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](http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/view.cfm?id=5932).

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| **1. Easter Triduum** | —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** | —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** | —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** | —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** | —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** | —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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Mar 19: Joseph**
Mar 25: Annunciation** | Mar 17: Patrick^ | |
| April | April 21: Easter*
April 28: Divine Mercy* | April 14: Palm Sunday* | |
| May | May 30/June 2: Ascension*
(40th day after Easter or 7th Sunday of Easter)
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 | |
| June | June 9: Pentecost*
June 16: Holy Trinity*
June 23: Corpus Christi*
June 24: Nativity of John the Baptist
June 28: Sacred Heart*
June 29: Peter and Paul | Immaculate Heart* (Not celebrated this year because Sol. of Peter and Paul)
June 13: Anthony of Padua
June 22: Thomas More & John Fisher
June 26: Josemaría Escrivá | |
| 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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| **October**            |                   |                                                                     |
|                        | Oct 18: **Luke, Evangelist**  
Oct 28: **Simon & Jude, Apostles**^ |                                                                     |
| **November**           |                   |                                                                     |
| Nov 1: **All Saints**  
Nov 2: **All Souls***  
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Nov 30: **Andrew, Apostle** |                                                                     |
| **December**           |                   |                                                                     |
| Dec 8: **Immaculate Conception**  
Dec 26: **Stephen, First Martyr**  
Dec 27: **John, Apostle**  
Dec 28: **Holy Innocents**  
Dec 30: **Holy Family**^ |                                                                     |
| **January 2019**       |                   |                                                                     |
| Jan 1: **Mary, Mother of God**  
Jan 6: **Epiphany**^ | Jan 13: **Baptism of Our Lord**^  
Jan 25: **Conversion of St. Paul** |                                                                     |

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