



LITURGICAL YEAR 2024

Sunday Cycle Year B | Weekdays Cycle II

December 3, 2023 – November 24, 2024

OBSERVANCE	DATE	NOTES
Eucharistic Revival	Thursday, November 30, 2023	Owensboro Convention Center 10AM
First Sunday of Advent	Sunday, December 3, 2023	
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Friday, December 8, 2023	Holy Day of Obligation
Second Sunday of Advent	Sunday, December 10, 2023	
Our Lady of Guadalupe	Tuesday, December 12, 2023	
Third Sunday of Advent	Sunday, December 17, 2023	
Fourth Sunday of Advent	Sunday, December 24, 2023	
Nativity of the Lord	Monday, December 25, 2023	Holy Day of Obligation
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	Sunday, December 31, 2023	
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother Of God	Monday, January 1, 2024	Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year
The Epiphany of the Lord	Sunday, January 7, 2024	
The Baptism of the Lord	Monday, January 8, 2024	
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	Monday, January 22, 2024	
NEW: Optional Memorial St. Marianne Cope, Virgin	Tuesday, January 23, 2024	Follow link for proper text: https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/saint-marianne-cope
The Presentation of the Lord	Friday, February 2, 2024	
Rite of Election	Sunday, February 11, 2024	St Francis de Sale, Paducah, 2 PM
Ash Wednesday	Wednesday, February 14, 2024	
First Sunday of Lent	Sunday, February 18, 2024	
Rite of Election	Sunday, February 18, 2024	St. Stephen Cathedral, 2 PM & 6 PM
Second Sunday of Lent	Sunday, February 25, 2024	
Third Sunday of Lent	Sunday, March 3, 2024	1 st Scrutiny
Fourth Sunday of Lent	Sunday, March 10, 2024	2 nd Scrutiny
Fifth Sunday of Lent	Sunday, March 17, 2024	3 rd Scrutiny
Youth 2000 Mass	Sunday, March 17, 2024	Brescia University (participants only)
Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Tuesday, March 19, 2024	

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	Sunday, March 24, 2024	
Chrism Mass	Tuesday, March 26, 2024	Owensboro Sportscenter, 6:30 PM
Holy Thursday	Thursday, March 28, 2024	
Friday of the Lord's Passion	Friday, March 29, 2024	
Holy Saturday	Saturday, March 30, 2024	
Easter Vigil	Saturday, March 30, 2024	The Easter Vigil may not begin before total darkness (around 8:00 PM)
Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection	Sunday, March 31, 2024	
Prayer Service for Healing and Protection	Tuesday, April 16, 2024	Saint Stephen Cathedral, 6:00 PM
Second Sunday of Easter / Sunday of Divine Mercy	Sunday, April 7, 2024	
The Annunciation of the Lord	Monday, April 8, 2024	
Third Sunday of Easter	Sunday, April 14, 2024	
Fourth Sunday of Easter	Sunday, April 21, 2024	
Fifth Sunday of Easter	Sunday, April 28, 2024	
Sixth Sunday of Easter	Sunday, May 5, 2024	
Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord	Sunday, May 12, 2024	In this diocese, Ascension of the Lord is transferred to Sunday.
Pentecost Sunday	Sunday, May 19, 2024	
Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	Monday, May 20, 2024	
Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	Sunday, May 26, 2024	
Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)	Sunday, June 2, 2024	
Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	Friday, June 7, 2024	
Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	Saturday, June 8, 2024	
The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist	Monday, June 24, 2024	
Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles	Saturday, June 29, 2024	
National Eucharist Congress	Wednesday, July 17 – Sunday, July 21	Indianapolis, Indiana
Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus	Monday, July 29, 2024	
The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Thursday, August 15, 2024	Holy Day of Obligation
Parish Ministry & Leadership Conference	Saturday, August 24, 2024	The Bruce Conference Center, Hopkinsville
Sophia Awards Mass	Sunday September 8, 2024	St. Stephen Cathedral, 2:00 pm
Marriage Anniversary Mass	Sunday September 22, 2024	St. Stephen Cathedral, 2:00 pm

National Migration Week (Sept. 25-29) Mass	TBD	Location/Time TBD
Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi	Friday, October 4, 2024	
NEW: Optional Memorial Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos	Saturday, October 5, 2024	Information for liturgical texts can be found at https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/blessed-francis-xavier-seelos
Respect Life Mass	Saturday, October 26, 2024	St. Stephen Cathedral, 9:00 AM
Solemnity of All Saints	Friday, November 1, 2024	Holy Day of Obligation
The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)	Saturday, November 2, 2024	
ODYC	November 22-23, 2024	The Bruce Conference Center, Hopkinsville
Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	Sunday, November 24, 2024	
First Sunday of Advent	Sunday, December 1, 2024	

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 2024

First Sunday of Advent	December 3, 2023
Ash Wednesday	February 14, 2024
Easter Sunday	March 31, 2024
The Ascension of the Lord (Thursday)	May 9, 2024 (Note Transfer)
Pentecost Sunday	May 19, 2024
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	June 2, 2024
First Sunday of Advent	December 1, 2024

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Dec. 3, 2023 – Jan. 8, 2024	Advent, Christmas	Vol. I
Jan. 9 – Feb. 13, 2024	Weeks 1 to 6, Ordinary Time	Vol. III
Feb. 14 – May 19, 2024	Lent, Triduum, Easter	Vol. II
May 20 – Aug. 3, 2024	Weeks 7 to 17, Ordinary Time	Vol. III
Aug. 4 – Nov. 30, 2024	Weeks 18 to 34, Ordinary Time	Vol. IV
Dec. 1, 2024 – Jan. 12, 2025	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 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 2024 liturgical year begins on the First Sunday of Advent, December 3, 2023. During the year 2024:
 - a. Monday, January 1, is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. This year, the obligation to attend Mass on this date is abrogated, in accord with the complementary norm to canon 1246 §2 confirmed for the dioceses of the United States of America.
 - b. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on Monday, January 8, with only one reading before the Gospel. 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 25 is the Monday of Holy Week, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord is transferred to Monday, April 8.

- d. Thursday, May 9, is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord in the ecclesiastical provinces of Boston, Hartford, New York, Omaha, and Philadelphia. All other ecclesiastical provinces of the United States of America have transferred this Solemnity to the following Sunday, May 12; on Thursday, May 9, the Easter Weekday is observed.
- e. Since December 8, 2024 is the Second Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, December 9. The obligation to attend Mass, however, does not transfer. The Optional Memorial of Saint Juan Diego Cuahtlatoatzin, December 9, is omitted this year.

On November 17, 2021, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops approved the inscription of the Optional Memorial of Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin. As of June 2022, this approval awaits confirmation by the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. If confirmed, the entry for Thursday, September 5, 2024 will be emended to read:

5 Thu Weekday green/white
[USA: Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin]
1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11 (434)

For updates, visit USCCB.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year (see the section “U.S. Proper Calendar and Recent Additions”).

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.....	January 28- February 3
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 2024 Liturgical Calendar at: <https://usccb.org/resources/2023cal.pdf>