



Diocese of  
**OWENSBORO**

## LITURGICAL YEAR 2025

Sunday Cycle Year C | Weekdays Cycle I  
December 1, 2024 – November 29, 2025

OBSERVANCE	DATE	NOTES
First Sunday of Advent	Sunday, December 1, 2024	
<b>Eucharistic Revival</b>	<b>Tuesday, December 3, 2024</b>	<b>Owensboro Convention Center 10AM</b>
Second Sunday of Advent	Sunday, December 8, 2024	
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Monday, December 9, 2024	<u>This is a Solemnity but NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year</u>
Our Lady of Guadalupe	Thursday, December 12, 2024	
Third Sunday of Advent	Sunday, December 15, 2024	
Fourth Sunday of Advent	Sunday, December 22, 2024	
Nativity of the Lord	Wednesday, December 25, 2024	Holy Day of Obligation
<b>St Stephen, First Martyr</b>	<b>Thursday, December 26, 2024</b>	<b>Diocesan Patron</b>
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	Sunday, December 29, 2024	
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother Of God	Wednesday, January 1, 2025	Holy Day of Obligation
World Day of Peace	Wednesday, January 1, 2025	
<b>Diaconate Ordination</b>	<b>Saturday, January 4, 2025</b>	<b>St. Stephen, 10:00 am</b>
The Epiphany of the Lord	Sunday, January 5, 2025	
The Baptism of the Lord	Sunday, January 12, 2025	
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	Wednesday, January 22, 2025	
The Presentation of the Lord	Sunday, February 2, 2025	
<b>Rite of Election</b>	<b>Sunday, March 2, 2025</b>	<b>St Jerome Fancy Farm, 2 PM</b>
Ash Wednesday	Wednesday, March 5, 2025	
First Sunday of Lent	Sunday, March 9, 2025	
<b>Rite of Election</b>	<b>Sunday, March 9, 2025</b>	<b>St. Stephen Cathedral, 2 PM &amp; 6 PM</b>
Second Sunday of Lent	Sunday, March 16, 2025	
<b>Youth 2000 Mass</b>	<b>Sunday, March 16, 2025</b>	<b>Brescia University (participants only)</b>
Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Wednesday, March 19, 2025	
Third Sunday of Lent	Sunday, March 23, 2025	1 <sup>st</sup> Scrutiny
The Annunciation of the Lord	Tuesday, March 25, 2025	
Fourth Sunday of Lent	Sunday, March 30, 2025	2 <sup>nd</sup> Scrutiny
Fifth Sunday of Lent	Sunday, April 6, 2025	3 <sup>rd</sup> Scrutiny

<b>Prayer Service for Healing and Protection</b>	<b>Tuesday, April 8, 2025</b>	<b>Saint Stephen Cathedral, 6:00 PM</b>
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	Sunday, April 13, 2025	
<b>Chrism Mass</b>	<b>Tuesday, April 15, 2025</b>	<b>Owensboro Sportscenter, 6:30 PM</b>
Holy Thursday	Thursday, April 17, 2025	
Friday of the Lord's Passion	Friday, April 18, 2025	
Holy Saturday	Saturday, April 19, 2025	
Easter Vigil	Saturday, April 19, 2025	The Easter Vigil may not begin before total darkness (around 8:00 PM)
Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection	Sunday, April 20, 2025	
Second Sunday of Easter / Sunday of Divine Mercy	Sunday, April 27, 2025	
Third Sunday of Easter	Sunday, May 4, 2025	
Fourth Sunday of Easter	Sunday, May 11, 2025	
Fifth Sunday of Easter	Sunday, May 18, 2025	
Sixth Sunday of Easter	Sunday, May 25, 2025	
<b>Priest Ordination</b>	<b>Saturday, May 31, 2025</b>	St. Stephen Cathedral
Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord	Sunday, June 1, 2025	In this diocese, Ascension of the Lord is transferred to Sunday.
Pentecost Sunday	Sunday, June 8, 2025	
Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	Monday, June 9, 2025	
Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	Sunday, June 15, 2025	
Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)	Sunday, June 22, 2025	
The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist	Tuesday, June 24, 2025	
Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	Friday, June 27, 2025	
Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	Saturday, June 28, 2025	
Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles	Sunday, June 29, 2025	
Independence Day	Friday, July 4, 2025	Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Mt 9:9-13 (381) or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Country or a City" (882-886), or the Mass "For Peace and Justice" (887-891)
Fourteenth Sunday Ordinary Time	Sunday, July 6, 2025	
Fifteenth Sunday Ordinary Time	Sunday, July 13, 2025	
Sixteenth Sunday Ordinary Time	Sunday, July 20, 2025	
Seventeenth Sunday Ordinary Time	Sunday, July 27, 2025	

Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus	Tuesday, July 29, 2025	
Eighteenth Sunday Ordinary Time	Sunday, August 3, 2025	
Nineteenth Sunday Ordinary Time	Sunday, August 10, 2025	
<b>Sophia Awards Mass</b>	<b>Sunday August 10, 2025</b>	<b>St. Stephen Cathedral 2:00 PM</b>
The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Friday, August 15, 2025	Holy Day of Obligation
Twentieth Sunday Ordinary Time	Sunday, August 17, 2025	
Twenty-First Sunday Ordinary Time	Sunday, August 24, 2025	
Twenty-Second Sunday Ordinary Time	Sunday, August 31, 2025	
Twenty-Third Sunday Ordinary Time	Sunday, September 7, 2025	<b>Mass Count Weekend</b>
Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Sunday, September 14, 2025	<b>Mass Count Weekend</b>
Twenty-Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time	Sunday, September 21, 2025	<b>Mass Count Weekend</b>
<b>Marriage Celebration Mass</b>	<b>Sunday, September 21, 2025</b>	<b>St. Stephen Cathedral, 2:00 PM</b>
Twenty-Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time	Sunday, September 28, 2025	<b>Mass Count Weekend</b>
Twenty-Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time	Sunday, October 5, 2025	
Twenty-Eighth Sunday Ordinary Time	Sunday, October 12, 2025	
Twenty-Ninth Sunday Ordinary Time	Sunday, October 19, 2025	
World Mission Sunday	Sunday, October 19, 2025	
<b>Respect Life Mass</b>	<b>Saturday, October 25, 2025</b>	
Thirtieth Sunday Ordinary Time	Sunday, October 26, 2025	
All Saints Day	Saturday, November 1, 2025	<u>Not a Holy Day of Obligation</u> this year
The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)	Sunday, November 2, 2025	
Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	Sunday, November 9, 2025	
Thirty-Third Sunday Ordinary Time	Sunday, November 16, 2025	
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	Sunday, November 23, 2025	
First Sunday Advent	Sunday, November 30, 2025	
Second Sunday Advent	Sunday, December 7, 2025	
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Monday, December 8, 2025	Holy Day of Obligation
Our Lady of Guadalupe	Friday, December 12, 2025	
Third Sunday Advent	Sunday, December 14, 2025	
Fourth Sunday Advent	Sunday, December 21, 2025	

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)	Thursday, December 25, 2025	Holy Day of Obligation
Saint Stephen, First Martyr	Friday, December 26, 2025	Diocesan Patron
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	Sunday, December 28, 2025	

**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 1, 2024
Ash Wednesday	March 5, 2025
Easter Sunday	April 20, 2025
The Ascension of the Lord	June 1, 2025
Pentecost Sunday	June 8, 2025
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	June 22, 2025
First Sunday of Advent	November 30, 2025

**LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

Dec 1, 2024 - Jan 12, 2025	Advent, Christmas	Vol. I
Jan 13, 2025 – Mar 4, 2025	Weeks 1 to 8, Ordinary Time	Vol. III
Mar 5, 2025 – June 8, 2025	Lent, Triduum, Easter	Vol. II
June 9, 2025 – Aug 2, 2025	Weeks 10 to 17, Ordinary Time	Vol. III
Aug 3, 2025 – Nov. 29, 2025	Weeks 18 to 34, Ordinary Time	Vol. IV
Nov 20, 2025 – Jan 11, 2026	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 2025 liturgical year begins on the First Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2024. During the year 2025:
  - a. 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 Cuauhtlatoatzin, December 9, is omitted this year.
  - b. Thursday, May 29, 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, June 1; on Thursday, May 29, the Easter Weekday or the Optional Memorial of Saint Paul VI, Pope is observed.
  - c. In a notification dated December 8, 1998, of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments (Prot. n. 2671/98/L), the Obligatory Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary becomes an Optional Memorial in years when it conflicts with another Obligatory Memorial. Therefore, Saturday, June 28 is a weekday in Ordinary Time, as well as the Optional Memorials of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr, and Doctor of the Church.
  - d. Saturday, November 1, is the Solemnity of All Saints. In accord with the complimentary norm to canon 1246 §2 confirmed for the dioceses of the United States of America, because it is a Saturday, this year the obligation to attend Mass on this date is abrogated.

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1. Las citas de las escrituras en inglés se basan en New American Bible con el Nuevo Testamento revisado y pueden diferir ligeramente de las citas dadas en el Ordo Lectionum Missae (1981) debido a diferencias en la versificación.
2. En la preparación de los calendarios diocesanos y provinciales y ordines, deben añadirse la dedicación de las catedrales diocesanas, la dedicación de las iglesias parroquiales y los días especiales de oración (cfr. Institución General del Misal Romano [IGMR], n. 373), junto con otras conmemoraciones de santos y beatos que se incluyen en esos calendarios particulares. Más información está disponible en las Normas universales sobre el año litúrgico y sobre el calendario, particularmente en el capítulo II.
3. “Los sábados del Tiempo Ordinario del año en los que no ocurra una memoria obligatoria se puede hacer memoria libre de la Virgen María” (Normas universales sobre el año litúrgico y sobre el calendario, n. 15). Esto se indica en el calendario por medio de las siglas “BVM”. Las lecturas y las oraciones pueden ser seleccionadas del Común de la Bienaventurada Virgen María o las Misas votivas de la Bienaventurada Virgen María en el Misal Romano, o en las Misas de la Virgen María, vols. I y II.
4. En un decreto fechado el 23 de marzo de 1992, el obispo de Honolulu designó la Navidad y la Inmaculada Concepción como las dos únicas fiestas de precepto para el estado de Hawái. Esto implementa el indulto recibido por la Congregación para el Culto Divino y la Disciplina de los Sacramentos el 26 de mayo de 1990, y el posterior nihil obstat de la Conferencia Nacional de Obispos Católicos que permite a Hawái legislar sobre este asunto de acuerdo con las normas de la Conferencia Episcopal del Pacífico (CEPAC).
5. Este calendario litúrgico tiene entradas para el Día de la Independencia de los Estados Unidos y el Día de Acción de Gracias, ya que están inscritos en el Calendario propio para las diócesis de los Estados Unidos de América, pero no incluye otros días cívicos festivos comúnmente celebrados en este país (por ejemplo, Día de Martin Luther King, Jr., Día de los Caídos, Día del Trabajo, etc.). Respetando estas normas litúrgicas (cfr. IGMR, nn. 368-378), el Misal Romano ofrece misas apropiadas, pero este calendario no hace ninguna recomendación para esas fiestas.
6. El año litúrgico 2025 comienza el primer domingo de Adviento, el 1º de diciembre de 2024. Durante el año 2025:
  - a. Dado que el 8 de diciembre de 2024 es el segundo domingo de Adviento, la solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Bienaventurada Virgen María se traslada al lunes 9 de diciembre. Sin embargo, la obligación de asistir a misa no cambia. Se omite este año la memoria libre de san Juan Diego, el 9 de diciembre.
  - b. El jueves 29 de mayo es la solemnidad de la Ascensión del Señor en las provincias eclesiásticas de Boston, Hartford, Nueva York, Omaha y Filadelfia. Todas las demás provincias eclesiásticas de los Estados Unidos de América han trasladado esta solemnidad al domingo siguiente, el 1º de junio; el jueves 29 de mayo se observa el día de la semana de Pascua o bien la memoria libre de san Pablo VI, Papa.
  - c. En una notificación fechada el 8 de diciembre de 1998, de la Congregación para el Culto

Divino y la Disciplina de los Sacramentos (Prot. n. 2671/98/L), la memoria obligatoria del Corazón Inmaculado de la Bienaventurada Virgen María se convierte en una memoria libre cuando entra en conflicto con otra memoria obligatoria. Por lo tanto, el sábado 28 de junio es un día de la semana del Tiempo Ordinario, así como las memorias libres del Corazón Inmaculado de la Bienaventurada Virgen María y san Ireneo, obispo, mártir y doctor de la Iglesia.

- d. El sábado 1º de noviembre es la solemnidad de Todos los Santos. De acuerdo con la norma complementaria del canon 1246 §2 confirmada para las diócesis de los Estados Unidos de América, porque es sábado, este año se abroga la obligación de asistir a Misa en esta fecha

**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 2025 Liturgical Calendar at: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/2025cal.pdf>