

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR
THE YEAR OF GRACE 2023
DIOCESE OF JOLIET**

Lectionary	Sunday Cycle	Year A
	Weekday Cycle	Year I

NOVEMBER 2022

November 27 1st Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 2022

December 3 St Francis Xavier, Patron of Diocese, Feast

December 4 Second Sunday of Advent

December 8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity

- ♦ Holy Day of Obligation
- ♦ Patron Saint of the United States
- ♦ Ritual Masses are not permitted
- ♦ Funeral Mass is not permitted

December 11 Third Sunday of Advent

December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe, Feast

December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22 Anniversary of the Death of the Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch

December 25 The Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity

- ♦ Holy Day of Obligation
- ♦ Ritual Masses are not permitted
- ♦ Funeral Mass is not permitted

December 26 St. Stephen, The First Martyr, Feast

December 27 St. John, Apostle and Evangelist, Feast

December 28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs, Feast

December 29 Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

December 30 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Feast

December 31 Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

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JANUARY 2023

- January 1 The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
- ♦ Holy Day of Obligation
 - ♦ Ritual Masses are not permitted
 - ♦ Funeral Masses are not permitted
- January 8 The Epiphany of the Lord, Solemnity
- January 9 The Baptism of the Lord, Feast Day and final day of Christmas Time
- January 12 St Marguerite Bourgeoys, Virgin
- January 22 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time—Sunday of the Word of God
- January 23 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children (USA)
- ♦ Mass: “For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life” (Lectionary for Mass Supplement # 947A – 947E) from Masses & Prayers for Various Needs & Occasions (white vestment)
 - ♦ –OR– Mass: “For the Preservation of Peace & Justice” (#887 – 891 Lectionary) (violet vestment)

FEBRUARY 2023

- February 2 The Presentation of Our Lord, Feast
- February 22 Ash Wednesday
- ♦ Ritual Masses are not permitted
 - ♦ Funeral Mass is permitted
- February 26 First Sunday of Lent
- ♦ Rite of Election at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, Joliet

MARCH 2023

- March 5 Second Sunday of Lent
- ♦ Penitential Rite for Baptized and Uncatechized Adults and Children of Catechetical Age (Optional Rite)
- March 12 Third Sunday of Lent
- ♦ First Scrutiny with the Elect (Year A Readings must be used at Mass where Scrutiny is celebrated)
 - ♦ Presentation of the Creed is done during the week
- March 19 Fourth Sunday of Lent
- ♦ Second Scrutiny with the Elect (Year A Readings must be used at Mass where Scrutiny is celebrated)

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March 2023 continued

- March 20 Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity
- ♦ Ritual Masses are not permitted
 - ♦ Marriage may be celebrated within the Mass of the Day, one reading from the Ritual may be substituted, and the nuptial blessing is used
 - ♦ Funeral Mass is permitted
- March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord, Solemnity
- ♦ Ritual Masses are not permitted
 - ♦ Funeral Mass is permitted
- March 26 Fifth Sunday of Lent
- ♦ Third Scrutiny with the Elect (Year A Readings must be used at Mass where Scrutiny is celebrated)

APRIL 2023

- April 2 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
- ♦ Holy Week begins
- April 3 Monday of Holy Week
- ♦ Chrism Mass is celebrated at the Cathedral of St Raymond Nonnatus, Joliet (2:00 p.m.)
- April 3-5 Weekdays of Holy Week
- ♦ Ritual Masses are not permitted
 - ♦ Marriage may be celebrated within the Mass of the Day, one reading from the ritual may be substituted, and the nuptial blessing is used
 - ♦ Funeral Mass is permitted
- April 6 Thursday of Holy Week, morning and afternoon
- ♦ No Mass is permitted (see Ordo for exceptions)
- April 6-9 Holy Thursday evening through Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, The Sacred Paschal Triduum
- ♦ Ritual Masses are not permitted
 - ♦ Sacraments are not celebrated except the non-communal forms of penance, anointing of the sick, and the sacraments of initiation
 - ♦ Funeral Mass is not permitted
- April 10-15 Days within the Octave of Easter, Solemnities
- ♦ Ritual Masses are not permitted
 - ♦ Marriage may be celebrated with the Mass of the Day, one reading from the ritual may be substituted, and the nuptial blessing is used
 - ♦ Funeral Mass is permitted on Monday through Saturday

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April 2023 continued

- April 16 Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday
- April 29 Transitional Deacon Ordination, Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, Joliet (11:00 am)

MAY 2023

- May 20 Ordination of Priests, Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, Joliet (11:00 a.m.)
- May 21 The Ascension of the Lord, Solemnity
- ◆ Replaces the Seventh Sunday of Easter in the Dioceses of the Providence of Chicago
 - ◆ Ritual Masses are not permitted
 - ◆ Marriage may be celebrated within the Mass of the Day, one reading from the ritual may be substituted, and the nuptial blessing is used
 - ◆ Funeral Mass is permitted
- May 21 Adult Confirmation, Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, Joliet (2:00 p.m.)
- May 28 Pentecost Sunday, Solemnity
- ◆ Final day of the Easter Season
 - ◆ Ritual Masses are not permitted
 - ◆ Marriage may be celebrated within the Mass of the Day, one reading from the ritual may be substituted, and the nuptial blessing is used
 - ◆ Funeral Mass is permitted

JUNE 2023

- June 4 The Most Holy Trinity, Solemnity
- ◆ Ritual Masses are not permitted
 - ◆ Marriage may be celebrated within the Mass of the Day, one reading from the ritual may be substituted, and the nuptial blessing is used
 - ◆ Funeral Mass is permitted
- June 11 The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), Solemnity
Eucharistic Procession
- ◆ Ritual Masses are not permitted
 - ◆ Marriage may be celebrated within the Mass of the Day, one reading from the ritual may be substituted, and the nuptial blessing is used
 - ◆ Funeral Mass is permitted
- June 16 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Solemnity
- ◆ Ritual Masses are not permitted
 - ◆ Marriage may be celebrated within the Mass of the Day, one reading from the ritual may be substituted, and the nuptial blessing is used
 - ◆ Funeral Mass is permitted

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June 2023 continued

- June 24 The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist, Solemnity
- ♦ Ritual Masses are not permitted
 - ♦ Marriage may be celebrated within the Mass of the Day, one reading from the ritual may be substituted, and the nuptial blessing is used
 - ♦ Funeral Mass is permitted
- June 29 Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles, Solemnity
- ♦ Ritual Masses are not permitted
 - ♦ Marriage may be celebrated within the Mass of the Day, one reading from the ritual may be substituted, and the nuptial blessing is used
 - ♦ Funeral Mass is permitted

AUGUST 2023

- August 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity
- ♦ Holy Day of Obligation
 - ♦ Marriage may be celebrated within the Mass of the Day, one reading from the ritual may be substituted, and the nuptial blessing is used
 - ♦ Ritual Masses are not permitted
 - ♦ Funeral Mass is permitted
- August 31 St. Raymond Nonnatus, Patron of the Cathedral

NOVEMBER 2023

- November 1 All Saints, Solemnity
- ♦ Day of Obligation
 - ♦ Ritual Masses are not permitted
 - ♦ Funeral Mass is not permitted
- November 2 The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
- ♦ Ritual Masses are not permitted
 - ♦ Marriage may be celebrated within the Mass of the Day, one reading from the ritual may be substituted, and the nuptial blessing is used
 - ♦ Funeral Mass is permitted
- November 6 Call to Continuing Conversion, Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, Joliet (2:00 p.m.)
- November 20 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Solemnity
- ♦ Ritual Masses are not permitted
 - ♦ Marriage may be celebrated within the Mass of the Day, one reading from the ritual may be substituted, and the nuptial blessing is used
 - ♦ Funeral Mass is permitted

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DECEMBER 2023

December 3 First Sunday of Advent

(For a complete Liturgical Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States of America go to www.usccb.org/liturgy or link through our Office website www.dioceseofjoliet.org/odw)

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LITURGICAL INFORMATION - 2023

HOLY SATURDAY NIGHT---THE EASTER VIGIL

The first Mass of Easter, the Easter Vigil, falls between nightfall of Holy Saturday, April 8, 2023 and daybreak of Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023. The General Norms for the Calendar Year and the Calendar, no. 21 states:

The Easter Vigil, during the holy night when Christ rose from the dead, ranks as the “mother of all vigils”. Keeping watch, the Church awaits Christ’s resurrection and celebrates it in the sacraments. Accordingly, the entire celebration of this vigil should take place at night, that is, it should either begin after nightfall or end before the dawn of Sunday.

The sun sets at 7:25 p.m. in Joliet on Saturday, April 8, 2023. In light of this, the Easter Vigil may begin at 8:00 p.m. (this will ensure that it is night when the Easter Fire is lit).

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

In 1991 the Bishops of the United States requested approval from Rome to lift the obligation to attend Mass on the Solemnities of the Assumption, All Saints and Mary, Mother of God, when they fall on a Saturday or Monday. In 1992 Rome gave their approval to this request. The following information is given in order to help clarify some of the confusion concerning our Holy Days of Obligation.

January 1 Mary, Mother of God is a holy day of obligation when it falls on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Sunday. When it falls on a Saturday or Monday it is a holy day without obligation.

Ascension has been transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter and is a holy day of obligation.

August 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation when it falls on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Sunday. When it falls on a Saturday or Monday it is a holy day without obligation.

November 1 All Saints Day is a holy day of obligation when it falls on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Sunday. When it falls on a Saturday or Monday it is a holy day without obligation.

December 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is always a day of obligation, except in years when December 8 falls on Sunday and the solemnity is observed on December 9.

December 25 Christmas is always a holy day of obligation.

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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, on Ash Wednesday, and during Holy Week.

rites of marriage

- ❖ 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 may be chosen, except from Holy Thursday to Easter, on the solemnities of Epiphany, Ascension, Pentecost, or the Most Holy Body and Blood, or on Holy Days of Obligation.
- ❖ The Rite of Marriage outside of Mass may be celebrated on the above days except during the Easter Triduum.
- ❖ On the Sundays of the Christmas Season 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 seasons are to be considered.

FUNERAL MASSES

Funeral Masses are not permitted on solemnities that are Holy Days of Obligation, Holy Thursday, the Easter Triduum, and the Sundays of Advent, Lent and Easter.

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**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.

1. Solemnities of precept	V1 -		
	D1 -		
2. Sundays of Advent, Lent, and the Easter season	V1 -		
	D1 -		
3. Holy Thursday, Easter Triduum	V1 -		
	D1 -		
4. Solemnities not of precept, All Souls	V1 -		
	D1 +		
5. Ash Wednesday, weekdays of Holy Week	V1 -		
	D1 +		
6. Days in the Easter octave	V1 -		
	D1 +		
7. Sundays of Christmas, 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 the Easter season	V1 +	V2 +	
	D1 +	D2 +	
16. Weekdays in Ordinary Time	V1 +	V2 +	V3 +
	D1 +	D2 +	D3 +

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**TABLE OF LITURGICAL DAYS
ACCORDING TO THEIR ORDER OF PRECEDENCE**

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

ONE

1. Easter Triduum of the Lord's passion and resurrection.
2. Christmas, Epiphany, Ascension, and Pentecost.
Sundays of Advent, Lent, and the Easter season.
Ash Wednesday.
Weekdays of Holy Week from Monday to Thursday inclusive.
Days within the octave of Easter.
3. Solemnities of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and saints listed in the General Calendar.
All Souls.
4. Proper solemnities, namely:
 - a.) Solemnity of the principal patron of the place, that is, the city or state.
 - b.) Solemnity of the dedication of a particular church and the anniversary.
 - c.) Solemnity of the title of a particular church.
 - d.) Solemnity of the title or of the founder or of the principal patron of a religious order or congregation.

TWO

5. Feasts of the Lord in the General Calendar.
6. Sundays of the Christmas season and Sundays in Ordinary Time.
7. Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of the saints in the General Calendar.
8. Proper feasts, namely:
 - a.) Feast of the principal patron of the diocese.
 - b.) Feast of the anniversary of the dedication of the cathedral.
 - c.) Feast of the principal patron of a region or province, or a country, or of a wider territory.
 - d.) Feast of the title, founder, or principal patron of an order or congregation and of a religious province, without prejudice to the directives in no. 4.
 - e.) Other feasts proper to an individual church.
 - f.) Other feasts listed in the calendar of a diocese or of a religious order or congregation.
9. Weekdays of Advent from 17 December to 24 December inclusive.
Days within the octave of Christmas.
Weekdays of Lent.

THREE

10. Obligatory memorials in the General Calendar.
11. Proper obligatory memorials, namely:
 - a.) Memorial of a secondary patron of the place, diocese, region, or province, country or wider territory, or of an order or congregation and of a religious province.
 - b.) Obligatory memorials listed in the calendar of a diocese, or of an order or congregation.
12. Obligatory memorials listed in the calendar of a diocese, or of an order or congregation.
13. Optional memorials; but these may be celebrated even on the days listed in no. 9, in the special manner described by the General Instruction of the Roman Missal and of the Liturgy of the Hours.

In the same manner obligatory memorials may be celebrated as optional memorials if they happen to fall on the Lenten weekdays.
14. Weekdays of Advent up to 16 December inclusive.
Weekdays of the Christmas season from 2 January until the Sunday after Epiphany.
Weekdays of the Easter season from Monday after the octave of Easter until the Saturday before Pentecost inclusive.
Weekdays in Ordinary Time.