

MASS ON VIGILS OF SUNDAYS & HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

The precept of participating in Mass on a Sunday or Holyday of Obligation is satisfied by celebrating Mass on the day itself or on the evening of the preceding day (c.1248,1). In the Diocese of Owensboro no Mass earlier than 4:00 p.m. on the preceding day shall satisfy this obligation. For some special circumstance the local ordinary may give permission for an earlier time in specific instances.

Since the law requires “assistance at Mass” to satisfy this obligation, it is not required that the liturgy be that of the specific Sunday or Holyday.