

Calendar of Holy Days of Obligation and Major Liturgical Feasts Austin Diocese 2019-2020

Sunday Cycle A, Weekday Cycle Year II

Each Sunday of the Year	<i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	
Sunday, December 1, 2019	First Sunday of Advent	
Monday, December 9, 2019	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>NOT Holy Day of Obligation</i>	(Solemnity)
Tuesday, December 24, 2019	Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Eve) <i>Vigil Masses may be celebrated no earlier than 4:00pm</i>	
Wednesday, December 25, 2019	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	(Solemnity)
Sunday, December 29, 2019	Feast of the Holy Family	
Wednesday, January 1, 2020	Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Octave of Christmas) <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	(Solemnity)
Wednesday, February 26, 2020	Ash Wednesday	
Sunday, April 5, 2020	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	
Thursday, April 9, 2020	Holy Thursday	
Friday, April 10, 2020	Good Friday	
Saturday, April 11, 2020	Holy Saturday (Sunset in Austin is at 7:56 p.m.) <i>Vigil Mass may be celebrated no earlier than 8:40 p.m. CDT¹</i>	
Sunday, April 12, 2020	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	
Sunday, May 24, 2020	The Ascension of Our Lord <i>Transferred from May 21st in our province</i>	(Solemnity)
Sunday, May 31, 2020	Pentecost	
Sunday, June 7, 2020	The Most Holy Trinity	(Solemnity)
Sunday, June 14, 2020	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	(Solemnity)
Saturday, August 15, 2020	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>NOT Holy Day of Obligation</i>	(Solemnity)
Sunday, November 1, 2020	All Saints <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	(Solemnity)

¹ The celebration of the Easter Vigil is to be in the night according to the strictest interpretation. The USCCB advises the start of Easter Vigil should be 45 minutes to one hour after sunset.

At their November 1991 meeting, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops decided that whenever January 1, the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God or August 15, the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin or November 1, the Feast of All Saints falls on a Saturday or a Monday, the precept to celebrate Mass is dispensed. The Congregation for Bishops confirmed the action on July 4, 1992.

Although the obligation to celebrate Mass when these three holy days fall on a Saturday or Monday is abolished, parishes are to continue to observe these holydays by scheduling one or more Masses at a convenient time so that people who wish to participate are able to do so.