

Diocese of Green Bay, WI
+ Holy Days and Selected Sundays and Feasts
Liturgical Year 2007-08: The Gospel of Matthew, Year A; Weekdays Year II Cycle

Year 2007

October 27	Saturday	Celebration of Eucharistic Day
+November 1	Thursday	All Saints Day holy day of obligation for Mass
November 2	Friday	All Souls Day, Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
November 25	Sunday	Solemnity of Christ the King
December 2	Sunday	First Sunday of Advent: Cycle A, Gospel of Matthew
+December 8	Saturday	Immaculate Conception always a holy day of obligation for Mass
December 12	Wednesday	Our Lady of Guadalupe
+December 25	Tuesday	Christmas holy day of obligation for Mass
December 30	Sunday	Feast of the Holy Family

Year 2008

+January 1	Tuesday	Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God holy day of obligation for Mass
January 6	Sunday	Solemnity of the Epiphany
January 13	Sunday	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
January 14	Monday	First Week in Ordinary Time
January 18-25		Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – “Pray Without Ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17)
February 2	Saturday	Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
February 6	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday: Day of Fast and Abstinence
February 10	Sunday	First Sunday of Lent – Rite of Election
February 17	Sunday	Second Sunday of Lent
February 24	Sunday	Third Sunday of Lent
March 2	Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 9	Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Lent [Daylight Savings Time begins]
March 15	Saturday	Solemnity of St. Joseph [Feast of St. Patrick not observed this year]
March 16	Sunday	Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion
March 18	Tuesday	Chrism Mass, 4:00 p.m. at SF Xavier Cathedral, Green Bay
March 20, 21, 22	Triduum: Thurs-Friday- Sat.	Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord’s Supper (Presentation of the Sacred Oils) Good Friday, Adoration of the Cross (Day of fast and abstinence) Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil
March 23	Sunday	Solemnity of Easter Sunday: Resurrection of the Lord
March 30	Sunday	Second Sunday of Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday
May 4	Ascension Sunday	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord [World Day of Prayer for Vocations]
May 11	Sunday	Solemnity of Pentecost
May 12	Monday	Ordinary Time resumes – Sixth Week
May 18	Sunday	Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
May 25	Sunday	Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood
May 30	Friday	Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
+August 15	Friday	Assumption of Mary holy day of obligation for Mass
+November 1	Saturday	All Saints Day not holy day of obligation for Mass
November 2	Sunday	All Souls Day, Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
November 23	Sunday	Solemnity of Christ the King
November 30	Sunday	First Sunday of Advent – Year B, Gospel of Mark
+December 8	Monday	Solemnity of Immaculate Conception always a day of obligation for Mass
December 12	Friday	Our Lady of Guadalupe
+December 25	Thursday	Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord day of obligation for Mass
December 28	Sunday	Feast of the Holy Family

Celebration of the Holy Days for the United States of America

The current policy for the six Holy Days for the United States of America is as follows:

January 1 (Mary, the Mother of God) is a day of obligation only when it falls on a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, or Sunday.

Ascension Sunday (Jesus ascending into heaven) The solemnity is always observed on the Seventh Sunday of Easter which is a day of obligation. (*Chancery Bulletin #239-IV*)

August 15 (The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven) is a day of obligation only when it falls on a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, or Sunday.

November 1 (The Solemnity of All Saints) is a day of obligation only when it falls on a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, or Sunday.

December 8 (The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary) is *always* a day of obligation because it is the national patronal feast day. However, if December 8 falls on Sunday, the solemnity is then observed on Monday, December 9. When this happens, it is not a day of obligation. To put it another way, if the solemnity is celebrated on Monday, December 8, it is a day of obligation; if the solemnity is transferred and celebrated on Monday, December 9, it is not a day of obligation.

December 25 (Christmas) is always a day of obligation.

When holy days occur on a Saturday or Monday, parishes are encouraged to have at least one Mass so that those who wish to attend Mass on a feast day—with or without an obligation—may do so.

Note that in the Diocese of Green Bay, weddings and funerals are not to be scheduled on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation without a dispensation from the Diocesan Bishop. The liturgical law is meant to protect the nature of the Sunday celebration and also helps those who are already asked to celebrate several liturgies on those days. (*Chancery Bulletin #231-IV*)

Additionally, please consult the *General Instruction on the Roman Missal* #s 359, 372 and 380 for information about weddings and funerals on Sundays and Solemnities. If you must have a wedding or funeral that day:

- use the readings of the day
- for weddings, one of the readings for the day may be replaced with a reading from the wedding Mass.
- consider having a Liturgy Outside of Mass

