

## LOCAL PARISH JUBILEE YEAR PLENARY INDULGENCE POSSIBLE

Pope Francis, through the Apostolic Penitentiary in Rome, granted St. Joseph Catholic Church in Houston a Parish Jubilee Year in honor of St. Joseph. This is the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as Protector of the Universal Church by Blessed Pius IX in 1870. It is also the 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the erection of a local parish, St. Joseph Catholic Church. It was the second church built in Houston and shares many of the physical characteristics of Annunciation Church, the mother church of Houston. The Jubilee Year ends March 24, 2021.

A plenary indulgence may be gained, provided the usual conditions are met, by:

- o A pilgrim visit to St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1505 Kane St., Houston, TX
- o Praying in the church for these three intentions: 1) protection of the family, 2) increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life and 3) conversion of sinners
- o Concluding the prayers with an Our Father and Creed and invoking the Immaculate Virgin Mary and St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church.

The usual conditions for a plenary indulgence are Confession, Communion, prayer for the intention of the Holy Father and detachment from sin, even venial sin. Confession may be fulfilled a few days before or after the pilgrimage.