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Diocese of OWENSBORO

LITURGICAL YEAR 2027

Sunday Cycle Year B | Weekday Cycle I
November 29, 2026 – November 21, 2027

OBSERVANCE	DATE	NOTES
First Sunday of Advent	Sunday, November 29, 2026	
Second Sunday of Advent	Sunday, December 6, 2026	
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Tuesday, December 8, 2026	Holy Day of Obligation
Our Lady of Guadalupe	Saturday, December 12, 2026	
Third Sunday of Advent	Sunday, December 13, 2026	
Fourth Sunday of Advent	Sunday, December 20, 2026	
Nativity of the Lord	Friday, December 25, 2026	Holy Day of Obligation
St Stephen, First Martyr	Saturday, December 26, 2026	Diocesan Patron
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	Sunday, December 27, 2026	
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother Of God	Friday, January 1, 2027	Holy Day of Obligation
World Day of Peace	Friday, January 1, 2027	
The Epiphany of the Lord	Sunday, January 3, 2027	
The Baptism of the Lord	Sunday, January 10, 2027	
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	Friday, January 22, 2027	
The Presentation of the Lord	Tuesday, February 2, 2027	
Rite of Election	Sunday, February 7, 2027	St Leo, Murray, 4 PM
Ash Wednesday	Wednesday, February 10, 2027	
First Sunday of Lent	Sunday, February 14, 2027	
Rite of Election	Sunday, February 14, 2027	St. Stephen Cathedral, 2 PM & 4 PM
Second Sunday of Lent	Sunday, February 21, 2027	
Third Sunday of Lent	Sunday, February 28, 2027	1st Scrutiny
Fourth Sunday of Lent	Sunday, March 7, 2027	2nd Scrutiny
Youth 2000 Mass	Sunday, March 14, 2027	Brescia University (participants only)
Fifth Sunday of Lent	Sunday, March 14, 2027	3rd Scrutiny
Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Friday, March 19, 2027	
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	Sunday, March 21, 2027	

Chrism Mass	Tuesday, March 23, 2027	Owensboro Sportscenter, 6:30 PM
Holy Thursday	March 25, 2027	
Friday of the Lord's Passion	Friday, March 26, 2027	
Holy Saturday	Saturday, March 27, 2027	
Easter Vigil	Saturday, March 27, 2027	The Easter Vigil may not begin before total darkness (around 8:00 PM)
Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection	Sunday, March 28, 2027	
Second Sunday of Easter / Sunday of Divine Mercy	Sunday, April 4, 2027	
The Annunciation of the Lord	Sunday, April 5, 2027	
Prayer Service for Healing and Protection	Thursday, April 15, 2027	St. Stephen Cathedral, 6:00 PM
Third Sunday of Easter	Sunday, April 11, 2027	
Fourth Sunday of Easter	Sunday, April 18, 2027	
Fifth Sunday of Easter	Sunday, April 25, 2027	
Sixth Sunday of Easter	Sunday, May 2, 2027	
Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord	Sunday, May 9, 2027	In this diocese, the Ascension of the Lord is transferred to Sunday.
Pentecost Sunday	Sunday, May 16, 2027	
Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	Monday, May 17, 2027 http://www.usccb.org/motherofthechurch	
Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	Sunday, May 23, 2027	
Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)	Sunday, May 30, 2027	
Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	Friday, June 4, 2027	
Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	Saturday, June 5, 2027	
The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist	Thursday, June 24, 2027	
Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles	Tuesday, June 29, 2027	
Fourteenth Sunday Ordinary Time	Sunday, July 4, 2027	
Independence Day	Sunday, July 4, 2027	
Fifteenth Sunday Ordinary Time	Sunday, July 11, 2027	
Sixteenth Sunday Ordinary Time	Sunday, July 18, 2027	
Seventeenth Sunday Ordinary Time	Sunday, July 25, 2027	

Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus	Thursday, July 29, 2027	
Eighteenth Sunday Ordinary Time	Sunday, August 1, 2027	
Nineteenth Sunday Ordinary Time	Sunday, August 8, 2027	
The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Sunday, August 15, 2027	
Sophia Awards Mass	Sunday, August 15, 2027	St. Stephen Cathedral, 2:00 PM
Twenty-First Sunday Ordinary Time	Sunday, August 22, 2027	
Twenty-Second Sunday Ordinary Time	Sunday, August 29, 2027	
Twenty-Third Sunday Ordinary Time	Sunday, September 5, 2027	Mass Count Weekend
Diaconate Ordination	Saturday, September 11, 2027	St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro, 9:00 AM
Twenty-Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time	Sunday, September 12, 2027	Mass Count Weekend
Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Tuesday, September 14, 2027	
Twenty-Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time	Sunday, September 19, 2027	Mass Count Weekend
Marriage Celebration Mass	Sunday, September 19, 2027	St. Stephen Cathedral, 2:00 PM
Twenty-Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time	Sunday, September 26, 2027	Mass Count Weekend
Twenty-Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time	Sunday, October 3, 2027	
Twenty-Eighth Sunday Ordinary Time	Sunday, October 10, 2027	
Twenty-Ninth Sunday Ordinary Time	Sunday, October 17, 2027	
Thirtieth Sunday Ordinary Time	Sunday, October 24, 2027	
Thirty-First Sunday Ordinary	Sunday, October 31, 2027	
All Saints Day	Monday, November 1, 2027	Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year
The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)	Tuesday, November 2, 2027	Any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead (1011-1016) Pss Prop
Thirty-Second Sunday Ordinary Time	Sunday, November 7, 2027	
Thirty-Third Sunday Ordinary Time	Sunday, November 14, 2027	
NCYC	November 18-21, 2027	
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	Sunday, November 21, 2027	
First Sunday Advent	Sunday, November 28, 2027	
Second Sunday Advent	Sunday, December 5, 2027	

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Wednesday, December 8, 2027	Holy Day of Obligation
Our Lady of Guadalupe	Sunday, December 12, 2027	
Third Sunday Advent	Sunday, December 13, 2027	
Fourth Sunday Advent	Sunday, December 19, 2027	
The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)	Saturday, December 25, 2027	Holy Day of Obligation
Saint Stephen, First Martyr	Sunday, December 26, 2027	Diocesan Patron
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	Sunday, December 26, 2027	

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	November 29, 2026
Ash Wednesday	February 10, 2027
Easter Sunday	March 28, 2027
The Ascension of the Lord [Thursday]	May 9, 2027
Pentecost Sunday	May 16, 2027
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	May 30, 2027
First Sunday of Advent	November 28, 2027

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Nov. 29, 2026 – Jan. 10, 2027	Advent, Christmas	Vol. I
Jan 11, 2027 – Feb 9, 2027	Weeks 1 to 5, Ordinary Time	Vol. III
Feb. 10 – May 16, 2027	Lent, Triduum, Easter	Vol. II
May 17 – July 31, 2027	Weeks 7 to 17, Ordinary Time	Vol. III
Aug 1, 2027 – Nov. 27, 2027	Weeks 18 to 34, Ordinary Time	Vol. IV
Nov 28, 2027 – Jan 9, 2027	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 2027 liturgical year begins on the First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2026. During the year 2027:

   a. Since March 25 is Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday), the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord is transferred to Monday, April 5.

   b. Thursday, May 6, 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 9; on Thursday, May 6, the Easter weekday is observed.

   c. In a notification of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments (December 8, 1998, 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 5, is a weekday in Ordinary Time, as well as the Optional Memorials of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, of Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr, and of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday.

d. Monday, November 1, is the Solemnity of All Saints. In accord with the complementary norm to canon 1246 §2 confirmed for the dioceses of the United States of America, because it is a Monday, this year the obligation to attend Mass on this date is abrogated.

e. Sunday, December 12, 2027, 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.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES / NOTAS MISCELÁNEAS

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 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 Honolulú 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 2027 comienza el primer domingo de Adviento, el 29 de noviembre de 2026. Durante el año 2027:

   a. Dado que el 25 de marzo es Jueves Santo, la solemnidad de la Anunciación del Señor se traslada al lunes 5 de abril.

b. El jueves 6 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 9 de mayo; el jueves 6 de mayo se observa el día de la semana de Pascua.

c. En una notificación de la Congregación para el Culto Divino y la Disciplina de los Sacramentos (8 de diciembre de 1998, 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 5 de junio es un día de la semana del Tiempo Ordinario, así como las memorias libres del Corazón Inmaculado de la Bienaventurada Virgen María, de san Bonifacio, obispo y mártir, y de la Bienaventurada Virgen María en sábado.

d. El lunes 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 lunes, este año se abroga la obligación de asistir a Misa en esta fecha.

e. El domingo 12 de diciembre de 2027 es el tercer domingo de Adviento, y este año se omite la fiesta de la Bienaventurada Virgen María de Guadalupe. Se puede honrar apropiadamente a la Bienaventurada Virgen María de Guadalupe en la homilía, la oración universal y los himnos de la liturgia dominical. Si la utilidad pastoral lo pidiese (cfr. IGMR, n. 376), se puede celebrar una Misa votiva de la Bienaventurada Virgen María de Guadalupe en un día de la semana antes o después del 12 de diciembre, con las lecturas y oraciones propias.

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 2027 Liturgical Calendar at: www.usccb.org/resources/2027cal.pdf