

LITURGICAL CALENDAR: 2021 (+ = SEE CALENDAR ADVISORY ON PP. 2-3)

Advent	First Sunday of Advent	Nov 29, 2020	Sunday Lectionary Cycle B Weekday Lectionary Year I
	Immaculate Conception+	Dec 8 (Tue)	Holy Day of Obligation
Christmastime	Christmas+	Dec 25	Holy Day of Obligation Proclamation of the Nativity See Missal, Appendix I
	Feast of the Holy Family	Dec 27	
	Mary, Mother of God+	Jan 1, 2021 (Fri)	Holy Day of Obligation
	Epiphany	Jan 3	Proclamation of Date of Easter See Missal, Appendix I
	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	Jan 10	
Ordinary Time	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	Jan 22 (Fri)	See Missal—Proper of Time for norms to follow
	3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jan 24	Sunday of the Word of God
	Presentation of the Lord	Feb 2 (Tue)	
Lent	Ash Wednesday	Feb 17	Day of Fast and Abstinence
	First Sunday of Lent+	Feb 21	Rite of Election (Iowa City)
	Second Sunday of Lent+	Feb 28	Rite of Election (Davenport) Penitential Rite for Candidates
	Third Sunday of Lent	Mar 7	First Scrutiny of the Elect*
	Fourth Sunday of Lent	Mar 14	Second Scrutiny of the Elect* Daylight Saving Time begins
	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Mar 21	Third Scrutiny of the Elect*
	Palm Sunday	Mar 28	
	Chrism Mass+	Mar 29 (Mon)	TBD (230pm 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 1 – April 4. The Easter Vigil can begin no earlier than 8:15 p.m. on the night of April 3.		
Eastertime	Second Sunday of Easter	April 11	Divine Mercy Sunday
	Ascension of the Lord	May 16	Replaces 7 th Sunday of Easter
	Pentecost	May 23	The Paschal Candle remains in the sanctuary next to the ambo until the conclusion of Vespers II.
	The BVM, Mother of the Church+	May 24 (Mon)	See below
Ordinary Time	Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Zinkula+	June 22 (Tue)	Ranks as a Feast in the diocese. See below.
	14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time+	July 4	See below.
	Assumption of the BVM+	Aug 15 (Sun)	Replaces the 20 th Sun in Ord Time
	All Saints+	Nov 1 (Mon)	Not a Holy Day of Obligation
	32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Nov 7	Daylight Saving Time ends
	Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral	Nov 15 (Mon)	Solemnity at the Cathedral Feast for the Diocese; see below.
	Christ the King	Nov 21	Last Sunday of Liturgical Year
Advent	First Sunday of Advent	Nov 28	Lectionary: C / II
	Third Sunday of Advent+	Dec 12	See below.

CALENDAR ADVISORIES FOR 2021December 8, 2020

Normally, this would be a Holy Day of Obligation. In that case, only the Mass of the Day would be permitted and ritual (i.e., marriage, confirmation) and funeral Masses prohibited.

Please note that even though the obligation is abrogated due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, 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.

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).

January 1, 2021

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Rite of Election and Chrism Mass

The schedule for these liturgies is tentative and subject to circumstances created by the pandemic.

May 24

This new obligatory Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, is celebrated every year on the Monday after Pentecost. Please see <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/mother-of-the-church> for the Mass texts.

June 22

The anniversary of the episcopal ordination of Bishop Zinkula, observed as a Feast in the Diocese, will be celebrated on Tuesday, 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 19-20 (12th Sunday in Ordinary Time).

July 4

Sunday, July 4 is the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, and the liturgical celebration of Independence Day is omitted this year.

August 15

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM replaces the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time. As a Holy Day of Obligation, only the Mass of the Day may be celebrated (ritual and funeral Masses are prohibited; weddings and funeral may be celebrated outside of Mass). If the obligation is still abrogated because of the Pandemic, then, while ritual Masses (i.e., marriage, confirmation) are still prohibited, funeral Masses may be celebrated.

November 1

Evening Prayer II on Sunday is replaced by Evening Prayer I of All Saints (since the Solemnity ranks higher than a Sunday in Ordinary Time); evening Masses would still be for the Sunday.

Because it falls on a Monday, the Solemnity of All Saints is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

- 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.

December 12

Sunday, December 12 is the Third Sunday of Advent, and the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is omitted this year. Our Lady of Guadalupe may be appropriately honored in the Homily, Universal Prayer, and hymns during the Sunday liturgy. If pastoral advantage calls for it (cf. GIRM, no. 376), a Votive Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe may be celebrated on a weekday before or after December 12, with the proper readings and prayers.

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

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

	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