

## Schema for the “Year of Mercy”: December 8, 2015-November 27, 2016

### **The Corporal Works of Mercy (Advent-Christmas)**

Feed the hungry	1st Sunday of Advent (1 Thes. 3:12-4:2)	May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another
Give drink to the thirsty	2nd Sunday of Advent (Ps. 126; Luke 3:1-6)	A voice of one crying out in the desert; thirst quenched by desert torrents
Clothe the naked	3rd Sunday of Advent (Luke 3:10-18)	Whoever has 2 cloaks should share with the person having none
Shelter the homeless	4th Sunday of Advent (Luke 1:39-45)	Blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus’ first home on earth
Visit the Sick	Holy Family Sunday (Luke 2:41-52)	Mary and Joseph are sick with anxiety upon losing Jesus
Visit the imprisoned	Epiphany Sunday (Ps. 72; Mt. 2:1-12)	God rescues the poor; Herod is imprisoned in his pettiness
Bury the dead	Baptism of the Lord (Ps. 104; Titus 3:4-7)	We perish and return to the dust; Jesus saves us thru the bath of rebirth

### **The Spiritual Works of Mercy (Lent-Easter)**

Counsel the doubtful	1st Sunday of Lent (Deut. 26:7; Ps. 91:15b)	We cried to the Lord...he heard our cry; Be with me when I am in trouble
Instruct the ignorant	2nd Sunday of Lent (Gen. 15:5-12, 17-18)	God instructs Abram by having him gaze at the stars, and by a Covenant
Admonish sinners	3rd Sunday of Lent (Ps. 95:8; John 4:39)	Harden not your hearts as at Meribah; He told me everything I have done
Comfort the afflicted	4th Sunday of Lent (Ps. 23:4; John 9:31)	You are at my side; if one is devout and does God’s will, God listens
Forgive offenses	5th Sunday of Lent (Ez. 37:12; Ps. 130:7)	I will put my spirit in you that you may live; with you is forgiveness
Bear wrongs patiently	Passion (Palm) Sunday (Luke 22:14-23:56)	“Father, forgive them, they know not what they do”
Pray for the living and the dead	Easter Sunday (Acts 10:34a, 37-43)	Jesus is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead

(See <http://www.oratoryschools.org/memos/January2015/Practical-Suggestions.pdf> for suggestions on implementing each Work of Mercy.)

### November 2015

**Events:** 11/29/15 The First Sunday of Advent, Cycle “C” All receive 2016 church calendars and Blue Books for Advent  
**Spiritual:** Begin reflection on Corporal Works of Mercy **Temporal:** Collect food on Thanksgiving & Sundays

### December 2015

**Events:** 12/08/15 The beginning of the Year of Mercy on: The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the conclusion of Vatican II  
**Spiritual:** Corporal Works of Mercy reflections continue **Temporal:** 65 Christmas baskets delivered on December 12<sup>th</sup>

### January 2016

**Events:** 01/10/16 The feast of the Baptism of the Lord 01/20 7pm service preached by Fr. Carlos at St. Mk & St. Jn Epis Ch  
**Spiritual:** End of Corporal Works of Mercy reflections **Temporal:** Offering at 1/20 Wk of Prayer for Christian Unity Service

### February 2016

**Events:** 02/14/16 The First Sunday of Lent 02/20-23 Parish Retreat conducted by Bishop Matthew H. Clark  
**Spiritual:** Begin reflection on Spiritual Works of Mercy **Temporal:** Register/Sponsor a Student at St. John Neumann 2016-17

### March 2016

**Events:** 03/27/16 Easter Sunday 03/09 Day of Penance & Mercy, 12:30-7:30 P.M., St. Ambrose  
**Spiritual:** End Spiritual Works of Mercy reflections **Temporal:** Lent giving (Operation Rice Bowl) & Easter offerings

### April 2016

**Events:** 04/03/16 Divine Mercy Sunday 04/30 Community Outreach Day of merciful volunteering  
**Spiritual:** Works of Mercy Inventory Report to Parish **Temporal:** Volunteering on 4/25 Community Outreach Day

### May 2016

**Events:** 05/21/16 Parish Dinner and Raffle Drawing 05/28 Juan Benitez will be ordained a Deacon at 10am at cathedral  
**Spiritual:** Attend Deacon ordination & promote vocations **Temporal:** Support Parish Raffle and Dinner

### June 2016

**Events:** 06/04/16 10:30AM Priest ord. of Erick & Jorge 06/30 end of fiscal year and time for TTT commitments for '16-'17  
**Spiritual:** Attend Priest ordinations & promote vocations **Temporal:** Time-Talent-Treasure gift commitment for 2016-17

### July 2016

**Events:** 07/04/16 Mass in Peace Garden at St. John’s 07/18 Vacation Bible Camp (VBC) begins  
**Spiritual:** ongoing formation with Bible, at VBC & home **Temporal:** gifting stocks to the church in the new fiscal year

### August 2016

**Events:** 08/27/16 Pastoral Council Day of Prayer 08/31 The year is 2/3 over: Are our 2016-17 resolutions set to go?  
**Spiritual:** Council prays/plans for balance of Yr of Mercy **Temporal:** Make sure 2016-17 TTT commitment levels are in place

### September 2016

**Event:** 09/05/16 Labor Day—New School Year begins 09/25 CMA Kick-off for 2016-2017  
**Spiritual:** Pray: ongoing mercifully-moved school support **Temporal:** Support CMA for pastoral/merciful needs of all types

### October 2016

**Event:** 10/4/16 Annual Blessing for Mercy on Pets 10/23 World Missions Sunday  
**Spiritual:** Men’s/Women’s Retreats at Notre Dame **Temporal:** Adjusting our Wills to remember others and our church

### November 2016

**Event:** 11/05/16 Remembrance Mass 11/20 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe: Yr of Mercy ends  
**Spiritual:** Pray for those who died 10/1/15-9/30/16 **Temporal:** Schedule ongoing implementation of Works of Mercy

See [http://www.dor.org/tasks/sites/home/assets/File/Year%20of%20Mercy\\_Bulletins.pdf](http://www.dor.org/tasks/sites/home/assets/File/Year%20of%20Mercy_Bulletins.pdf) for Year of Mercy celebrations at the cathedral including 6:30 P.M. First Friday Masses, Adoration, and Confessions (Fr. Carlos will preside on February 5, 2016).