

LITURGICAL CALENDAR: 2011 (+ = SEE CALENDAR ADVISORY ON PAGE 2)

Advent	First Sunday of Advent	Nov 28, 2010	Sunday Lectionary Cycle A Weekday Lectionary Year I
	Immaculate Conception	Dec 8, 2010	Holy Day of Obligation
	Our Lady of Guadalupe+	Dec 12 (Sun)	In our diocese, this Feast is transferred to Saturday (11 th)
Christmastime	Christmas+	Dec 25, 2010	Holy Day of Obligation Proclamation of the Nativity See <i>Sourcebook</i> pp. 56-57.
	Mary, Mother of God+ Epiphany	Jan 1, 2011 Jan 2	Holy Day obligation abrogated Proclamation of Date of Easter See <i>Sourcebook</i> pp. 58-59.
Ordinary Time	Day of Penance+	Jan 22 (Sat)	Masses for Various Needs #22
Lent	Ash Wednesday	March 9	Day of Fast and Abstinence
	First Sunday of Lent	March 13	Rite of Election (St. Patrick, IC)
	Second Sunday of Lent	March 20	Penitential Rite for Candidates
	Third Sunday of Lent	March 27	First Scrutiny of the Elect*
	Fourth Sunday of Lent	April 3	Second Scrutiny of the Elect*
	Fifth Sunday of Lent	April 10	Third Scrutiny of the Elect*
	Chrism Mass	April 11	5:00 p.m. (at the Cathedral)
	Palm Sunday	April 17	
	*If the Scrutinies are celebrated, the prayer texts for the Ritual Mass and the Cycle A readings are used.		
Triduum	The Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday – Easter Sunday) is celebrated April 21-24. The Easter Vigil can begin no earlier than 8:45 p.m. on the night of April 23.		
Eastertime	Second Sunday of Easter	May 1	Divine Mercy Sunday
	Ascension of the Lord	June 5	Replaces 7 th Sunday of Easter
	Pentecost	June 12	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 (Tues)	Ranks as a Feast in the diocese
	Assumption of the BVM+	Aug 15 (Mon)	Holy Day obligation abrogated
	All Saints	Nov 1 (Tues)	Holy Day of obligation
	All Souls	Nov 2 (Wed)	
	Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral+	Nov 15 (Tues)	Solemnity at the Cathedral Feast for the Diocese
	Christ the King	Nov 20	
Advent	First Sunday of Advent	November 27	First use of New Missal

CALENDAR ADVISORIES FOR 2011:Our Lady of Guadalupe

According to the USCCB, “In 2010, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12, falls on the Third Sunday of Advent. This feast may be observed on December 11 or 13 with the permission of the diocesan bishop. On December 12, the Third Sunday of Advent, Our Lady of Guadalupe may be appropriately honored in one or more of the petitions of the Prayer of the Faithful, in the homily, and perhaps in one of the hymns during the liturgy. The readings and the Mass formulary for December 12 are those for the Third Sunday of Advent.” In the Diocese of Davenport, the Feast is transferred to Saturday, December 11.

Christmas

Christmas falls on a Saturday this year, which can make for a very busy weekend for priests and other ministers. Therefore, I am asking that parishes not celebrate a Saturday evening Mass on Christmas Day for the following reasons:

1. The liturgical schedule will already have been quite busy for Christmas Eve and Christmas, not only for the priests of the diocese but for other ministers (especially music ministers). It is important that we be sensitive to those who are required to work long hours on Christmas Eve and Christmas with little time for their families.
2. For most, Christmas Day is a time to be spent with family; practically speaking, very few would interrupt such gatherings to attend a Saturday evening Mass.

If pastorally necessary, parishes may choose to add a Sunday afternoon or evening Mass. In regards to the Liturgy of the Hours, Evening Prayer II for Christmas is celebrated on December 25 (not Evening Prayer I for Holy Family).

January 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

When this Solemnity 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. The Saturday evening Mass and Evening Prayer I are for the Solemnity of the Epiphany.

January 22, 2011: 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).

August 15, 2011: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

When the Solemnity of the Assumption falls on a Monday, 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. On Sunday evening, Evening Prayer I for the Assumption is prayed.

November 15, 2011: Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral

The anniversary is celebrated as a Solemnity in the Cathedral itself, and may be celebrated on the preceding Sunday (13th) at the cathedral itself. The anniversary is celebrated as a Feast in the rest of the diocese.

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—and may be transferred to the preceding Sunday). 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 ATTEND 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 4 p.m. 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 Monday, the obligation for the Holy Day is fulfilled by attending Mass from 4 p.m. on Sunday through 12 midnight at the end of Monday 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 Sunday, 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.