NOTATIONS ON THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR

for the

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL & MINNEAPOLIS

2020

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October 24, 2019
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PRINCIPLE CELEBRATIONS OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR 2019-2020

- First Sunday of Advent: December 1, 2019
- Ash Wednesday: February 26, 2020
- Easter Sunday: April 12, 2020
- Ascension of the Lord (Sunday): May 24, 2020
- Pentecost Sunday: May 31, 2020
- Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ: June 14, 2020
- First Sunday of Advent: November 29, 2020

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:

- December 25, 2019: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
- January 1, 2020: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
- December 8, 2020: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- December 25, 2020: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

DECEMBER 2019

Sunday, December 1, 2019 – First Sunday of Advent
- Violet

Saturday, December 7, 2019 - Permanent Deacon Ordination
- Cathedral of Saint Paul – 10:00 am

Sunday, December 8, 2019 – Second Sunday of Advent

Monday, December 9, 2019 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Paternal Feast Day of the United States
- White
- Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year
- Anniversary Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Andrew H. Cozzens (2013)
Sunday, December 15, 2019 – **Third Sunday of Advent**
- Violet or Rose

Sunday, December 22, 2019 – **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
- Violet

Wednesday, December 25, 2019 – **Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas)**
- Solemnity
- Holy Day of Obligation
- White

Sunday, December 29, 2019 – **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**
- Feast
- White

**JANUARY 2020**

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 – **Mary, Mother of God**
- Holy Day of Obligation
- White

Sunday, January 5, 2020 – **Epiphany of the Lord**
- Solemnity
- White

Sunday, January 12, 2020 – **Baptism of the Lord**
- Feast
- White

Monday, January 13, 2020 – **Monday of the 1st Week of Ordinary Time, Cycle I**

Sunday, January 19, 2020 – **Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Wednesday, January 22, 2020 – **Day of Prayer for Protection of Unborn Children**
- White or violet

**FEBRUARY 2020**

Sunday, February 2, 2020 – **The Presentation of the Lord**
- Feast
- White
- *N.B.* The new (2019) translation of the revised *Rite of Baptism for Children* may be used beginning Feb. 2, 2020; its use will be obligatory Apr. 12, 2020.
Wednesday, February 26, 2020 – **Ash Wednesday**
- Violet

**MARCH 2020**

Sunday, March 1, 2020 – **First Sunday of Lent**
- **Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion** 2:00 pm at the Cathedral of Saint Paul and 1:30 pm at the Basilica of Saint Mary
- 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

Sunday, March 8, 2020 – **Second Sunday of Lent**
- Violet

Sunday, March 15, 2020 – **Third Sunday of Lent**
- Violet

Thursday, March 19, 2020 – **Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- Solemnity
- White
- **Anniversary, Installation of Francis as Supreme Pastor of the Universal Church (2013)**

Friday – Saturday, March 20 – 21, 2020: “24 Hours for the Lord”
- Noon Fri - Noon Sat: perpetual confession/adoration at the Cathedral

Sunday, March 22, 2020 – **Fourth Sunday of Lent**
- Violet or Rose

Wednesday, March 25, 2019 – **The Annunciation of the Lord**
- Solemnity
- White

Sunday, March 29, 2020 – **Fifth Sunday of Lent**
- Violet

**APRIL 2020**

Sunday, April 5, 2020 – **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**
- Holy Week begins
- Red

**TRIDUUM: April 9, 2020 – April 11, 2020**

Thursday, April 9, 2020
- **Chrism Mass 10:00 am** in the Cathedral of Saint Paul. Holy Oils will be available after Mass in the basement of the Cathedral.
- **Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper (Holy Thursday)**
- White
Friday, April 10, 2020 – **Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)**
- Red

Saturday, April 11, 2020 – **Holy Saturday – The Easter Vigil**
- Sunset in St. Paul: 7:52pm. Nightfall around 8:22 pm
- Solemnity
- White

Sunday, April 12, 2020 – **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**
- Solemnity
- White
- *N.B. From this day forward, the new (2019) translation of the Order for Baptism of Children will be obligatory.*

Sunday, April 19, 2020 – **Second Sunday of Easter (or Divine Mercy Sunday)**
- White

Friday, April 24, 2020 – **Memorial of St Mary Euphrasia Pelletier**
- Foundress of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
- This obligatory memorial is commemorated in the Archdiocese by decree of Archbishop John Roach.
- Use the “Common of Holy Men and Women C: For a Nun.”

**MAY 2020**

Sunday, May 3, 2020 – **Fourth Sunday of Easter**
- White
- 2:00pm Archdiocesan May Day Procession from Capitol to Cathedral

Saturday, May 9, 2020 – **Transitional Deacon Ordination**
- Basilica of Saint Mary, 10:00 AM

Sunday, May 10, 2020 – **Fifth Sunday of Easter**
- White


Sunday, May 17, 2020 – **Sixth Sunday of Easter**
- White

Sunday, May 24, 2020 – **The Ascension of the Lord**
- Solemnity
- White

Saturday, May 30, 2020 – **Ordination to the Priesthood**
- Cathedral of Saint Paul, 10:00 am

Sunday, May 31, 2020 – **Pentecost Sunday**
- Solemnity
- Red
**JUNE 2020**

**Monday, June 1, 2020** – **Mary, Mother of the Church**  
- Obligatory Memorial  
- Promulgated by Pope Francis Feb 11, 2018. [www.usccb.org/motherofthechurch](http://www.usccb.org/motherofthechurch)  
- *Roman Missal*: Votive Masses n. 10B: "Mary Mother of the Church"  
- White

**Tuesday, June 2, 2020** – **Resume Week 10 in Ordinary Time (Cycle I)**

**Sunday, June 7, 2020** – **Most Holy Trinity**  
- White

**Sunday, June 14, 2020** – **Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)**  
- Solemnity  
- White

**Friday, June 19, 2020** – **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**  
- Solemnity  
- White

**Wednesday, June 24, 2020** – The **Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**  
- Solemnity  
- White  
- *Anniversary of Archbishop Harry J. Flynn’s installation as Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis (1986)*

**Monday, June 29, 2020** – **Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles**  
- Solemnity  
- Patronal Feast of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul & Minneapolis  
- Red

**JULY 2020**

**Thursday, July 30, 2020** – **Optional Memorial of Blessed Solanus Casey**  
- Est. 2018. If observed, White.  
- For texts, go to [www.archspm.org/worship](http://www.archspm.org/worship), scroll down and click on *Resources*, then search for the document for Blessed Solanus Casey.

**AUGUST 2020**

**Saturday, August 15, 2020** – **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
- Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year  
- Solemnity  
- White
SEPTEMBER 2020

Monday, September 14, 2020 – The Exaltation of the Cross
  • Feast
  • Red

OCTOBER 2020

Friday, October 2, 2020 – Candlelight Rosary Procession
  • 7:00 pm Procession from the Capital to the Cathedral

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 – Anniversary of Dedication of Cathedral of Saint Paul
  • In the Cathedral: Solemnity, White
  • All other parishes: Feast, White

NOVEMBER 2020

Sunday, November 1, 2020 – All Saints
  • Solemnity
  • White

Monday, November 2, 2020 – Commemoration of Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day)
  • White, Violet or Black

Sunday, November 22, 2020 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
  (Christ the King)
  • Solemnity
  • Last Sunday in Ordinary Time
  • White

YEAR B – WEEKDAYS

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

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

Tuesday, December 8, 2020 – THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
  • Patronal Feast day of the United States of America
  • Holyday of Obligation
  • Solemnity
  • White
Sunday, December 13, 2020 – **Third Sunday of Advent**

- Violet or Rose

Sunday, December 20, 2020 – **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

- Violet

Friday, December 25, 2020 – **THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas)**

- Solemnity
- Holy Day of Obligation
- White

Sunday, December 27, 2020 – **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

- Feast
- White

**LITURGICAL EVENTS PARTICULAR TO THE ARCHDIOCESE**

- December 9: Bishop Cozzens’ Episcopal Ordination and Installation date (2013)
- March 26: Episcopal Ordination date of Bishop Pates (2001). Bishop Pates will be returning to the Twin Cities in the fall of 2019
- April 24: Obligatory Memorial – St Mary Euphrasia Pelletier – founder of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
- May 13: Archbishop Hebda’s Installation date (2016)
- June 24: Archbishop Flynn’s Episcopal Ordination date (1986)
- 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

**MISCELLANEOUS NOTES**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**


**EASTER VIGIL**

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 Easter Vigil ranks as the ‘mother of all vigils’ … Accordingly, 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 town, see: [www.usno.navy.mil/USNO](http://www.usno.navy.mil/USNO) → the USNO icon (left side) → Astronomical Applications → Data Service → Complete Sun and Moon Data.
In St. Paul, MN, on April 11, 2019 sunset is 7:52 pm and twilight ends ca. 8:22 pm, after which the Easter Vigil may begin.

**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. 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 for Matrimony in the *Lectionary* Vol. IV (Ritual Masses), n. 801 ff. except on Holy Thursday, Easter, Christmas, Epiphany, Ascension, Pentecost, Corpus Christi, Assumption, Immaculate Conception, and other Holy Days of Obligation.

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 here: [http://safe-environment.archspm.org/500-sacraments/503-confirmation/](http://safe-environment.archspm.org/500-sacraments/503-confirmation/)

**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 the Easter season (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, no. 380). Non-Eucharistic funeral liturgies, however, may be celebrated on these days.