NOTATIONS ON THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR

for the

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL & MINNEAPOLIS

2020 - 2021

Prepared by the Office of Worship for use in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

October 23, 2020
LECTIONARY CYCLES FOR MASS

Sunday Cycle Year B November 29, 2020 – November 21, 2021
Weekday Cycle I January 11, 2021 – February 16, 2021
May 24, 2021 – November 27, 2021

Next year:
Sunday Cycle Year C November 28, 2021 - November 20, 2022
Weekday Cycle II

PRINCIPAL CELEBRATIONS OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR 2020-2021

First Sunday of Advent November 29, 2020
Ash Wednesday February 17, 2021
Easter Sunday April 4, 2021
Ascension of the Lord (Sunday) May 16, 2021
Pentecost Sunday May 23, 2021
Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ June 6, 2021
First Sunday of Advent November 28, 2021

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

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:

Tue. Dec. 8, 2020: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Patronal Feast of the United States of America)
Fri. Dec. 25, 2020: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Fri. Jan. 1, 2021: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Sun. Aug. 15, 2021: The Assumption is observed this Sunday)
Wed. Dec. 8, 2021: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat. Dec. 25, 2021: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

As of October 2020, the Archbishop continues to suspend all Catholics’ obligation to attend Mass in person (both Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation). Once the COVID-19 pandemic subsides, the Archdiocese will communicate when the obligation is being resumed.

LITURGICAL EVENTS PARTICULAR TO THE ARCHDIOCESE

- December 2: 2020 Day of Prayer and Fasting Against the Sin of Racism
- December 8: Beginning of the Year of Saint Joseph 2020 – 2021
- December 9: Bishop Cozzens’ Episcopal Ordination and Installation (2013)
- February 13: Optional Memorial – Blessed James Miller FSC, Martyr
- April 24: Obligatory Memorial – St Mary Euphrasia Pelletier, foundress of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
- May 13: Archbishop Hebda’s Installation date (2016)
- June 29: Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul (Patronal Feast of the Archdiocese)
- July 30: Optional Memorial - Blessed Solanus Casey
- October 14: Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of St Paul
- December 8: End of the Year of Saint Joseph
DECEMBER 2020

Sunday, November 29, 2020 – First Sunday of Advent
  • Violet

Wednesday, December 2, 2020 – Day of Prayer and Fasting Against the Sin of Racism
  • Archdiocesan-wide event; each parish/institution observes as it determines best
  • 7:00 pm Prayer Service at Cathedral of St. Paul

Sunday, December 6, 2020 – Second Sunday of Advent
  • Violet

Tuesday, December 8, 2020 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
  • Patronal Feast Day of the United States
  • White
  • Holy Day of Obligation
  • Beginning of the Archdiocesan Year of Saint Joseph

Wednesday, December 9, 2020 – Optional Memorial of St. Juan Diego
  • If observed, white
  • Anniversary Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Andrew H. Cozzens (2013)

Thursday, December 10, 2020 – Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto
  • Added to the General Roman Calendar in 2019
  • If observed, white

Saturday, December 12, 2020 – Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
  • Patroness of all the Americas
  • White

Sunday, December 13, 2020 – Third Sunday of Advent
  • Violet or Rose

Sunday, December 20, 2020 – Fourth Sunday of Advent
  • Violet

Thursday, December 24, 2020 – Christmas Eve

Friday, December 25, 2020 – Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas)
  • Solemnity
  • Holy Day of Obligation
  • White

Sunday, December 27, 2020 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
  • Feast
  • White
JANUARY 2021

Friday, January 1, 2021 – **Mary, Mother of God**
- Solemnity
- Holy Day of Obligation
- White

Sunday, January 3, 2021 – **Epiphany of the Lord**
- Solemnity
- White

Sunday, January 10, 2021 – **Baptism of the Lord**
- Feast
- White

Monday, January 11, 2021 – **Monday of the 1st Week of Ordinary Time, Cycle I**

Sunday, January 17, 2021 – **Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Friday, January 22, 2021 – **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**
- White or violet

Saturday, January 23, 2021 – **Optional Memorial of St. Marianne Cope, Virgin**
- Added to the particular calendar for the USA in 2013
- If observed, white

Sunday, January 24, 2021 – **Third Sunday of Ordinary Time** (a.k.a. **Word of God Sunday**)
- Added to General Roman Calendar in 2019

FEBRUARY 2021

Tuesday, February 2, 2021 – **The Presentation of the Lord**
- Feast
- White

Saturday, February 13, 2021 – **Optional Memorial of Blessed James Miller, FSC, Martyr**
- Added to the particular Archdiocesan calendar in 2020
- If observed, red
- De LaSalle Christian Brother who taught at Cretin-Derham High School. Martyred in Guatemala February 13, 1982
- [https://www.archspm.org/resource_downloads/blessed-james-miller/](https://www.archspm.org/resource_downloads/blessed-james-miller/)

**Wednesday, February 17, 2021 – Ash Wednesday**
- Violet

**Sunday, February 21, 2021 – First Sunday of Lent**
- **Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion.** Two options: 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*, n. 108)
- Violet

**Sunday, February 28, 2021 – Second Sunday of Lent**
- Violet

**MARCH 2021**

**Sunday, March 7, 2021 – Third Sunday of Lent**
- Violet

**Sunday, March 14, 2021 – Fourth Sunday of Lent**
- Violet or Rose

**Friday, March 19, 2021 – Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- Solemnity
- White
- Since the Solemnity outranks the Lenten weekday in the liturgical calendar, the usual obligation to abstain from eating meat on Fridays in Lent does not apply.
- **Anniversary, Installation of Francis as Pastor of the Universal Church (2013)**

**Friday – Saturday, March 19 – 20, 2021: 24 Hours for the Lord**
- Noon Fri - Noon Sat: confession/adoration at the Cathedral

**Sunday, March 21, 2021 – Fifth Sunday of Lent**
- Violet

**Thursday, March 25, 2021 – The Annunciation of the Lord**
- Solemnity
- White

**Sunday, March 28, 2021 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**
- Red
- Holy Week begin

**APRIL 2021**

**TRIDUUM: April 1-3, 2021**
Thursday, April 1, 2021 – **Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)**
- **Chrism Mass 10:00 am** in the Cathedral of Saint Paul. Holy Oils will be available after Mass in the basement of the Cathedral.
- White
- **Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper (Holy Thursday)**
- White

Friday, April 2, 2021 – **Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)**
- Red

Saturday, April 3, 2021 – **Holy Saturday – The Easter Vigil**
- **Solemnity**
- **White**
- **Easter Vigil Time.** 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* n. 21: “The Easter Vigil ranks as the ‘mother of all vigils’ … 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](http://www.timeanddate.com). In St. Paul, MN, on April 3, 2021 sunset is 7:43 pm and twilight ends ca. 8:13 pm, after which the Easter Vigil may begin.

Sunday, April 4, 2021 – **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**
- **Solemnity**
- **White**

Sunday, April 11, 2021 – **Second Sunday of Easter (a.k.a. Divine Mercy Sunday)**
- **White**

Sunday, April 18, 2021 – **Third Sunday of Easter**
- **White**

Saturday, April 24, 2021 – **Memorial of St Mary Euphrasia Pelletier**
- Added to the particular Archdiocesan calendar by Archbishop Roach
- Foundress of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
- [https://www.archspm.org/resource_downloads/st-mary-euphrasia-pelletier/](https://www.archspm.org/resource_downloads/st-mary-euphrasia-pelletier/)

Sunday, April 25, 2021 – **Fourth Sunday of Easter**
- **White**

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**MAY 2021**

Sunday, May 2, 2021 – **Fifth Sunday of Easter**
- **White**
- 2:00pm Rosary Procession from Capitol to Cathedral, with May Crowning

Saturday, May 8, 2021 – **Transitional Deacon Ordination**
- Basilica of Saint Mary, 10:00 AM

Sunday, May 9, 2021 – **Sixth Sunday of Easter**
- **White**
Thursday, May 13, 2021 – **Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima**
- Anniversary of Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda’s installation as Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis (2016)

Sunday, May 16, 2021 – **The Ascension of the Lord**
- Solemnity
- White

Sunday, May 23, 2021 – **Pentecost Sunday**
- Solemnity
- White

Monday, May 24, 2021 – **Obligatory Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church.**
- Added to the General Roman Calendar in 2018
- Always the first Monday after Pentecost
- White
- [www.usccb.org/motherofthechurch](http://www.usccb.org/motherofthechurch)

Saturday, May 29, 2021 – **Optional Memorial of St. Paul VI, Pope.**
- Added to the General Roman Calendar in 2019
- If observed, white
- Also: **Ordination to the Priesthood** – Cathedral of Saint Paul, 10:00 am

Sunday, May 30, 2021 – **The Most Holy Trinity**
- Solemnity
- White

**JUNE 2021**

Sunday, June 6, 2021 – **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)**
- Solemnity
- White

Friday, June 11, 2021 – **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**
- Solemnity
- White

Thursday, June 24, 2021 – **The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**
- Solemnity
- White

Tuesday, June 29, 2021 – **Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles**
- Patronal Feast of the Archdiocese
- Solemnity
- Red
JULY 2021

Thursday, July 22, 2021 – **Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene**
- Raised to an Obligatory Feast in the General Roman Calendar in 2016; granted its own proper Preface in 2020
- White

Friday, July 30, 2021 – **Optional Memorial of Blessed Solanus Casey**
- Added to our particular Archdiocesan calendar in 2018
- If observed, white
- [https://www.archspm.org/resource_downloads/blessed-solanus-casey/](https://www.archspm.org/resource_downloads/blessed-solanus-casey/)

AUGUST 2021

Friday, August 6, 2021 – **The Transfiguration of the Lord**
- Feast
- White

Sunday, August 15, 2021 – **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- Solemnity
- White

SEPTEMBER 2021

Tuesday, September 14, 2021 – **The Exaltation of the Cross**
- Feast
- Red

OCTOBER 2021

Friday, October 1, 2021 – **Candlelight Rosary Procession**
- 7:00 pm Procession from the Capitol to the Cathedral

Tuesday, October 5, 2021 – **Optional Memorial of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos**  
*Also: Optional Memorial of St. Faustina Kowalska*  
- Bl. Seelos added to Particular Calendar for United States in 2015  
- St. Kowalska added to General Roman Calendar in 2020  
- If observed, white for either celebration

Monday, October 11, 2021 – **Optional Memorial of St. John XXIII, Pope**
- Added to the General Roman Calendar in 2019
- If observed, white
Thursday, October 14, 2021 – **Anniversary of Dedication of Cathedral of Saint Paul**
- In the Cathedral: Solemnity, White
- All other parishes: Feast, White

Friday, October 22, 2021 – **Optional Memorial of St. John Paul II, Pope**
- Added to the General Roman Calendar in 2014
- If observed, white

**NOVEMBER 2021**

Monday, November 1, 2021 – **All Saints**
- Solemnity
- Falling on a Monday this year, not a Holy Day of Obligation
- White

Tuesday, November 2, 2021 – **Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day)**
- Solemnity
- Violet, White, or Black

Sunday, November 21, 2021 – **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Christ the King)**
- Solemnity
- Last Sunday in Ordinary Time
- White

**Liturgical Year 2021-2022: YEAR C; WEEKDAYS II**

Sunday, November 28, 2021 – **The First Sunday of Advent**
- Violet

Saturday, December 4, 2021 – **Permanent Deacon Ordination**
- Cathedral of Saint Paul, 10:00 am

Sunday, December 5, 2021 – **The Second Sunday of Advent**
- Violet

Wednesday, December 8, 2021 – **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- Patronal Feast day of the United States of America
- Holy Day of Obligation
- White
- End of the Year of Saint Joseph

Thursday, December 9, 2021 – **Optional Memorial of St. Juan Diego**
- If observed, white
- *Anniversary Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Andrew H. Cozzens (2013)*
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

Special Note on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe in 2021.
- Parishes in the United States are obligated to observe Sunday, December 12, 2021 as the Third Sunday of Advent in all liturgical celebrations.
- Communities may honor Our Lady of Guadalupe this day in non-liturgical celebrations.
- In parishes where the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe has special significance, the liturgical celebration may be transferred; cf. GIRM n. 374: “If any case of a graver need or of pastoral advantage should arise, at the direction of the Diocesan Bishop or with his permission, an appropriate Mass [e.g. Our Lady of Guadalupe] may be celebrated on any day except Solemnities, the Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter, days within the Octave of Easter, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day), Ash Wednesday, and the days of Holy Week.”
- Given the priority of Advent, Pastors wishing to observe the liturgical Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on a day other than December 12 (e.g. Saturday, December 11, or Monday, December 13) should write the Archbishop for that permission.
- For more information see the USCCB Committee on Divine Worship Newsletter Vol. XLVI (July 2010), p. 498.

Sunday, December 19, 2021 – Fourth Sunday of Advent
- Violet

Friday, December 24, 2021 – Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 25, 2021 – The Nativity of our Lord (Christmas)
- Solemnity
- Holy Day of Obligation
- White

Note: Attending one Mass Saturday evening December 25, 2021 does not “count” for both Christmas and Holy Family Sunday. Catholics are obligated to attend one Mass for Christmas (anytime between the evening on December 24 and midnight December 25), and another Mass for Holy Family Sunday (between the evening on December 25 and midnight December 26, 2021).

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

Ritual Masses are prohibited all Sundays of Advent, Lent, and the Easter season; all Solemnities, including the Octave of Easter; Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls); Ash Wednesday; and Holy Week. In addition, the norms prescribed for the Mass of the day and in the ritual books themselves also apply (cf. GIRM n. 352 ff.).

**Matrimony**

Matrimony within Mass on Saturday should be celebrated prior to the evening Masses in anticipation of Sunday. The Ritual Mass “For the Celebration of Marriage” from the *Roman Missal* may be celebrated on Sundays of Ordinary Time, Sundays of the Christmas season, and some Solemnities, provided these are not the regularly-scheduled parish Masses. At regularly-scheduled parish Masses, matrimony may be included in the parish Mass only at the discretion of the Pastor and within the parameters of Archdiocesan Policy n. 507 “Marriage – Celebration, Dispensations, Permissions:” [https://safe-environment.archspm.org/500-sacraments/507-marriage-celebration-dispensations-permissions/](https://safe-environment.archspm.org/500-sacraments/507-marriage-celebration-dispensations-permissions/) In parish Masses, 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 Ritual Matrimony Mass is not allowed, it is nevertheless permissible to replace one of the Lectionary readings prescribed for that day’s Mass with one indicated by an asterisk (*) in Chapter IV of the *Order of Celebrating Matrimony*, except on Holy Thursday, Easter, Christmas, Epiphany, Ascension, Pentecost, Corpus Christi, Assumption, Immaculate Conception, and other Holy Days of Obligation. On these days all the readings for the day must be used. See the *Order of Celebrating Matrimony*, n. 34.

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*, n. 32).

If 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.

*For the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic*, the Archbishop has granted permission to celebrate Matrimony outdoors on parish property, either within or without Mass. Permission to celebrate Matrimony in any non-Catholic location, whether indoors or outdoors, must be sought in writing from the Archbishop.

**Confirmation**

To see when priests ordinarily may validly confirm, refer to the Archdiocesan policy: [https://safe-environment.archspm.org/500-sacraments/504-confirmation-priest-minister/](https://safe-environment.archspm.org/500-sacraments/504-confirmation-priest-minister/)

*For the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic*, Pastors and Parochial Administrators have been granted the faculty to confirm, in their parish church, those youth participating in their own parish’s preparation program and who were originally scheduled to be confirmed by a bishop in 2020. Guidelines for celebrating confirmation during the pandemic are here: [https://archspmmainsite.s3.amazonaws.com/News/COVID19/Confirmation+Directives+May+28.pdf](https://archspmmainsite.s3.amazonaws.com/News/COVID19/Confirmation+Directives+May+28.pdf)

**Funeral Mass**

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 the Easter season (*GIRM* n. 380). Non-Eucharistic funeral liturgies, however, may be celebrated on these days.

*For the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic*, parishes are urged to practice special vigilance to maintain social distance standards at all funeral events, including visitations and gatherings after the funeral held on church premises. Permission to celebrate funerals in non-church settings (such as funeral homes) must be sought in writing from the Archbishop.