



Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

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Liturgical Calendar for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois with notes on Solemnities and days affecting weddings and funerals plus dates and times for special diocesan liturgies – The Year of Grace 2020–

As of 2 October 2019

♦ **NOTE:** items particular to the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois are printed in red.

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| Lectionary for Mass | Sunday Cycle – Year A | 01 December 2020 to 22 November 2020 |
| | Weekday Cycle – Year II | 13 January 2020 to 25 February 2020 and 01 June 2020 to 28 November 2020 |
| Liturgy of the Hours | Advent – Volume I – Week I | 01 December 2020 |
| | Christmas Octave – Volume I – Proper | 25 Dec. 2020-01 Jan. 2020 |
| | – Days beginning 02 January – Week I | 02 January 2020 |
| | Ordinary Time – Volume III – 1 st Week – Week I – 5 th Sunday – Week I | Monday, 13 January 2020 09 February 2020 |
| | Lent – Volume II – Ash Wednesday – Week IV | 26 February 2020 |
| | – 1 st Sunday of Lent – Week I | 01 March 2020 |
| | – 5 th Sunday of Lent – Week I | 27 March 2020 |
| | – Holy Week – Week II | 06 April 2020 |
| | Paschal Triduum – Volume II – Proper | 9-12 April 2020 |
| | Easter Time – Volume II – Octave of Easter – Proper | 12 - 19 April 2020 |
| | – 2 nd Week of Easter – Week II | Monday, 20 April 2020 |
| | – 5 th Sunday of Easter – Week I | 10 May 2020 |
| | – Pentecost – Volume II – Proper | 31 May 2020 |
| | Ordinary Time – Volumes III & IV | |
| | – 9 th Week – Week I | Monday, 1 June 2020 |
| | – 13 th Week – Week I | 28 June 2020 |
| | – 17 th Sunday – Week I | 26 July 2020 |
| | – 21 st Sunday – Week I | 23 August 2020 |
| | – 25 th Sunday – Week I | 20 September 2020 |
| | – 29 th Sunday – Week I | 18 October 2020 |
| – 33 rd Sunday – Week I | 15 November 2020 | |
| – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – Proper | 22 November 2020 | |
| – 34 th Week – Week II | Monday, 23 November 2020 | |

See the Liturgical Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States – www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/

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HOLY SATURDAY NIGHT: THE EASTER VIGIL: The first Mass of Easter, the Easter Vigil, falls between nightfall of Holy Saturday, 11 April and daybreak of Easter Sunday, 12 April 2020. The *Universal Norms for the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar* [UNLYC], no. 21, states:

The Easter Vigil, in the holy night when the Lord rose again, is considered the “mother of all holy Vigils,” in which the Church, keeping watch, awaits the Resurrection of Christ and celebrates it in the Sacraments. Therefore, the entire celebration of this sacred Vigil must take place at night, so that it both begins after nightfall and ends before the dawn on the Sunday.

This new translation of the UNLYC strengthens the former language from “should...begin” to “must take place at night”. There is really only one way to answer the question, “How early can a parish start the Easter Vigil?” **Nightfall in Central Daylight Time this year begins at 9:01 PM in Paris, 9:13 PM in Springfield, and 9:23 PM in Quincy.** The vigil may begin later. It must conclude before dawn.

HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION: In addition to Sunday, the days to be observed as Holydays of Obligation for the Dioceses of the United States of America are six. However, in the Province of Chicago, The Ascension of the Lord, Solemnity, has been permanently transferred to the following Sunday. The remaining Holydays are:

- 01 January: The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
- 15 August: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity
- 01 November: All Saints, Solemnity
- 08 December: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity
- 25 December: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas), Solemnity

The NCCB decree of 13 December 1991, confirmed by the Apostolic See on 04 July 1992, stipulates that whenever 01 January, 15 August, or 01 November falls on a Saturday or on a Monday, the precept to attend Mass is abrogated.

- Abrogated days this year are: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 09 December 2019 (moved from 08 December) and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 15 August 2020.

THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF PARISH CHURCHES are proper Solemnities. Consult the “Table of Liturgical Days” on pages 10-12 of this calendar for the days that may impede these celebrations. The anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral Church of the Immaculate Conception, 02 December (no longer 14 October), is celebrated as a Solemnity in the cathedral church and as a Feast throughout the diocese.

PARISH SOLEMNITY: The optional or obligatory memorial of the patron saint of a parish is observed within the parish with the liturgical rank of a Solemnity (*UNLYGRC, Table of Liturgical Days, I.4.c*).

RITUAL MASSES: “Ritual Masses are connected to the celebration of certain Sacraments or Sacramentals. They are prohibited on the Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter, on Solemnities, on the days within the Octave of Easter, on the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day), on Ash Wednesday, and during Holy Week, and furthermore due regard is to be had for the norms set out in the ritual books or in the Masses themselves [*General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 372*].

The Order of Celebrating Matrimony:

- ◆ If the marriage is celebrated on a Sunday or Solemnity, the Mass of the day is used with the nuptial blessing and the special final blessing according to the circumstances.
- ◆ When the wedding Mass may not be held, one of the readings from the texts provided for the Marriage celebration (nos. 144-187) may be chosen, except from Holy Thursday to Easter, on the Solemnities of Epiphany of the Lord, Ascension, Pentecost, or the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, or on Holydays of Obligation.
- ◆ However, the Order of Celebrating Matrimony without Mass may be celebrated on the above days except during the Sacred Paschal Triduum.
- ◆ On the Sundays of Christmas Time and in Ordinary Time, the entire wedding Mass may be used in Masses that are not parish Masses.
- ◆ When a Marriage is celebrated during Advent or Lent or other days of penance, the special nature of these liturgical times are to be considered [*Order of Celebrating Matrimony, no. 32*].

FUNERAL MASSES: Funeral Masses are not permitted on Solemnities that are Holydays of Obligation, Holy Thursday, the Sacred Paschal Triduum, and the Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter [see *General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 380* and *Order of Christian Funerals, typical edition, no. 271*].

December 2019

01 December, Sunday, **First Sunday of Advent**

- ◆ Beginning of a new liturgical year
- ◆ Sunday *Lectionary for Mass*, Year A; Weekday *Lectionary for Mass*, Year II

02 December, Monday, **Dedication of the Cathedral Church of the Immaculate Conception (2009)**

- ◆ Solemnity in the cathedral church
- ◆ Feast throughout the diocese
- ◆ Use Mass texts from: Common of the Dedication of a Church: on the Anniversary

08 December, Sunday, **Second Sunday of Advent**

- ◆ Special diocesan collection: Retirement Fund for Religious [2nd Sunday of December]

09 December, Saturday, **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, Solemnity

- ◆ **NOT** Holyday of Obligation this year
- ◆ Patronal Feastday of the diocese
- ◆ Ritual Masses are not permitted
- ◆ However, Marriage may be celebrated with the Mass of the day, one reading from the ritual may be substituted, and the nuptial blessing is used, this year.
- ◆ A Funeral Mass is permitted this year

12 December, Thursday, **Our Lady of Guadalupe**, Feast (USA)

17-23 December, **O Antiphon Days**: **17 Dec** – O Wisdom; **18 Dec** – O Leader of the House of Israel; **19 Dec** – O Flower of Jesse’s Stem; **20 Dec** – O Key of David; **21 Dec** – O Radiant Dawn; **22 Dec** – O King of All Nations; **23 Dec** – O Emmanuel

25 December, Wednesday, **Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**, Solemnity

- ◆ Holyday of Obligation
- ◆ The texts, *The Nativity of the Lord Jesus Christ* [formerly titled “The Proclamation of the Birth of Christ” may be sung “most appropriately on December 24, during the celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours [before the hymn]. It may also be chanted or recited before the beginning of Christmas Mass during the Night. It may not replace any part of the Mass.” The text is in the *Roman Missal Appendix I*, the last item
- ◆ During the Profession of Faith, all genuflect during “and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man”
- ◆ Ritual Masses are not permitted
- ◆ A Funeral Mass is not permitted
- ◆ Special diocesan collection: Catholic Children’s Home, Alton [Christmas Day]

29 December, Sunday, **Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**, Feast

31 December, Tuesday, **Anniversary of the death of Daniel Leo Ryan**, 7th bishop of the diocese

JANUARY 2020

01 January, Wednesday, **Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas): Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

- ◆ Holyday of Obligation
- ◆ Ritual Masses are not permitted
- ◆ A Funeral Mass is not permitted

05 January, Sunday, **The Epiphany of the Lord**, Solemnity

- ◆ *The Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts* may be sung or proclaimed at every Mass after the Gospel from the ambo; the text is in the *Roman Missal*, Appendix I

12 January, Sunday, **The Baptism of the Lord**, Feast

- ◆ Final day of Christmas Time
- ◆ **Special diocesan collection: Catholic Times Subscription Renewal [2nd Sunday of January]**

18-25 January, **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

- ◆ Chosen Theme: They Showed Us Unusual Kindness (cf. Acts 28.2)
- ◆ <http://www.geii.org>

22 January, Wednesday, **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children (USA)**

- ◆ Mass: “For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life” with white vestments or “For the Preservation of Peace and Justice” with violet vestments [see GIRM, no. 373]

26 January, Sunday, **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sunday of the Word of God**

- ◆ **Special collection: Church in Latin America [4th Sunday of January]**
- ◆ Pope Francis asks that the Scriptures be enthroned today.

26 January-1 February, Sunday-Saturday, **Catholic Schools Week**

- ◆ Chosen Theme: Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed.

FEBRUARY 2020

02 February, Saturday, **Presentation of the Lord**, Feast, and the blessing of candles

26 February, Wednesday, **Ash Wednesday**

- ◆ Lent begins today; a day of fast and abstinence
- ◆ Anticipation of the Mass of Ash Wednesday or the giving of ashes is not permitted
- ◆ Ritual Masses are not permitted
- ◆ A Funeral Mass is permitted
- ◆ Although it is not forbidden, the **Parish Rite of Sending to the Bishop** is best celebrated on other days [RCIA, nos. 106-117, 434-445, or 530-546] so that the blessing and giving of ashes may be used to the full advantage of the faithful and the catechumens
- ◆ **Special collection: Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe [Ash Wednesday]**
- ◆ **Special collection: Operation Rice Bowl** begins [begins Ash Wednesday and concludes Wednesday of Holy Week]

MARCH 2020

01 March, Sunday, **First Sunday of Lent**

Diocesan Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion

- ◆ Saturday, 7:00 PM, Cathedral Church of the Immaculate Conception, Springfield – for parishes within 50 miles of the cathedral church
- ◆ Sunday, 2:30 PM, Cathedral Church of the Immaculate Conception, Springfield – for parishes beyond 50 miles of the cathedral church
- ◆ The parish **Rite of Sending to the Bishop** may be celebrated at a time prior to the diocesan Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion [RCIA, nos. 108, 436, and 533]

08 March, Sunday, **Second Sunday of Lent**

- ◆ **Penitential Rite (Scrutiny)**, optional rite for baptized and uncatechized adults and children of catechetical age [RCIA, nos. 459-472]
- ◆ **Special diocesan collection: Catholic Charities [Second Sunday of Lent]**
- ◆ Daylight Saving Time begins on the second Sunday of March

10-11 March, Tuesday-Wednesday, **Priests' Spring Gathering, Diocese of Springfield in Illinois**

15 March, Sunday, **Third Sunday of Lent**

- ◆ **First Scrutiny** with the elect – use the proper readings and prayers
- ◆ **Presentation of the Creed** is celebrated not on Sunday but at Mass within the Third Week unless it is anticipated prior to the beginning of Lent – use the proper readings and prayers

19 March, Thursday, **Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, Solemnity

- ◆ Ritual Masses are not permitted
- ◆ However, Marriage may be celebrated within the Mass of the day, one reading from the ritual may be substituted, and the nuptial blessing is used
- ◆ A Funeral Mass is permitted

22 March, Sunday, **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

- ◆ **Second Scrutiny** with the elect – use the proper readings and prayers
- ◆ **Special collection: Catholic Relief Services [Fourth Sunday of Lent]**

25 March, Wednesday, **The Annunciation of the Lord**, Solemnity

- ◆ During the Profession of Faith, all genuflect during “and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man”
- ◆ Ritual Masses are not permitted
- ◆ However, Marriage may be celebrated within the Mass of the day, one reading from the ritual may be substituted, and the nuptial blessing is used
- ◆ A Funeral Mass is permitted

29 March, Sunday, **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

- ◆ **Third Scrutiny** with the elect – use the proper readings and prayers
- ◆ **Presentation of the Lord's Prayer** is celebrated not on Sunday but at Mass within the Fifth Week unless it is anticipated prior to the beginning of Lent or deferred to the **Preparation Rites on Holy Saturday** during the day – use the proper readings and prayers

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| APRIL 2020 |
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05 April, Sunday, **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

- ◆ Holy Week begins

06-08 April, Monday-Wednesday, **Weekdays of Holy Week**

- ◆ Ritual Masses are not permitted
- ◆ However, Marriage may be celebrated within the Mass of the day, one reading from the ritual may be substituted, and the nuptial blessing is used
- ◆ A Funeral Mass is permitted
- ◆ **Special collection: Operation Rice Bowl concludes [began Ash Wednesday, ends today]**

07 April, Tuesday of Holy Week, **Chrism Mass**

- ◆ **Holy Hour for Priests, 4:00 PM, Cathedral Church of the Immaculate Conception, Springfield**
- ◆ **Mass, 6:30 PM, Cathedral Church of the Immaculate Conception, Springfield**
- ◆ **Dismissal of the elect, catechumens, and called candidates is provided**
- ◆ **Blessing and distribution of the oils for use in the current year takes place**
- ◆ **The parish Reception of the Holy Oils Blessed at the Chrism Mass** may take place before the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday or on another suitable day after the celebration of the Chrism Mass; text in the worship aid provided at the diocesan celebration.

09 April, Thursday of Holy Week, morning and afternoon

- ◆ No Mass is permitted
- ◆ Lent ends just before the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

09 April, **Thursday of the Lord's Supper**, at the Evening Mass

- ◆ Gifts are gathered for the poor this evening

9-12 April, Holy Thursday evening through Easter Sunday evening, **The Sacred Paschal Triduum**

- ◆ Ritual Masses are not permitted
- ◆ The Sacraments are not celebrated except the non-communal forms of Penance and Anointing of the Sick, and the Sacraments of Initiation within the Masses of Easter
- ◆ A Funeral Mass is not permitted

10 April, **Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)**

- ◆ A day for fast and abstinence; all are encouraged to maintain the Paschal Fast until the first Mass of Easter (The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night)
- ◆ **Special collection: Holy Land**

11 April, **Holy Saturday**

- ◆ **Preparation Rites on Holy Saturday** [RCIA, nos. 185-205]; these do not include sacramental Penance or convalidation of Marriage
- ◆ All are encouraged to maintain the Paschal Fast until the first Mass of Easter (the Vigil)

11 April, Saturday, **The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night**

- ◆ "...the entire celebration of this sacred Vigil must take place at night, so that it both begins after nightfall and ends before the dawn on the Sunday" [UNLYC, no. 21]
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12 April, **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

- ◆ **Special diocesan collection: Diocesan Seminarians [Easter Sunday]**

13-19 April, Monday through Sunday, **Days within the Octave of Easter**, Solemnities

- ◆ Ritual Masses are not permitted
- ◆ However, Marriage may be celebrated within the Mass of the day, one reading from the ritual may be substituted, and the nuptial blessing is used on Monday through Saturday only
- ◆ A Funeral Mass is permitted on Monday through Saturday only

26 April, Sunday, **Third Sunday of Easter**

- ◆ **Special diocesan collection: Catholic Home Missions [Last Sunday of April]**

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| MAY 2020 |
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12 May, Tuesday, **Priests' Jubilee Celebration for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois**

17 May, Sunday, **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

- ◆ **Special collection: Catholic Communications Campaign [3rd Sunday of May]**

19 May, Tuesday, **Ordination of Deacons (in transition to Priesthood)**

- ◆ 6:00 PM, Cathedral Church of the Immaculate Conception, Springfield

23 May, Saturday, **Ordination of Priests** [usually Saturday of Memorial Weekend]
◆ 10:00 AM, Cathedral Church of the Immaculate Conception, Springfield

24 May, Sunday, **The Ascension of the Lord**, Solemnity
◆ Replaces the Seventh Sunday of Easter in the Dioceses of the Province of Chicago

25 May, Monday, **Memorial Day**
◆ Mass texts may be used, in cases of serious need or pastoral advantage: “For Peace and Justice”

31 May, Sunday, **Pentecost Sunday**, Solemnity
◆ Final day of Easter Time
◆ **Confirmation of Catholic Adults**, 2:00 PM, Cathedral Church of the Immaculate Conception, Springfield
◆ Also the annual Mass of Thanksgiving with Neophytes and the Newly Received
◆ Special diocesan collection: Retired Diocesan Priests [usually Pentecost Sunday]

31 May – 05 June, Sunday-Friday, Priests’ Retreat

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| JUNE 2020 |
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01 June, Monday, **The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**, Memorial
◆ See <http://usccb.org/motherofthechurch>

07 June, Sunday, **The Most Holy Trinity**, Solemnity

14 June, Sunday, **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**, Solemnity

19 June, Friday, **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**, Solemnity
◆ Ritual Masses are not permitted
◆ However, Marriage may be celebrated within the Mass of the day, one reading from the ritual may be substituted, and the nuptial blessing is used
◆ A Funeral Mass is permitted

22 June, Monday, **Anniversary of the Reception [and Installation] of Bishop Thomas John Paprocki, ninth Bishop of the diocese (2010)**

24 June, Wednesday, **The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**, Solemnity
◆ Ritual Masses are not permitted
◆ However, Marriage may be celebrated within the Mass of the day, one reading from the ritual may be substituted, and the nuptial blessing is used
◆ A Funeral Mass is permitted

28 June, Sunday, **Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
◆ Special collection: Peter’s Pence [Sunday nearest Saints Peter and Paul]

29 June, Monday, **Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles**, Solemnity
◆ Ritual Masses are not permitted
◆ However, Marriage may be celebrated within the Mass of the day, one reading from the ritual may be substituted, and the nuptial blessing is used
◆ A Funeral Mass is permitted

JULY 2020

04 Saturday **Independence Day (USA)**

- ◆ Mass texts in the Proper of Saints

AUGUST 2020

06 August, Thursday, **The Transfiguration of the Lord**, Feast

15 August, Saturday, **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, Solemnity

- ◆ **NOT** Holyday of Obligation this year
- ◆ Ritual Masses are not permitted
- ◆ However, Marriage may be celebrated with the Mass of the day, one reading from the ritual may be substituted, and the nuptial blessing is used, this year.
- ◆ A Funeral Mass is not permitted

SEPTEMBER 2020

06 September, Tuesday, **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**

07 September, Monday, **Labor Day (USA)**

- ◆ Mass texts may be used from: “For the Sanctification of Human Labor”

20 September, **Catechetical Sunday**, third Sunday in September

- ◆ See the *Book of Blessings*, Chapter 4, nos. 491-508 – Blessing within or outside Mass
- ◆ *Annual Catholic Services Appeal Weekend* [3rd Sunday of September]

21-24 September, Monday-Thursday, **Priest Convocation for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois**

29 September, Monday, **Mission Mass**

- ◆ 11:00 AM, Cathedral Church of the Immaculate Conception, Springfield

OCTOBER 2020

07 October, Wednesday, **Diocesan White Mass**

- ◆ 5:15 PM, Chiara Center, Springfield

10 October, Saturday, **Diocesan Respect Life Mass and Rosary Walk**

- ◆ 9:00 AM, Holy Family Church, Granite City
- ◆ 10:00 AM, Rosary Walk and Prayer Vigil

18 October, Sunday, **Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- ◆ Special collection: World Mission Sunday [next to last Sunday of October]

25 October, Sunday, **Celebration for Couples Married 50 Years or Longer**

- ◆ 2:00 PM, Cathedral Church of the Immaculate Conception, Springfield

NOVEMBER 2020

01 November, Sunday **All Saints**, Solemnity

- ◆ Holyday of Obligation
- ◆ Ritual Masses are not permitted
- ◆ A Funeral Mass is not permitted
- ◆ Daylight Saving Time ends on the first Sunday of November

02 November, Monday, **The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)**

- ◆ Ritual Masses are not permitted
- ◆ A Funeral Mass is permitted

15 November, Sunday, **Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

22 November, Sunday, **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**, Solemnity

- ◆ Final Sunday in Ordinary Time
- ◆ **Special collection: Diocesan Campaign for Justice and Hope Collection [Sunday before Thanksgiving]**

26 November, Thursday, **Thanksgiving Day (USA)**

- ◆ Mass texts may be used, for pastoral advantage, from: “In Thanksgiving to God” [*Lectionary for Mass*, nos. 943-947 or any readings from the Appendix for Thanksgiving Day]

29 November, Sunday, **First Sunday of Advent**

- ◆ Beginning of a new liturgical year
- ◆ Sunday *Lectionary for Mass*, Year B; Weekday *Lectionary for Mass*, Year I

DECEMBER 2020

02 December, Wednesday, **Dedication of the Cathedral Church of the Immaculate Conception -2009**

- ◆ Solemnity in the cathedral church
- ◆ Feast throughout the diocese
- ◆ Use Mass texts from: **Common of the Dedication of a Church: on the Anniversary**

06 December, Sunday, **Second Sunday of Advent**

08 December, Tuesday, **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, Solemnity

- ◆ Holyday of Obligation this year
- ◆ **Patronal Feastday of the diocese**
- ◆ Ritual Masses are not permitted
- ◆ However, Marriage may be celebrated with the Mass of the day, one reading from the ritual may be substituted, and the nuptial blessing is used.
- ◆ A Funeral Mass is permitted this year

12 December, Saturday, **Our Lady of Guadalupe**, Feast (USA)

13 December, Sunday, **Third Sunday of Advent**

- ◆ **Special diocesan collection: Retirement Fund for Religious [2nd Sunday of December]**

17-23 December, **O Antiphon Days: 17 Dec – O Wisdom; 18 Dec – O Leader of the House of Israel; 19 Dec – O Flower of Jesse’s Stem; 20 Dec – O Key of David; 21 Dec – O Radiant Dawn; 22 Dec – O King of All Nations; 23 Dec – O Emmanuel**

25 December, Friday, **Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**, Solemnity

- ◆ Holyday of Obligation
- ◆ **Special diocesan collection: Catholic Children’s Home, Alton [Christmas Day]**

27 December, Sunday, **Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**, Feast

31 December, Thursday, **Anniversary of the death of Daniel Leo Ryan**, 7th bishop of the diocese

TABLE OF LITURGICAL DAYS ACCORDING TO THEIR ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

Universal Norms for the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar, no. 59 and Ceremonial of Bishops, Appendix II

I

1. The Paschal Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord.
2. The Nativity of the Lord, the Epiphany, the Ascension, and Pentecost.
Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter.
Ash Wednesday.
Weekdays of Holy Week from Monday up to and including Thursday.
Days within the Octave of Easter.
3. Solemnities inscribed in the General Calendar, whether of the Lord, of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or of the Saints.
The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed.
4. Proper Solemnities, namely:
 - a.) The Solemnity of the principal Patron of the place, city, or state.
 - b.) The Solemnity of the dedication and of the anniversary of the dedication of one's own church.
 - c.) The Solemnity of the Title of one's own church.
 - d.) The Solemnity either of the Title
or of the Founder
or of the principal Patron of an Order or Congregation.

II

5. Feasts of the Lord inscribed in the General Calendar.
6. Sundays of Christmas Time and the Sundays in Ordinary Time.
7. Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of the Saints in the General Calendar.
8. Proper Feasts, namely:
 - a.) The Feast of the principal Patron of the diocese.
 - b.) The Feast of the anniversary of the dedication of the cathedral church.
 - c.) The Feast of the principal Patron of a region or province, or a country, or of a wider territory.
 - d.) The Feast of the Title, Founder, or principal Patron of an Order or Congregation and of a religious province, without prejudice to the prescriptions given under no. 4.
 - e.) Other Feasts proper to an individual church.
 - f.) Other Feasts inscribed in the Calendar of each diocese or Order or Congregation.
9. Weekdays of Advent from December 17 up to and including December 24.
Days within the Octave of Christmas.
Weekdays of Lent.

III

10. Obligatory Memorials in the General Calendar.
11. Proper Obligatory Memorials, namely:
 - a.) The Memorial of a secondary Patron of the place, diocese, region, or religious province.
 - b.) Other Obligatory memorials inscribed in the Calendar of each diocese, or Order or Congregation.
12. Optional memorials, which, however, may be celebrated, in the special manner described in the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* and of the Liturgy of the Hours, even on the days listed in no. 9.
In the same manner Obligatory Memorials may be celebrated as Optional Memorials if they happen to fall on the Lenten weekdays.
13. Weekdays of Advent up to and including December 16.
Weekdays of Christmas Time from January 2 until the Sunday after the Epiphany.
Weekdays of Easter Time from Monday after the Octave of Easter up to and including the Saturday before Pentecost.
Weekdays in Ordinary Time.

60. If several celebrations fall on the same day, the one that holds the highest rank according to the Table of Liturgical Days is observed. However, a Solemnity impeded by a liturgical day that takes precedence over it should be transferred to the closest day not listed under nos. 1-8 in the Table of Precedence, provided that what is laid down in no. 5 is observed. As to the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, whenever it falls on any day of Holy Week, it shall always be transferred to the Monday after the Second Sunday of Easter.

Other Celebrations are omitted in that year.

61. Should on the other hand, Vespers (Evening Prayer) of the current day's Office and First Vespers (Evening Prayer I) of the following day be assigned for celebration on the same day, then Vespers (Evening Prayer) of the celebration with the higher rank in the Table of Liturgical Days takes precedence; in cases of equal rank, Vespers (Evening Prayer) of the current day takes precedence.

**TABLE OF RUBRICS GOVERNING RITUAL MASSES,
MASSES FOR VARIOUS NEEDS AND OCCASIONS,
AND MASSES FOR THE DEAD**

Ceremonial of Bishops, Appendix III, 1989.

Revised to reflect the new ordering in the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal, third typical edition, 2002.*

Symbols

- V1** = Ritual Masses [*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, no. 372].
Masses for various needs and occasions and votive Masses, in cases of serious need or pastoral advantage, at the direction of the local Ordinary or with his permission [GIRM, no. 374].
- V2** = Masses for various needs and occasions and votive Masses, in cases of serious need or pastoral advantage, at the discretion of the rector of the church or the priest celebrant [GIRM, no. 376].
- V3** = Masses for various needs and occasions and votive Masses chosen by the priest celebrant in favor of the devotion of the people [GIRM, nos. 373 and 375].
- D1** = Funeral Mass [GIRM, no. 380].
- D2** = Mass on the occasion of news of a death, final burial, or the first anniversary [GIRM, no. 381].
- D3** = Daily Mass for the dead [GIRM]. When D1 and D2 are not permitted, neither is D3.
- + = permitted.
– = not permitted.

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| 1. | Solemnities of precept | V1 – | | |
| | | D1 – | | |
| 2. | Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter Time | V1 – | | |
| | | D1 – | | |
| 3. | Holy Thursday, Sacred Paschal Triduum | V1 – | | |
| | | D1 – | | |
| 4. | Solemnities not of precept, All Souls' Day | V1 – | | |
| | | D1 + | | |
| 5. | Ash Wednesday, weekdays of Holy Week | V1 – | | |
| | | D1 + | | |
| 6. | Days in the Easter Octave | V1 – | | |
| | | D1 + | | |
| 7. | Sundays of Christmas Time, and in Ordinary Time | V1 + | V2 – | |
| | | D1 + | D2 – | |
| 8. | Feasts | V1 + | V2 – | |
| | | D1 + | D2 – | |
| 9. | Weekdays 17-24 December | V1 + | V2 – | |
| | | D1 + | D2 + | |
| 10. | Days in the Christmas Octave | V1 + | V2 – | |
| | | D1 + | D2 + | |
| 11. | Weekdays in Lent | V1 + | V2 – | |
| | | D1 + | D2 + | |
| 12. | Obligatory Memorials | V1 + | V2 + | |
| | | D1 + | D2 + | |
| 13. | Weekdays of Advent to 16 December | V1 + | V2 + | |
| | | D1 + | D2 + | |
| 14. | Weekdays of Christmas from 2 January | V1 + | V2 + | |
| | | D1 + | D2 + | |
| 15. | Weekdays of Easter Time | V1 + | V2 + | |
| | | D1 + | D2 + | |
| 16. | Weekdays in Ordinary Time | V1 + | V2 + | V3 + |
| | | D1 + | D2 + | D3 + |