



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.

MARCH 2021

9-10 March, Tuesday-Wednesday, **Priests' Spring Gathering, Diocese of Springfield in Illinois**

7 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

14 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]**

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

21 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

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

28 March, Sunday, **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

- ♦ Holy Week begins

29 -31 March, 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]**

30 March, 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.