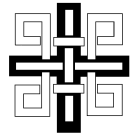


LITURGICAL YEAR 2026 (KEY DATES)

Sunday Cycle Year A; Weekdays Year II
30 November 2025 – 28 November, 2026



*Included below are *only* key dates and distinct calendar notes. Consult the Ordo for more complete guidance.

OBSERVANCE	DATE	NOTES
First Sunday of Advent	Sunday, November 30, 2025	
Second Sunday of Advent	Sunday, December 7, 2025	Evening Masses on Sunday, Dec. 7 must be of the 2 nd Sunday of Advent and may not anticipate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Monday, December 8, 2025	Holy Day of Obligation
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe	Friday, December 12, 2025	
Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)	Sunday, December 14, 2025	Rose or Violet vestments indicated
Fourth Sunday of Advent	Sunday, December 21, 2025	
Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)	Thursday, December 25, 2025	Holy Day of Obligation
Feast of the Holy Family	Sunday, December 28, 2025	
Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God	Thursday, January 1, 2026	Holy Day of Obligation
The Epiphany of the Lord	Sunday, January 4, 2026	
The Baptism of the Lord	Sunday, January 11, 2026	
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	Thursday, January 22, 2026	
Sunday of the Word of God / 3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday, January 25, 2026	Catholic Schools Week begins: January 25 - 31
Ash Wednesday	Wednesday, February 18, 2026	
First Sunday of Lent	Sunday, February 22, 2026	Archdiocesan celebration of the Rite of Election (OCIA) takes place.
Second Sunday of Lent	Sunday, March 1, 2026	
Third Sunday of Lent	Sunday, March 8, 2026	
Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)	Sunday, March 15, 2026	Rose or Violet vestments indicated
Solemnity of St. Joseph, Principal Patron of the Archdiocese of Louisville	Thursday, March 19, 2026	
Fifth Sunday of Lent	Sunday, March 22, 2026	
Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord	Wednesday, March 25, 2026	
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	Sunday, March 29, 2026	
Holy Thursday	Thursday, April 2, 2026	
Friday of the Passion of the Lord	Friday, April 3, 2026	

Holy Saturday	Saturday, April 4, 2026	Sunset is 8:09 p.m. ET. The Easter Vigil may not begin before this time.
Easter Sunday	Sunday, April 5, 2026	
Second Sunday of Easter / Sunday of Divine Mercy	Sunday, April 12, 2026	n.b. Ritual Masses (e.g. nuptial Masses) prohibited during the entire Octave of Easter (from April 5 – April 12)
Third Sunday of Easter	Sunday, April 19, 2026	
Fourth Sunday of Easter	Sunday, April 26, 2026	World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Fifth Sunday of Easter	Sunday, May 3, 2026	
Sixth Sunday of Easter	Sunday, May 10, 2026	
Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord	Sunday, May 17, 2026	In the Archdiocese of Louisville, Ascension is transferred to Sunday. Thursday, May 14 is celebrated as the Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle, and it is not a Holy Day of Obligation.
Pentecost Sunday	Sunday, May 24, 2026	
Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	Sunday, May 31, 2026	
Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)	Sunday, June 7, 2026	
Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	Friday, June 12, 2026	n.b. Ritual Masses prohibited (e.g. nuptial Masses)
Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Saturday, August 15, 2026	NOT a Holy Day of Obligation
Anniversary of the Dedication of the Metropolitan Cathedral	Saturday, October 3, 2026	Solemnity in Cathedral only; Feast in all other churches – follow ordo instructions for Mass/readings
Solemnity of All Saints	Sunday, November 1, 2026	This solemnity takes the place of the 31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time. Evening Masses on Sunday, Nov. 1 must be of All Saints and may not anticipate All Souls' Day.
The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)	Monday, November 2, 2026	Violet, White, or Black vestments.
Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	Sunday, November 22, 2026	
First Sunday of Advent	Sunday, November 29, 2026	Year B/Weekday I begins