



**LITURGICAL YEAR 2023**  
 Sunday Cycle Year A | Weekdays Cycle I  
 November 27, 2022 – November 26, 2023

OBSERVANCE	DATE	NOTES
First Sunday of Advent	Sunday, November 27, 2022	
<b>Eucharistic Revival</b>	<b>Saturday, December 3, 2022</b>	<b>Brescia University 4PM (Spanish)</b>
Second Sunday of Advent	Sunday, December 4, 2022	
<b>Eucharistic Revival</b>	<b>Tuesday, December 6, 2022</b>	<b>Owensboro Convention Center 10AM</b>
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Thursday, December 8, 2022	Holy Day of Obligation
Third Sunday of Advent	Sunday, December 11, 2022	
Fourth Sunday of Advent	Sunday, December 18, 2022	
Nativity of the Lord	Sunday, December 25, 2022	Holy Day of Obligation
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	Friday, December 30, 2022	
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother Of God	Sunday, January 1, 2023	
The Epiphany of the Lord	Sunday, January 8, 2023	
The Baptism of the Lord	Monday, January 9, 2023	
The Presentation of the Lord	Thursday, February 2, 2023	
<b>Rite of Election</b>	<b>Sunday, February 19, 2023</b>	<b>St. Leo Catholic Church, Murray, 2 PM</b>
Ash Wednesday	Wednesday, February 22, 2023	
First Sunday of Lent	Sunday, February 26, 2023	
<b>Rite of Election</b>	<b>Sunday, February 26, 2023</b>	<b>St. Stephen Cathedral, 2 PM &amp; 6 PM</b>
Second Sunday of Lent	Sunday, March 5, 2023	
Third Sunday of Lent	Sunday, March 12, 2023	1 <sup>st</sup> Scrutiny
<b>Youth 2000 Mass</b>	<b>Sunday, March 19, 2023</b>	<b>Brescia University (participants only) 10:45 AM</b>
Fourth Sunday of Lent	Sunday, March 19, 2023	2 <sup>nd</sup> Scrutiny
Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Monday, March 20, 2023	
The Annunciation of the Lord	Saturday, March 25, 2023	
Fifth Sunday of Lent	Sunday, March 26, 2023	3 <sup>rd</sup> Scrutiny
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	Sunday, April 2, 2023	
<b>Chrism Mass</b>	<b>Tuesday, April 4, 2023</b>	<b>Owensboro Sportscenter, 6:30 PM</b>

Holy Thursday	Thursday, April 6, 2023	
Friday of the Lord's Passion	Friday, April 7, 2023	
Holy Saturday	Saturday, April 8, 2023	
Easter Vigil	Saturday, April 8, 2023	The Easter Vigil may not begin before total darkness (around 8:00 PM)
Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection	Sunday, April 9, 2023	
Prayer Service for Healing and Protection	Wednesday, April 12, 2023	Saint Stephen Cathedral, 6:00 PM
Second Sunday of Easter / Sunday of Divine Mercy	Sunday, April 16, 2023	
Third Sunday of Easter	Sunday, April 23, 2023	
Fourth Sunday of Easter	Sunday, April 30, 2023	
Fifth Sunday of Easter	Sunday, May 7, 2023	
Sixth Sunday of Easter	Sunday, May 14, 2023	
Priesthood Ordination of Dens. Christopher Grief & Chris Kight	Sunday, May 20, 2023	Saint Stephen Cathedral, 10:00 am
Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord	Sunday, May 21, 2023	In this diocese, Ascension of the Lord is transferred to Sunday.
Pentecost Sunday	Sunday, May 28, 2023	
Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	Monday, May 29, 2023	In 2018, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments inscribed a new obligatory Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, into the General Roman Calendar. The proper liturgical text can be found at <a href="http://www.USCCB.org/motherofthechurch">www.USCCB.org/motherofthechurch</a>
Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	Sunday, June 4, 2023	
Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)	Sunday, June 11, 2023	
Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	Friday, June 16, 2023	
The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist	Saturday, June 24, 2023	
Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles	Thursday, June 29, 2023	
NEW: Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus	Saturday, July 29, 2023	On January 26, 2021, Pope Francis ordered the inscription of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus into the General Roman Calendar, to replace the existing celebration of Saint Martha alone. <a href="#">Click here</a> for the English/Spanish interim Mass text approved for use at this time.

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Tuesday, August 15, 2023	Holy Day of Obligation
Sophia Awards Mass	Sunday, September 10, 2023	St. Stephen Cathedral, 2:00 pm
Marriage Anniversary Mass	Sunday, September 24, 2023	St. Stephen Cathedral, 2:00 pm
National Migration Week (Sept. 25-29) Mass	TBD	Location/Time TBD
NEW: Optional Memorial of Saint Faustina Kowalska	Thursday, October 5, 2023	In 2020, Pope Francis inscribed a new optional Memorial of Saint Faustina Kowalska. Information for liturgical texts can be found at <a href="https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/saint-faustina-kowalska">https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/saint-faustina-kowalska</a>
Respect Life Mass	Saturday, October 28, 2023	St. Stephen Cathedral, 9:00 AM
Solemnity of All Saints	Wednesday, November 1, 2023	Holy Day of Obligation
The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)	Thursday, November 2, 2023	
Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	Sunday, November 26, 2023	
First Sunday of Advent	Sunday, December 3, 2023	

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

- Yellow highlighted days are diocesan or diocesan-office sponsored liturgies.
- Revisions/updates may be made throughout the year and will be made available on the Diocesan website under the Worship page.

**PRINCIPAL CELEBRATIONS OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR 2023**

First Sunday of Advent	November 27, 2022
Ash Wednesday	February 22, 2023
Easter Sunday	April 9, 2023
The Ascension of the Lord (Thursday)	May 18, 2023 (Note Transfer)
Pentecost Sunday	May 28, 2023
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	June 11, 2023
First Sunday of Advent	December 3, 2023

## 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 in 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 these liturgical norms (cf. GIRM, nos. 368–378), the Roman Missal offers appropriate Masses, but this calendar makes no suggestion for those holidays.
6. The 2023 liturgical year begins on the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2022. During the year 2023:
  - a. Since a Sunday does not occur between December 25, 2022, and January 1, 2023, the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is celebrated on Friday, December 30, with only one reading before the Gospel.
  - b. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on Monday, January 9. When this Feast occurs on Monday of the First Week in Ordinary Time, the readings assigned to Monday may be joined to those of Tuesday so that the opening of each book will be read.
  - c. Since March 19 is the Fourth Sunday of Lent this year, the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is transferred to Monday, March 20.
  - d. Thursday, May 18, 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 21. In those archdioceses and dioceses, Thursday, May 18, the Easter Weekday is observed or the Optional Memorial of Saint John I, Pope and Martyr.

**COMMON DAYS OF PRAYER AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES (NOT AN EXHAUSTIVE LIST):**

World Day of Peace .....	January 1
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity .....	January 18–25
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children .....	January 22
Catholic Schools Week.....	Last week of January
Sunday of the Word of God .....	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Day for Consecrated Life .....	Sunday following February 2 [USA]
World Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking .....	February 8
World Marriage Day .....	Second Sunday of February
[including National Marriage Week USA .....	February 7-14]
World Day of the Sick .....	February 11
Child Abuse Prevention Month .....	April
World Day of Prayer for the Church in China.....	May 24
World Day of Prayer for Vocations .....	Fourth Sunday of Easter
World Communications Day .....	Seventh Sunday of Easter
World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests .....	Solemnity of the Sacred Heart
Religious Freedom Week .....	June 22-29
Natural Family Planning Awareness Week .....	Week of July 25
World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation .....	September 1
Catechetical Sunday .....	Third Sunday of September [USA]
World Day of Migrants and Refugees .....	Last Sunday of September
National Migration Week .....	Last Week of September
World Mission Sunday .....	Penultimate Sunday of October
Respect Life Sunday .....	First Sunday of October
[including Respect Life Month .....	October]
Priesthood Sunday .....	Last Sunday of October
Black Catholic History Month.....	November
World Youth Day .....	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time [USA]
World Day of the Poor .....	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

See also USCCB 2023 Liturgical Calendar at: <https://usccb.org/resources/2023cal.pdf>