

TABLE OF LITURGICAL DAYS ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

I.

1. The Paschal Triduum and the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord.
2. The Nativity of the Lord, the Epiphany, the Ascension, and Pentecost.
Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter.
Ash Wednesday.
Weekdays of Holy Week from Monday up to and including Thursday.
Days within the Octave of Easter.
3. Solemnities inscribed in the General Calendar, whether of the Lord, of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or of Saints.
The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed.
4. Proper Solemnities, namely:
 - a) The Solemnity of the principal Patron of the place, city, or state.
 - b) The Solemnity of the dedication and of the anniversary of the dedication of one's own church.
 - c) The Solemnity of the Title of one's own church.
 - d) The Solemnity either of the Title
or of the Founder
or of the principal Patron of an Order or Congregation

II.

5. Feasts of the Lord inscribed in the General Calendar.
6. Sundays of Christmas Time and the Sundays in Ordinary Time.
7. Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of the Saints in the General Calendar.
8. Proper Feasts, namely:
 - a) The Feast of the principal Patron of the diocese.
 - b) The Feast of the anniversary of the dedication of the cathedral church.
 - c) The Feast of the principal Patron of a region or province, or a country, or of a wider territory.
 - d) The Feast of the Title, Founder, or principal Patron of an Order or Congregation of a religious province, without prejudice to the prescriptions given under no. 4.
 - e) Other Feasts proper to an individual church
 - f) Other Feasts inscribed in the Calendar of each diocese or Order or Congregation.

9. Weekdays of Advent from December 17 up to and including December 24
Days within the Octave of Christmas.
Weekdays of Lent.

III.

10. Obligatory Memorials in the General Calendar

11. Proper Obligatory Memorials, namely:

- a) The Memorial of a secondary Patron of the place, diocese, region, or religious province.
- b) Other Obligatory Memorials inscribed in the Calendar of each diocese, or Order or Congregation

12. Optional Memorials, which, however, may be celebrated in the special manner described in the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* and of the Liturgy of the Hours, even on the days listed in no. 9.

In the same manner Obligatory Memorials may be celebrated as Optional Memorials if they happen to fall on Lenten weekdays.

13. Weekdays of Advent up to and including December 16

Weekdays of Christmas Time from January 2 until the Saturday after the Epiphany.
Weekdays of the Easter Time from Monday after the Octave of Easter up to and including the Saturday before Pentecost.
Weekdays in Ordinary Time.

THE CHOICE OF THE MASS: THE *ROMAN MISSAL*

Proper of Time

Advent
Lent
Holy Week
The Sacred Paschal Triduum
Easter Time
Ordinary Time
Solemnities of the Lord

Proper of Saints

January – December

Ritual Masses

For the Conferral of the Sacraments of Initiation
 For the Conferral of Confirmation
For the Conferral of the Anointing of the Sick
For the Administration of Viaticum
For the Conferral of Holy Orders
For the Celebration of Marriage
For the Blessing of an Abbot or an Abbess
For the Consecration of Virgins
For Religious Profession
For the Institution of Lectors and Acolytes
For the Dedication of a Church and an Altar

Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions

For Holy Church
For Civil Needs
For Various Occasions

Votive Masses

The Most Holy Trinity
The Mercy of God
Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest
The Mystery of the Holy Cross
The Most Holy Eucharist
The Most Holy Name of Jesus
The Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ
The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
The Holy Spirit

The Blessed Virgin Mary
The Holy Angels
Saint John the Baptist
Saint Joseph
All the Holy Apostles
Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles
Saint Peter, Apostle
Saint Paul, Apostle
One Holy Apostle
All Saints

Masses for the Dead

For the Funeral
On the Anniversary
Various Commemorations
Various Prayers for the Dead



The Choice of Day

A couple may get married on most days of the Liturgical Year, using the texts from Ritual Mass V: "For the Celebration of Marriage." On our most solemn liturgical days, when the Sacrament of Matrimony is celebrated within Mass, there are restrictions on the choice of texts. On those days the Mass of the Day is used with its own readings, with the inclusion of the Nuptial Blessings and, if appropriate, the formula for the final blessing (OCM 34).

These solemn days are ranked as "1 through 4" in the "Table of Liturgical Days According to Their Order of Precedence" (Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar, 59). They are:

1. Easter Triduum of the Lord's Passion and Resurrection
2. Christmas, Epiphany, Ascension, and Pentecost
Sundays of Advent, Lent, and the Easter Season
Ash Wednesday
Weekdays of Holy Week (Monday to Thursday, inclusive)
Days within the Octave of Easter
3. Solemnities of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and Saints listed in the General Calendar
The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)
4. The solemnity of the principal Patron of the place
The solemnity of the dedication of one's own church
The solemnity of the Title of a one's own church [e.g., Sacred Heart]
The solemnity of the title, founder, or patron of a religious order

If the Marriage is celebrated on a day having a penitential character, especially during Lent, the couple should be guided on how to take into account the special nature of that day. "The celebration of Marriage on Friday of the Passion of the Lord and Holy Saturday is to be avoided altogether" (OCM 32).

However, marriages which are celebrated outside of Mass (Rite II and Rite III) have fewer restrictions. While the Sacred Triduum still is to be avoided, the couple may get married on most days of the liturgical year. The choice of readings may be drawn from the *Order of Celebrating Matrimony* (see OCM, Chapter IV or *Lectionary for Mass*, 801-805).

There may also be particular law in the diocese in which the Marriage takes place. For example, there may be policies regarding the celebration of Matrimony within Mass on Saturday evenings and Sundays. In some dioceses, the celebration of Matrimony within Mass may not be used once the Anticipated/Vigil Mass has been celebrated, nor may weddings be celebrated on Sunday. Check with your diocesan chancery.

A Chronological List of the Days
on which a
Ritual Mass may not be used.

First Sunday of Advent
 Second Sunday of Advent
 Immaculate Conception of the BVM (December 8)
 Third Sunday of Advent
 Fourth Sunday of Advent
 The Nativity of the Lord /Christmas (December 25)
 Mary, the Holy Mother of God (January 1)
 Epiphany of the Lord
 Ash Wednesday
 First Sunday of Lent
 Second Sunday of Lent
 Third Sunday of Lent
 Fourth Sunday of Lent
 Fifth Sunday of Lent
 St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM (March 19)
 Annunciation of the Lord (March 25)
 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 Monday of Holy Week
 Tuesday of Holy Week
 Wednesday of Holy Week
 Thursday of Holy Week (day)
 Holy Thursday
 Friday of the Passion of the Lord/ Good Friday
 Holy Saturday/ Easter Vigil
 Easter Sunday: Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord
 Monday within the Octave of Easter
 Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
 Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
 Thursday within the Octave of Easter
 Friday within the Octave of Easter
 Saturday within the Octave of Easter
 Second Sunday of Easter/ Sunday of Divine Mercy
 Third Sunday of Easter
 Fourth Sunday of Easter
 Fifth Sunday of Easter
 Sixth Sunday of Easter
 Ascension of the Lord
 Seventh Sunday of Easter
 Pentecost Sunday
 The Most Holy Trinity
 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
 Nativity of John the Baptist (June 24)
 Sts. Peter and Paul (June 29)
 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15)
 All Saints (November 1)
 All Souls (November 2)
 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

This order will be impacted by the date of Easter in any given year.

APPENDIX III

TABLE OF RUBRICS GOVERNING RITUAL MASSES,
MASSES FOR VARIOUS NEEDS AND OCCASIONS,
AND MASSES FOR THE DEAD

SIGLA

- V1 = Ritual Masses (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 330).
Masses for various needs and occasions and votive Masses, in cases of serious need or pastoral advantage, at the direction of the local Ordinary or with his permission (GIRM, no. 332).
- V2 = Masses for various needs and occasions and votive Masses, in cases of serious need or pastoral advantage, at the discretion of the rector of the church or the priest celebrant (GIRM, no. 333).
- V3 = Masses for various needs and occasions and votive Masses chosen by the priest celebrant in favor of the devotion of the people (GIRM, no. 329, b and c).
- D1 = Funeral Mass (GIRM, no. 336).
- D2 = Mass on the occasion of news of a death, final burial, or the first anniversary (GIRM, no. 337).
- D3 = Daily Mass for the dead (GIRM). When D1 and D2 are not permitted, neither is D3.
- + = permitted.
- = not permitted.

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| 1. Solemnities of precept | V1 - D1 - |
| 2. Sundays of Advent, Lent, and the Easter season | V1 - D1 - |
| 3. Holy Thursday, Easter Triduum | V1 - D1 - |
| 4. Solemnities not of precept, All Souls | V1 - D1 + |
| 5. Ash Wednesday, weekdays of Holy Week | V1 - D1 + |
| 6. Days in the Easter octave | V1 - D1 + |
| 7. Sundays of Christmas, and in Ordinary Time | V1 + D1 + |
| 8. Feasts | V1 + D1 + |
| 9. Weekdays 17-24 December | V1 + D1 + |
| 10. Days in the Christmas octave | V1 + D1 + |
| 11. Weekdays of Lent | V1 + D1 + |
| 12. Obligatory memorials | V1 + D1 + |
| 13. Weekdays of Advent to 16 December | V1 + D1 + |
| 14. Weekdays of Christmas from 2 January | V1 + D1 + |
| 15. Weekdays of the Easter season | V1 + D1 + |
| 16. Weekdays in Ordinary Time | V1 + D1 + |



LITURGICAL CALENDAR
FOR THE DIOCESES OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

2021



Committee on Divine Worship

PRINCIPAL CELEBRATIONS OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR 2021

| | |
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| First Sunday of Advent | November 29, 2020 |
| Ash Wednesday | February 17, 2021 |
| Easter Sunday | April 4, 2021 |
| The Ascension of the Lord [Thursday] | May 13, 2021 |
| Pentecost Sunday | May 23, 2021 |
| The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ | June 6, 2021 |
| First Sunday of Advent | November 28, 2021 |

CYCLES – LECTIONARY FOR MASS

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|---------------|---------|--|
| Sunday Cycle | YEAR B | November 29, 2020 to November 21, 2021 |
| Weekday Cycle | CYCLE I | January 11, 2021 to February 16, 2021 May 24, 2021 to November 27, 2021 |
| Sunday Cycle | YEAR C | November 28, 2021 to November 20, 2022 |

The cycles given above have been used in the preparation of this calendar. The readings from the Proper of Time and Proper of Saints have been used for all Solemnities and all Feasts since they must take the place of the weekday readings for those respective days. The readings from the weekday cycle generally are to be used even on days on which a Memorial or Optional Memorial of a Saint occurs. The exceptions to this rule are the Memorials or Optional Memorials which have “proper readings” (usually only the Gospel) assigned to them in the *Lectionary for Mass* and which must be used on those days. Substitutions from the Commons or Proper of Saints may be made for the other readings suggested for those Memorials or Optional Memorials. The Priest Celebrant, however, should not omit “too often or without sufficient cause the readings assigned for each day in the weekday Lectionary” (Introduction to the *Lectionary for Mass*, no. 83). In this calendar, Optional Memorials are designated by the use of italics within brackets.

The Scripture citations and *Lectionary* numbers for all readings are from the *Lectionary for Mass for Use in the Dioceses of the United States of America*, second typical edition (1998/2001), and the *Lectionary for Mass Supplement* (2017), which is based on the *Ordo Lectionum Missæ, editio typica altera* (1981). The spellings of the names of Saints and Blesseds are from the *Roman Missal, Third Edition* (2011), based on the *Missale Romanum, editio typica tertia emendata* (2008).

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

| | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|
| Nov. 29, 2020 – Jan. 10, 2021 | Advent, Christmas | Vol. I |
| Jan. 11 – Feb. 16, 2021 | Weeks 1 to 6, Ordinary Time | Vol. III |
| Feb. 17 – May 23, 2021 | Lent, Triduum, Easter | Vol. II |
| May 24 – July 31, 2021 | Weeks 8 to 17, Ordinary Time | Vol. III |
| Aug. 1 – Nov. 27, 2021 | Weeks 18 to 34, Ordinary Time | Vol. IV |
| Nov. 28, 2021 – Jan. 9, 2022 | Advent, Christmas | Vol. I |

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

1. Scripture citations are based on the *New American Bible* with the revised New Testament and may differ slightly from the citations given in the *Ordo Lectionum Missæ* (1981) due to difference in versification.
2. In the preparation of diocesan and provincial Calendars and *ordines*, the dedication of diocesan cathedrals, the dedication of parish churches, and special days of prayer (cf. *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* [GIRM], no. 373) should be added, along with other commemorations of Saints and Blesseds which are included in those particular Calendars. More information is available in the *Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, particularly Chapter II.
3. “On Saturdays in Ordinary Time when no Obligatory Memorial occurs, an Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary may be celebrated” (*Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, no. 15). This is indicated in the calendar by “BVM.” The readings and prayers may be selected from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary or Votive Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the *Roman Missal*, or the *Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary*.
4. In a decree dated March 23, 1992, the Bishop of Honolulu designated Christmas and the Immaculate Conception as the only two Holydays of Obligation for the State of Hawaii. This implements the indult received from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments on May 26, 1990, and the subsequent *nihil obstat* from the National Conference of Catholic Bishops allowing Hawaii to legislate on this matter in accord with the policies of the Episcopal Conference of the Pacific (CEPAC).
5. This liturgical calendar has entries for Independence Day and Thanksgiving Day, since they are inscribed in the Proper Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States of America, but it does not include other civic holidays commonly celebrated in this country (for example, Martin

Luther King, Jr. Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, etc.). Respecting the liturgical norms (cf. GIRM, nos. 368-378), the *Roman Missal* offers appropriate Masses, but this calendar makes no suggestions for those holidays.

6. The 2021 liturgical year begins on the First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2020. During the year 2021:
 - a. Thursday, May 13 is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord in the ecclesiastical provinces of Boston, Hartford, New York, Newark, Omaha, and Philadelphia, while all other ecclesiastical provinces of the United States of America have transferred this Solemnity to the following Sunday, May 16, 2021. In those archdioceses and dioceses, Thursday, May 13 is observed either as an Easter weekday or the Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima.
 - b. Sunday, July 4 is the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, and the liturgical celebration of Independence Day is omitted this year. Independence Day may be appropriately acknowledged in the Homily, Universal Prayer, and hymns during the Sunday liturgy.
 - c. 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.

**PROPER CALENDAR FOR THE DIOCESES OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

| | | |
|---|--|-----------|
| January 4 | Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious | Memorial |
| January 5 | Saint John Neumann, Bishop | Memorial |
| January 6 | <i>Saint André Bessette, Religious*</i> | |
| January 22** | Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children | |
| January 23 | <i>Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr</i> <i>Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin</i> | |
| March 3 | <i>Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin</i> | |
| May 10 | <i>Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest</i> | |
| May 15 | <i>Saint Isidore</i> | |
| July 1 | <i>Saint Junípero Serra, Priest</i> | |
| July 4 | <i>Independence Day</i> | |
| July 5 | <i>Saint Elizabeth of Portugal</i> | |
| July 14 | Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin | Memorial |
| July 18 | <i>Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest</i> | |
| September 9 | Saint Peter Claver, Priest | Memorial |
| October 5 | <i>Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest</i> | |
| October 6 | <i>Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin</i> | |
| October 19 | Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs | Memorial |
| October 20 | <i>Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest</i> | |
| November 13 | Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin | Memorial |
| November 18 | <i>Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin</i> | |
| November 23 | <i>Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr</i> | |
| Fourth Thursday in November | <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> | |
| December 8 | THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Patronal Feastday of the United States of America) | Solemnity |
| December 12 | OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE | Feast |
| Sunday between January 2 and January 8: | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD | Solemnity |
| Sunday after the Most Holy Trinity: | THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi) | Solemnity |

* When the rank of the celebration is not indicated, it is an Optional Memorial.

** January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday.

YEAR B – WEEKDAYS I

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2020

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| 29 | SUN | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT | violet |
| Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37 (2) Pss I ³ | | | |
| 30 | Mon | Saint Andrew, Apostle | red |
| <i>Feast</i> | | | |
| Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22 (684) Pss Prop | | | |
| 1 | Tue | Advent Weekday | violet |
| Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24 (176) | | | |
| 2 | Wed | Advent Weekday | violet |
| Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37 (177) | | | |
| 3 | Thu | Saint Francis Xavier, Priest | white |
| <i>Memorial</i> | | | |
| Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27 (178) | | | |
| 4 | Fri | Advent Weekday | violet/white |
| <i>[Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church]⁴</i> | | | |
| Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31 (179) | | | |
| 5 | Sat | Advent Weekday | violet |
| Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8 (180) | | | |
| 6 | SUN | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT | violet |
| Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8 (5) Pss II | | | |
| 7 | Mon | Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church | white |
| <i>Memorial</i> | | | |
| Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26 (181) | | | |
| 8 | Tue | THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY | white |
| (Patronal Feastday of the United States of America) | | | |
| <i>Solemnity</i> [Holyday of Obligation] | | | |
| Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38 (689) Pss Prop | | | |

³ Citations indicating the proper week of the Psalter for the *Liturgy of the Hours*, or proper psalms, when applicable, designated by Pss I, Pss II, etc., or Pss Prop respectively, are included in this calendar.

⁴ Optional Memorials are indicated by the use of italics within brackets.



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Pope Francis Adds Five Saints to General Roman Calendar

In two decrees issued by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments and made public on February 2, 2021, Pope Francis has ordered the inscription of three new Optional Memorials in the General Roman Calendar for the latest Doctors of the Church – Saints John of Avila, Hildegard of Bingen, and Gregory of Narek – and the addition of Saints Mary and Lazarus to the existing Memorial of Saint Martha on July 29. Information on all the new celebrations is available at USCCB.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar.

Celebrating the Newest Doctors of the Church

The first decree, dated January 25, 2021 (Prot. n. 40/21), inscribes the celebrations of St. Gregory of Narek on February 27, St. John of Avila on May 10, and St. Hildegard of Bingen on September 17. All three will be Optional Memorials. Saints John and Hildegard were proclaimed Doctors of the Church by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012, while Pope Francis proclaimed Saint Gregory as a Doctor in 2015.

English translations of each saint's proper liturgical texts must be undertaken by the International Commission on English in the Liturgy, then approved by the USCCB and confirmed by the Holy See. Until that process is complete, each celebration may use texts from a suitable Common in the *Roman Missal* and *Liturgy of the Hours* as given via the website above.

Honoring Mary of Bethany and Lazarus

In the Congregation's second decree, issued January 26, 2021 (Prot. n. 35/21), the July 29 Memorial of Saint Martha has been expanded to become the Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus. The decree speaks of the friendship Jesus found in their household, and notes that "Martha generously offered him hospitality, Mary listened attentively to his words, and Lazarus promptly emerged from the tomb at the command of the One who humiliated death." The Holy See's decree also asserts that previous uncertainty as to the identity of Mary of Bethany – whether Magdalene, or the sister of Martha, or another sinner whose sins Jesus forgave – "has been resolved in recent studies and times, as attested by the current Roman Martyrology, which also commemorates Mary and Lazarus on [July 29]." The Holy Father thus found it appropriate to celebrate all three saints together on the same day.

An interim Mass formulary has been posted online, available as a free PDF download in both English and Spanish. Indications given in the *Lectionary for Mass* for July 29 remain the same, and other texts in the *Liturgy of the Hours* may be supplied by the Common of Holy Men until the approval and implementation of new proper texts that include Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus together.

Finally, the 2021 and 2022 editions of the *Liturgical Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States of America* are emended as follows:

February 2021

27 Sat Lenten Weekday violet
[Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church]
 Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48 (229)

February 2022

February 27, 2022 is the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, and so Saint Gregory of Narek is not celebrated that year except as a proper solemnity in churches named in his honor.

May 2021

10 Mon Easter Weekday white/white/white
[Saint John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; USA: Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest]
 Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a (291)

May 2022

10 Tue Easter Weekday white/white/white
[Saint John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; USA: Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest]
 Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30 (280)

July 2021

29 Thu Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus white
Memorial
 Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 (404)/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42 (607)

July 2022

29 Fri Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus white
Memorial
 Jer 26:1-9 (405)/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42 (607)

September 2021

17 Fri Weekday green/white/white
[Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church]
 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3 (447)

September 2022

17 Sat Weekday green/white/white/white
[Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church; BVM]
 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15 (448)

Liturgical Titles in Spanish / Títulos litúrgicos en español (both 2021 and 2022 editions)

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|-------------------|-----------|--|
| Febrero | 27 | San Gregorio de Narek, abad y doctor de la Iglesia |
| Mayo | 10 | San Juan de Ávila, presbítero y doctor de la Iglesia; San Damián de Veuster, presbítero |
| Julio | 29 | Santos Marta, María y Lázaro |
| Septiembre | 17 | San Roberto Belarmino, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia; Santa Hildegarda de Bingen, virgen y doctora de la Iglesia |

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General Roman Calendar and Recent Additions/Changes

The General Roman Calendar includes "both the entire cycle of celebrations of the mystery of salvation in the Proper of Time, and that of those Saints who have universal significance and therefore are obligatorily celebrated by everyone, and of other Saints who demonstrate the universality and continuity of sainthood within the People of God"

(*Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, no. 49).

After the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, the General Roman Calendar was first promulgated in 1969 by Pope Saint Paul VI, and has subsequently been amended over the years by the Holy See with new celebrations. The last major revision was in 2002, but since the publication of the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*, the following celebrations have been added to the General Roman Calendar or otherwise changed:

February 27 – Optional Memorial of Saint Gregory of Narek

May 10 – Optional Memorial of Saint John of Avila

May 29 – Optional Memorial of Saint Paul VI

Monday after Pentecost – Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

July 22 – Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene (Preface)

July 29 – Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

September 17 – Optional Memorial of Saint Hildegard of Bingen

October 5 – Optional Memorial of Saint Faustina Kowalska

October 11 – Optional Memorial of Saint John XXIII

October 22 – Optional Memorial of Saint John Paul II

December 10 – Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto

U.S. Proper Calendar and Recent Additions

The calendar for the universal Church is complemented in this country by the Proper Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States of America, most recently approved in 2010. Two Optional Memorials have been added to the U.S. Proper Calendar since the 2011 implementation of the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*:

January 23 – Optional Memorial of Saint Marianne Cope

October 5 – Optional Memorial of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

Days of Prayer and Special Observances

Although not exhaustive, the following list includes many common observances promoted by the Holy See and the USCCB. Dates given are those shared with the universal Church except as indicated, where the USCCB has approved alternate dates in the United States for a couple of the special observances.

January

January 1 — World Day of Peace

January 18–25 — Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 22 — Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children (USA)

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (between January 21–27) — Sunday of the Word of God

Last Week in January — Catholic Schools Week (USA)

February

Sunday following February 2 (USA) — World Day for Consecrated Life

February 7–14 — National Marriage Week USA

Second Sunday in February — World Marriage Day

February 8 — World Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking

February 11 — World Day of the Sick

April

entire month — Child Abuse Prevention Month

Fourth Sunday of Easter (variable date in April or May) — World Day of Prayer for Vocations

May

May 22 — National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners and People of the Sea (USA)

May 24 — World Day of Prayer for the Church in China

Seventh Sunday of Easter (variable date in May or June) — World Communications Day

June

Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus — World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests

June 22–29 — Religious Freedom Week (USA)

July

Week of July 25 — Natural Family Planning Awareness Week (USA)

Last Sunday in July — World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

September

September 1 — World Day of Prayer of the Care of Creation

September 9 — Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities (USA)

Third Sunday in September (USA) — Catechetical Sunday

Last Sunday in September — World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Last Week in September — National Migration Week (USA)

October

entire month — Domestic Violence Awareness Month

entire month — Respect Life Month

First Sunday in October — Respect Life Sunday

Penultimate Sunday in October — World Mission Sunday

Last Sunday in October — Priesthood Sunday

November

entire month — Black Catholic History Month

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time — World Day of the Poor

Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.— Global Celebration of Youth and Young Adults (World Youth Day)

History

Since the Second Vatican Council, the celebration of ember and rogation days continue to exist as ways for the Church "to entreat the Lord for the various needs of humanity" (*Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, no. 45), though the scheduling of such days was delegated to Conferences of Bishops. In the United States, that authority rests with each Diocesan Bishop (see *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* [GIRM], no. 373), as they are better able to discern what special intentions need to be prayed for in the respective dioceses and regions. Even as each diocese maintains its list of such special observances, the terminology of ember days and rogation days has shifted to that of "Days of Prayer." The Holy See has also recommended to the universal Church a number of such days, often termed "World Days of Prayer" and frequently promoted by Popes. The USCCB and its committees have offered additional special observances for the United States.

Liturgical Considerations

No liturgical texts or requirements are attached to these observances with the exception of the U.S. day of prayer each January 22. However, these important commemorations can certainly be noted in the homily and universal prayer at Mass, and through other community events. Optionally, some of the special observances can be emphasized by drawing from the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions in the *Roman Missal*, but those that fall on Sundays of Ordinary Time would require the permission of the Diocesan Bishop for an appropriate Mass (see GIRM, no. 374). On days where an observance coincides with an Optional Memorial or a weekday in Ordinary Time, a celebrant would be free to select a fitting Mass (see GIRM, no. 377), although consideration must be given to the fact that many Days of Prayer are scheduled on days when the daily liturgy is quite appropriate (i.e., World Day of the Sick on the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, World Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking on the feast of St. Josephine Bakhita, etc.).



World Communications Day

· MAY 16, 2021 ·

Mass Prayers & Readings

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
Missal · Proper of Time, Easter Time
Lectionary · no. 58

First Reading · Acts 1:1-11

Resp. Psalm · Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

Second Reading · Ephesians 1:17-23

or Ephesians 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13

Verse before Gospel · Matt 28:19a, 20b

Gospel · Mark 16:15-20

Universal Prayer

SAMPLE INTENTIONS

That Church leaders and all Christians may communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ with courage and conviction.

That those involved in the work of communications and media may serve truth and justice and so bring real benefits to all.

That in this community the desire to be faithful witness to the Gospel may be renewed so that people everywhere may hear and accept the divine message of salvation.

Spirituality

REFLECT on the John 1:46 · “Come and See”

· <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/john/1> ·

PRAY the Prayer of St Francis de Sales · Patron of Journalists, Writers, Editors, Catholic Press

· https://www.sistersofthedivinesavior.org/pray_archive/the-prayer-of-st-francis-de-sales/ ·

LEARN from Pope Francis · Message for the World Communications Day 2021

· http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications/documents/papa-francesco_20210123_messaggio-comunicazioni-sociali.html ·

CONTRIBUTE to Catholic communications in the US

· <https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-communication-campaign> ·





World Day of Prayer
for the Church in China
· MAY 24, 2021 ·

Mass Prayers & Readings

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of the Church

Missal · Votive Masses, 10B. OL Mother of the Church
Lectionary · no. 572A

First Reading · Genesis 3:9-15,20
or Acts 1:12-14

Resp. Psalm · Psalm 87:1-2, 3&5, 6-7

Verse before Gospel · “O happy Virgin...”

Gospel · John 19:25-34

Universal Prayer

SAMPLE INTENTIONS

That Church leaders will foster harmony
among all peoples.

That, through the intercession of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, the Church in China
will be sustained amid daily trials.

That the People of God in China will
persevere in their witness to the Good
News of Jesus Christ.

Spirituality

REFLECT on 1 Peter 1:6-7

· <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/1peter/1> ·

PRAY the Prayer to OL of Sheshan by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

· http://www.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/prayers/documents/hf_ben-xvi_20080515_prayer-sheshan.html ·

LEARN from Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI · Letter to the Church in the China (2007)

· http://www.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/letters/2007/documents/hf_ben-xvi_let_20070527_china.html ·

SUPPORT the Church's work of peacemaking in China

· <https://www.comunicazione.va/en/sostienici.html> ·



World Day of Prayer
for the Sanctification of Priests
· JUNE 11, 2021 ·

Mass Prayers & Readings

Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Missal · Proper of Time, Solemnities of the Lord
in Ordinary Time
Lectionary · no. 171

First Reading · Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9
Resp. Psalm · Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6
Second Reading · Ephesians 3:8-12,14-19
Verse before Gospel · Matt 11:29ab
or 1 John 4:10b
Gospel · John 19:31-37

Universal Prayer

SAMPLE INTENTIONS

For all priests, that God may renew deep within them the Spirit of holiness and unite them more fully to Christ, the High Priest.

That, with the help of the Holy Spirit, all priests will continue with courage and wisdom in their service to God's People.

That the members of the Body of Christ may continue to grow in unity through the ministry of the priesthood.

Spirituality

REFLECT on the Vine and the Branches · John 15:1-17
· <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/john/15> ·

PRAY St. Therese of Lisieux's Prayer for Priests
· <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/st-therese-of-lisieux-s-prayer-for-priests/> ·

LEARN more about Priests of the Diocese of Arlington
· <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/meet-our-priests/> ·

THANK the Priests in your local community



NATIONAL COLLECTION DATES 2020, 2021 & 2022

National collections are assigned a national date. However, many (arch)dioceses elect to change national collection dates to avoid conflict with local activities and needs. Please check with your local (arch)diocesan staff.

| Collection | National Date | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| Collection for the Church in Latin America | Fourth Sunday in January | January 26, 2020 | January 24, 2021 | January 23, 2022 |
| Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe | Ash Wednesday | February 26, 2020 | February 17, 2021 | March 2, 2022 |
| Black and Indian Missions | First Sunday in Lent | March 1, 2020 | February 21, 2021 | March 6, 2022 |
| The Catholic Relief Services Collection | Laetare Sunday, 4 th Sunday of Lent | March 22, 2020 | March 14, 2021 | March 27, 2022 |
| Holy Land | Good Friday | April 10, 2020 | April 2, 2021 | April 15, 2022 |
| Catholic Home Missions Appeal | Last Sunday in April | April 26, 2020 | April 25, 2021 | April 24, 2022 |
| Catholic Communication Campaign | Sunday between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost | May 24, 2020 | May 16, 2021 | May 29, 2022 |
| Peter's Pence Collection | Sunday nearest the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul (June 29) | June 28, 2020 | June 27, 2021 | June 26, 2022 |
| The Catholic University of America | First or Second Sunday in September | September 6/13, 2020 | September 5/12, 2021 | September 4/11, 2022 |
| World Mission Sunday | Next-to-last Sunday in October | October 18, 2020 | October 24, 2021 | October 23, 2022 |
| Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA | Every three years, Sunday before Veterans Day | (not taken in 2020) | (not taken in 2021) | November 6, 2022 |
| Catholic Campaign for Human Development | Sunday before Thanksgiving | November 22, 2020 | November 21, 2021 | November 20, 2022 |
| Retirement Fund for Religious | Second Sunday in December | December 13, 2020 | December 12, 2021 | December 11, 2022 |
| Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa | No national date; set by participating (arch)diocese | No national date; set by participating (arch)diocese | No national date; set by participating (arch)diocese | No national date; set by participating (arch)diocese |

Liturgical Year 2021

Reference Guide for the Diocese of Arlington

SUMMARY of LITURGICAL YEAR 2021

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|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| First Sunday of Advent | Sunday, November 29, 2020 |
| Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) | Friday, December 25, 2020 |
| Baptism of the Lord | Sunday, January 10, 2020 |
| Ash Wednesday | Wednesday, February 17, 2021 |
| Easter Sunday | Sunday, April 4, 2021 |
| Pentecost Sunday | Sunday, May 23, 2021 |
| Christ, King of the Universe | Sunday, November 21, 2021 |

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| Lectionary · Sundays & Solemnities | Year B |
| Lectionary · Weekdays | Cycle I |

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|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Hours · Vol. 1, Advent-Christmas | Nov 29, 2020 - Jan 10, 2021 |
| Hours · Vol. 3, Ordinary Time | Jan 11, 2021 - Feb 16, 2021 |
| Hours · Vol. 2, Lent-Easter | Feb 16, 2021 - May 23, 2021 |
| Hours · Vol. 3, Ordinary Time | May 24, 2021 - July 31, 2021 |
| Hours · Vol. 4, Ordinary Time | Aug 1, 2021 - Nov 27, 2021 |

ADVENT 2020

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|-----|-----|----|------|---|--|
| Sun | Nov | 29 | 2020 | First Sunday of Advent | <i>Year of Grace 2021 begins · Advent begins</i> |
| Sun | Dec | 6 | | Second Sunday of Advent | |
| Tue | Dec | 8 | | Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary | <i>holyday of obligation</i> |
| Wed | Dec | 9 | | Proper Feast of the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More [ARL]* | |
| Sun | Dec | 13 | | Third Sunday of Advent » Catholic Charities Christmas Collection | |
| Sun | Dec | 20 | | Fourth Sunday of Advent | |

CHRISTMAS TIME 2020-2021

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| Fri | Dec | 25 | | Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) | <i>holyday of obligation · Christmas Time begins</i> |
| Sun | Dec | 27 | | Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph | |
| Fri | Jan | 1 | 2021 | Octave Day of Christmas / Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God † World Day of Peace | <i>holyday of obligation</i> |
| Sun | Jan | 3 | | Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord | |
| Mon | Jan | 4 | | Proper Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Secondary Patroness of the Diocese of Arlington [ARL] | |
| Sun | Jan | 10 | | Feast of the Baptism of the Lord | |

ORDINARY TIME 2021

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|-----|-----|-------|--|---|-----------------------------|
| Mon | Jan | 11 | | Monday of the First Week in Ordinary Time | <i>Ordinary Time begins</i> |
| Sun | Jan | 17 | | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
| M-M | Jan | 18-25 | | † Week of Prayer for Christian Unity | |
| Fri | Jan | 22 | | † National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children [USA] | |
| Sun | Jan | 24 | | Third Sunday in Ordinary Time † Sunday of the Word of God » Collection for the Church in Latin America | |
| Sun | Jan | 31 | | Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
| Sun | Feb | 7 | | Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time † World Day for Consecrated Life (observed this day in [USA]) » Collection for Diocesan Newspaper [ARL] | |
| Mon | Feb | 8 | | † World Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking | |
| Thu | Feb | 11 | | † World Day of the Sick | |
| Sun | Feb | 14 | | Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | |

* The *Ordo* from Paulist Press indicates the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More as December 27th, with observance in the parishes of the Diocese of Arlington on December 29th. However, upon further investigation and as verified by the diocesan archives, the church building was dedicated December 9, 1961. Therefore, this Proper Feast is to be observed on December 9th.

LENT & HOLY WEEK 2021

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| Wed Feb 17 | Ash Wednesday » Collection for the Church in Eastern and Central Europe | <i>Lent begins</i> |
| Sat Feb 20 | Ordination to the Diaconate (Permanent Deacons) [ARL] | |
| Sun Feb 21 | First Sunday of Lent Rite of Election (I) [ARL] » Collection for Black and Indian Missions | |
| Sun Feb 28 | Second Sunday of Lent Rite of Election (II) [ARL] | |
| Sun Mar 7 | Third Sunday of Lent | |
| Sun Mar 14 | Fourth Sunday of Lent » Collection for Catholic Relief Services | |
| Fri Mar 19 | Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary | |
| Sun Mar 21 | Fifth Sunday of Lent | |
| Thu Mar 25 | Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord | |
| Sun Mar 28 | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord | <i>Holy Week begins</i> |

PASCHAL TRIDUUM & EASTER TIME 2021

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| Thu Apr 1 | Holy Thursday · Thursday of the Lord's Supper Chrim Mass [ARL] | <i>Paschal Triduum begins</i> |
| Fri Apr 2 | Good Friday · Friday of the Passion of the Lord » Collection for the Holy Land | |
| Sat Apr 3 | Holy Saturday · Easter Vigil in the Holy Night The Easter Vigil may begin no earlier than 8:30pm on Sat, Apr 3, 2021 [ARL] | |
| Sun Apr 4 | Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord | <i>Easter Time begins</i> |
| Sat Apr 10 | Ordination to the Diaconate (Transitional Deacons) [ARL] | |
| Sun Apr 11 | Octave Day of Easter / Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) | |
| Mon Apr 12 | Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination of Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde (1988) [ARL] | |
| Sun Apr 18 | Third Sunday of Easter | |
| Sun Apr 25 | Fourth Sunday of Easter † World Day of Prayer for Vocations » Catholic Home Missions Appeal | |
| Sun May 2 | Fifth Sunday of Easter | |
| Sun May 9 | Sixth Sunday of Easter » Collection for Special Parish Needs [ARL] | |
| Sun May 16 | Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord † World Communications Day » Catholic Communications Campaign | |
| Sun May 23 | Solemnity of Pentecost Confirmation for Adults [ARL] » Collection for Diocesan Retired Priests [ARL] | |

ORDINARY TIME 2021

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| Mon | May | 24 | Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church † World Day of Prayer for the Church in China | <i>Ordinary Time resumes</i> |
| Sun | May | 30 | Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity | |
| Sat | Jun | 5 | Ordination to the Priesthood [ARL] | |
| Sun | Jun | 6 | Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) | |
| Fri | Jun | 11 | Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus † World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests | |
| Sun | Jun | 13 | Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
| Sun | Jun | 20 | Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
| Tue | Jun | 22 | Proper Feast of Saint Thomas More, Principal Patron of the Diocese of Arlington [ARL] | |
| T-T | Jun | 22-29 | † Religious Freedom Week [USA] | |
| Thu | Jun | 24 | Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist | |
| Sun | Jun | 27 | Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time » Collection for Peter's Pence | |
| Tue | Jun | 29 | Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul | |
| Sun | Jul | 4 | Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
| Sun | Jul | 11 | Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time » Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa (observed this day in [ARL]) | |
| Sun | Jul | 18 | Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
| Sun | Jul | 25 | Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
| Sun | Aug | 1 | Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
| Sun | Aug | 8 | Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
| Sun | Aug | 15 | The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary | <i>holyday of obligation</i> |
| Sun | Aug | 22 | Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
| Sun | Aug | 29 | Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
| Wed | Sep | 1 | † World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation | |
| Sun | Sep | 5 | Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination of Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge (2002) [ARL] » Collection for The Catholic University of America | |
| Sun | Sep | 12 | Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time » Collection for Religious Education [ARL] | |
| Sun | Sep | 19 | Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time † Catechetical Sunday (observed this day in [USA]) | |
| Sun | Sep | 26 | Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time † World Day of Migrants and Refugees | |
| Sun | Oct | 3 | Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | |

ORDINARY TIME 2021 (cont.)

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|-----|-----|----|--|--|
| Sun | Oct | 10 | Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
| Sun | Oct | 17 | Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
| Sun | Oct | 24 | Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time † World Mission Sunday † National Youth Sunday (observed this day in [USA]) » Collection for World Mission Sunday | |
| Sun | Oct | 31 | Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
| Mon | Nov | 1 | Solemnity of All Saints | <i>not a holyday of obligation in 2021</i> |
| Tue | Nov | 2 | Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) | |
| Sun | Nov | 7 | Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
| Sun | Nov | 14 | Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time † World Day of the Poor » Retirement Fund for Religious | |
| Sun | Nov | 21 | Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe / Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time » Catholic Campaign for Human Development | <i>Year of Grace 2021 ends</i> |

CLARIFICATIONS *on* LITURGICAL YEAR 2021

December 12-13, 2020 · The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is celebrated in Masses before 4:00pm on Saturday, December 12, 2020. The Third Sunday of Advent is celebrated in Masses after 4:00pm on this Saturday and in all Masses on Sunday, December 13, 2020. On Saturday, Evening Prayer I of the Third Sunday of Advent is celebrated.

December 27, 2020 · The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph is inscribed on the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas (or December 30th if there is no Sunday within the Octave). This Feast of the Lord takes precedence over the Feast of St John, Apostle and Evangelist. Therefore, the Feast of St John is not observed.

January 2-3, 2021 · In the Dioceses of the United States of America, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord is transferred to the Sunday between January 2nd and January 8th. Therefore, the proper Vigil Mass of Epiphany is celebrated for Masses after 4:00pm on Saturday, January 2, 2021, either before or after Evening Prayer I of Epiphany. The Mass during the Day of Epiphany is celebrated for all Masses on Sunday, January 3, 2021.

March 19, 2021 · The Solemnity of St Joseph falls on a Friday during Lent. On Friday, March, 19, 2021, there is no obligation to abstain from meat.

April 25, 2021 · The Fourth Sunday of Easter takes precedence over the Feast of St Mark (April 25th). Therefore, the Feast of St Mark is not observed.

May 15-16, 2021 · In the Diocese of Arlington, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is transferred to Sunday. Therefore, the proper Vigil Mass of Ascension is celebrated for Masses after 4:00pm on Saturday, May 15, 2021, either before or after Evening Prayer I of Ascension. The Mass during the Day of Ascension is celebrated for all Masses on Sunday, May 16, 2021.

May 31, 2021 · The Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary coincides with the civil holiday of Memorial Day. Bishop Burbidge directs that the prayers and readings of the liturgical feast be used. Memorial Day may fittingly be highlighted through the homily, intentions of the Prayer of the Faithful, and selection of music.

June 23-24, 2021 · For the Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist, the proper Vigil Mass is used for any Masses celebrated after 4:00pm on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, either before or after Evening Prayer I of the Nativity of St John. The proper Mass during the Day is used for all Masses on Thursday, June 24, 2021.

June 28-29, 2021 · For the Solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul, the proper Vigil Mass is used for any Masses celebrated after 4:00pm on Monday, June 28, 2021, either before or after Evening Prayer I of Sts Peter and Paul. The proper Mass during the Day is used for all Masses on Tuesday, June 29, 2021.

July 3-4, 2021 · The Feast of St Thomas is celebrated in Masses before 4:00pm on Saturday, July 3, 2021. The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time is celebrated in Masses after 4:00pm on this Saturday and in all Masses on Sunday, July 4, 2021. On Saturday, Evening Prayer I of the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time is celebrated.

July 4, 2021 · The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time coincides with the civil holiday of Independence Day. The prayers and readings of the Sunday in Ordinary Time must be used. Independence Day may fittingly be highlighted through the homily, intentions of the Prayer of the Faithful, and selection of music.

July 25, 2021 · The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time takes precedence over the Feast of St James (July 25th). Therefore, the Feast of St James is not observed.

August 15, 2021 · The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on a Sunday and takes precedence over the Sunday in Ordinary Time. Therefore, the proper Vigil Mass of Assumption is celebrated for Masses after 4:00pm on Saturday, August 14, 2021, either before or after Evening Prayer I of Assumption. The proper Mass during the Day is celebrated for all Masses on Sunday, August 15, 2021.

November 1, 2021 · The Solemnity of All Saints falls on a Monday. Therefore, it is not a holyday of obligation.

RECENT ADDITIONS & CHANGES *to the*
UNIVERSAL CALENDAR & U.S. PROPER CALENDAR

| | | |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto | December 10 | <i>Tue, Dec 10, 2020</i> |
| Optional Memorial of Saint Marianne Cope [USA] | January 23 | <i>Thu, Jan 23, 2021</i> |
| Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church | Monday after Pentecost | <i>Mon, May 24, 2021</i> |
| Optional Memorial of Saint Paul VI | May 29 | <i>Fri, May 29, 2021</i> |
| Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene | July 22 | <i>Wed, Jul 22, 2021</i> |
| Optional Memorial of Saint Faustina Kowalska | October 5 | <i>Mon, Oct 5, 2021</i> |
| Optional Memorial of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos [USA] | October 5 | <i>Mon, Oct 5, 2021</i> |
| Optional Memorial of Saint John XXIII | October 11 | <i>not observed 2021</i> |
| Optional Memorial of Saint John Paul II | October 22 | <i>Thu, Oct 22, 2021</i> |

UNIVERSAL & U.S. DAYS of PRAYER

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|---|---|--------------------------|
| World Day of Peace | January 1 | <i>Fri, Jan 1, 2021</i> |
| Week of Prayer for Christian Unity | January 18-25 | <i>Jan 18-25, 2021</i> |
| National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children [USA] ** | January 22 (or January 23 if January 22 is a Sunday) | <i>Fri, Jan 22, 2021</i> |
| Sunday of the Word of God | Third Sunday in Ordinary Time | <i>Sun, Jan 24, 2021</i> |
| World Day for Consecrated Life | Sunday following February 2 [USA] | <i>Sun, Feb 7, 2021</i> |
| World Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking | February 8 | <i>Mon, Feb 8, 2021</i> |
| World Day of the Sick | February 11 | <i>Thu, Feb 11, 2021</i> |
| World Day of Prayer for Vocations | Fourth Sunday of Easter | <i>Sun, Apr 25, 2021</i> |
| World Communications Day | Seventh Sunday of Easter | <i>Sun, May 16, 2021</i> |
| World Day of Prayer for the Church in China | May 24 | <i>Mon, May 24, 2021</i> |
| World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests | Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus | <i>Fri, Jun 11, 2021</i> |
| Religious Freedom Week [USA] | June 22-29 | <i>Jun 22-29, 2021</i> |
| World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation | September 1 | <i>Wed, Sep 1, 2021</i> |
| Catechetical Sunday | Third Sunday of September [USA] | <i>Sun, Sep 19, 2021</i> |
| World Day of Migrants and Refugees | Last Sunday of September | <i>Sun, Sep 26, 2021</i> |
| World Mission Sunday | Penultimate Sunday of October | <i>Sun, Oct 24, 2021</i> |
| National Youth Sunday | Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time [USA] | <i>Sun, Oct 24, 2021</i> |
| World Day of the Poor | Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time | <i>Sun, Nov 14, 2021</i> |

NATIONAL AND DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS

Remittances should be submitted within 30 days after the collection date. All checks should be made payable to the Diocese of Arlington except for World Mission Sunday and Mission Cooperative (see note 2). The name of the collection(s) and amount(s) remitted should be clearly indicated on the check or accompanying documents.

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| Catholic Charities Christmas Collection | Second Sunday in December | Sun, Dec 13, 2020 |
| Collection for the Church in Latin America | Fourth Sunday in January | Sun, Jan 24, 2021 |
| Diocesan Newspaper ¹ [ARL] | First Sunday in February | Wed, Feb 7, 2021 |
| Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe ² | Ash Wednesday | Wed, Feb 17, 2021 |
| Collection for Black and Indian Missions | First Sunday of Lent | Sun, Feb 21, 2021 |
| Collection for Catholic Relief Services | Fourth Sunday of Lent | Sun, Mar 14, 2021 |
| Collection for the Holy Land | Good Friday | Fri, Apr 2, 2021 |
| Catholic Home Missions Appeal | Last Sunday in April | Sun, Apr 25, 2021 |
| Collection for Special Parish Needs ³ [ARL] | Mother's Day (Second Sunday of May) | Sun, May 9, 2021 |
| Catholic Communications Campaign | Sunday between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost | Sun, May 16, 2021 |
| Collection for Diocesan Retired Priests [ARL] | Fourth Sunday of May* | Sun, May 23, 2021 |
| Collection for Peter's Pence | Sunday nearest Feast of Sts Peter and Paul (June 29) | Sun, Jun 27, 2021 |
| Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa ⁴ | Second Sunday of July [ARL] | Sun, Jul 11, 2021 |
| Collection for The Catholic University of America | First or Second Sunday in September | Sun, Sep 5, 2021 |
| Collection for Religious Education ⁵ [ARL] | Second Sunday in September | Sun, Sep 12, 2021 |
| Collection for World Mission Sunday ⁶ | Penultimate Sunday in October | Sun, Oct 24, 2021 |
| Collection for the Archdioceses for the Military Services, USA | Sunday before Veteran's Day, every 3 years | (not taken in 2021) |
| Retirement Fund for Religious | Second Sunday in November* | Sun, Nov 14, 2021 |
| Catholic Campaign for Human Development | Sunday before Thanksgiving | Sun, Nov 21, 2021 |

¹ Collection is retained by parish and recorded in appropriate income accounts.

² This collection will be conducted in the same manner as in previous years. Since participation is of free will, there is no need for your ushers to take up a special collection if you choose not to do so. However, it is suggested that you provide baskets at the doors to receive donations from your parishioners.

³ Collection is retained by parish and recorded in appropriate income accounts. Each pastor is to make the determination for the necessity of this collection according to his parish's needs. The purpose of this collection is to allow each pastor to receive a collection for whatever purpose he deems necessary to his parish's welfare; e.g., repairs, replacements, fuel, etc.

⁴ This collection will be conducted in the same manner as in previous years. Since participation is of free will, there is no need for your ushers to take up a special collection if you choose not to do so. However, it is suggested that you provide baskets at the doors to receive donations from your parishioners.

⁵ Collection is retained by parish and recorded in appropriate income accounts.

⁶ This collection should be remitted to the Catholic Diocese of Arlington Mission Office. Please make check payable to the Catholic Diocese of Arlington Mission Office. In addition, the parish's Missionary Cooperative Collection also should be remitted to the Catholic Diocese of Arlington Mission Office.

* Date change in 2021 to avoid a conflict.

CELEBRATIONS & OBSERVANCES *of the* DIOCESE *of* ARLINGTON

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| Feast of the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More | December 9 * | Wed, Dec 9, 2020 |
| Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Secondary Patroness of the Diocese of Arlington | January 4 | Mon, Jan 4, 2021 |
| Ordination to the Diaconate [Permanent] | | Sat, Feb 20, 2021 |
| Rite of Election and of the Call to Continuing Conversion (I) | First Sunday of Lent | Sun, Feb 21, 2021 |
| Rite of Election and of the Call to Continuing Conversion (II) | Second Sunday of Lent | Sun, Feb 28, 2021 |
| Chrism Mass | Thursday of Holy Week · Holy Thursday | Thu, Apr 1, 2021 |
| Ordination to the Diaconate [Transitional] | | Sat, Apr 10, 2021 |
| Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination of Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde (1988) | April 12, 1988 | Mon, Apr 12, 2021 |
| Confirmation for Adults | Pentecost Sunday | Sun, May 23, 2021 |
| Ordination to the Priesthood | | Sat, Jun 5, 2021 |
| Feast of Saint Thomas More, Principal Patron of the Diocese of Arlington | June 22 | Tue, Jun 22, 2021 |
| Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination of Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge (2002) | September 5, 2002 | Sun, Sep 5, 2021 |

* The *Ordo* from Paulist Press indicates the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More as December 27th, with observance in the parishes of the Diocese of Arlington on December 29th. However, upon further investigation and as verified by the diocesan archives, the church building was dedicated December 9, 1961. Therefore, this Proper Feast is to be observed on December 9th.

RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION of ADULTS

| UNBAPTIZED | BAPTIZED IN ANOTHER CHURCH OR ECCLESIAL COMMUNITY | UNCATECHIZED ADULT CATHOLICS |
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| Evangelization and Precatechumenate · RCIA 36-40 | see RCIA 400-410 | see RCIA 400-410 |
| I. Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens · RCIA 48-74 | I. Welcoming · RCIA 411-433 | I. Welcoming · RCIA 411-433 |
| Catechumenate · RCIA 75-117 † Celebrations of the Word of God † Minor Exorcisms † Blessings of the Catechumens † Anointings of the Catechumens † [Presentations] † [Sending Catechumens for Election] | Catechesis † [Celebrations of the Word of God (with Catechumens as appropriate)] † [Sending the Candidates for Recognition by the Bishop and for the Call to Continuing Conversion] · RCIA 438-445 | Catechesis † [Celebrations of the Word of God (with Catechumens as appropriate)] † [Sending the Candidates for Recognition by the Bishop and for the Call to Continuing Conversion] · RCIA 438-445 |
| II. Election or Enrollment of Names · RCIA 118-137 | II. Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion · RCIA 446-458 | II. Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion · RCIA 446-458 |
| Rite of Election 2021 (I) · February 21, 2021, 3:00pm, Cathedral of Saint Thomas More (Arlington, VA) Rite of Election 2021 (II) · February 28, 2021, 2:30pm, Saint Theresa (Ashburn, VA) | | |
| Purification and Enlightenment · RCIA 138-205 † Scrutinies · RCIA 150-156, 164-177 † Presentations · RCIA 157-163, 178-184 † Preparation Rites · RCIA 185-205 | Continuing Conversion † Penitential Rite · RCIA 459-472 † Sacrament of Reconciliation (see National Statutes 36) | Continuing Conversion † Penitential Rite · RCIA 459-472 † Sacrament of Reconciliation (see National Statutes 36) |
| III. Sacraments of Initiation · RCIA 206-243 | III. Reception into Full Communion · RCIA 473-501 | III. Reception into Full Communion · RCIA 473-501 |
| <i>The Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation are fittingly celebrated at the Easter Vigil, and the Rite of Reception of Full Communion has come to be associated with the Easter Vigil, as well. Even so, the tradition of the Church witnesses to other days for Initiation, especially the Pentecost Vigil, as well as the Sundays of Easter Time. Present norms permit Initiation at times other than the Easter Vigil.</i> | | |
| Mystagogy · RCIA 244-251 | Mystagogy · adapt. RCIA 244-251 | Mystagogy · adapt. RCIA 244-251 |

SACRAMENT of MATRIMONY

Matrimony within Mass may be celebrated on any day of the liturgical year *except* on Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Although permitted, Matrimony should generally be avoided during Holy Week. For weddings during Lent, the couple should be catechized about the season’s penitential character. On certain days, the prayers and readings must be taken from the liturgical day rather than the Ritual Mass for the Celebration of Marriage (namely, days in nos. 1-4 of the Table of Liturgical Days, outlined below in chronological order beginning with Advent).

Mass for Marriage Prayers and Readings* not permitted | Mass “of the day” is celebrated

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| † Nov 29, Dec 6, 13, 20, 2020 · Sundays of Advent | † Apr 2-4, 2021 · Triduum † Apr 4-11, 2021 · Easter Octave † Apr 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2021 · Sundays of Easter † May 16, 2021 · Ascension † May 23, 2021 · Pentecost † May 30, 2021 · Holy Trinity † Jun 6, 2021 · Corpus Christi † Jun 11, 2021 · Sacred Heart of Jesus † Jun 24 · Nativity of John the Baptist † Jun 29 · Sts Peter and Paul | † Aug 15 · Assumption † Nov 1 · All Saints † Nov 2 · All Souls † Nov 21, 2021 · Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (34 th Sunday in Ordinary Time) † Proper Solemnities (Solemnity of the Anniversary of the Dedication of One’s Own Church; Solemnity of the Title of One’s Own Church) |
| † Dec 8 · Immaculate Conception † Dec 25 · Christmas † Jan 1 · Mary Mother of God † Jan 3, 2021 · Epiphany † Feb 17, 2021 · Ash Wed † Feb 21, 28, Mar 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021 · Sundays of Lent † Mar 19 · St Joseph † Mar 25 · Annunciation † Mar 29-Apr 3, 2021 · Weekdays of Holy Week | | |

When Matrimony is celebrated within Mass on the days listed above, the elements proper to Matrimony (entrance, consent, rings, nuptial blessing, etc.) take place as indicated in *The Order of Celebrating Matrimony*. However, the prayers of Mass—Collect, Prayer over the Offerings, Preface, and Prayer after Communion—are taken from the liturgical day rather than the Ritual Mass for the Celebration of Marriage. The Solemn Blessing may be taken from the Ritual Mass for Matrimony or from the liturgical day. *The readings from Sacred Scripture are taken from the liturgical day, yet one reading may be replaced with a selection from the set of readings provided for Matrimony. On these days, the Gloria is said within Mass according to the rubrics of the liturgical day. Likewise, the Creed is said within Mass according to the rubrics of the liturgical day.

Matrimony outside Mass may be celebrated any day *except* Good Friday and Holy Saturday, also avoiding Holy Week insofar as possible. The liturgical day has no impact on the prayers and readings, which are always taken from *The Order of Celebrating Matrimony*.

Notable Fridays & Saturdays and Other Important Dates in 2021

- † Friday, January 1, 2021 · Mary, Holy Mother of God | *Matrimony may be celebrated on this day, but when it takes place within Mass, the prayers and readings must be from the liturgical day (except one reading from Matrimony).*
- † Friday, March 19, 2021 · St Joseph | *Matrimony may be celebrated on this day, but when it takes place within Mass, the prayers and readings must be from the liturgical day (except one reading from Matrimony).*
- † Sunday, March 28 - Thursday, April 1, 2021 · Palm Sunday and Weekdays of Holy Week | *Matrimony should generally be avoided on these days.*
- † Friday, April 2, 2021 · Good Friday | *Matrimony may not be celebrated within Mass or outside Mass.*
- † Saturday, April 3, 2021 · Holy Saturday | *Matrimony may not be celebrated within Mass or outside Mass.*
- † Friday, April 9, 2021 · Friday within the Octave of Easter | *Matrimony may be celebrated on this day, but when it takes place within Mass, the prayers and readings must be from the liturgical day (except one reading from Matrimony).*
- † Saturday, April 10, 2021 · Saturday within the Octave of Easter | *Matrimony may be celebrated on this day, but when it takes place within Mass, the prayers and readings must be from the liturgical day (except one reading from Matrimony).*

FUNERALS & MASSES *for the DEAD*

Funeral Masses hold first place among Masses for the Dead. Whenever a funeral is celebrated, the readings and prayers of the Funeral Mass must be used. A Funeral Mass is permitted on any day except those listed below (in chronological order beginning with Advent).

Funeral Mass is not permitted

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| † Nov 29, Dec 6, 13, 20, 2020 · Sundays of Advent † Dec 8 · Immaculate Conception † Dec 25 · Christmas † Jan 1 · Mary Mother of God | † Feb 21, 28, Mar 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021 · Sundays of Lent † Apr 2, 2021 · Thursday of Holy Week (during the day) † Apr 2-4, 2021 · Triduum | † Apr 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2021 · Sundays of Easter † May 16, 2021 · Ascension † May 23, 2021 · Pentecost † Aug 15 · Assumption |
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In 2021, a Funeral Mass is permitted on November 1st, the Solemnity of All Saints, because it is not a holyday of obligation this year. If it is necessary to celebrate a funeral on the days listed above, then the Funeral Liturgy outside Mass is to be used.

Masses for the Dead on receiving the news of a death, for the final burial, or on the first anniversary may be celebrated on any day except those listed below (in chronological order beginning with Advent).

“Mass for the Dead” Prayers and Readings not permitted | Mass “of the day” is celebrated

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| † Nov 29, 2020 · Sundays of Advent † Nov 30 · St Andrew † Dec 6, 13, 20, 2020 · Sundays of Advent † Dec 8 · Immaculate Conception † Dec 9 · Anniversary of Dedication of Cathedral of St Thomas More [ARL] † Dec 12 · OL Guadalupe † Dec 25 · Christmas † Dec 26 · St Stephen † Dec (27,) Jan 3, Jan 10, 2021 · Sundays of Christmas Time † Dec 27, 2021 · Holy Family † (Dec 27 · St John not observed 2021) † Dec 28 · Holy Innocents † Jan 1 · Mary Mother of God † Jan 3, 2021 · Epiphany † Jan 10, 2021 · Baptism of the Lord † Jan 17, 24, 31, 2021 · Sundays in Ordinary Time † Jan 25 · Conversion of St Paul † Feb 2 · Presentation of the Lord † Feb 7, 14, 2021 · Sundays in Ordinary Time † Feb 17, 2021 · Ash Wed † Feb 21, 28, Mar 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021 · Sundays of Lent † Feb 22 · Chair of St Peter | † Mar 19 · St Joseph † Mar 25 · Annunciation † Mar 29-Apr 3, 2021 · Weekdays of Holy Week † Apr 2-4, 2021 · Triduum † Apr 4-11, 2021 · Easter Octave † Apr 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, (16,) (23,) (30,) 2021 · Sundays of Easter † (Apr 25 · St Mark not observed 2021) † May 3 · Sts Philip and James † May 14 · St Matthias † May 16, 2021 · Ascension † May 23, 2021 · Pentecost † May 30, 2021 · Holy Trinity † May 31 · Visitation of the BVM † Jun (6,) 13, 20, 27, 2021 · Sundays in Ordinary Time † Jun 6, 2021 · Corpus Christi † Jun 11, 2021 · Sacred Heart of Jesus † Jun 22 · St Thomas More [ARL] † Jun 24 · Nativity of John the Baptist † Jun 29 · Sts Peter and Paul † Jul 3 · St Thomas † Jul 4, 11, 18, 25, 2021 · Sundays in Ordinary Time † (Jul 25 · St James not observed 2021) | † Aug 1, 8, (15,) 22, 29, 2021 · Sundays in Ordinary Time † Aug 6 · Transfiguration † Aug 10 · St Lawrence † Aug 15 · Assumption † Aug 24 · St Bartholomew † Sep 5, 12, 19, 26, 2021 · Sundays in Ordinary Time † Sep 8 · Nativity of the BVM † Sep 14 · Exaltation of the Cross † Sep 21 · St Matthew † Sep 29 · Sts Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael † Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 2021 · Sundays in Ordinary Time † Oct 18 · St Luke † Oct 28 · Sts Simon and Jude † Nov 1 · All Saints † Nov 2 · All Souls † Nov 7, 14, (21), 2021 · Sundays in Ordinary Time † Nov 9 · Dedication of the Lateran Basilica † Nov 21, 2021 · Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (34 th Sunday in Ordinary Time) † Proper Solemnities (Solemnity of the Anniversary of the Dedication of One’s Own Church; Solemnity of the Title of One’s Own Church) |
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“**Other Masses for the Dead** or ‘daily’ Masses, may be celebrated on weekdays in Ordinary Time on which Optional Memorials occur or when the Office is of the weekday, provided such Masses are actually applied for the dead” (GIRM 381).

PROPER SOLEMNITIES, FEASTS, & MEMORIALS

Background & Celebration

Proper Memorials are days that are observed as memorials in a specific place, such as a nation, a local diocese, or a parish. For the area in which a proper memorial is observed, the day is celebrated as an obligatory memorial, even if the day has a lesser rank (e.g. optional memorial) on the General Roman Calendar.

Proper Feasts are days that are observed as feasts in a specific place, even if the day has a lesser rank (e.g. memorial) in the General Roman Calendar. For Mass:

- † The Gloria is sung, even on weekdays in Advent and Lent.
- † The Liturgy of the Word includes a Reading from the Old Testament or New Testament, a Responsorial Psalm, an Alleluia (or Gospel Acclamation during Lent), and a Gospel. The readings are drawn from the readings of the saint's day.

Proper Solemnities are days that are observed as solemnities in a specific place, even if the day has a lesser rank (e.g. feast or memorial) in the General Roman Calendar. For Mass:

- † The Gloria is sung or said, even on weekdays in Advent and Lent.
- † The Liturgy of the Word includes an Old Testament Reading (or a reading from Acts of the Apostles or Revelation during Easter Time), a Responsorial Psalm, a New Testament Reading, an Alleluia (or Gospel Acclamation during Lent), and a Gospel. The readings are drawn from the readings of the saint's day. If only one reading prior to the Gospel is provided for the saint's day, then one is chosen from the appropriate Commons, keeping intact the structure of Old Testament (or Acts/Rv during Easter Time), then New Testament, and finally Gospel.
- † The Creed is sung or said.
- † The Prayers are taken from the saint's day and, where necessary, the corresponding Commons.

For Liturgy of the Hours on Proper Solemnities, Evening Prayer I may be celebrated the evening prior, with texts taken from the appropriate Commons.

Proper Solemnities, which are the most common type of "proper celebration" at the level of the Parish, may be observed in any liturgical season, except on the following days: Sundays of Advent, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (December 8), Nativity of the Lord (Christmas), Mary Holy Mother of God (January 1), Epiphany, Ash Wednesday, Sundays of Lent, Saint Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (March 19), Annunciation of the Lord (March 25), Weekdays of Holy Week from Monday up to and including Thursday, Paschal Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord, Days within the Octave of Easter, Sundays of Easter, Ascension, Pentecost, Most Holy Trinity, Corpus Christi, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Nativity of John the Baptist (June 24), Saints Peter and Paul (June 29), Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15), All Saints (November 1), Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (November 2), Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (34th Sunday in Ordinary Time).

The Anniversary of Dedication is a proper solemnity for a Parish. It is observed on the date on which the Parish's church building was solemnly dedicated. Prayers are taken from the "Common of the Dedication of a Church, I. In the Church that was Dedicated." Readings are taken from the same Common (Lectionary, nos. 701-706 [vol. 4]). It is to be noted that the date of dedication is usually distinct from the date of the parish's founding. The Office of Divine Worship, in collaboration with the Diocesan Archives, is currently compiling all known dates of dedication for parish church buildings in the Diocese of Arlington. If your parish does not have a date of dedication listed below and you have a record of the date, please contact the Office of Divine Worship.

A "Titular Solemnity" is a proper solemnity for a Parish related to the "title" of the Parish's dedicated church building. This proper solemnity is observed on the liturgical day that most closely corresponds with the "title." For churches named after the Blessed Virgin Mary, the most appropriate liturgical day is chosen: for example, August 22nd, the Queenship of Mary, for Queen of Apostles (Alexandria, VA). If no clear day is indicated, then a suitable day may be designated by the diocesan bishop. While the "title" of a church building is a technical designation that is not required by law to correspond to the Parish's patron saint, in the Diocese of Arlington every Parish church's title is identical to its principal patron saint. Therefore, the "Titular Solemnity" coincides with the patronal feastday. In Parishes in which the title corresponds to a day already observed as a solemnity (for example, St Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Fredericksburg, VA), no additional liturgical observances are added to the solemnity. However, prayer for the parish community may fittingly be highlighted through the homily, intentions of the Prayer of the Faithful, and selection of music.

Proper Feast of the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More · December 9

Within the Diocese of Arlington, December 9th is observed as a feast (except in the Cathedral itself, which observes this day as a solemnity).

- † The Gloria is sung.
- † Prayers are from the “Common of the Dedication of a Church, II. Outside the Church that was Dedicated” (except in the Cathedral itself, in which case prayers are taken from the “Common of the Dedication of a Church, I. In the Church that was Dedicated”).
- † The readings are from the “Common of the Dedication of a Church, Anniversary of Dedication” (Lectionary, nos. 701-706 [vol. 4]). The following are recommended: Reading, 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30 or Ephesians 1:29-22; Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 84:3, 4, 5 and 1, 11 (R/. “How lovely...” or “Here God lives...”); Alleluia Verse, Ezekiel 37:27; Gospel, John 4:19-24.

Proper Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Secondary Patroness of the Diocese · January 4

January 4th is already observed as an obligatory Memorial in the Dioceses of the United States of America.

Proper Feast of Saint Thomas More, Principal Patron of the Diocese · June 22

Within the Diocese of Arlington, June 22nd is observed as a feast.

- † The Gloria is sung.
- † It is permissible to adapt the collect in the following manner:
O God, who in martyrdom
have brought true faith to its highest expression,
graciously grant
that, strengthened through the intercession
of Saint Thomas More,
we may confirm by the witness of our life
the faith we profess with our lips.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
- † The readings are from St Thomas More (Lectionary, no. 585): Reading, 1 Peter 4:12-19; Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 (R/. 126:5); Alleluia Verse, Matthew 5:10; Gospel, Matthew 10:34-39.

Proper Solemnities in Parishes

All Saints (Manassas)

- † November 1 · All Saints

Basilica of Saint Mary (Alexandria)

- † September 8 · Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Blessed Sacrament (Alexandria)

- † June 6, 2021 · The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ on the Sunday after the Most Holy Trinity

Cathedral of Saint Thomas More (Arlington)

- † December 9, 1961 · Dedication
- † June 22 · St Thomas More

Christ the Redeemer (Sterling)

Church of the Nativity (Burke)

- † December 25 · Nativity of the Lord

Corpus Christi (South Riding)

- † June, 6, 2021 · The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ on the Sunday after the Most Holy Trinity

Good Shepherd (Alexandria)

Holy Family (Dale City)

- † December 27, 2020 · Sunday with the Octave of the Nativity or, if there is no Sunday, December 30

Holy Martyrs of Vietnam (Arlington)

† November 24 · St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

Holy Spirit (Annandale)

† May 23, 2021 · Pentecost Sunday

Holy Trinity (Gainesville)

† May 30, 2021 · The Most Holy Trinity on the First Sunday after Pentecost

Our Lady of Angels (Woodbridge)

Our Lady of Good Counsel (Vienna)

Our Lady of Hope (Potomac Falls)

Our Lady of Lourdes (Arlington)

† February 11 · Our Lady of Lourdes

Our Lady of the Blue Ridge (Madison)

Our Lady of the Valley (Luray)

Our Lady, Queen of Peace (Arlington)

† August 22 · Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In 2021, August 22nd falls on the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time. However, the Titular Solemnity outranks the Sunday in Ordinary Time and so, in this year, the Titular Solemnity with prayers and readings from the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary may be celebrated in this parish.

Precious Blood (Culpeper)

† June 6, 2021 · The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ on the Sunday after the Most Holy Trinity

Queen of Apostles (Alexandria)

† August 22 · Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In 2021, August 22nd falls on the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time. However, the Titular Solemnity outranks the Sunday in Ordinary Time and so, in this year, the Titular Solemnity with prayers and readings from the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary may be celebrated in this parish.

Sacred Heart (Manassas)

† June 11, 2021 · The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on the Friday after the Second Sunday after Pentecost

Sacred Heart of Jesus (Winchester)

† June 11, 2021 · The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on the Friday after the Second Sunday after Pentecost

Saint Agnes (Arlington)

† January 21 · St Agnes

Saint Ambrose (Annandale)

† December 7 · St Ambrose

On December 7th, Masses before 4:00pm are for the Titular Solemnity. Masses after 4:00pm on this day are for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, which takes precedence both because it is a higher rank than the Titular Solemnity and because it is a day of precept. On the evening of December 7th, Evening Prayer I of the Immaculate Conception is celebrated because Immaculate Conception is of higher rank than the Titular Solemnity.

Saint Andrew the Apostle (Clifton)

† November 30 · St Andrew the Apostle

In 2020, November 30th is the Monday following the First Sunday of Advent. Mass before 11:59pm on Sunday is for the Sunday of Advent, which takes precedence both because it is a higher rank than the Titular Solemnity and because it is a day of precept. On Sunday evening, Evening Prayer II of the Sunday of Advent is celebrated because it is of higher rank than the Titular Solemnity.

Saint Ann (Arlington)

† July 26 · Sts Joachim and Anne

In 2021, July 26th is the Monday following the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Mass before 11:59pm on Sunday is for the Sunday in Ordinary Time, which takes precedence because it is a day of precept. On Sunday evening, Evening Prayer I of the Titular Solemnity is celebrated because the Titular Solemnity is of higher rank than the Sunday in Ordinary Time, yet for pastoral reason it is permissible to celebrate Evening Prayer II of the Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Saint Anthony of Padua (Falls Church)

† June 13 · St Anthony of Padua

In 2021, June 13th falls on the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. However, the Titular Solemnity outranks the Sunday in Ordinary Time and so, in this year, the Titular Solemnity with prayers and readings of Saint Anthony of Padua may be celebrated in this parish.

Saint Bernadette (Springfield)

† April 16 · St Bernadette Soubirous

Saint Bridget of Ireland (Berryville)

† February 1 · St Bridget of Ireland

In 2021, February 1st is the Monday following the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Mass before 11:59pm on Sunday is for the Sunday in Ordinary Time, which takes precedence because it is a day of precept. On Sunday evening, Evening Prayer I of the Titular Solemnity is celebrated because the Titular Solemnity is of higher rank than the Sunday in Ordinary Time, yet for pastoral reason it is permissible to celebrate Evening Prayer II of the Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Saint Catherine of Siena (Great Falls)

† April 29 · St Catherine of Siena

Saint Charles Borromeo (Arlington)

† November 4 · St Charles Borromeo

Saint Clare of Assisi (Clifton)

† August 11 · St Clare

August 11th follows the Feast of St Lawrence (August 10th). Nevertheless, Mass after 4:00pm on August 10th may be for the Titular Solemnity and Evening Prayer I of the Titular Solemnity is celebrated because the Titular Solemnity is of higher rank than Feasts of Saints.

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary (Colonial Beach)

† November 17 · St Elizabeth of Hungary

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton (Lake Ridge)

† January 4 · St Elizabeth Ann Seton

In 2021, January 4th is the Monday following Epiphany. Mass before 11:59pm on Sunday is for Epiphany, which takes precedence both because it is a higher rank than the Titular Solemnity and because it is a day of precept. On Sunday evening, Evening Prayer II of Epiphany is celebrated because it is of higher rank than the Titular Solemnity.

Saint Francis de Sales (Kilmarnock)

† January 24 · St Francis de Sales

In 2021, January 24th falls on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. However, the Titular Solemnity outranks the Sunday in Ordinary Time and so, in this year, the Titular Solemnity with prayers and readings of Saint Francis de Sales may be celebrated in this parish. It is also to be noted that this Sunday is also the Sunday of the Word of God, as observed by the universal Church.

Saint Francis de Sales (Purcellville)

† January 24 · St Francis de Sales

In 2021, January 24th falls on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. However, the Titular Solemnity outranks the Sunday in Ordinary Time and so, in this year, the Titular Solemnity with prayers and readings of Saint Francis de Sales may be celebrated in this parish. It is also to be noted that this Sunday is also the Sunday of the Word of God, as observed by the universal Church.

Saint Francis of Assisi (Triangle)

† October 4 · St Francis of Assisi

In 2021, October 4th is the Monday following the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. Mass before 11:59pm on Sunday is for the Sunday in Ordinary Time, which takes precedence because it is a day of precept. On Sunday evening, Evening Prayer I of the Titular Solemnity is celebrated because the Titular Solemnity is of higher rank than the Sunday in Ordinary Time, yet for pastoral reason it is permissible to celebrate Evening Prayer II of the Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Saint Isidore the Farmer (Orange)

† May 15 · St Isidore

May 15th follows the Feast of St Matthias (May 14th). Nevertheless, Mass after 4:00pm on May 15th may be for the Titular Solemnity and Evening Prayer I of the Titular Solemnity is celebrated because the Titular Solemnity is of higher rank than Feasts of Saints.

Saint James (Falls Church)

† July 25 · St James the Apostle

In 2021, July 25th falls on the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. However, the Titular Solemnity outranks the Sunday in Ordinary Time and so, in this year, the Titular Solemnity with prayers and readings from the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary may be celebrated in this parish.

Saint John the Apostle (Leesburg)

† December 27 · St John the Apostle & Evangelist

In 2020, December 27th falls on the Feast of the Holy Family. However, the Titular Solemnity outranks the Feasts of the Lord inscribed in the General Roman Calendar and so, in this year, the Titular Solemnity with prayers and readings from the Saint John the Apostle may be celebrated in this parish. However, for pastoral reasons, it is permissible to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family rather than the Titular Solemnity in this parish.

Saint John the Baptist (Front Royal)

Saint John the Beloved (McLean)

† December 27 · St John the Apostle & Evangelist

In 2020, December 27th falls on the Feast of the Holy Family. However, the Titular Solemnity outranks the Feasts of the Lord inscribed in the General Roman Calendar and so, in this year, the Titular Solemnity with prayers and readings from the Saint John the Apostle may be celebrated in this parish. However, for pastoral reasons, it is permissible to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family rather than the Titular Solemnity in this parish.

Saint John Bosco (Woodstock)

† January 31 · St John Bosco

In 2021, July 25th falls on the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. However, the Titular Solemnity outranks the Sunday in Ordinary Time and so, in this year, the Titular Solemnity with prayers and readings from the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary may be celebrated in this parish.

Saint John the Evangelist (Warrenton)

† December 27 · St John the Apostle & Evangelist

In 2020, December 27th falls on the Feast of the Holy Family. However, the Titular Solemnity outranks the Feasts of the Lord inscribed in the General Roman Calendar and so, in this year, the Titular Solemnity with prayers and readings from the Saint John the Apostle may be celebrated in this parish. However, for pastoral reasons, it is permissible to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family rather than the Titular Solemnity in this parish.

Saint John Neumann (Reston)

† January 5 · St John Neumann

Saint Joseph (Alexandria)

† March 19 · St Joseph

Saint Joseph (Herndon)

† March 19 · St Joseph

Saint Jude (Fredericksburg)

† October 28 · Sts Simon and Jude

Saint Lawrence (Alexandria)

† August 10 · St Lawrence

Saint Leo the Great (Fairfax)

† November 10 · St Leo the Great

November 10th follows the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (November 9th). Nevertheless, Mass after 4:00pm on November 9th may be for the Titular Solemnity and Evening Prayer I of the Titular Solemnity is celebrated because the Titular Solemnity is of higher rank than the Feast.

Saint Louis (Alexandria)

† August 25 · St Louis

August 25th follows the Feast of St Bartholomew (August 24th). Nevertheless, Mass after 4:00pm on August 24th may be for the Titular Solemnity and Evening Prayer I of the Titular Solemnity is celebrated because the Titular Solemnity is of higher rank than Feasts of Saints.

Saint Luke (McLean)

† October 18 · St Luke

Saint Mark (Vienna)

† April 25 · St Mark

In 2021, April 25th falls on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, which outranks the Titular Solemnity. Therefore, the readings and prayers of the Fourth Sunday of Easter must be used this year in this parish. However, St Mark and the parish community may fittingly be incorporated through the homily, the Universal Prayer / Prayer of the Faithful, and selection of music.

Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception (Fredericksburg)

† December 8 · The Immaculate Conception

Saint Mary of Sorrows (Fairfax)

† November 15, 2020 · Dedication

† September 15 · St Mary of Sorrows

September 15th follows the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross (September 14th). Nevertheless, Mass after 4:00pm on September 14th may be for the Titular Solemnity and Evening Prayer I of the Titular Solemnity is celebrated because the Titular Solemnity is of higher rank than the Feast.

Saint Matthew (Spotsylvania)

† September 21 · St Matthew

Saint Michael (Annandale)

† September 29 · Sts Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael

Saint Patrick (Fredericksburg)

† March 17 · St Patrick

March 17th always falls within the Season of Lent. However, the Titular Solemnity outranks weekdays in Lent and so the Titular Solemnity with prayers and readings of Saint Patrick may be celebrated in this parish.

Saint Paul Chung (Fairfax)

† October 22, 1995 · Dedication

† September 20 · Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions

In 2021, September 20th is the Monday following the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Mass before 11:59pm on Sunday is for the Sunday in Ordinary Time, which takes precedence because it is a day of precept. On Sunday evening, Evening Prayer I of the Titular Solemnity is celebrated because the Titular Solemnity is of higher rank than the Sunday in Ordinary Time, yet for pastoral reason it is permissible to celebrate Evening Prayer II of the Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Saint Peter (Washington, VA)

† June 29 · Sts Peter and Paul

Saint Philip the Apostle (Falls Church)

† May 3 · Sts Philip and James

In 2021, May 3rd is the Monday following the Fifth Sunday of Easter. Mass before 11:59pm on Sunday is for the Sunday of Easter, which takes precedence both because it is of higher rank and because it is a day of precept. On Sunday evening, Evening Prayer II of the Sunday of Easter is celebrated because it is of higher rank than the Titular Solemnity.

Saint Raymond of Peñafort (Springfield)

† January 7 · St Raymond of Peñafort

Saint Rita (Alexandria)

† May 22 · St Rita of Cascia

In 2021, May 22nd is the Saturday before Pentecost Sunday. Mass before 4:00pm on Saturday is for the Titular Solemnity. Mass after 4:00pm is the Proper Vigil for Pentecost both because it is of higher rank and because it is a day of precept. On Saturday evening, Evening Prayer I is for Pentecost, which takes precedence because it is of higher rank.

Saint Stephen the Martyr (Middleburg)

† December 26 · St Stephen the Martyr

December 26th follows the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas, December 25th). All Masses on December 25th are for Christmas both because it is of higher rank than the Titular Solemnity and because it is a day of precept. On the evening of December 25th, Evening Prayer II of Christmas is celebrated because it is of higher rank than the Titular Solemnity.

Saint Theresa (Ashburn)

† October 1 · St Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Saint Thomas à Becket (Reston)

† December 29 · St Thomas à Becket

In the Diocese of Arlington, the Feast of the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral Church is observed on December 29th. However, the Titular Solemnity outranks the Feast of the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral Church, and so the Titular Solemnity with prayers and readings of St Thomas à Becket may be celebrated in this parish.

Saint Timothy (Chantilly)

† January 26 · Sts Timothy and Titus

January 26th follows the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul (January 25th). Nevertheless, Mass after 4:00pm on January 25th may be for the Titular Solemnity and Evening Prayer I of the Titular Solemnity is celebrated because the Titular Solemnity is of higher rank than Feasts of Saints.

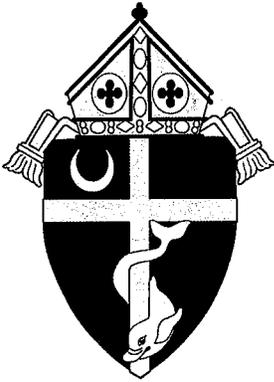
Saint Veronica (Chantilly)

† July 12 · St Veronica

In 2021, July 12th is the Monday following the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Mass before 11:59pm on Sunday is for the Sunday in Ordinary Time, which takes precedence because it is a day of precept. On Sunday evening, Evening Prayer I of the Titular Solemnity is celebrated because the Titular Solemnity is of higher rank than the Sunday in Ordinary Time, yet for pastoral reason it is permissible to celebrate Evening Prayer II of the Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Saint William of York (Stafford)

† June 8 · St William of York



ORDINARY TIME I
 (JANUARY 11TH – FEBRUARY 15TH)
LITURGICAL SUPPLEMENT
 Diocese of Syracuse
 2021

TABLE OF LITURGICAL DAYS

| January 2021 | | |
|---------------|---|---|
| 18-25 | Week of Prayer for Christian Unity | |
| 22 | Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn | 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6 (313) or, for the Day of Prayer, any readings from the <i>Lectionary for Mass Supplement</i> , the Mass “For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life,” nos. 947A-947E, or the Lectionary for Mass (vol. IV), the Mass “For Peace and Justice,” nos. 887-891 |
| 23 | Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin | |
| 24 | Third Sunday in Ordinary Time | Sunday of the Word of God World Leprosy Day |
| February 2021 | | |
| 7 | World Day for Consecrated Life | |
| 8 | World Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking | |
| 11 | World Day of Prayer for the Sick | |
| 14 | World Marriage Day | |

ORDINARY TIME

“No particular aspect of the mystery of Christ is celebrated, but rather the mystery of Christ itself is honored in its fullness, especially on Sundays” (*Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, 43).

Liturgy of the Hours: Volume III

Sunday Lectionary Cycle: B

Weekday Lectionary Cycle: I

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Biblical text for 2020: John 15:1-17

Theme: "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit" (cf. John 15:5-9)

Suggested Masses: “For the Unity of Christians” (#17), “For the Evangelization of Peoples” (#18), “For Persecuted Christians” (#19)

Sample intercessions: (1) For all Christian Churches and Faith Communities, that they may continue to show one another extraordinary kindness in guiding them towards reconciliation and unity in Christ; let us pray to the Lord. (2) For all Christian Churches and Faith Communities, that they may be faithful witnesses to the Gospel call to reconciliation; let us pray to the Lord. (3) For church leaders everywhere during this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, that they may work together and promote unity among Christians; let us pray to the Lord. (4) For an end to the divisions among Christians: that they work together in bringing about healing and promote reconciliation as signs of God’s reign; let us pray to the Lord. (5) For the various ecumenical dialogues between our church and other denominations, that they bear witness to the quest for Christian unity; let us pray to the Lord.

Sample Ecumenical Worship Service as well as reflections and prayers for each day:
<http://www.christianunity.va/content/unitacristiani/en/settimana-di-preghiera-per-l-unita/en.html>
Also, see the *Book of Blessings* “Order for the Blessing of Ecumenical Groups” and “Prayers for Interfaith Gatherings” (nos. 553-573).

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN

The anniversary of the Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade* (1973)

“As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms. Another way to take part is through participating in special events to observe the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*” (USCCB).

Suggested Masses: “For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life” (#48/1A or B) celebrated with white vestments or “For the Preservation of Peace and Justice” (#30) celebrated with violet vestments

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN

Suggested readings:

1. The readings of the day: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6 (313)
2. Readings from the *Lectionary for Mass Supplement*, the Mass “For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life,” nos. 947A-947E
3. Readings from the *Lectionary for Mass* (vol. IV), the Mass “For Peace and Justice,” nos. 887-891

See: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/january-22-day-of-prayer>

Sample intercessions: (1) For the legal protection of unborn children and for loving support for their mothers before and after births; let us pray to the Lord. (2) May all who suffer from participating in abortion turn to God’s loving forgiveness; let us pray to the Lord. (3) May friends and families of women with difficult pregnancies provide loving, life-affirming support for both mother and child; let us pray to the Lord. (4) For public servants: may God grant them the humility, wisdom, and courage to defend all human life; let us pray to the Lord. (5) For our nation: may God unite us in peace and respect for each other and reverence for all human life; let us pray to the Lord.

Liturgical resources: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/january-22-day-of-prayer>

Holy Hour for reparation and healing: <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/prayers/holy-hour-for-reparation-and-healing-for-the-anniversary-of-roe-v-wade.cfm>

Other resources including bulletin and pulpit announcements for 9 Days for Life:
<https://www.respectlife.org/january>

SAINT MARIANNE COPE

Biography: Marianne Cope was born on January 23, 1838, in Darmstadt, Germany. In 1862, she entered the Sisters of Saint Francis in Syracuse, New York, after having postponed her entrance nine years in order to fulfill family obligations. She was instrumental in the founding of several schools and hospitals for immigrants. In 1883, she led a group of sisters to the Hawaiian Islands to care for the poor, especially those suffering from leprosy. In 1888 she went to Kalaupapa, Moloka’i, where she set up a home for girls with leprosy. After the death of Saint Damien de Veuster, she also took over the home he built for boys. She died on August 9, 1918 (<http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/liturgical-calendar/saint-marianne-cope.cfm>).

Roman Missal: from the *Common of Virgins*: “For One Virgin,” or from the *Common of Holy Men and Women*: “For Those Who Practiced Works of Mercy.” **See below for sample with proper collect.**

Lectionary: aside from the usual Mass readings of the day, any Lectionary readings from the *Common of Virgins* or the *Common of Holy Men and Women*: “For Those Who Worked for the Underprivileged” may be used for St. Marianne Cope (see *Lectionary for Mass Supplement*, no. 517A).

Office of Readings: The second reading is taken from an address of Pope Benedict XVI (May 16, 2005: *Insegnamenti di Benedetto XVI*, I [2005], 111-112). Available at: <http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/liturgical-calendar/saint-marianne-cope.cfm> **See below.**

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Pope Francis has designated the **Third Sunday of Ordinary Time** the *Sunday of the Word of God* to commemorate the “unbreakable bond between sacred Scripture and the Eucharist.” It is through the Word of God that we encounter its author and learn the “merciful love of the Father who calls his children to live in love” (*Motu Proprio Aperuit Illis* 8, 13). See http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/motu_proprio/documents/papa-francesco-motu-proprio-20190930_aperuit-illis.html

Pastoral Suggestions: (1) The Book of Gospels could be displayed prominently in the sanctuary after the proclamation of the Gospel. Today, this display might include candles, flowers, or plants. (2) Lectionaries or Bibles might also be on display in the narthex or gathering space. (3) Preach the Sunday homily on the centrality of the Word of God in the life of the Church; refer to the Introduction to the Lectionary for Mass, particularly its Preamble (nos. 1-10). (4) Reinforce the homily by inserting an article in the bulletin or on the parish website. (5) If you don't already, begin using the Book of Gospels on Sundays and on more solemn days. (6) Provide catechesis on the Book of Gospels (*Evangelium*) and the Church's tradition of richly decorating this liturgical text which contains the words of Christ and the four evangelists. (7) This is a very appropriate day to bless the readers [lectors] of the parish; See *Book of Blessings*: Chapter 61: “Order of Blessing of Readers” (nos. 1827 – 1845), “Order of Blessing within Mass,” “Order of Blessings within a Celebration of the Word.” (8) Prior to this day, provide an evening/day of reflection for all those who proclaim the Word of God – including priests, deacons, catechists, psalmists, and cantors. (9) Recruit and train more of these liturgical ministers as needed. (10) Display icons of the four evangelists somewhere on the parish campus; perhaps display St. Matthew in the church on this day, since St. Matthew's gospel is featured in the Year A cursus of readings. (11) Be sure that all lectionaries are dignified and in good repair. (FDLC)

Sample intercessions: (1) For the Church, that we may continue to respond to the word of God which is proclaimed in our midst; let us pray to the Lord. (2) For all who listen as the Scriptures are proclaimed, that God's word may find in them a fruitful field; let us pray to the Lord. (3) For those who have not heard the message of Christ, that we may be willing to bring them the good news of salvation; let us pray to the Lord. (4) For our readers [Lectors], that with deep faith and confident voice they may announce God's saving word; let us pray to the Lord. (5) For the Church, called to be united in Christ; let us pray to the Lord. (6) That legislators and judges may be guided by the Scriptures to promote just laws and compassionate policies; let us pray to the Lord. (7) For priests, deacons, lectors, cantors, and catechists and all who bring God's Word to others; let us pray to the Lord. (8) For our Catholic schools, where children are formed and inspired by the Word of God; let us pray to the Lord. (9) For those who suffer from illness and for those who care for them; let us pray to the Lord. (10) For those who have died, now at peace in the radiance of God's light let us pray to the Lord. (FDLC)

Notes from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments that can be used to create bulletin announcements, social media posts, and website catechesis: <https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2020/12/19/201219a.html>

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Candles (of the faithful and those used at the parish) are blessed and there is a procession of the faithful

Option I: gathering of the faithful in a suitable place other than inside the church, lighting of candles while antiphon "Behold, our Lord..." is sung, Sign of the Cross and Greeting, introductory address, blessing and sprinkling of candles, procession of the faithful while antiphons or other appropriate chants are sung, Gloria, Collect, Mass continues in the usual manner

Option II: gathering of the faithful in the church, lighting of the candles while antiphon "Behold, our Lord..." is sung, Sign of the Cross and Greeting, introductory address, blessing and sprinkling of candles, procession of the priest and ministers to the altar while antiphon or other appropriate chants are sung, Gloria, Collect, Mass continues in the usual manner

Antiphons for the lighting of the candles and the procession are **attached**

World Day for Consecrated Life: "Its purpose is "to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels" (poverty, chastity, and obedience) as well as "to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord" (Saint John Paul II, 1997). **For more information and resources, see:** <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/consecrated-life/world-day-for-consecrated-life.cfm>

Sample intercessions: (1) For those consecrated to God by the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience that they may seek to live their baptismal promises more intensely and have the grace to persevere in their commitment to the Lord and serve with open hearts and willing spirits; let us pray to the Lord. (2) For those who have responded to the prompting of the Holy Spirit to be a consecrated person that they may experience the support of the Church as they continue their growth in holiness; let us pray to the Lord.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

"A special time of prayers and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church and of reminding us to **see in our sick brothers and sisters the face of Christ** who, by suffering, dying, and rising, achieved the salvation of humankind" (Saint John Paul II, May 13, 1992).

Message from Pope Francis:

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco_20201208_messaggio-54giornatamondiale-pace2021.html

Sample intercessions: (1) For those struggling with terrible diseases: that each day might be a new revelation of God's love for them; let us pray to the Lord. (2) For those tempted to despair by constant pain: that they might join their suffering to the Cross of Christ; let us pray to the Lord. (3) For every little child who is ill or in pain: that the beauty of their lives might bring patience and hope; let us pray to the Lord.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

The sick may be anointed in a **communal celebration** (*Pastoral Care of the Sick*, 108-110). They must be suitably prepared and properly disposed. The practice of indiscriminately anointing a large number of persons whose health has not been seriously impaired by illness or old age is not permitted.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

“An opportunity to focus on **building a culture of life and love** that begins with **supporting and promoting marriage and the family**” (USCCB).

February 14, 2021

Sample intercessions: (1) For the church, that we will become more aware of the beauty of God’s plan for marriage, and its vital role in today’s society; let us pray to the Lord. (2) For all those discerning a vocation to the priesthood, consecrated life, or marriage, that the Lord may guide their hearts and make His will clear for their lives; let us pray to the Lord. (3) For all those preparing for marriage, that God’s love will be the foundation of their union; let us pray to the Lord. (4) For all husbands and wives, that they may love and respect each other as they grow in holiness; let us pray to the Lord. (5) For all married couples, that they may serve as an example of God’s faithful, fruitful and lasting love to their children and to the world; let us pray to the Lord. (6) For all those suffering from troubled or broken marriages, especially children, that they will be assured of God the Father’s unfailing love and care for them; let us pray to the Lord. (7) For those who are mourning the loss of a spouse, that they may experience consolation in the midst of grief and remain confident of the Lord’s abundant mercy; let us pray to the Lord. (*Worldwide Marriage Encounter*)

The “**Order of Blessing a Married Couple Within Mass on the Anniversary of Marriage**” may be used as appropriate. See Appendix III of *The Order of Celebrating Matrimony*. Note: marriage vows are never “renewed” since they are part of the matter/form of the sacrament; rather, the consent the couple exchanged on their wedding day – which “makes the marriage” – is blessed.

Prayer for Married Couples: Almighty and eternal God, You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church: look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen (foryourmarriage.org).

January 23
SAINT MARIANNE COPE, *VIRGIN*

Entrance Antiphon Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord:
I was sick and you visited me.
Amen, I say to you: Whatever you did
for one of the least of my brethren you did it for me. Cf. Mt 24:34, 36, 40

COLLECT **O God, who called us to serve your Son
in the least of our brothers and sisters,
grant, we pray, that by the example and intercession
of the Virgin Saint Marianne Cope,
we may burn with love for you and for those who suffer.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

PRAYER OVER
THE OFFERINGS **Receive, O Lord, the offerings of your people,
and grant that we, who celebrate
your Son's work of boundless charity,
may, by the example of blessed Marianne Cope,
be confirmed in love of you and of our neighbor.
Through Christ our Lord.**

Preface of Holy Virgins and Religious

Communion Antiphon This is how all will know that you are my disciples:
if you have love for one another, says the Lord. Cf. Jn 13:35

PRAYER AFTER
COMMUNION **Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that we, who are renewed by these sacred mysteries,
may follow the example of blessed Marianne Cope
who honored you with tireless devotion
and, by surpassing charity, was of service to your people.
Through Christ our Lord.**

January 23
SAINT MARIANNE COPE
Liturgy of the Hours: from the Common of Virgins

Second Reading

From an address of Pope Benedict XVI

(May 16, 2005: Insegnamenti di Benedetto XVI, I [2005], 111-112)

Witness to sacrificial love

It is with great joy that I welcome you to Rome, dear brothers and sisters, for the Beatification of Mother Marianne Cope. I know that your participation in Saturday's solemn liturgy, so significant for the universal Church, will have been a source of renewed grace and commitment to the exercise of charity which marks the life of every Christian.

Marianne Cope's life was one of profound faith and love which bore fruit in a missionary spirit of immense hope and trust. In 1862 she entered the Congregation of the Franciscan Sisters of Syracuse where she imbibed the particular spirituality of St. Francis of Assisi, dedicating herself wholeheartedly to spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Her own experience of consecrated life saw an extraordinary apostolate unfold, adorned with heroic virtue.

As is well known, while Mother Marianne was Superior General of her Congregation, the then-Bishop of Honolulu invited the Order to come to Hawaii and work among the lepers. Leprosy was spreading rapidly and causing unspeakable suffering and misery among the afflicted. Fifty other Congregations received the same plea for assistance, but only Mother Marianne, in the name of her Sisters, responded positively.

True to the charism of the Order and in imitation of St. Francis, who had embraced lepers, Mother Marianne volunteered herself for the mission with a trusting, "Yes!" And for 35 years, until her death in 1918, our new Blessed dedicated her life to the love and service of lepers on the islands of Maui and Molokai.

Undoubtedly the generosity of Mother Marianne was, humanly speaking, exemplary. Good intentions and selflessness alone, however, do not adequately explain her vocation. It is only the perspective of faith which enables us to understand her witness—as a Christian and as a Religious—to that sacrificial love which reaches its fullness in Jesus Christ. All that she achieved was inspired by her personal love of the Lord, which she in turn expressed through her love of those abandoned and rejected by society in a most wretched way.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us today be inspired by Bl. Marianne Cope to renew our commitment to walk the path of holiness.

May the Virgin Mary obtain for us the gift of continual fidelity to the Gospel. May she help us to follow the example of the new Blesseds and to strive tirelessly towards holiness.

Responsory

I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me,
ill and you cared for me.

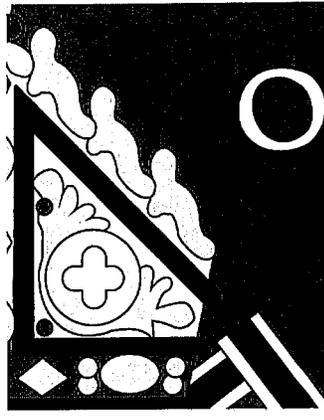
—Amen, I say to you: whatever you did for one of the least of my brethren,
you did it for me.

This is my commandment:
love one another as I love you.

—Amen, I say to you...

Prayer

O God, who called us to serve your Son
in the least of our brothers and sisters,
grant, we pray, that by the example and intercession
of the Virgin Saint Marianne Cope,
we may burn with love for you and for those who suffer.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.



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Change to the Translation of the Doxology of Collect Prayers

Beginning Ash Wednesday 2021 (Feb 17, 2021)

doxologies of Collects omit "one" and so now conclude

"...in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever"

In May 2020 the Holy See's Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments (CDWDS) wrote to the English-speaking Conferences of Bishops regarding the concluding doxology of the Collects in the *Roman Missal*. The doxology of Collect prayers concludes, "*Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum*," emphasizing the divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, who as the Incarnate Son intercedes on our behalf to the Father, the prayer being made "in the unity of the Holy Spirit."

CDWDS indicated certain challenges to the inclusion of "one" in the English translation, "in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever," and the congregation requested that English-speaking bishops' conferences consider omitting "one." First, the English "one" finds no corresponding term in the Latin text. Second, "one" could be understood to undermine the unique dignity of the Son within the Trinity. Third, "one" could be misinterpreted as saying that Jesus is "one God." In sum, these issues could lead to the misunderstandings that Jesus is one God independent of the Blessed Trinity or that Jesus is one god among many.

Following the Conferences of Bishops for England & Wales, for Ireland, and for Canada, the bishops of the United States have amended the doxology accordingly. Therefore, beginning Ash Wednesday 2021 (February 17, 2021) all instances in which a prayer concludes "in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever" will now omit "one" and conclude, "...in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever." This change applies to the Mass, as well as all other liturgies.

There is no need to purchase new missals. The celebrant simply omits "one" when offering the prayer.

New Memorials of 3 Doctors of the Church and of Martha, Mary, & Lazarus

+ Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor the Church · February 27 · *optional memorial*

LITURGICAL TEXTS: <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/saint-gregory-of-narek>

+ Saint John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church · May 10 · *optional memorial*

LITURGICAL TEXTS: <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/saint-john-of-avila>

+ Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus · July 29 · *obligatory memorial*

LITURGICAL TEXTS: *forthcoming*

+ Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church · September 17 · *optional memorial*

LITURGICAL TEXTS: <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/saint-hildegard-of-bingen>

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Notes on Holy Week 2021

Holy Week is ordered to the commemoration of Christ's Passion, beginning with his Messianic entrance into Jerusalem.

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Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday and Monday through Thursday of Holy Week are part of the Season of Lent, which season concludes before the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. The Paschal Triduum begins with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and concludes with Evening Prayer on the Sunday of the Resurrection (cf. *Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year*, nos. 18-19).

Response to the Coronavirus Pandemic 2021 · Guidance on the celebration of Holy Week during the coronavirus pandemic in 2021 are enclosed. General notes are below.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (March 28, 2021)

- + The proper texts of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord must be used.
- + One of the three forms for the Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem must be used at all Masses (Procession, Solemn Entrance, or Simple Entrance). The presider may wear a red cope for the procession, in which case he sets it aside at the conclusion of the procession and puts on a red chasuble.
- + The Procession or Solemn Entrance should take place at the principal Mass of this Sunday, whenever possible. The Solemn Entrance, but not the Procession, may be repeated before other Masses on this day at which a larger gathering of people is present. If, for serious pastoral reasons, the Procession or Solemn Entrance do not take place at any parish Masses on this day, then it is desirable that a sacred celebration of the Word of God on the messianic entrance and on the Passion of the Lord be celebrated.
- + The Gospel of the Passion is read without incense or candles. The greeting and signing of the book are omitted. The veneration of the book with a kiss is omitted, but "The Gospel of the Lord" is said with its response. The Gospel may be read by the deacon, a concelebrant, or the presider; or, the Gospel may be read by lay readers with the part of Christ reserved to the priest.
- + On this day, the Order of Placing Branches in the Home may be celebrated in homes (*Catholic Household Book of Blessings and Prayers*, pp. 108-109).

Weekdays of Holy Week (March 29 - April 3, 2021)

- + *Monday of Holy Week*: Proper texts of this day are used, unless a Funeral Mass, which is permitted, is celebrated. The use of prayers & readings for Ritual Masses, Masses for Various Needs, and Votive Masses is not permitted.
- + *Tuesday of Holy Week*: Proper texts of this day are used, unless a Funeral Mass, which is permitted, is celebrated. The use of prayers & readings for Ritual Masses, Masses for Various Needs, and Votive Masses is not permitted.
- + *Wednesday of Holy Week*: Proper texts of this day are used, unless a Funeral Mass, which is permitted, is celebrated. The use of prayers & readings for Ritual Masses, Masses for Various Needs, and Votive Masses is not permitted.
- + *Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)*: The only Masses permitted on this day are the Chrism Mass and the Evening Mass of Thursday of the Lord's Supper. Funeral Masses, Ritual Masses, Masses for Various Needs, and Votive Masses are not permitted. According to ancient tradition, all Masses without an assembly are forbidden. On Holy Thursday, Communion is only distributed during the liturgy, but it may be taken to the sick at any appropriate hour.

✠ Chrism Mass ✠

Thursday, April 1, 2021 · 10:30am · Cathedral of Saint Thomas More
Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge *Bishop of Arlington, Principal Celebrant & Homilist*

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

- † *Friday of Holy Week (Good Friday) & Saturday of Holy Week (Holy Saturday):* Friday & Saturday of Holy Week are part of the Paschal Triduum (*see below*).

The Sacred Paschal Triduum · “In the Sacred Triduum, the Church solemnly celebrates the greatest mysteries of our redemption, keeping by means of special celebrations the memorial of her Lord, crucified, buried, and risen” (*The Sacred Paschal Triduum*, 1 [in *The Roman Missal*]). The Paschal Triduum begins with the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday and concludes with Evening Prayer on the Sunday of the Resurrection. (*Additional details on the observance of the Sacred Paschal Triduum will be provided in future bulletins.*)

Order of Liturgy of the Hours · Palm Sunday through Holy Thursday

- † Hymns for Holy Week may be found in the Liturgy of the Hours. The hymn for Night Prayer may be chosen from the Evening Prayer hymns for Holy Week.

Sacraments and Funerals · Palm Sunday through Holy Thursday

- † *Baptism and Confirmation:* Because the Easter Vigil is the natural place for Baptism and Confirmation, these Sacraments are ordinarily not celebrated during Holy Week, except in danger of death.
- † *Penance/Reconciliation:* The Season of Lent, especially Holy Week, is a most fitting time for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- † *Matrimony:* Matrimony is ordinarily not celebrated during Holy Week and is not permitted on Good Friday or Holy Saturday.
- † *Funerals:* Funerals are permitted. However, on Holy Thursday and during the Paschal Triduum funeral rites make use of a Liturgy of the Word closing with the rite of Farewell (*Order of Christian Funerals*, part I, no. 4); readings should reflect the nature of these days and Communion is not distributed. *see enclosure*

Music, Arts, & Environment · Palm Sunday through Holy Thursday

- † Instruments are played only to give the necessary support to the singing.
- † The altar is not decorated with flowers; other decorations should be restrained.
- † Crosses & images may be covered on the 5th Sun. of Lent. Crosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord’s Passion; images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.

Additional details on the Sacred Paschal Triduum and Easter Time will be provided in future bulletins.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Diocesan Workshops

Registration · <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/EMHC/>

In response to the coronavirus pandemic, in Spring 2021 the diocesan workshops for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be held virtually according to the schedule provided below. Individuals can register at <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/EMHC/>. Registration is limited to 100 participants per session.

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| Monday, February 1, 2021 · 2:00-3:30pm | † Monday, April 19, 2021 · 2:00-3:30pm |
| Monday, February 1, 2021 · 6:00-7:30pm | † Monday, April 19, 2021 · 6:00-7:30pm |
| † Monday, March 15, 2021 · 6:00-7:30pm | † Saturday, May 8, 2021 · 9:00-10:30am |
| † Saturday, March 20, 2021 · 9:00-10:30am | † Monday, May 10, 2021 · 6:00-7:30pm |

January 10 • Pope Francis issues *motu proprio* entitled *Spiritus Domini* modifying Canon 230.1 of the CCL regarding access of women to ministries of Lector and Acolyte. The *motu proprio* is accompanied by a letter to the Prefect of the Congregation of the Doctrine of Faith.

January 12 • Pope Francis makes public his annual Message for the World Day of the Sick, entitled “*You have but one teacher and you are all brothers*” (Mt 23:8): *A trust-based relationship to guide care for the sick.*

January 24 • Pope Francis’ homily for the second annual Sunday of the Word of God is delivered by Archbishop Fisichella during the celebration of Mass at the Altar of the Cathedra in the Vatican Basilica.

January 25 • Pope Francis’ homily for the conclusion of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is delivered by Cardinal Kurt Koch during the celebration of Vespers in the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside-the-Walls.

January 25-26 • On Jan 25, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments issues a decree inscribing three Doctors of the Church in the General Roman Calendar: St Gregory of Narek (Feb 27), St John of Avila (May 10), and St Hildegard of Bingen (Sep 17). The next day, CDWDS issues a decree inscribing the obligatory memorial of Sts Martha, Mary, and Lazarus (Jul 29).

January 25-26 • Pope Francis celebrates Mass for the Presentation and World Day of Consecrated Life.

January 31 • Pope Francis establishes World Day for Grandparents and Elders, to be observed annually on the Fourth Sunday of July (July 25, 2021). Several days later, the Pontifical Academy for Life, with the Dicastery for Integral Human Development, presents the document “*Old Age: Our Future. The Condition of the Elderly after the Pandemic.*”

February 12 • Pope Francis issues annual Message for Lent with the title “*Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem*” (Mt 20:18). *Lent: A Time for Renewing Faith, Hope, and Love.*

1. Faith calls us to accept the truth and testify to it before God and all our brothers and sisters
2. Hope as “living water” enabling us to continue our journey
3. Love, following in the footsteps of Christ, in concern and compassion for all, is the highest expression of our faith and hope

Special Note • *The Mass in Time of Pandemic may be celebrated at the discretion of the Pastor or Priest-celebrant on the following dates: February 1, 3-6, 8-13, 15-16; March n/a; April 13-17, 19-24, 26-30*

FEBRUARY • *Pope’s Intention: Violence against Women*

February 7 • Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | World Day for Consecrated Life [observed this day in USA] | Collection for Diocesan Newspaper

February 8 • World Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking

February 11 • World Day of the Sick

February 17 • Ash Wednesday | Lent begins | Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

February 20 • Diaconate Ordination (Permanent Deacons)

February 21 • First Sunday of Lent | Rite of Election | Collection for Black and Indian Missions

February 28 • Second Sunday of Lent | Rite of Election

MARCH • *Pope’s Intention: Sacrament of Reconciliation*

March 7 • Third Sunday of Lent

March 14 • Fourth Sunday of Lent | Collection for Catholic Relief Services

March 19 • Solemnity of Saint Joseph | On Fri, Mar 19, 2021, there is no obligation to abstain from meat

March 25 • Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

March 28 • Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord | Holy Week begins

APRIL • *Pope’s Intention: Fundamental Rites*

April 1 • Holy Thursday

April 2 • Good Friday | Collection for the Holy Land

April 3 • Holy Saturday | In 2021, Easter Vigil begins no earlier than 8:30pm

April 4 • Easter Sunday

April 4-11 • Octave of Easter

April 10 • Diaconate Ordination (Transitional Deacons)

April 11 • Octave Day of Easter / Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday

April 12 • Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Most Rev. Paul S. Loverde (1988)

April 18 • Third Sunday of Easter

April 25 • Fourth Sunday of Easter | World Day of Prayer for Vocations | Catholic Home Missions Appeal

MAY • *Pope’s Intention: The World of Finance*

May 2 • Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 9 • Sixth Sunday of Easter | Collection for Special Parish Needs

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HOW TO USE AN *ORDO*

(FDLC)

July 20 Saturday: Weekday [15]; *BVM on Saturday*

m HOURS Pss III Seasonal wkdy *Common of BVM*
Gr *on Sat* EP 1 of Sun begin Pss IV
W/b MASS *any Mass* or of mem Sugg: *Holy Mary, Handmaid of*
V3 R3 *the Lord (collection, #22); 9 alt*
RDGS 394: Mi 2:1-5 Ps 10: 1-4,7-8,14 Mt 12: 14-21

Social injustice (Ps) is denounced by Micah (1). The suffering servant seeks faith, not superficial enthusiasm (2).

March 19 Tuesday: JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE VIRGIN MARY

S HOURS* Sanctoral Prop Common of Holy Men
Wh MP: Proper antt pss Sun I DP: proper antt
R compl pss NP: Sun II
MASS Prop Gl Cr Pf of Joseph
RDGS 543: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27,29
Rom4: 13, 16-18,22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a

An heir of David (1,Ps) and son of Joseph and Mary (3b), Jesus brings forgiveness (3a) through the gift of faith (2).

Joseph honored on 19 March since the end of the 10th c; declared Patron of the Universal Church in 1870 by Pope Pius IX; patron of workers and carpenters; also of Austria, Belgium, Bohemia, Canada, Mexico, Peru and (South) Vietnam; mentioned in the Roman Canon.

PN It is the custom in some places today to bless bread, pastries, and other food and to give a large portion to the poor. For the **Order of Blessing of St. Joseph's Table**, see BB nos. 1679-1700.

Source: *The Order of Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours and Celebration of the Eucharist 2002*, Compiled by Peter Rocca, CSC. Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, 2001, pp.73, 161.

On Saturday, July 20, a weekday in the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time, you may use any Mass. Indeed, on any Saturday in Ordinary Time which does not have a prescribed feast or memorial, a Mass of the BVM is optional (cf. GIRM 375). V3 allows Masses for Various Needs and Occasions or a Votive Mass. R3 means that a Mass for the Dead may be offered. It tells you that this is Week III of the four-week Psalter, but on Saturday night you will use Evening Prayer I for Sunday of Week IV. The Readings for the day are found in the Lectionary, no.394; a summary is provided. The Mass vestments may be green or white, depending on your choice of Mass.

On the other hand, the ordo provides strict guidelines for March 19, the solemnity of Joseph, Husband of Mary. There are proper prayers for this solemnity, including a preface (#62). Even in Lent, the Gloria is sung. The Creed is professed. There is additional information about St. Joseph and pastoral notes mention a special blessing for food which is distributed to the poor.

