



Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama

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Table of Permissibility: Ritual Masses, Masses for Various Needs, or Votive Masses according to the directives of the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM)* (2010) and *General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar (GNLYC)* (2010)

Type of Calendar Day	Ritual Masses Permitted? ¹ (e.g. Nuptial Mass, etc)	Masses for the Dead or Funeral Mass Permitted?	Masses for Various Needs Permitted?	Votive Masses Permitted?
1. Holy Day of Obligation (a.k.a Solemnity of Precept)	NO	NO	NO	NO
2. Sunday of Advent, Lent, & Easter Seasons	NO ²	NO	NO	NO
3. Easter Triduum (Triduum begins with Mass of Lord's Supper and ends after Easter Vigil)	NO	NO	NO	NO
4. Solemnities of the Lord, Our Lady, or the Saints; & All Souls' Day (a.k.a Solemnities not of precept)	NO	YES	NO	NO
5. Ash Wednesday & Mon., Tues., Wed. & Thursday of Holy Week	NO	YES	NO	NO

¹ On days when Ritual Masses are not allowed, Confirmation or Marriage may be celebrated but within the Mass of the Day.

² Weddings are never permitted on Sundays in the Diocese of Birmingham according to the Diocesan Marriage Policy.

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6. Weekdays (Monday-Saturday) in Easter Octave	NO	Funeral Masses are permitted but Memorial Masses for the Dead are prohibited.	NO	NO
7. Sundays of Christmas Season, & Sundays of the Year (a.k.a Sundays in Ordinary Time)	YES	YES	in case of serious need/pastoral advantage & PERMISSION OF ORDINARY	in case of serious need/pastoral advantage & PERMISSION OF ORDINARY
8. Feasts of the Lord, Our Lady, & the Saints	YES	YES	in case of serious need/pastoral advantage & PERMISSION OF ORDINARY	in case of serious need/pastoral advantage & PERMISSION OF ORDINARY
9. December 17-24	YES	YES	in case of serious need/pastoral advantage & PERMISSION OF ORDINARY	in case of serious need/pastoral advantage & PERMISSION OF ORDINARY
10. Weekdays (Monday-Saturday) in Christmas Octave	YES	YES	in case of serious need/pastoral advantage & PERMISSION OF ORDINARY	in case of serious need/pastoral advantage & PERMISSION OF ORDINARY
11. Weekdays of Lent (a.k.a. Ferial days of Lent)	YES	YES	in case of serious need/pastoral advantage & PERMISSION OF ORDINARY	in case of serious need/pastoral advantage & PERMISSION OF ORDINARY
12. Obligatory Memorials of the Saints	YES	YES	in case of serious need/pastoral advantage at discretion of priest	in case of serious need/pastoral advantage at discretion of priest

13. Weekdays of Advent (a.k.a Ferial days of Advent) through December 16	YES	YES	in case of serious need/pastoral advantage at discretion of priest	in case of serious need/pastoral advantage at discretion of priest
14. Weekdays of Christmas Season after January 2	YES	YES	in case of serious need/pastoral advantage at discretion of priest	in case of serious need/pastoral advantage at discretion of priest
15. Weekdays of the Easter Season	YES	YES	in case of serious need/pastoral advantage at discretion of priest	in case of serious need/pastoral advantage at discretion of priest
16. Weekdays of the Year (Ordinary Time)	YES	YES	in case of serious need/pastoral advantage at discretion of priest	in case of serious need/pastoral advantage at discretion of priest

N.B: The Sacrament of Reconciliation may be celebrated on any day.