

# Catholic Liturgical Year

- CHURCH CALENDAR
- SEASONS
- **COLORS**
- CYCLES
  - A, B, C
  - 1 & 2

# LITURGY

- **MOST IMPORTANT**  
**WORK OF THE PEOPLE**

Our Act of Keeping the Highest Commandment  
Loving Our God with our whole mind, heart  
and being. Nothing else is as important

Two Liturgies

The Mass

The Hours

The Liturgical Year is Governed by two high points

The Solemn Celebration of the Incarnation – Christmas

The Solemn Celebration of the Resurrection – Easter

Every DAY we CELEBRATE

We are Redeemed, Joyful Eternal Life Our Goal

Every Sunday we CELEBRATE EASTER

All the Year points to EASTER

The Liturgical Year points to the EASTER VIGIL its  
HIGH POINT

# HIERARCHY OF CELEBRATIONS

- SOLEMNITIES including every Sunday
  - Solemnity of Mary
  - All Saints
- FEASTS
  - Sts Peter, Paul, Andrew...
  - TRINITY SUNDAY
- MEMORIALS
  - St. Therese, Ignatius, etc.
- DAY OF THE SEASON

# IMPORTANT SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS

- HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION (IN U.S.)
  - DEC 8<sup>TH</sup> - Feast Of The Immaculate Conception
  - DEC 25<sup>TH</sup>- Christmas
  - JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>- Solemnity Of Mary
  - 40 DAYS AFTER Easter- Ascension Thursday\*\*\*\*
  - AUG 15<sup>TH</sup>- Assumption Of Mary
  - NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> –All Saints

\*\*\*\*Diocese of Charlotte on the FOLLOWING Sunday

# OTHER DAYS TO CELEBRATE

- ASH WEDNESDAY
- TRIDUUM- A THREE DAY LITURGY
- THANKSGIVING

# CALENDAR

STARTS ON FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

-4 Weeks Before Christmas

FOLLOWS SECULAR CALENDAR (Gregorian)

For Ordered (Ordinary) Time

Other Christians:

Orthodox Catholics – Julian

Some Protestants – Ordered time starts Pentecost

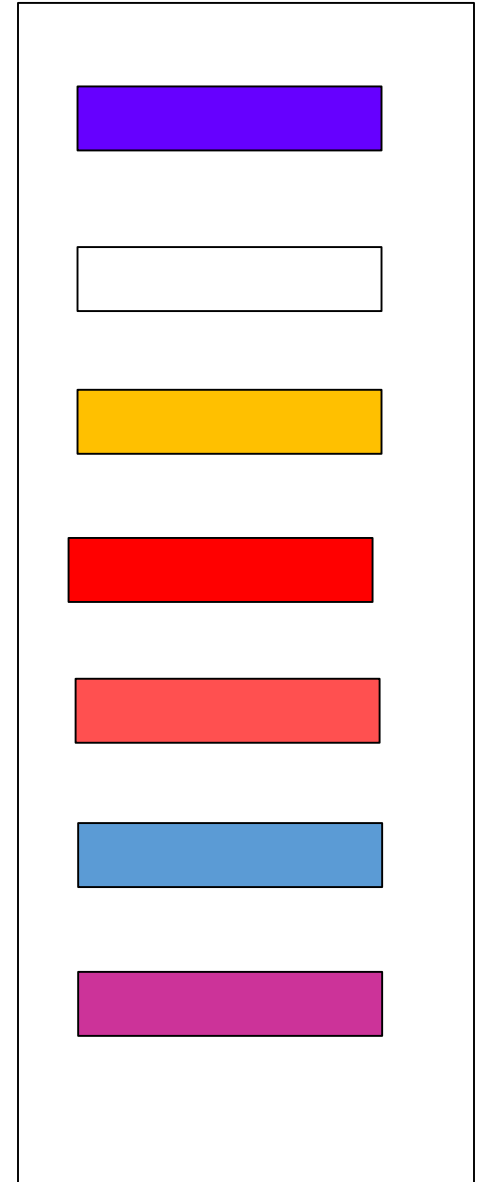
## CALCULATING EASTER

Easter always occurs on the first Sunday after the paschal full Moon, It is the first full Moon that occurs after the vernal equinox, which signifies the beginning of spring in the Northern hemisphere.

# COLORS

- **INDIGO PURPLE**
  - EXPECTATION – MORE BLUE IN PURPLE
  - SUNRISE / SUNSET
- **WHITE**
  - PURITY – PERFECTION like GOD
- **GOLD**
  - KINGLY, MAJOR CELEBRATION
- **RED**
  - VICTORY, HOLY SPIRIT, JOY, MARTYRDOM
- **ROSE**
  - JOY, VICTORY
- **GREEN**
  - NORMAL – EARTHY
- **VIOLET PURPLE**
  - ROYAL – MORE RED IN PURPLE

**NO BLUE**





## SEASONS

**ADVENT** – 4 weeks before Christmas

**CHRISTMAS** – December 25<sup>th</sup> to Feast of Baptism of Jesus

**ORDERED TIME 1** – Baptism of Jesus to Ash Wednesday

**LENT (SPRING)** – Ash Wednesday to Sundown Holy Thursday

**TRIDUUM** – Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil

**EASTER** – Easter Sunday to Pentecost 50 days after Easter

**ORDERED TIME 2** – Pentecost to Feast of Christ the King

# SEASONS AND COLORS

**ADVENT – INDIGO PURPLE**

**CHRISTMAS – GOLD/WHITE**

**ORDERED TIME 1 – GREEN**

**LENT (SPRING) – VIOLET PURPLE**

**TRIDUUM – WHITE, RED, WHITE/GOLD**

**EASTER – WHITE/GOLD**

**ORDERED TIME 2 – GREEN**

# OTHER TIMES

- GAUDETE , LAUDATE, SUNDAYS – ROSE
  - Midway Advent Or Lent
- WEDDINGS, HOLY ORDERS – WHITE
- BAPTISMS – WHITE OR COLOR OF SEASON
- FUNERALS – WHITE , PURPLE, BLACK
- PENANCE – PURPLE
- CONFIRMATION, PENTECOST, – RED
- EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS – WHITE OR GOLD

# **CYCLES FOR LITURGY OF THE WORD**

## **SUNDAYS**

2020 – CYCLE A – GOSPEL OF MATHEW

2021 – CYCLE B – GOSPEL of MARK [John in Summer]

2022 – CYCLE C – GOSPEL of LUKE

2023 – CYCLE A etc

## **WEEKDAYS**

CYCLE 1 on ODD YEARS, CYCLE 2 on EVEN YEARS

2019 CYCLE 1

2020 CYCLE 2

2021 CYCLE 1

**QUESTIONS?**