



ARCHDIOCESE  
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SAINT PAUL &  
MINNEAPOLIS

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## NOTATIONS ON THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR

November 2022 – December 2023

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Minneapolis*

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### **LECTIONARY CYCLES FOR MASS**

Sunday Cycle	Year A	November 27, 2022 – November 26, 2023
Weekday Cycle	Cycle I	January 10, 2023 – February 21, 2023 May 29, 2023 – December 02, 2023
Sunday Cycle	Year B	December 03, 2023 – November 24, 2024

### **PRINCIPAL CELEBRATIONS OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR 2023**

First Sunday of Advent	November 27, 2022
Ash Wednesday	February 22, 2023
Easter Sunday	April 09, 2023
The Ascension of the Lord	May 21, 2023
Pentecost Sunday	May 28, 2023
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	June 11, 2023
First Sunday of Advent	December 03, 2023

### **HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION**

In the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, the Ascension of the Lord is perpetually transferred to the following Sunday. In addition to Sundays, the other holy days of obligation are:

The Immaculate Conception	Thursday, December 08, 2022
The Assumption	Tuesday, August 15, 2023
All Saints Day	Wednesday, November 01, 2023
The Immaculate Conception	Friday, December 08, 2023
The Nativity of the Lord	Monday, December 25, 2023

### **LITURGICAL DATES PARTICULAR TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS**

Episcopal Ordination of Most Rev. Bernard A. Hebda (2009)	Thursday, December 01, 2022
Episcopal Ordination of Most Rev. Joseph A. Williams (2022)	Wednesday, January 25, 2023
Blessed James Miller	Monday, February 13, 2023
Saint Mary Euphrasia Pelletier, Virgin	Monday, April 24, 2023
Installation of Most Rev. Bernard A. Hebda as the Archbishop of the Archdiocese Of St. Paul and Minneapolis (2016)	Saturday, May 13, 2023
Saints Peter and Paul	Thursday, June 29, 2023
Blessed Solanus Casey (not observed in 2023)	Sunday, July 30, 2023
Dedication of the Cathedral of Saint Paul	Saturday, October 14, 2023

## **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 [Archdiocesan Policy 503](#).

## 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 the written permission of the archbishop. Non-Eucharistic funeral liturgies, however, may be celebrated on these days and in these locations as appropriate.

This calendar is adapted from the Liturgical Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States of America 2023, from the Committee on Divine Worship. ([link](#))

In this calendar, optional memorials are designated by the use of italics.

The Scripture citations and *Lectionary* numbers [in brackets] for all readings are from the *Lectionary for Mass for Use in the Dioceses of the United States of America*, second typical edition (1998/2001), and the *Lectionary for Mass Supplement* (2017), which is based on the *Ordo Lectionum Missæ, editio typica altera* (1981).

## NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2022

Sunday, November 20, 2022 – **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE** (white)

- Solemnity [162]
- The promulgation of the post-synodal pastoral letter by Most Rev. Bernard A. Hebda
- Collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development ([link](#))

Sunday, November 27, 2022 – **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT** (violet)

Thursday, December 01, 2022 – **Advent Weekday** (violet)

- Episcopal Ordination of Most Rev. Bernard A. Hebda (2009)

Sunday, December 04, 2022 – **THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT** (violet)

Thursday, December 08, 2022 – **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** (white)

- Holy day of obligation
- Solemnity [689]
- Patronal feast day of the United States of America

Sunday, December 11, 2022 – **THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT** (violet or rose)

Monday, December 12, 2022 – USA: **Our Lady of Guadalupe** (white)

- Feast [690A or 707-712]

Saturday, December 24, 2022 – **CHRISTMAS EVE** (white)

- Christmas Eve Mass may not be celebrated earlier than 4:00PM on December 24 per [Archdiocesan Policy 502](#).

Sunday, December 25, 2022 – **THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)** (white)

- Solemnity [Vigil: 13; Night: 14; Dawn: 15; Day: 16]

Friday, December 30, 2022 – **Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph** (white)

- Feast [17]
- There is only one reading before the Gospel

### **JANUARY 2023**

Sunday, January 01, 2023 – **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD** (white)

- Solemnity [18]
- The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord
- World Day of Peace ([link](#))

Wednesday, January 04, 2023 – USA: **Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious** (white)

- Memorial [207]

Thursday, January 05, 2023 – USA: **Saint John Neumann, Bishop** (white)

- Memorial [208]

Friday, January 06, 2023 – **Christmas Weekday** (white/white)

- *USA: Saint André Bessette, Religious* [209]

Sunday, January 08, 2023 – **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD** (white)

- Solemnity [20]

Monday, January 09, 2023 – **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord** (white)

- Feast [21]
- 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.

Tuesday, January 10, 2023 – **Tuesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time** (green)

- Cycle I

Wednesday, January 18, 2023 – Wednesday, January 25, 2023

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** ([link](#))

Sunday, January 22, 2023 – **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** (green)

- Word of God Sunday ([link](#))

Monday January 23, 2023 – USA: **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children** (white or violet)

- *USA: Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin*
  - One of the optional memorials for this day may be celebrated only within the Liturgy of the Hours.
- 317 or, for the Day of Prayer, any readings from the Mass, “For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life” [*Lectionary for Mass Supplement*, 947A-947E], or the Mass “For Justice and Peace” [887-891]

Wednesday, January 25, 2023 – **Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle** (white)

- Anniversary of Most Reverend Joseph Williams’ ordination as a bishop (2022).

## **FEBRUARY**

Thursday, February 02, 2023 – **The Presentation of the Lord** (white)

Sunday, February 05, 2023 – **FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** (green)

- World Day for Consecrated for Life ([link](#))

Wednesday, February 08, 2023 – Weekday (green/white/white)

- *Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin*
- World Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking ([link](#))

Saturday, February 11, 2023 – **Our Lady of Lourdes** (white)

- World Day of the Sick ([link](#))

Monday, February 13, 2023 – **Weekday** (green/red)

- *Archdiocese of Saint Paul Minneapolis: Blessed James Miller, Martyr*
  - Decree and liturgical texts ([link](#))

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 – **Ash Wednesday** (violet)

Sunday, February 26, 2023 – **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT** (violet)

- Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion
  - 1:30PM at the basilica and 2:00PM at the cathedral
  - The parish rite of sending to the bishop may be celebrated prior to the archdiocesan rite of election and call to continuing conversion (*RCIA*, no. 108)

## **MARCH**

Friday, March 03, 2023 – **Lenten Weekday** (violet)

- *USA: Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin* [228]

Sunday, March 19, 2023 – **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT** (violet or rose)

- Anniversary, Installation of Francis as Supreme Pastor of the Church (2013)
- Global Solidarity Sunday: Combined collection for Catholic Relief Services, Solidarity with Africa, Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe, and the Church in Latin America ([link](#))

Monday, March 20, 2023 – **SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** (white)

- Solemnity [543]
- Since March 19, is the Fourth Sunday of Lent, the solemnity is transferred to Monday.

Saturday, March 25, 2023 – **THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD** (white)

- Solemnity [545]

## APRIL

Sunday, April 02, 2023 – **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD** (red)

Thursday, April 06, 2023 – **Holy Thursday** (white)

- The chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Paul, 10:00AM
- Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper [39]

Friday, April 07, 2023 – **Friday of the Passion of the Lord** (red)

- Collection for the Holy Land ([link](#))

Saturday, April 08, 2023 – **Holy Saturday** (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. Sunset in Saint Paul, Minnesota on April 08, 2023, is 7:49PM. (Use this [link](#) for sunset in your location.)

Sunday, April 09, 2023 – **EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESSURECTION OF THE LORD** (white)

- [42] or [41] or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, [46]
- Although not given the title of solemnity, "[t]he first eight days of Easter Time constitute the Octave of Easter and are celebrated as solemnities of the Lord" (*Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, no. 24)

Sunday, April 16, 2023 – **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER/DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** (white)

Monday, April 24, 2023 – **Easter Weekday** (white/white)

- Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis: Saint Mary Euphrasia Pelletier, Virgin ([link](#))

Sunday, April 30, 2023 – **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** (white)

- World Day of Prayer for Vocations ([link](#))
- Collection for Catholic Home Mission ([link](#))



## MAY

Sunday, May 07, 2023 – **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** (white)

- Family Rosary Procession- from the State Capitol to the Cathedral of Saint Paul starting at 2:00PM

Wednesday, May 10, 2023 – **Easter Weekday** (white/white/white)

- *Saint John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; USA: Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest*) [287]

Saturday, May 13, 2023 – **Our Lady of Fatima** (white)

- Anniversary of the installation of Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda as the Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis (2016)
- Ordination of transitional deacons at the Basilica of Saint Mary, 10:00AM

Monday, May 15, 2023 – **Easter Weekday** (white/white)

- *USA: Saint Isadore* [291]

Sunday, May 21, 2023 – **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD** (white)

- Solemnity [58]
- World Communications Day

Wednesday, May 24, 2023 – **Easter Weekday** (white)

- World Day of Prayer for the Church in China ([link](#))

Saturday, May 27, 2023 – **Easter Weekday** (white/white)

- *Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop*
- Ordination of priests at the cathedral
- Pentecost extended Vigil Mass and Prayer Gathering at the cathedral, 7:00PM

Sunday, May 28, 2023 – **PENTECOST SUNDAY** (red)

- Solemnity
- Vigil: [62]; Extended Vigil: *Lectionary for Mass Supplement* [62]; Day: [63]

Monday, May 29, 2023 – **The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church** (white)

- Memorial ([link](#))

Wednesday, May 31, 2023 – **The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (white)

- Feast [572]

## JUNE

Sunday, June 04, 2023 – **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY** (white)

- Solemnity [164]

Sunday, June 11, 2023 – USA: **THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)** (white)

- Solemnity [167]

Friday, June 16, 2023 – **THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS** (white)

- Solemnity [170]
- World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests ([link](#))

Saturday, June 17, 2023 – **The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (white)

- Memorial [573]

Saturday, June 24, 2023 – **THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST** (white)

- Solemnity Vigil: [586]; Day: [587]

Thursday, June 29, 2023 – **SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES** (red)

- Solemnity Vigil: [590]; Day: [591]
- Patronal feast of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis

## JULY

Saturday, July 01, 2023 – **Weekday** (green/white)

- USA: *Saint Junípero Serra, Priest* [376]

Tuesday, July 04, 2023 – **Weekday** (green/white)

- USA: *Independence Day*
- 378 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]

Wednesday, July 05, 2023 – **Weekday** (green/white/white)

- *Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; USA: Saint Elizabeth of Portugal* [379]

Friday, July 14, 2023 – USA: **Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin** (white)

- Memorial [387]

Tuesday, July 18, 2023 – **Weekday** (green/white)

- *USA: Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest* [390]

Saturday, July 22, 2023 – **Saint Mary Magdalene** (white)

- *Feast* [603]

Sunday, July 23, 2022 – **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** (green)

- *World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly* ([link](#))
  - *Blessing* ([link](#))

Wednesday, July 26, 2023 – **Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (white)

- *Memorial* [397]

Saturday, July 29, 2023 – **Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus** (white)

- *Memorial* [400/607]

## AUGUST

Sunday, August 06, 2023 – **THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD** (white)

- *Feast* [614]

Tuesday, August 15, 2023 – **THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** (white)

- *Holy day of obligation*
- *Solemnity. Vigil: [621]; Day [622]*

## SEPTEMBER

Friday, September 01, 2023 – **Weekday** (green)

- *World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation* ([link](#))

Saturday, September 09, 2023 – **USA: Saint Peter Claver, Priest** (white)

- *Memorial* [436]

Sunday, September 17, 2023 – **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** (green)

- *Catechetical Sunday* ([link](#))

Sunday, September 24, 2023 – **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
(green)

- [Mass for Solidarity](#), details TBD
- World Day of Migrants and Refugees ([link](#))

Friday, September, 29, 2023 – **Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels**  
(white)

- Feast [647]

## **OCTOBER**

Monday, October 02, 2023 – **The Holy Guardian Angels** (white)

- Memorial (455/650)

Thursday, October 05, 2023 – **Weekday** (green/white/white)

- *Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; USA: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest*

Friday, October 06, 2023 – **Weekday** (green/white/white)

- *Saint Bruno, Priest; USA: Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin*
- Candlelight Rosary Procession starting at the State Capitol and ending at the Cathedral of Saint Paul, 7:00PM

Saturday, October 14, 2023 – Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis: **Dedication of the Cathedral of Saint Paul** (white)

- The Dedication of the Cathedral of Saint Paul is a feast for the entire Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis and is a solemnity for the Cathedral Parish of Saint Paul

Thursday, October 19, 2023 – USA: **Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs** (red)

- Memorial [470]

Friday, October 20, 2023 – **Weekday** (green/white)

- *USA: Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest*

Sunday, October 22, 2023 – **TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
(green)

- World Mission Sunday ([link](#))

Sunday, October 29, 2023 – **THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** (green)

- World Youth Day ([link](#))

## NOVEMBER

Wednesday, November 01, 2023 – **ALL SAINTS** (white)

- Holy day of obligation
- Solemnity [667]

Thursday, November 02, 2023 – **The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day)** (violet or white or black)

- Any readings from [668], or from Masses for the Dead [1100-1016].

Monday, November 13, 2023 – USA: **Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin** (white)

- Memorial [491]

Saturday, November 18, 2023 – **Weekday** (green/white/white)

- *The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles; USA: Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin*
- [496] or, for the Optional Memorial of the Dedication [679]

Sunday, November 19, 2023 – **THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** (green)

- World Day of the Poor ([link](#))

Thursday, November 23, 2023 – **Weekday** (green/red/white/red/white)

- *Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot; USA: Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr; USA: Thanksgiving Day*
- [500] or, for Thanksgiving Day, any readings from the Mass "In Thanksgiving to God" [943-947]

Sunday, November, 26, 2023 – **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE** (white)

- Solemnity [160]

## DECEMBER

Friday, December 01, 2023 – **Weekday** (green)

- Episcopal Ordination of Most Rev. Bernard A. Hebda (2009)

## **(YEAR B – WEEKDAYS II)**

Sunday, December 03, 2023 – **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT** (violet)

Friday, December 08, 2023 – **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** (white)

- Holy day of obligation, solemnity
- Patronal feast day of the United States of America [689]

Saturday, December 09, 2023 – Advent Weekday (violet)

- Permanent Deacon Ordination at the Cathedral of Saint Paul, 10AM

Tuesday, December 12, 2023 – USA: **Our Lady of Guadalupe** (white)

- Feast
- [690A], or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary [707-712]

Monday, December 25, 2023 – **THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)** (white)

- Holy day of obligation, solemnity
- Vigil: [13]; Night: [14]; Dawn: [15]; Day: [16]

Sunday, December 31, 2023 – **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH** (white)

- Feast