

LITURGICAL CALENDAR: 2008 (+ = SEE CALENDAR ADVISORY ON PAGE 2)

Advent	First Sunday of Advent	Dec 2, 2007	Sunday Lectionary Cycle A Weekday Lectionary Year II
	Immaculate Conception+	Dec 8, 2007	Holy Day of Obligation
Christmastime	Christmas	Dec 25, 2007	Holy Day of Obligation Proclamation of the Nativity See <i>Sourcebook</i> pp.40-1
	Mary, Mother of God	Jan 1, 2008	Holy Day of obligation
	Epiphany	Jan 6	Proclamation of Date of Easter See <i>Sourcebook</i> pp.42-3
Ordinary Time	Day of Penance+	Jan 22 (Tue)	Masses for Various Needs #22
Lent	Ash Wednesday	Feb 6	
	First Sunday of Lent	Feb 10	Rite of Election (Davenport)
	Second Sunday of Lent	Feb 17	Penitential Rite for Candidates Rite of Election (Ottumwa)
	Third Sunday of Lent	Feb 24	First Scrutiny of the Elect*
	Fourth Sunday of Lent	March 2	Second Scrutiny of the Elect*
	Fifth Sunday of Lent	March 9	Third Scrutiny of the Elect*
	Chrism Mass	March 10	5:30pm at St. John Vianney
	St. Joseph+	March 15 (Sat)	Moved from March 19
	Palm Sunday	March 16	
	St. Patrick+	March 17	Not observed this year
	*If the Scrutinies are celebrated, the prayer texts for the Ritual Mass are used.		
Triduum	The Sacred Triduum is celebrated March 20-23. The Easter Vigil can begin no earlier than 8:00 p.m. on the night of March 22.		
Eastertime	Annunciation+	March 25	Moved to March 31 (Mon)
	Second Sunday of Easter	March 30	Divine Mercy Sunday
	Ascension of the Lord	May 4	Replaces 7 th Sunday of Easter
	Pentecost	May 11	The Paschal Candle remains in the sanctuary next to the ambo until the conclusion of Evening Prayer II.
Ordinary Time	Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Amos	June 7 (Sat)	Ranks as a Feast in the diocese
	Assumption of the BVM	Aug 15 (Fri)	Holy Day of Obligation
	All Saints+	Nov 1 (Sat)	Holy Day obligation abrogated
	All Souls	Nov 2 (Sun)	Replaces the 31 st Sun in OT
	Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral	Nov 15 (Sat)	Solemnity at the Cathedral; Feast for the Diocese
	Christ the King	Nov 23	

CALENDAR ADVISORIES FOR 2008:December 8, 2007: Immaculate Conception:

This year, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception falls on a Saturday. Because this is our national patronal feast day, the day remains a holy day of obligation. Ritual Masses (weddings, funerals, confirmation) are not allowed. Weddings and funerals may be celebrated outside of Mass. If a wedding is celebrated within Mass, then only the prayers and readings of the holy day are to be used (no substitution is allowed; see the *Rite of Marriage* #11). After consulting with the secretariat of the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy, please be aware that the Mass for Saturday night is the anticipatory Mass of the Second Sunday of Advent.

January 22, 2008: Day of Penance

January 22 has been designated by the U.S. Bishops as a “particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life.” The Mass “For Peace and Justice,” (#22) from “Masses for Various Needs and Occasions,” may be celebrated and violet vestments may be worn (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, #373).

March 17, 2008: St. Patrick

In 2008, the traditional date of Saint Patrick's Day falls on the Monday of Holy Week. Therefore, in most of the United States, the optional memorial will not be commemorated liturgically. For those places that celebrate Saint Patrick's Day as a solemnity (for example, those places where St. Patrick is the principal patron of a particular church), the observation of the solemnity is transferred to Friday, March 14 (since the Saturday is already being taken by the solemnity of St. Joseph). The solemnity may not be transferred to the Sunday.

March 19, 2008: St. Joseph

The Solemnity of St. Joseph (March 19) falls on the Wednesday of Holy Week. Therefore, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has decreed that in 2008 the Solemnity of St. Joseph will be observed on Saturday, March 15.

March 25, 2008: The Annunciation

The Solemnity of the Annunciation (March 25) falls on the Tuesday in the Octave of Easter. Therefore, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has decreed that in 2008 the Solemnity of the Annunciation will be celebrated on Monday, March 31.

November 1, 2008: All Saints

When the Solemnity of All Saints falls on a Saturday, the obligation to attend Mass is abrogated. Ritual Masses are still prohibited, but Funeral Masses may be celebrated. Marriages may be celebrated outside of Mass, or the Mass of the Day may be used with the nuptial blessing and one reading taken from the Rite of Marriage.

A NOTE ON PARTICULAR CALENDARS

Please refer to the “Table of Liturgical Days According to Their Order of Precedence” (reproduced on page 4) and the *Norms Governing Liturgical Calendars* for details.

Parishes are also reminded that the Anniversary of Dedication of their church and the title of their church are celebrated as Solemnities for that community. Because these outrank Sundays in Ordinary Time, those celebrations can be moved to the Sunday of the week they fall in as long as we are in Ordinary Time (*Norms Governing Liturgical Calendars*, § 58).

The feast of the principal patron of the diocese and the anniversary of the dedication of the cathedral are also to be observed. For the Diocese of Davenport, the Feast of the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral is observed on November 15 (of course, at the Cathedral itself it is observed as a Solemnity). The diocese has no patron.

In addition, the *Ceremonial of Bishops* states that the anniversary of the bishop’s episcopal ordination should be celebrated in each church. The Mass for Various Needs and Occasions, I. For the Church, 3. For the Bishop is used – except on days listed in #'s 1-6 on the Table (§ 1167). Bishop Amos’s anniversary of episcopal ordination is June 7.

The *Ceremonial* also states that each year the anniversary of the last *deceased* bishop be observed, unless he had been transferred to another diocese (§ 1168). In our case, that would be Bishop O’Keefe, whose anniversary of episcopal ordination is July 2.

A NOTE ON THE OBLIGATION TO ASSIST AT MASS ON SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAYS

The obligation to attend Mass applies to the day, not the Mass being celebrated or the texts used. For Sundays and Solemnities, the liturgical day runs from 4:00 p.m. of the calendar day before to midnight of the day itself – a period of 32 hours.

For example, on a weekend when Ritual Masses are allowed, attendance at a Wedding Mass after 4pm on Saturday would fulfill the Sunday obligation. Likewise, if a parish celebrated the Ritual Mass of Confirmation on Sunday, the obligation would be fulfilled.

On the rare occasion that a Holy Day of obligation falls on a Saturday (as happens this year with the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception), the obligation for the Holy Day is fulfilled by attending Mass from 4 p.m. on Friday through 12 midnight at the end of Saturday while the Sunday obligation is met by attending Mass between 4 p.m. on Saturday and midnight at the end of Sunday. Therefore, if one attended Mass between 4 p.m. and midnight on Saturday, the time of overlap, the obligation for both days would be met.

TABLE OF LITURGICAL DAYS

1. Easter triduum
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 the saints listed in the General Calendar; All Saints
4. Proper solemnities, namely:
 - a. Solemnity of the principal patron of the place (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 or congregation
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 or congregation
9. Weekdays of Advent from 17 December to 24 December inclusive.
Days within the octave of Christmas; Weekdays of Lent
10. Obligatory memorials in the General Calendar
11. Proper obligatory memorials, namely:
 - a. memorials 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

Norms on the Obligation to Attend Mass on Holy Days and on the Celebration of Ritual Masses and Masses for the Dead Courtesy of the Archdiocese of Dubuque Worship Office	
December 8 The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remains a day of obligation when it falls on a Saturday or Monday • Ritual Masses (i.e., marriage, confirmation) and funeral Masses are prohibited. Marriages celebrated during Mass on that day must use the readings and orations of the holy day. A marriage or funeral may be celebrated outside of Mass using the texts from the Rite of Marriage or the Order of Christian Funerals. • If the Immaculate Conception falls on a Sunday, the feast transfers to the next unimpeded free day (December 9) and the obligation to attend Mass is abrogated.
December 25 The Nativity of the Lord	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remains a day of obligation when it falls on a Saturday or Monday • Ritual Masses (i.e., marriage, confirmation) and funeral Masses are prohibited. • A marriage or funeral may be celebrated outside of Mass using the texts from the Rite of Marriage or the Order of Christian Funerals.
January 1 Mary, the Mother of God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The obligation to attend Mass is abrogated when it falls on a Saturday or a Monday. • When the obligation is abrogated, ritual Masses (i.e., marriage, confirmation) are still prohibited. A marriage may be celebrated outside Mass using texts from the Rite of Marriage. • Funeral Masses may be celebrated when the obligation is abrogated.
Holy Thursday and the Triduum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass other than the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper is prohibited on Holy Thursday without the permission of the bishop. • Funeral Masses and ritual Masses (marriages) are prohibited on Holy Thursday and the days of the Triduum.
Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the Diocese of Davenport this solemnity is celebrated on the Seventh Sunday of Easter. • Ritual Masses and Funeral Masses are prohibited. Marriages celebrated at Mass must use the Scripture readings and orations of the day. • A marriage or funeral may be celebrated outside of Mass using the texts from the Rite of Marriage or the Order of Christian Funerals.
August 15 The Assumption of Mary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The obligation to attend Mass is abrogated when it falls on a Saturday or Monday. • When the obligation is abrogated, ritual Masses (i.e., marriage, confirmation) are still prohibited. • Marriage may be celebrated outside of Mass using texts from the Rite of Marriage. • Funeral Masses may be celebrated when the obligation is abrogated.
November 1 The Feast of All Saints	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The obligation to attend Mass is abrogated when it falls on a Saturday or Monday. • When the obligation is abrogated, ritual Masses (i.e., marriage, confirmation) are still prohibited. • Marriage may be celebrated outside of Mass using texts from the Rite of Marriage. • Funeral Masses may be celebrated when the obligation is abrogated.