



Holy Days 2021-22 & Christmas 2021

All Saints day (Nov 1) 2021 is not a Holyday of Obligation. The Universal Norms of the Roman Calendar state: “For the pastoral good of the faithful, it is permitted to observe on Sundays in Ordinary Time those celebrations that fall during the week and that are agreeable to the devotion of the faithful, provided the celebrations rank above that Sunday in the Table of Liturgical Days. The Mass of such celebrations may be used at all the celebrations of Mass at which the people are present.” Therefore at the pastor’s discretion the Solemnity of All Saints may be celebrated on 31 October (Thirty First Sunday of Ordinary Time). It would also have to be celebrated on the day itself (1 Nov).

Christmas 2021 falls on a Saturday (25 December) and is a Holiday of Obligation. All Masses on this day must be of Christmas. A Mass celebrated in the evening of 25 December can fulfill the obligation of the following Sunday but cannot fulfill both obligations of Christmas and the Sunday.

Saturday, January 1, 2022 is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, and Monday, 15 August 2022 is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This year, the obligation to attend Mass on these dates is abrogated, in accord with the complementary norm to canon 1246 §2 confirmed for the dioceses of the United States of America.

The Holidays of Obligation for 2022 are: All Saints (Tuesday 1 November); Immaculate Conception (Thursday 8 December); and the Nativity of the Lord (Sunday 25 December).