NOTATIONS ON THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR

for the

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL & MINNEAPOLIS

2021 – 2022

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LECTIONARY CYCLES FOR MASS

Sunday Cycle  Year C  November 28, 2021 – November 20, 2022
Weekday Cycle II  January 10, 2022 – March 1, 2022
               June 6, 2022 – November 26, 2022
Sunday Cycle  Year A  November 27, 2022 – November 26, 2023

PRINCIPLE CELEBRATIONS OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR 2021-2022

First Sunday of Advent  November 28, 2021
Ash Wednesday  March 2, 2022
Easter Sunday  April 17, 2022
Ascension of the Lord  May 29, 2022
Pentecost Sunday  June 5, 2022
Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ  June 19, 2022
First Sunday of Advent  November 27, 2022

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Inasmuch as January 1, 2022 and August 15, 2022 fall on a Saturday and Monday, respectively, they are not obligatory this year. In the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, the Ascension of the Lord is perpetually transferred to the following Sunday. The other Holy Days of Obligation this upcoming year are:

- December 8, 2021  The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- December 25, 2021  The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
- November 1, 2022  All Saints
- December 8, 2022  The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- December 25, 2022  The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

LITURGICAL DATES PARTICULAR TO THE ARCHDIOCESE

- December 8:  Closing of the Year of Saint Joseph. Mass 7:00pm at the Cathedral.
  - (February 13:  The Optional Memorial of Blessed James Miller FSC, Martyr, falls on a Sunday and is not observed in 2022)
  - (April 24:  The Memorial of St. Mary Euphrasia Pelletier, founder of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, falls on a Sunday and is not observed in 2022)
- May 13:  Archbishop Hebda’s Installation date (2016)
- June 3 – 5:  Closing of the Archdiocesan Synod
- June 29:  Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul (Patronal Feast of the Archdiocese)
- July 30:  Optional Memorial of Blessed Solanus Casey
- October 14:  Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of St Paul

RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR

These are included in chronological order in the calendar below, with links to additional information. The feast days for a couple saints—St. Gregory of Narek (Feb. 27) and Pope St. Paul VI (May 29)—fall on Sundays in 2022 and are not observed this year.
PAROCHIAL CELEBRATIONS

Every parish is encouraged to celebrate two Proper Solemnities: that of the title of its own church, and the day the church was consecrated (see the Table of Liturgical Days in *The Roman Missal*). If a Proper Solemnity falls on a Sunday of Christmas or Ordinary Time, the Solemnity is observed instead of the Sunday. Pastors wishing to set aside any other Sundays for particular celebrations (e.g. for the parish festival) must obtain permission from the Archbishop.

RITUAL MASSES

Ritual Masses are prohibited on all Sundays of Advent, Lent, and the Easter season; on all solemnities, including the Octave of Easter; on the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls); on Ash Wednesday; and during Holy Week. In addition, the norms prescribed for the Mass of the Day and in the ritual books themselves apply (*GIRM* no. 352 ff.).

Matrimony

Matrimony within Mass on Saturday should be celebrated prior to the evening Masses in anticipation of Sunday. In Masses that are not parish Masses, Matrimony within Mass may be used on Sundays of the Christmas season and Ordinary Time.

If Matrimony must occur during Mass Sunday or a Solemnity, the prayers and readings for the day’s Mass are used, inserting the consent, exchange of vows, nuptial blessing, and final solemn blessing in the appropriate places.

When a Matrimony Mass is not allowed, it is permissible to replace one of the readings prescribed for that day’s Mass with one indicated by an asterisk * in the *Order of Celebrating Matrimony*, no. 144 ff., except on Holy Thursday, Easter, Christmas, Epiphany, Ascension, Pentecost, Corpus Christi, Assumption, Immaculate Conception, and other Holy Days of Obligation, when all the readings of the day must be used.

However, the Rite of Matrimony without Mass may be celebrated on the above days, except during the Easter Triduum. The celebration of Matrimony on Good Friday and Holy Saturday is to be avoided altogether (*Order of Celebrating Matrimony*, no. 32).

If a Matrimony (within or without Mass) is celebrated on a day having a penitential character, especially during Lent, the pastor must counsel the spouses to respect the nature of that day.

Confirmations

To see when priests may validly confirm, refer to the Archdiocesan policy.

Funeral Masses

Funeral Masses are not permitted on solemnities that are Holy Days of Obligation, Holy Thursday, the Easter Triduum, and the Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, no. 380). Funeral Masses in non-church settings (e.g. funeral homes) may be done only with written permission of the Archbishop. Non-Eucharistic funeral liturgies, however, may be celebrated on these days and in these locations as appropriate.

DECEMBER 2021

Sunday, November 28, 2021 – First Sunday of Advent

- Violet
Saturday, December 4, 2021 – **Permanent Deacon Ordination 10:00am at the Cathedral**
- Concelebrants are asked to bring white stoles

Wednesday, December 8, 2021 – **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- Patronal Feast Day of the United States
- Holy Day of Obligation
- White
- Solemnity

Friday, December 10, 2021 – **Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto**
- Added to the [General Roman Calendar](#) in 2019
- If observed, white

Sunday, December 12, 2021 – **Third Sunday of Advent**
- Violet or Rose
- The liturgical Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is not celebrated this day. 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 with the permission of the Archbishop on a weekday before or after December 12, with its proper readings and prayers.

Friday, December 24, 2021 – **Christmas Eve**
- Christmas Eve Masses may not be celebrated earlier than 4:00 pm December 24. Cf. [Archdiocesan policy](#).

Saturday, December 25, 2021 – **Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas)**
- Holy Day of Obligation
- Solemnity
- White
- One Mass Saturday evening December 25, 2021 does *not* fulfill the obligation to attend Mass for both Christmas and Sunday December 26 (Feast of the Holy Family). The faithful must attend two Masses. Mass celebrated Saturday evening December 25 is that of Christmas During the Day (even for those attending that Mass to fulfill their Holy Family obligation).

Sunday, December 26, 2021 – **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**
- Feast
- White

**JANUARY 2022**

Saturday, January 1, 2022 – **Mary, Mother of God**
- The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; [World Day of Peace](#)
- NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year
- Solemnity; White
- Mass Saturday evening January 1 is the Vigil Mass of the Epiphany
Sunday, January 2, 2022 – **Epiphany of the Lord**
   - Solemnity
   - White

Sunday, January 9, 2022 – **Baptism of the Lord**
   - Feast
   - White

Monday, January 10, 2022 – **Monday of the First Week of Ordinary Time, Cycle II**

Tuesday, January 18 – Tuesday, January 25, 2022 – **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

Saturday, January 22, 2022 – **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**
   - 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12,19, 23-27; Mk 3:2021 (*Lectionary, 316*); or any readings from the Mass “For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life” (*Lectionary for Mass Supplement, 947A – E*), or the Mass “For Justice and Peace” (887 – 891).

Sunday, January 23, 2022 – **Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**
   - Word of God Sunday
   - Added to the *General Roman Calendar* in 2019

**FEBRUARY 2022**

Sunday, February 6, 2022 – **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
   - *World Day for Consecrated Life*

Tuesday, February 8, 2022 – **World Day of Prayer against Human Trafficking**

Friday, February 11, 2022 – **Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes**
   - *World Day of the Sick*

**MARCH 2022**

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 – **Ash Wednesday**
   - Violet

Sunday, March 6, 2022 – **First Sunday of Lent**
   - *Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion* 1:30 pm at the Basilica of Saint Mary and 2:00 pm at the Cathedral of Saint Paul
   - The *Parish Rite of Sending to the Bishop* may be celebrated prior to the Archdiocesan Rite of Election and Call to Conversion (*RCIA*, no. 108)
   - Violet

Saturday, March 19, 2022 – **Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
   - Solemnity
   - White
   - Anniversary, Installation of Francis as Supreme Pastor of the Church (2013)

Friday, March 25, 2022 – **The Annunciation of the Lord**
   - Solemnity; White
   - Since the Solemnity outranks the Lenten weekday, the obligation to abstain from eating meat on Fridays in Lent does not apply on this day.
Friday – Saturday, March 25 – 26, 2022 – 24 Hours for the Lord
  • Noon Fri. – Noon Sat.: perpetual confession/adoration at the Cathedral

APRIL 2022

Sunday, April 10, 2022 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
  • Red

TRIDUUM April 14 – 17, 2022

Thursday, April 14, 2022 – Holy Thursday
  • Chrism Mass 10:00 am at Cathedral
  • White
    Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper
  • White

Friday, April 15, 2022 – Friday of the Passion of the Lord
  • Red

Saturday, April 16, 2022 – Holy Saturday
  • Solemnity
  • White
  • No Mass for Easter may precede the Easter Vigil, which is celebrated between nightfall Holy Saturday and daybreak Easter Sunday. (General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, n. 21: “The entire celebration should begin after nightfall and end before dawn Sunday.”) Nightfall begins when twilight ends, about a half hour after sunset. For twilight and nightfall for your location, see www.timeanddate.com  Sunset in St. Paul, MN, on April 16, 2022 is 7:59 pm.

Sunday, April 17, 2022 – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
  • White

Sunday, April 24, 2022 – Second Sunday of Easter/Sunday of Divine Mercy
  • White

MAY 2022

Sunday, May 1, 2022 – Third Sunday of Easter
  • White
    • 2:00 pm Rosary Procession from the State Capitol to the Cathedral

Sunday, May 8, 2022 – Fourth Sunday of Easter
  • White
  • World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Tuesday, May 10, 2022 – Optional Memorial of Saint John of Avila
  • Added to the General Roman Calendar in 2021

Friday, May 13, 2022 – Optional Memorial Our Lady of Fatima
  • Anniversary of the installation of Bernard A. Hebd as Archbishop of St. Paul and Minneapolis (2016)
Saturday, May 14, 2022 – **Ordination of Transitional Deacons**
- 10:00 am at the Basilica of St Mary
- Concelebrants are asked to bring white stoles (the Feast of St. Matthias, Martyr, being set aside in favor of the Ritual Mass)

Tuesday, May 24, 2022 – **World Day of Prayer for the Church in China**

Saturday, May 28, 2022 – **Ordination to the Priesthood**
- 10:00 am at the Cathedral
- Concelebrants are asked to bring white stoles

Sunday, May 29, 2022 – **The Ascension of the Lord**
- White

**JUNE 2022**

Sunday, June 5, 2022 – **Pentecost Sunday**
- Solemnity
- Red
- **Conclusion of the Archdiocesan Synod** (Details forthcoming)

Monday, June 6, 2022 – **Obligatory Memorial of the Mary, Mother of the Church**
- Added to the [General Roman Calendar](#) in 2018
- Always the first Monday after Pentecost
- White

Sunday, June 12, 2022 – **The Most Holy Trinity**
- Solemnity
- White

Sunday, June 19, 2022 – **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)**
- Solemnity
- White

Thursday, June 23, 2022 – **The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**
- Solemnity
- White
- The Sacred Heart of Jesus—a Solemnity of the Lord—outranks the Solemnity of the Nativity of John the Baptist; the Baptist's Solemnity is transferred to this day.

Friday, June 24, 2022 – **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**
- Solemnity
- White
- World Day of Prayer for the [Sanctification of Priests](#)

Saturday, June 25, 2022 – **The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- Memorial
- White

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 – **Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles**
• Patronal Feast of the Archdiocese
• Solemnity
• Red

**JULY 2022**

Monday, July 4, 2022 – **Independence Day**
• Green/white
• Any readings from the Mass “For the Country or a City” (*Lectionary* no. 882-886) or Mass “For Peace and Justice” (887-891)

Friday, July 22, 2022 – **Feast of St. Mary Magdalene**
• Raised to an Obligatory Feast in the General Roman Calendar in 2016
• Granted her own proper *Preface* in 2020
• White

Friday, July 29, 2022 – **Obligatory Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus**
• Martha’s siblings added to the *General Roman Calendar* in 2021
• White

Saturday, July 30, 2022 – **Optional Memorial of Blessed Solanus Casey**
• Added to our particular *Archdiocesan Calendar* in 2018
• If observed, white

**AUGUST 2022**

Monday, August 15, 2022 – **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
• NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year
• White
• Solemnity

**SEPTEMBER 2022**

Thursday, September 1, 2022 – **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**

Saturday, September 17, 2022 – **Optional Memorial of St. Hildegard of Bingen**
• Added to the *General Roman Calendar* in 2021.

Sunday, September 18, 2022 – **Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
• *Catechetical Sunday* (USA)

Sunday, September 25, 2022 – **Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
• World Day of *Migrants and Refugees*
• Mass for Solidarity (Time/Location TBD)

**OCTOBER 2022**

Sunday, October 2, 2022 – **Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
• Respect Life Sunday (USCCB), beginning of *Respect Life Month*
Wednesday, October 5, 2022 – Optional Memorial of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos; also: Optional Memorial of St. Faustina Kowalska
- If either is observed, white
- Bd. Seelos added to the Proper US Calendar in 2014
- St. Kowalska added to the General Roman Calendar in 2020

Tuesday, October 11, 2022 – Optional Memorial of St. John XXIII, Pope
- Added to the General Roman Calendar in 2019
- If observed, white

Friday, October 14, 2022 – Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of Saint Paul
- In the Cathedral, a Solemnity. White.
- All other parishes, a Feast. White.

Saturday, October 22, 2022 – Optional Memorial of St. John Paul II
- Added to the General Roman Calendar in 2014

Sunday, October 23, 2022 – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- World Mission Sunday
- World Youth Day

NOVEMBER 2022

Tuesday, November 1, 2022 – All Saints
- Holy Day of Obligation
- Solemnity
- White

Wednesday, November 2, 2022 – The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
- White, violet, or black

Sunday, November 13, 2022 – Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
- World Day of the Poor

Sunday, November 20, 2022 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
- Solemnity
- White

LITURGICAL YEAR 2022 – 2023: Lectionary cycle A; weekdays Year I

Sunday, November 27, 2022 – First Sunday of Advent
- Violet

Thursday, December 8, 2022 – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Holy Day of Obligation
- Patronal Feast day of the United States of America
- Solemnity
- White
Monday, December 12, 2022 – **Our Lady of Guadalupe**
- Feast
- White

Sunday, December 25, 2022 – **Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**
- Holy Day of Obligation
- Solemnity
- White

Friday, December 30, 2022 – **Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**
- Feast
- White
- 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.

Saturday, December 31, 2022 – **Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of Our Lord**
- White
- Optional memorial of St. Sylvester

Sunday, January 1, 2023 – **Mary, Mother of God**
- Solemnity. White.
- The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; **World Day of Peace**