

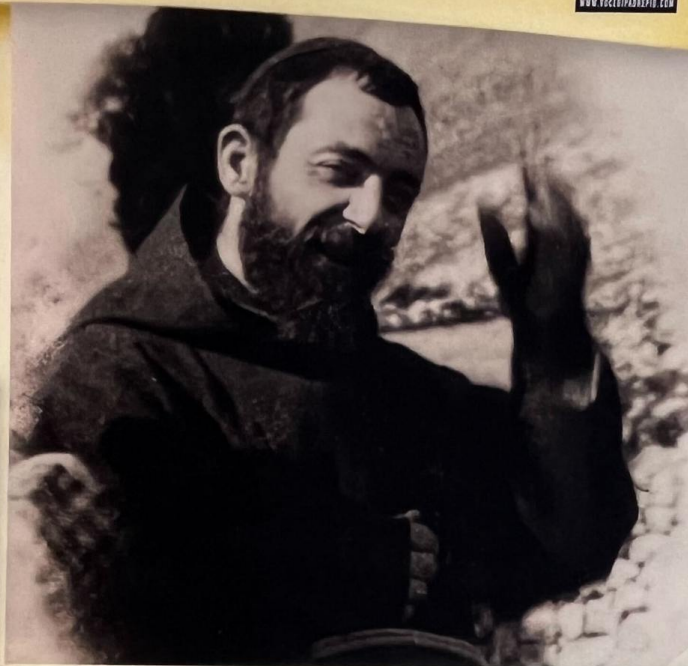
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1900 JUBILEE POPE LEO XIII
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Francesco Forgione (the future Padre Pio) was only 12 when Leo XIII opened the holy door of the Jubilee which would have introduced humanity in the last century of the millennium. With the papal bull *Properante ad exitum saeculum* Pope Pecci proclaimed the Holy Year of 1900, which had been expected for 75 years. The turbulent Italian political situation, as a matter of fact, had induced, his predecessor, Pius IX, not to celebrate the 1850 and the 1875 Jubilees. In that period the young Pietrelcinese had just received his Holy Communion and Confirmation and had clearly perceived his vocation.



Padre Pio counsels

In spiritual life, the more we run, the less we feel tired; indeed, peace, a prelude to eternal joy, will take hold of us, and we will be happy and strong to the extent that, by living in this practice, we make Jesus live in us by mortifying ourselves.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Solemnity of Mary Mother of God. Holy day of Obligation	2 Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen (Bank Holiday in Scotland)	3 First Friday	4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (USA) First Saturday
5 St. John Neumann (USA)	6 Epiphany of the Lord	7	8	9	10	11
12 Baptism of the Lord St. Bernard of Corleone	13 St. Hilary	14	15	16	17 St. Anthony Abbott	18
19 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	20 St. Fabian, Pope, St. Sebastian	21	22 St. Vincent Investiture of Padre Pio (1903)	23	24 St. Francis de Sales	25 Conversion of St. Paul Apostle
26 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Sts. Timothy and Titus	27 St. Angela Merici Solemn Profession of Padre Pio (1907)	28 St. Thomas Aquinas	29	30	31 St. John Bosco	