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A LITURGICAL YEAR CALENDAR ADVISORY FROM THE OFFICE OF LITURGY

On the following pages you will find a calendar of select liturgical celebrations. We hope that it will be a helpful tool for those who prepare parish liturgies and a handy resource for parish worship commissions as they discuss long-range plans. You may want to be familiar with chapters seven and eight in the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal (2002)*. Paragraphs nos. 352-385 will assist you as you choose a Mass and its parts. In addition, the *General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar* guide you through the Liturgical Year – its seasons, weeks, days, and hours. Paragraph no. 59 provides a “Table of Liturgical Days according to their Order of Precedence.”

DAY	DATE	LITURGICAL DAY	RANK	COMMENTS
Sunday	Nov. 30, 2008	First Sunday of Advent – Year B		Lect #2
Sunday	Dec 7	Second Sunday of Advent		Lect #5
Monday	Dec 8	Immaculate Conception of the BVM No vigil on Sunday, December 7	S	Holy day of obligation Lect #689 Funeral Mass not permitted
Friday	Dec 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe	F	Lect #690 or Com of BVM
Sunday	Dec 14	Third Sunday of Advent		Lect #8
Sunday	Dec 21	Fourth Sunday of Advent		Lect #11
Thursday	Dec 25	The Nativity of the Lord/ Christmas	S	Holy day of obligation Genuflect at “and became man” Vigil: Lect #13 Midnight: Lect #14 Dawn: Lect #15 Day: Lect #16 Funeral Mass not permitted
Friday	Dec 26	St. Stephen, first martyr	F	Lect #696
Saturday	Dec 27	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist	F	Lect #697
Sunday	Dec 28	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph	F	Lect #17
Thursday	Jan 1, 2009	BVM, Mother of God	S	Holy day of obligation Lect #18 Funeral Mass not permitted
Sunday	Jan 4	The Epiphany of the Lord	S	Lect #20
Sunday	Jan 11	The Baptism of the Lord	F	Lect #21
Sunday	Jan 18	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time		Lect #65
Thursday	Jan 22	Day of Penance for Violations to Dignity of the Human Person (USA)		Mass for Peace and Justice, violet vestments
Saturday	Jan 24	St. Francis de Sales Principal Patron for the Diocese	F	Lect #518

Sunday	Jan 25	Conversion of St. Paul	F	Lect #519
Sunday	Feb 1	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time		Lect #70
Monday	Feb 2	Presentation of the Lord	F	Lect #524
Sunday	Feb 8	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time		Lect #74
Sunday	Feb 15	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time		Lect #77
Sunday	Feb 22	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time		Lect #80
Wednesday	Feb 25	Ash Wednesday		Lect #219 Ritual Masses not permitted Funeral Mass are permitted
Sunday	Mar 1	First Sunday of Lent		Lect #23
Sunday	Mar 8	Second Sunday of Lent		Lect #26
Sunday	Mar 15	Third Sunday of Lent		Lect #29, Scrutiny I (opt #28)
Thursday	Mar 19	St. Joseph, Husband of BVM	S	Lect #543 Gloria, Creed, Preface #62 Blessing of Food: BB Chapter 53 Funeral Mass permitted
Sunday	Mar 22	Fourth Sunday of Lent		Lect #32, Scrutiny II (opt #31)
Wednesday	Mar 25	The Annunciation of the Lord	S	Lect #545 Genuflect at "and become man" Funeral Mass Permitted
Sunday	Mar 29	Fifth Sunday of Lent		Lect #35, Scrutiny III (opt #34)
Sunday	Apr 5	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion		Procession: Lect #37 - Gospel A Mass: Lect #38 – Gospel A
Monday	Apr 6	Monday of Holy Week		Lect #257
Tuesday	Apr 7	Tuesday of Holy Week		Lect #258 ChrisM Mass 6:00 pm
Wednesday	Apr 8	Wednesday of Holy Week		Lect #259
Thursday	Apr 9	Holy Thursday	Triduum	Lect #39 Funeral Mass not permitted
Friday	Apr 10	Good Friday	Triduum	Lect #40 Funeral Mass not permitted
Saturday	Apr 11	Holy Saturday during the day	Triduum	BB, Chapter 54 Vigil is the only Mass celebrated, Funeral Mass not permitted Communion only as Viaticum
Saturday	Apr 11	Easter The Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter	Triduum	Lect #41 Sun sets at 8:10 PM; The Vigil may begin after 8:40 PM. Funeral Mass not permitted
Sunday	Apr 12	Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord	Triduum	Lect #42 Funeral Mass not permitted
Monday	Apr 13	Monday in the Octave of Easter	S	Lect #261 Preface 21
Tuesday	Apr 14	Tuesday in the Octave of Easter	S	Lect #262
Wednesday	Apr 15	Wednesday in the Octave of Easter	S	Lect #263
Thursday	Apr 16	Thursday in the Octave of Easter	S	Lect #264
Friday	Apr 17	Friday in the Octave of Easter	S	Lect #265
Saturday	Apr 18	Saturday in the Octave of Easter	S	Lect #266
Sunday	Apr 19	Second Sunday of Easter <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	S	Lect #44
Saturday	Apr 25	St. Mark, Evangelist	F	Lect #555

Sunday	Apr 26	Third Sunday of Easter		Lect #47
Sunday	May 3	Fourth Sunday of Easter		Lect #50
Sunday	May 10	Fifth Sunday of Easter		Lect #53
Thursday	May 14	St. Matthias, apostle	F	Lect # 564
Sunday	May 17	Sixth Sunday of Easter		Lect #56 May use second reading and gospel from the 7 th Sunday of Easter
Thursday	May 21	Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter		Lect #294
Sunday	May 24	Ascension of the Lord	S	Lect #58B
Sunday	May 31	Pentecost Sunday	S	Vigil: Lect #62 (1 st reading - A - D) Day: Lect #63B (2 nd reading A/B, Gospel A/B)
Sunday	Jun 7	The Most Holy Trinity	S	Lect #165
Saturday	Jun 13	St. Anthony – 2 nd Patron for the Diocese	F	Lect #581
Sunday	Jun 14	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	S	Lect #168
Friday	Jun 19	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	S	Lect #171
Sunday	Jun 21	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time		Lect #95
Wednesday	Jun 24	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist	S	Vigil: Lect #586 Day: Lect #587 Preface #61
Sunday	Jun 28	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		Lect #98
Monday	Jun 29	St. Peter & St. Paul, Apostles End of the Year of St. Paul	S	Vigil: Lect #590 Day: Lect #591 Preface #63
Friday	Jul 3	St. Thomas, apostle	F	Lect #593
Sunday	Jul 5	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		Lect #101
Sunday	Jul 12	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		Lect #104
Sunday	Jul 19	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		Lect #107
Wednesday	Jul 22	St. Mary Magdalen	M	Lect #603
Saturday	Jul 25	St. James, apostle	F	Lect #605
Sunday	Jul 26	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		Lect #110
Sunday	Aug 2	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		Lect #113
Thursday	Aug 6	The Transfiguration of the Lord	F	Lect #614
Sunday	Aug 9	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		Lect #116
Monday	Aug 10	St. Lawrence, deacon and martyr	F	Lect #618
Saturday	Aug 15	The Assumption of the BVM	S	Vigil: Lect #621 Day: Lect #622 NOT a Holy day of obligation Funeral Mass not permitted
Sunday	Aug 16	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time		Lect #119
Sunday	Aug 23	Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time		Lect #122
Monday	Aug 24	St Bartholomew, apostle	F	Lect #629
Sunday	Aug 30	Twenty- second Sunday in Ordinary Time		Lect #125
Sunday	Sep 6	Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time		Lect #128
Thursday	Sep 8	Nativity of the BVM	F	Lect #636
Sunday	Sep 13	Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time		Lect #131
Monday	Sep 14	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	F	Lect #638
Sunday	Sep 20	Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time		Lect #134

Sunday	Sep 27	Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time		Lect #137
Tuesday	Sep 29	St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael, archangels	F	Lect #647
Sunday	Oct 4	Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time		Lect #140
Sunday	Oct 11	Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time		Lect #143
Sunday	Oct 18	Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time		Lect #146
Tuesday	Oct 20	Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of Saint Joseph	S	Lect #701-706 Preface 53
Sunday	Oct 25	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time		Lect #149
Sunday	Nov 1	All Saints	S	Lect #667 Funeral Mass not permitted
Monday	Nov 2	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed	S	Lect nos. 668 or 1011-1016 Funeral Mass permitted
Sunday	Nov 8	Thirty- second Sunday in Ordinary Time		Lect #155
Monday	Nov 9	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome	F	Lect #671
Sunday	Nov 16	Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time		Lect #158
Sunday	Nov 22	Our Lord Jesus Christ the King	S	Lect #161
Sunday	Nov 29, 2009	First Sunday of Advent - Year C		Lect #3

LECTIONARY CYCLES

Sunday Cycle	Year B	November 30, 2008	Through	November 28, 2009
Weekday Cycle	Year I	January 14, 2008	Through	February 24, 2009
		May 12, 2008	Through	November 28, 2009

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Advent/ Christmas	Volume I	November 30, 2008	Through	January 11, 2009
Ordinary Time: Weeks 1-7	Volume III	January 12, 2009	Through	February 24, 2009
Lent, Triduum, Easter	Volume II	February 25, 2009	Through	May 31, 2009
Ordinary Time: Weeks 9-17	Volume III	June 1, 2009	Through	August 1, 2009
Ordinary Time: Weeks 18-34	Volume IV	August 2, 2009	Through	November 28, 2009
Advent/ Christmas	Volume I	November 29, 2009	Through	January 11, 2010

DAYS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the BVM Monday, December 8, 2008
This is a holy day of obligation in the USA. Since it is our country's patronal feast, it never falls under the "Monday/Saturday ruling" and the obligation to participate in Mass is never abrogated. As you will recall, that ruling only applies to January 1 (Mary Mother of God), August 15 (Assumption), November 1 (All Saints).

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord Wednesday/Thursday, December 24/25, 2008
Texts for the Mass(es) after 4:00 PM on Wednesday, will properly be chosen from the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord - the Vigil Mass. After midnight, the Mass texts will be from the Mass at Midnight, the Mass at Dawn, and the Mass during the Day, respectively. The creche is to be displayed outside the sanctuary; it may be blessed at the Vigil Mass with the appropriate texts from the Book of Blessings (BB Chapter 48).

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Thursday, January 1, 2009
Since this falls on a Thursday this year, it is a holy day of the obligation in the dioceses of the USA.

Conversion of St. Paul/ Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, January 25, 2009
In observance of the Year of St. Paul, Pope Benedict XVI has granted permission to observe the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul on Sunday this year; normally this feast would not be observed when it falls on a Sunday.

Bishop Campbell (in a letter, on July 1, 2008, to all priests and deacons) asks that all parishes celebrate the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul with its proper texts from the *Sacramentary* (using the Preface of Apostles I or II) and the *Lectionary* (no. 519). In addition, the recitation of the Creed is included, and because there are only two readings provided in the *Lectionary* for Mass, the second Reading of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is used.

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Sunday, May 24, 2009
In the dioceses of Michigan and Ohio, the observance of the solemnity of the Ascension is transferred to and replaces the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

Solemnity of the Assumption Saturday, August 15, 2009
Since the solemnity of the Assumption falls on a Saturday this year, the obligation to attend Mass is abrogated.

Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral Tuesday, October 20, 2009
The dedication of The Cathedral of Saint Joseph is celebrated on Tuesday, October 20, 2009. The anniversary of the dedication of the cathedral is usually celebrated with the rank of a solemnity in the cathedral itself, with the rank of feast in the other churches of the diocese. The *Sacramentary* provides proper prayers and a proper preface (#53). The readings may be found in the *Lectionary*, nos. 701-706.

Solemnity of All Saints Sunday, November 1, 2009
This solemnity supersedes the Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Saturday vigil Mass, the Sunday morning Masses, and the Sunday evening Masses are to use the orations and readings from All Saints.

Solemnity of the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed Monday, November 2, 2009
The *Lectionary* (nos. 668 or 1011 -1016) provides a wealth of readings for All Souls. The *Sacramentary* provides three sets of orations, five Prefaces for Christian Death (77-81), and a solemn blessing.

RITUAL MASSES

Choice of Day for the Rite of Marriage

Whenever the Ritual Mass for Marriage is celebrated, white vestments are worn. However, if the marriage is celebrated on a Sunday or solemnity, the Mass of the day is used, appropriate color vestments for the Mass are worn, the nuptial blessing may be used, and where appropriate, the special final blessing.

The liturgy of the word is extremely helpful in emphasizing the meaning of the sacrament and the obligation of marriage. When the wedding Mass may not be used, one of the readings from the Rite of Marriage (nos. 67-105) may be chosen, except from Holy Thursday to Easter and on the feast of Christmas, Epiphany, Ascension, Pentecost, Corpus Christi, and other holy days of obligation. On the Sundays of the Christmas season and throughout the year. In Masses which are not parish Masses, the wedding Mass may be used without change.

When a marriage is celebrated during Advent or Lent or other days of penance, the parish priest should advise the couple to take into consideration the special nature of these times (Rite of Marriage, no. 11).

Funerals

The funeral Mass is not permitted on solemnities of obligation, on Holy Thursday and the Easter Triduum, and on the Sundays of Advent, Lent, and the Easter season (Order of Christian Funerals, no. 178). The funeral liturgy outside Mass may be used on these days.

The Choice of the Mass and Its Parts

The pastoral effectiveness of a celebration will be greatly increased if the texts of readings, the prayers, and the liturgical songs correspond as closely as possible to the needs, spiritual preparation, and culture of those taking part.

The priest, therefore, in planning the celebration of Mass, should have in mind the common spiritual good of the people of God, rather than his own inclinations. He should, moreover, remember that the selection of different parts is to be made in agreement with those who have some role in the celebration, including the faithful, in regard to the parts that more directly belong to each.

Since, indeed, a variety of options is provided for the different parts of the Mass, it is necessary for the priest, the deacon, the lectors, the psalmist, the cantor, the commentator, and choir to be completely sure before the celebration about those texts for which each is responsible is to be used and that nothing is improvised. Harmonious planning and carrying out of the rites will be of great assistance in disposing the faithful to take part in the Eucharist (GIRM 352).

TABLE OF LITURGICAL DAYS ACCORDING TO THEIR ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar #59

I

1. Easter Triduum of the Lord's Passion and Resurrection
2. Christmas, Epiphany, Ascension, and Pentecost Sundays of Advent, Lent, and the Easter Season Ash Wednesday Weekdays of Holy Week from Monday to Thursday inclusive Days within the Octave of Easter
3. Solemnities of the Lord, The Blessed Virgin Mary, and saints listed in the General Calendar All Souls (Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed)
4. Proper Solemnities, namely:
 - a. Solemnity of the principal patron of the place, i.e., the city or state
 - b. Solemnity of the dedication of a particular church and the anniversary
 - c. Solemnity of the title of a particular church
 - d. Solemnity of the title, or of the founder, or of the principal patron of a religious order

II

5. Feasts of the Lord in the General Calendar
6. Sundays of the Christmas season and Sundays in Ordinary Time
7. Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of the saints in the General Calendar
8. Proper Feasts, namely:
 - a. Feast of the principal patron of the diocese
 - b. Feast of the anniversary of the dedication of the cathedral
 - c. Feast of the principal patron of a region or province, or a country, or of a wider territory
 - d. Feast of the title, founder, or principal patron of an order or congregation and of a religious province, without prejudice to the directives in no. 4.
 - e. Other feasts proper to an individual church
 - f. Other feasts listed in the calendar of a diocese or of a religious order congregation
9. Weekdays of Advent from 17 December to 24 December, inclusive. Days within the Octave of Christmas. Weekdays of Lent

III

10. Obligatory memorials in the General Calendar
11. Proper obligatory memorials, namely:
 - a. Memorial of a secondary patron of the place, diocese, region, or province, country or wider territory, or of an order or congregation and of a religious province.
 - b. Obligatory memorials listed in the calendar of a diocese, or of an order or congregation
12. Optional Memorials; but these may be celebrated even on the days listed in no. 9, in the special manner described by the General Instruction of the Roman Missal and of the Liturgy of the Hours. In the same manner obligatory memorials may be celebrated as optional memorials if they happen to fall on the Lenten weekdays.
13. Weekdays of Advent up to 16 December inclusive
Weekdays of the Christmas season from 2 January until the Saturday after Epiphany.
Weekdays of the Easter Season from Monday after the Octave of Easter until the Saturday before Pentecost inclusive.
Weekdays in Ordinary Time.