

Calendar of Holy Days of Obligation and Major Liturgical Feasts Austin Diocese 2020-2021

Sunday Cycle B, Weekday Cycle Year I

Each Sunday of the Year	<i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	
Sunday, November 29, 2020	First Sunday of Advent	
Tuesday, December 8, 2020	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	(Solemnity)
Thursday, December 24, 2020	Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Eve) <i>Vigil Masses may be celebrated no earlier than 4:00pm</i>	
Friday, December 25, 2020	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	(Solemnity)
Sunday, December 27, 2020	Feast of the Holy Family	
Friday, January 1, 2021	Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Octave of Christmas) <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	(Solemnity)
Wednesday, February 17, 2021	Ash Wednesday	
Sunday, March 28, 2021	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	
Thursday, April 1, 2021	Holy Thursday	
Friday, April 2, 2021	Good Friday	
Saturday, April 3, 2021	Holy Saturday (Sunset in Austin is at 7:50 p.m.) <i>Vigil Mass may be celebrated no earlier than 8:35 p.m. CDT¹</i>	
Sunday, April 4, 2021	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	
Sunday, May 16, 2021	The Ascension of Our Lord <i>Transferred from May 13th in our province</i>	(Solemnity)
Sunday, May 23, 2021	Pentecost	
Sunday, May 30, 2021	The Most Holy Trinity	(Solemnity)
Sunday, June 6, 2021	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	(Solemnity)
Sunday, August 15, 2021	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	(Solemnity)
Monday, November 1, 2021	All Saints <i>Not a 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 Solemnity 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.