



**NOTEWORTHY LITURGICAL DAYS 2025-2026
IN THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS
SUNDAY CYCLE, YEAR A, WEEKDAY CYCLE II
(revised 10/29/25)**

November 30, 2025 (Sunday)

The First Sunday of Advent

- Ritual Mass not permitted

December 8, 2025 (Monday)

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Holy day of obligation
- Funeral Mass not permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

December 25, 2025 (Thursday)

The Nativity of the Lord

- Holy day of obligation
- Funeral Mass not permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

December 28, 2025 (Sunday)

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass permitted
- Mass for the Closing of the Jubilee Year at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral

December 31, 2025 (Wednesday)

Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass permitted
- Evening Masses observe Mary, the Holy Mother of God

January 1, 2026 (Thursday)

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

And Special Day of Prayer for World Justice and Peace

- Holy day of obligation
- Mass prayers for Mary, the Mother of God, must be used today
- The Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice may not be used today
- Funeral Mass not permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

January 24, 2026 (Saturday)

St. Francis de Sales, Principal Patron of the Diocese

- Celebrated as a Feast
- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass permitted

February 2, 2026 (Monday)

The Presentation of the Lord and World Day for Consecrated Life

- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass permitted
- Whenever a procession (n. 1-8) cannot take place, the blessing of candles is celebrated within the Solemn Entrance (n. 9-11)

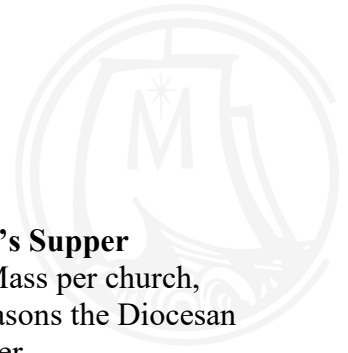
February 18, 2026 (Wednesday)

Ash Wednesday

- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted



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February 22, 2026 (Sunday)

The First Sunday of Lent

- The Rite of Election of Catechumens will be celebrated in English at 1:30 p.m. at St. Catharine Church
- The Rite of Election of Catechumens will be celebrated in Spanish at 4:00 p.m. at Christ the King Church

March 19, 2026 (Thursday)

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Solemnity
- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

March 25, 2026 (Wednesday)

The Annunciation of the Lord

- Solemnity
- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

March 29-April 4, 2026

Holy Week

- Funeral Mass permitted only on Monday-Wednesday
- Ritual Mass not permitted

March 30, 2026 (Monday)

Monday of Holy Week

- The Light is ON for You observed from 5-8 p.m.

March 31, 2026 (Tuesday)

Tuesday of Holy Week

Chrism Mass

- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted
- The Chrism Mass will be celebrated. at St. Paul the Apostle Church

April 2, 2026 (Thursday)

Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper

- Only one (evening) Mass per church, unless for pastoral reasons the Diocesan Bishop permits another
- Only the sick may receive Holy Communion outside Mass

April 3, 2026 (Friday)

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

- Only one Celebration of the Passion of the Lord per church, unless due to the size or nature of the community, the Diocesan Bishop permits another
- Only the sick may receive Holy Communion outside the celebration of the Lord's Passion

April 4, 2026 (Saturday)

Holy Saturday

- Holy Communion only given as Viaticum

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

- The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil takes place at night; based on local twilight, **the 2026 Easter Vigil may not begin before 8:45 p.m. in this Diocese**

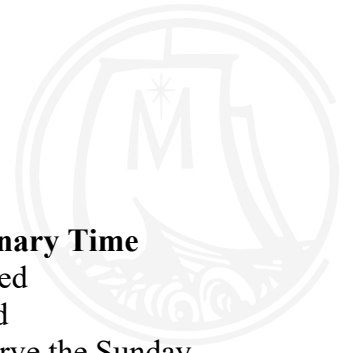
April 5-12, 2026

Easter and its Octave

- Easter Sequence permitted throughout the Octave
- Funeral Mass permitted Monday-Saturday, but not on April 12
- Ritual Mass not permitted



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May 14, 2026 (Thursday)

- Ascension is transferred to Sunday
- St. Matthias, Apostle
- Celebrated as a Feast
- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass permitted

May 15, 2026 (Friday)

- Incorrectly listed in the Roman Ordo as the Day of Prayer for Mental Health Concerns (see May 30, below)
- Optional Memorial of St. Isidore
- Suggested Day of Prayer “At Seedtime”

May 17, 2026 (Sunday)

The Ascension of the Lord

- Funeral Mass not permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

May 24, 2026 (Sunday)

Pentecost Sunday

- Funeral Mass not permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

May 25, 2026 (Monday)

- Special Day of Prayer for the Honored Dead of the Nation, and for Lasting Peace and General Needs of Humankind

May 30, 2026 (Saturday)

- Day of Prayer for Mental Health Concerns (incorrectly listed in the Roman Ordo for May 15)

June 13, 2026 (Saturday)

St. Anthony of Padua, Secondary Patron of the Diocese

- Obligatory Memorial in the Diocese of Columbus
- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass permitted

June 28, 2026 (Sunday)

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass permitted
- Evening Masses observe the Sunday
- Vespers observe Vigil of SS. Peter and Paul

July 26, 2026 (Sunday)

- St. Anne, Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Secondary Patroness of the Diocese of Columbus, not observed this year

August 15, 2026 (Saturday)

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Not a holy day of obligation
- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted
- Evening Masses and Vespers observe the Assumption

September 7, 2026 (Monday)

- Special Day of Prayer for Recognizing the Dignity of Labor and Human Rights and Equality

October 10, 2026 (Saturday)

- Day of Prayer for the Homeless

October 20, 2026 (Tuesday)

Anniversary of the Dedication of St. Joseph Cathedral

- Celebrated as a Feast (solemnity in the Cathedral only)
- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

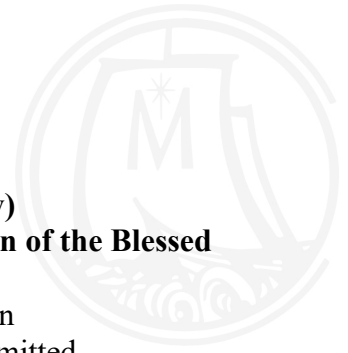
November 1, 2026 (Sunday)

All Saints

- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted
- Evening Masses and Vespers observe All Saints



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November 2, 2026 (Monday)
**Commemoration of All the Faithful
Departed**

- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted
- All priests permitted to offer three Masses:
 - one for the priest's intention
 - one for the faithful departed
 - one for the intentions of the Holy Father

November 26, 2026 (Thursday)
**Special Day of Prayer for the Harvest and
Fruits of the Earth**

November 29, 2026 (Sunday)
The First Sunday of Advent

- Funeral Mass not permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

December 8, 2026 (Tuesday)
**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed
Virgin Mary**

- Holy day of obligation
- Funeral Mass not permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

December 25, 2026 (Friday)
The Nativity of the Lord

- Holy day of obligation
- Funeral Mass not permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

December 27, 2026 (Sunday)
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass permitted

December 31, 2026 (Thursday)
**Seventh Day within the Octave of the
Nativity of the Lord**

- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass permitted
- Evening Masses and Vespers observe Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Note: Proper texts for recently added or revised feasts may be found at the USCCB's webpage for the [Liturgical Year & Calendar](#)