

LITURGICAL CALENDAR: 2020 (+ = SEE CALENDAR ADVISORY ON PP. 2-3)

Advent	First Sunday of Advent	Dec 1, 2019	Sunday Lectionary Cycle A Weekday Lectionary Year II
	Immaculate Conception+	Dec 9	Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year; see below.
Christmastime	Christmas+	Dec 25	Holy Day of Obligation Proclamation of the Nativity See Missal, Appendix I
	Mary, Mother of God	Jan 1, 2020	Holy Day of Obligation
	Epiphany	Jan 5	Proclamation of Date of Easter See Missal, Appendix I
	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	Jan 12	
Ordinary Time	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	Jan 22 (Wed)	See Missal—Proper of Time for norms to follow
	Presentation of the Lord+	Feb 2	Replaces 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; see below
Lent	Ash Wednesday	Feb 26	Day of Fast and Abstinence
	First Sunday of Lent	Mar 1	Rite of Election (Iowa City)
	Second Sunday of Lent	Mar 8	Penitential Rite for Candidates Daylight Saving Time begins
	Third Sunday of Lent	Mar 15	First Scrutiny of the Elect*
	Fourth Sunday of Lent	Mar 22	Second Scrutiny of the Elect*
	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Mar 29	Third Scrutiny of the Elect*
	Palm Sunday	April 5	
	Chrism Mass	April 6	2:30 p.m. (at the Cathedral)
	<i>*If the Scrutinies are celebrated, the prayer texts for the Ritual Mass and the Cycle A readings are used.</i>		
Triduum	The Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday–Easter Sunday) is celebrated April 9 – April 12. The Easter Vigil can begin no earlier than 8:30 p.m. on the night of April 11.		
Eastertime	Second Sunday of Easter	April 19	Divine Mercy Sunday
	Ascension of the Lord	May 24	Replaces 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
	Pentecost	May 31	The Paschal Candle remains in the sanctuary next to the ambo until the conclusion of Vespers II.
	The BVM, Mother of the Church+	June 1	See below
Ordinary Time	Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Zinkula+	June 22 (Mon)	Ranks as a Feast in the diocese. See below.
	Solemnity of SS. Peter & Paul+	June 29 (Mon)	See below.
	Assumption of the BVM+	Aug 15 (Sat)	Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year; see below
	All Saints	Nov 1 (Sun)	Holy Day of Obligation; Replaces 31 <sup>st</sup> Sun in Ordinary Time Daylight Saving Time ends
	Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral+	Nov 15 (Sun)	Solemnity at the Cathedral
	Christ the King	Nov 22	Feast for the Diocese; see below. Last Sunday of Liturgical Year
Advent	First Sunday of Advent	Nov 29	Lectionary: B / I

CALENDAR ADVISORIES FOR 2020December 8-9, 2019

Since December 8, 2019, is the Second Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, December 9, 2019. The obligation to attend Mass, however, does not transfer. The Optional Memorial of Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, December 9, is omitted this year. Please note that even though the obligation is abrogated, ritual Masses (i.e., marriage, confirmation) are still prohibited. A marriage may be celebrated outside Mass using texts from the Rite of Marriage. Funeral Masses may be celebrated when the obligation is abrogated.

	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Mass before 4pm</b>	<b>Mass after 4pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>
<b>Sunday, Dec. 8</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Advent	Second Sunday of Advent		EP II 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent
<b>Monday, Dec. 9</b>	Immaculate Conception	Immaculate Conception		Immaculate Conception

December 24-25

For prayers, the Missal has five different Masses for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The Mass for December 24 is the proper text for Masses in the morning of December 24. The proper text for Masses in the evening (= after 4 p.m.) of December 24 is the Christmas – Vigil Mass. The text for Christmas – Mass during the Night is to be used for Masses beginning “at night,” preferably on or around midnight between December 24 and 25. The proper text for the first Mass in the morning of December 25 is the Christmas – Mass at Dawn. Later Masses on December 25 should use the text for Christmas – Mass during the Day.

According to the Lectionary for Mass, for the three Masses of Christmas (Night, Dawn, Day), the proper readings for the Mass may be used or the readings may be chosen from among any of the readings for Christmas or the Vigil—based on pastoral need. Pastors should carefully discern those needs before selecting readings other than those proper to each Mass. Only the Vigil readings may be used at the Vigil Mass. The Mass during the Night may be preceded by a more prolonged vigil, taken from the Office of Readings (see the General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours #71-73, 98, 215). This extended vigil is the preferred time for the blessing of the crèche (Book of Blessings, ch. 48, §1542-44).

February 2, 2020

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord replaces the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings and prayers are Proper (note that there IS an assigned 2<sup>nd</sup> reading). Please note that the Missal gives two different forms for the beginning of Mass: the Procession and the Solemn Entrance. This is the traditional day for blessing candles at the church, including the candles that will be used for the blessing of throats the following day (Memorial of St. Blaise).

June 1

This new obligatory Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, is celebrated every year on the Monday after Pentecost. Please see <http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/liturgical-calendar/mother-of-the-church.cfm> for the Mass texts. The memorial for St. Justin Martyr is omitted this year.

June 22

The anniversary of the episcopal ordination of Bishop Zinkula, observed as a Feast in the Diocese, will be celebrated on Monday, June 22. The Mass “For the Bishop” (Masses for Various Needs and Occasions I. For the Church 3. For the Bishop) with its appropriate readings should be celebrated. It would also be appropriate to include a particular petition for the Bishop as part of the Prayers of the Faithful on the weekend of June 20-21 (12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time).

June 28-29

The liturgies to be celebrated this weekend are as follows, the Sunday taking precedence since it is the solemnity that retains its obligation:

	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Mass before 4pm</b>	<b>Mass after 4pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>
<b>Sunday, June 28</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time	13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time		EP I, Solemnity of SS. Peter and Paul
<b>Monday, June 29</b>	Solemnity of SS. Peter and Paul	Solemnity of SS. Peter and Paul		EP II, Solemnity of SS. Peter and Paul

August 15-16

When the Solemnity of the Assumption falls on a Saturday, the obligation is abrogated. Please note:

- When the obligation is abrogated, ritual Masses (i.e., marriage, confirmation) are still prohibited.
- Marriage may be celebrated outside of Mass using texts from the Rite of Marriage.
- Funeral Masses may be celebrated when the obligation is abrogated.

The weekend liturgies are as follows:

	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Mass before 4pm</b>	<b>Mass after 4pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>
<b>Friday, Aug 14</b>	St. Maximillian Kolbe	St. Maximillian Kolbe	Vigil for the Assumption	EP I for the Assumption
<b>Saturday, Aug 15</b>	Assumption of the BVM	Assumption of the BVM (Day)	20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	EP II for the Assumption
<b>Sunday, Aug 16</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time		EP II of the 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 15

The Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral falls on a Sunday this Year. *At the Cathedral itself*, the Solemnity outranks a Sunday in Ordinary Time – so it replaces the 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Because this day is ranked as a Feast in the *rest of the diocese*, the Sunday takes precedence elsewhere. While the Feast itself is not observed, one could include an appropriate intercession at the Sunday Mass.

### A NOTE ON PARTICULAR CALENDARS

Please refer to the “Table of Liturgical Days According to Their Order of Precedence” (reproduced on page 5) and the *Norms Governing Liturgical Calendars* for details.

Parishes are also reminded that the Anniversary of Dedication of their church and the title of their church are celebrated as Solemnities for that community. Because these outrank Sundays in Ordinary Time, those celebrations can be moved to the Sunday of the week they fall in as long as we are in Ordinary Time (*Norms Governing Liturgical Calendars*, § 58).

The feast of the principal patron of the diocese and the anniversary of the dedication of the cathedral are also to be observed. For the Diocese of Davenport, the Feast of the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral is observed on November 15 (of course, at the Cathedral itself it is observed as a Solemnity—and may be transferred to the preceding Sunday). The diocese has no patron.

In addition, the *Ceremonial of Bishops* states that the anniversary of the bishop’s episcopal ordination should be celebrated in each church. The Mass for Various Needs and Occasions, I. For the Church, 3. For the Bishop is used – except on days listed in #'s 1-6 on the Table (§ 1167). Bishop Zinkula’s anniversary of episcopal ordination is June 22.

The *Ceremonial* also states that each year the anniversary of the last *deceased* bishop be observed, unless he had been transferred to another diocese (§ 1168). In our case, that would be Bishop O’Keefe, whose anniversary of episcopal ordination is July 2.

### A NOTE ON THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS ON SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAYS

The obligation to attend Mass applies to the day, not the Mass being celebrated or the texts used. For Sundays and Solemnities, the observation of the liturgical day runs from 4:00 p.m. of the calendar day before to midnight of the day itself – a period of 32 hours.

For example, attendance at a Wedding Mass after 4 p.m. on Saturday would fulfill the Sunday obligation. Likewise, if a parish celebrated the Ritual Mass of Confirmation on Sunday, the obligation would be fulfilled. Please recall that Ritual Masses are not permitted on the Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Eastertime.

Only in the case of Christmas and the Immaculate Conception would a Holy Day of Obligation fall on a Saturday or Monday and create back-to-back obligations with Sunday. One should fulfill both obligations by assisting at two Masses, one for each of the two days.

Situations arise, of course, in which fulfilling Mass obligations on consecutive days is either impractical or impossible for an individual or a family. The Church allows parish pastors to “grant in individual cases a dispensation from the obligation of observing a feast day or a day of penance or can grant a commutation of the obligation into other pious works” for a just cause and subject to any regulations laid down by the Diocesan Bishop (canon 1245; see canon 87 §1). Members of the Catholic faithful who can only attend one anticipated evening Mass to fulfill their obligation (whether that of Sunday or of the holy day) should speak with their pastor to seek alternate accommodations.

TABLE OF LITURGICAL DAYS

1. Easter triduum
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 the saints listed in the General Calendar; All Saints
4. Proper solemnities, namely:
  - a. Solemnity of the principal patron of the place (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
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
10. Obligatory memorials in the General Calendar
11. Proper obligatory memorials, namely:
  - a. memorials 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

<b>Norms on the Obligation to Attend Mass on Holy Days and on the Celebration of Ritual Masses and Masses for the Dead</b> Courtesy of the Archdiocese of Dubuque Worship Office	
<b>December 8</b> <b>The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remains a day of obligation when it falls on a Saturday or Monday</li> <li>• Ritual Masses (i.e., marriage, confirmation) and funeral Masses are prohibited. Marriages celebrated during Mass on that day must use the readings and orations of the holy day. A marriage or funeral may be celebrated outside of Mass using the texts from the Rite of Marriage or the Order of Christian Funerals.</li> <li>• If the Immaculate Conception falls on a Sunday, the feast transfers to the next unimpeded free day (December 9) and the obligation to attend Mass is abrogated.</li> </ul>
<b>December 25</b> <b>The Nativity of the Lord</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remains a day of obligation when it falls on a Saturday or Monday</li> <li>• Ritual Masses (i.e., marriage, confirmation) and funeral Masses are prohibited.</li> <li>• A marriage or funeral may be celebrated outside of Mass using the texts from the Rite of Marriage or the Order of Christian Funerals.</li> </ul>
<b>January 1</b> <b>Mary, the Mother of God</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The obligation to attend Mass is abrogated when it falls on a Saturday or a Monday.</li> <li>• When the obligation is abrogated, ritual Masses (i.e., marriage, confirmation) are still prohibited. A marriage may be celebrated outside Mass using texts from the Rite of Marriage.</li> <li>• Funeral Masses may be celebrated when the obligation is abrogated.</li> </ul>
<b>Holy Thursday and the Triduum</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mass other than the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper is prohibited on Holy Thursday without the permission of the bishop.</li> <li>• Funeral Masses and ritual Masses (marriages) are prohibited on Holy Thursday and the days of the Triduum.</li> </ul>
<b>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the Diocese of Davenport this solemnity is celebrated on the Seventh Sunday of Easter.</li> <li>• Ritual Masses and Funeral Masses are prohibited. Marriages celebrated at Mass must use the Scripture readings and orations of the day.</li> <li>• A marriage or funeral may be celebrated outside of Mass using the texts from the Rite of Marriage or the Order of Christian Funerals.</li> </ul>
<b>August 15</b> <b>The Assumption of Mary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The obligation to attend Mass is abrogated when it falls on a Saturday or Monday.</li> <li>• When the obligation is abrogated, ritual Masses (i.e., marriage, confirmation) are still prohibited.</li> <li>• Marriage may be celebrated outside of Mass using texts from the Rite of Marriage.</li> <li>• Funeral Masses may be celebrated when the obligation is abrogated.</li> </ul>
<b>November 1</b> <b>The Feast of All Saints</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The obligation to attend Mass is abrogated when it falls on a Saturday or Monday.</li> <li>• When the obligation is abrogated, ritual Masses (i.e., marriage, confirmation) are still prohibited.</li> <li>• Marriage may be celebrated outside of Mass using texts from the Rite of Marriage.</li> <li>• Funeral Masses may be celebrated when the obligation is abrogated.</li> </ul>

	V1	V2	V3	D1	D2	D3
1. Solemnities of precept						
2. Sundays in the seasons of Advent, Lent and Easter	X	X	X	X	X	X
3. Holy Thursday, Easter Triduum						
4. Solemnities not of precept, All Souls						
5. Ash Wednesday, weekdays of Holy Week	X	X	X	✓	X	X
6. Days in the octave of Easter						
7. Sundays of Christmas and Sundays in Ordinary Time	✓	X	X	✓	X	X
8. Feasts						
9. Weekdays in the season of Advent from 17 to 24 December	✓	X	X	✓	✓	X
10. Days in the octave of Christmas						
11. Weekdays in the season of Lent						
12. Obligatory memorials						
13. Weekdays in the season of Advent to 16 December	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X
14. Weekdays in the season of Christmas from 2 January						
15. Weekdays in the season of Easter						
16. Weekdays in Ordinary Time	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

V1=Ritual (V2 w. Ordinary OK) / V2= MVNO & Votive (serious need) / V3 = MVNO/Votive  
 D1 = Funeral Mass / D2 = special Masses for the Dead / D3 = daily Mass for Dead

MASSES PERMITTED	DAYS
Only “Mass of the Day” is permitted	Solemnities of Precept [in the US: Immaculate Conception (Dec 8), Christmas (Dec 25); Mary, Mother of God (Jan 1); Epiphany (Sun); Ascension; Corpus Christi (Sun); Assumption (Aug 15), All Saints (Nov 1)] Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter Season; Holy Thursday & Triduum
Funeral Masses Allowed	Solemnities not of precept; All Souls; Ash Wednesday; Weekdays of Holy Week; Days in the Easter Octave
Ritual Masses Allowed (others need Ordinary’s approval)	Sundays of Christmas & Sundays in Ordinary Time; Feasts
Special Masses for the Dead Allowed ( <i>Mass on the occasion of the news of death, final burial, or first anniversary</i> )	Weekdays December 17-24; Days in the Christmas Octave; Weekdays of Lent;
Masses for Various Needs and Occasions and Votive Masses allowed if serious pastoral need – at discretion of the pastor or priest-celebrant	Obligatory Memorials; Weekdays of Advent to December 16; Weekdays of Christmas from January 2; Weekdays of Easter
Any Mass, including Mass for the Dead	Optional Memorials; Weekdays in Ordinary Time