



Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

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Liturgical Calendar for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

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

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