession within 20 Days.
2. Receive Communion (Eucharist) same as 1.
3. Pray for Intentions for Holy Father followed by 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary, & 1 Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son, and Holy Spirit ...
4. Seek no attachment to sin.

**As an aside:**

With Confession...the eternal punishment due to our sin is gone (Hell), but a temporal punishment remains (as stated above). So a Plenary Indulgence is like a current Purgatory where we are being cleansed/purified from the effects of sin.

Thus, the Church can offer these graces to heal/remit this temporal punishment.

**Finally: When praying a Divine Mercy Chaplet, we can receive these special Graces (Via A Plenary Indulgence During Covid) by (Praying for one of these three intentions).**

1. Pray for an end to pandemic
2. Pray for the sick who are struggling with Covid.
3. Pray for those who have died.

If this short list is confusing (go to this link by Father Chris Alar MIC - explaining the above in a short video.

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Continue a fruitful and blessed Lent.  
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