

Prioritizing the Feasts of the Liturgical Calendar

The Liturgical Year is made up of different rankings for the feasts of the calendar. Below is a basic list of the types of feast days in the Liturgical Calendar. See also *General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, especially the Table at the end: <http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/view.cfm?id=5932>.

Basic Order of Precedence for the Special Days of the General Calendar	
DAY	DESCRIPTION
1. Easter Triduum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> —Highest and holiest feasts of the Year. —Entire Liturgy of the Church emanates from the Easter Triduum or the Paschal Mystery. —Each day of the Triduum is considered a solemnity of the highest rank.
2. Solemnities, including Holy Days of Obligation and Proper Solemnities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> —A Solemnity is the highest feast of the Church. —Celebration begins prior evening with First Vespers or Evening Prayer I. —Vestments are white or gold except for red for Pentecost & Peter and Paul. —Mass formula is similar to a Sunday, which includes three particular readings, the recitation of the Gloria and the Creed, and special propers and prayers. —Only 18 solemnities in the year, many of them always on a Sunday. —All Holydays of Obligation are solemnities. —Day of rest and a day of true celebration. There is no fasting or abstaining.
3. Sundays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> —Sunday is the first day of the week, the Lord’s Day and the primordial feast day. Every Sunday is another Easter. —Like a solemnity, each Sunday begins the prior evening. —Vestments reflect the liturgical season (white, violet, rose, or green). —Mass structure has three readings, the Gloria and the Creed are prayed, and there are special propers and prayers. —Focus of Sunday being a day of true celebration and day of rest.
4. Feasts, including Proper Feasts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> —Feasts are celebrated within a natural day, with no First Vespers unless certain feasts of our Lord fall on Sunday. —Vestments worn are white, except red for feasts of Apostles and martyrs. —The Mass usually has two readings, unless celebrated on Sunday. The Mass has special propers and prayers and the Gloria is prayed. —There are 27 feasts during the Liturgical Year.
5. Obligatory Memorials (also referred to as Memorials), includes Proper Obligatory Memorials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> —The remaining saint days in the fixed Sanctoral calendar and some celebrations of our Lord and the Blessed Virgin Mary. —Obligatory Memorials, usually referred to as “Memorials,” must be celebrated. —Sundays always override Memorials. Some liturgical seasons will automatically “downgrade” a Memorials or Optional Memorials to a commemoration. —Vestments are white for saints who were not martyrs, red for martyrs, or remain violet during Advent and Lent. —Liturgically there is no difference between an Obligatory or Optional Memorial. —Has proper Collect and may have special readings suitable for the saint of the day. The readings of the day may be used, unless there are specific readings.
6. Optional Memorials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> —Similar to Obligatory Memorials except “Optional” means the priest has a choice to celebrate or not. —Liturgically there is no difference between an Obligatory or Optional Memorial. —Vestments are the same as Memorials.

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September		Sept 8: Birth of BVM Sept 14: Exaltation of Holy Cross Sept 21: Matthew, Apostle, Sept 29: Michael, Raphael, Gabriel, archangels^	Sept 3: Gregory the Great Sept 12: Holy Name of Mary Sept 15: Our Lady of Sorrows Sept 28: Wenceslaus
October		Oct 18: Luke, Evangelist Oct 28: Simon & Jude, Apostles^	Oct 1: Therese of the Child Jesus Oct 2: Guardian Angels Oct 4: Francis of Assisi Oct 6: Bruno Oct 19: John Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, US Oct 22: John Paul II
November	Nov 1: All Saints Nov 2: All Souls*** Nov 25: Christ the King*	Nov 9: Dedication of Lateran Basilica Nov 30: Andrew, Apostle	Nov 11: Martin of Tours^ Nov 22: Cecilia Nov 22: Thanksgiving*, US
December	Dec 8: Immaculate Conception Dec 25: Nativity of Our Lord	Dec 12: OL of Guadalupe, US Dec 26: Stephen, First Martyr Dec 27: John, Apostle Dec 28: Holy Innocents Dec 30: Holy Family*	Dec 6: Nicholas Dec 13: Lucy Dec 17-24: O Antiphons
January 2019	Jan 1: Mary, Mother of God Jan 6: Epiphany*	Jan 13: Baptism of Our Lord* Jan 25: Conversion of St. Paul	Jan 4: Elizabeth Seton, US Jan 21: Agnes Jan 28: Thomas Aquinas
February		Feb 2: Presentation of the Lord Feb 22: Chair of St. Peter	Feb 3: Blase^ Feb 11: Our Lady of Lourdes Feb 14: Valentine

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May	May 30/June 2: Ascension * <i>(40th day after Easter or 7th Sunday of Easter)</i>	May 3: Philip & James, Apostles May 14: Matthias, Apostle May 31: Visitation	May 1: Joseph the Worker May 13: Our Lady of Fatima May 15: Isidore, Farmer US
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July		July 3: Thomas, Apostle July 22: Mary Magdalene ^ July 25: James, Apostle	July 1: Junípero Serra, US July 4: Independence Day, US July 6: Maria Goretti July 11: Benedict July 14: Kateri Tekakwitha ^ July 16: Our Lady of Mount Carmel July 26: Joachim & Anne July 29: Martha

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