

LITURGICAL CALENDAR: 2016 (+ = SEE CALENDAR ADVISORY ON PP. 2-3)

Advent	First Sunday of Advent	Nov 29, 2015	Sunday Lectionary Cycle C Weekday Lectionary Year II
	Immaculate Conception	Dec 8, 2015	Holy Day of Obligation Beginning of Year of Mercy
Christmastime	Christmas	Dec 25, 2015	Holy Day of Obligation Proclamation of the Nativity See Missal, Appendix I
	Mary, Mother of God	Jan 1, 2016	Holy Day of Obligation
	Epiphany	Jan 3	Proclamation of Date of Easter See Missal, Appendix I
Ordinary Time	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	Jan 22 (Fri)	See Missal—Proper of Time for norms to follow
Lent	Ash Wednesday	Feb 10	Day of Fast and Abstinence
	First Sunday of Lent	Feb 14	Rite of Election (Davenport)
	Second Sunday of Lent	Feb 21	Penitential Rite for Candidates Rite of Election (Ottumwa)
	Third Sunday of Lent	Feb 28	First Scrutiny of the Elect*
	Fourth Sunday of Lent	March 6	Second Scrutiny of the Elect*
	Fifth Sunday of Lent	March 13	Third Scrutiny of the Elect* Daylight Savings Time begins
	Chrism Mass	March 14 (Mon)	5:00 p.m. (at the Cathedral)
	Palm Sunday	March 20	
	*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 March 24-27. The Easter Vigil can begin no earlier than 8:15 p.m. on the night of March 26.		
Eastertime	Second Sunday of Easter	April 3	Divine Mercy Sunday
	Solemnity of the Annunciation+	April 4 (Mon)	See below.
	Ascension of the Lord	May 8	Replaces 7 th Sunday of Easter
	Pentecost	May 15	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 (Tue)	Ranks as a Feast in the diocese
	Assumption of the BVM+	Aug 15 (Mon)	Obligation is lifted this year. See below.
	All Saints	Nov 1 (Wed)	Holy Day of Obligation
	32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Nov 6	Daylight Savings Time ends
	Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral Christ the King	Nov 15 (Tue) Nov 20	Solemnity at the Cathedral Feast for the Diocese; see below. Last Sunday of Liturgical Year Close of the Year of Mercy
Advent	First Sunday of Advent	Nov 27	Lectionary: A / I

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April 4: Solemnity of the Annunciation

The Annunciation of the Lord is normally celebrated on March 25, which is Good Friday this year. In these cases, the Solemnity of the Annunciation is transferred to the first unimpeded day—April 4 this year.

August 15: The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Assumption is not a holy day of obligation this year. When the obligation is abrogated, ritual Masses (i.e., marriage, confirmation) are still prohibited but funeral Masses may be celebrated. Marriage may be celebrated outside of Mass using texts from the Rite of Marriage. Table reviewed by the USCCB BCDW.

	Morning Prayer	Mass before 4pm	Mass after 4pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday, August 14	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Week IV)	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Vigil Mass: Assumption of the BVM	EP I of the Assumption of the BVM
Monday, August 15	Assumption of the BVM	Mass during the Day: Assumption of the BVM		EP II of the Assumption of the BVM

(N.B. If your parish is St. Mary of the Assumption, then the Solemnity can be moved to Sunday: the Saturday night Mass would be the Vigil of the Assumption and the Sunday Masses would be the Mass during the Day.)

A NOTE ON PARTICULAR CALENDARS

Please refer to the “Table of Liturgical Days According to Their Order of Precedence” (reproduced on page 5) 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 observation of 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 Sunday 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.

Only in the case of Christmas and the Immaculate Conception would a Holy Day of Obligation fall on a Saturday or Monday and create back-to-back obligations with Sunday. One should fulfill both obligations by assisting at two Masses, one for each of the two days.

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.

	V1	V2	V3	D1	D2	D3
1. Solemnities of precept						
2. Sundays in the seasons of Advent, Lent and Easter	X	X	X	X	X	X
3. Holy Thursday, Easter Triduum						
4. Solemnities not of precept, All Souls						
5. Ash Wednesday, weekdays of Holy Week	X	X	X	✓	X	X
6. Days in the octave of Easter						
7. Sundays of Christmas and Sundays in Ordinary Time	✓	X	X	✓	X	X
8. Feasts						
9. Weekdays in the season of Advent from 17 to 24 December	✓	X	X	✓	✓	X
10. Days in the octave of Christmas						
11. Weekdays in the season of Lent						
12. Obligatory memorials						
13. Weekdays in the season of Advent to 16 December	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X
14. Weekdays in the season of Christmas from 2 January						
15. Weekdays in the season of Easter						
16. Weekdays in Ordinary Time	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

V1=Ritual (V2 w. Ordinary OK) / V2= MVNO & Votive (serious need) / V3 = MVNO/Votive
 D1 = Funeral Mass / D2 = special Masses for the Dead / D3 = daily Mass for Dead

MASSES PERMITTED	DAYS
Only “Mass of the Day” is permitted	Solemnities of Precept [in the US: Immaculate Conception (Dec 8), Christmas (Dec 25); Mary, Mother of God (Jan 1); Epiphany (Sun); Ascension; Corpus Christi (Sun); Assumption (Aug 15), All Saints (Nov 1)] Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter Season; Holy Thursday & Triduum
Funeral Masses Allowed	Solemnities not of precept; All Souls; Ash Wednesday; Weekdays of Holy Week; Days in the Easter Octave
Ritual Masses Allowed (others need Ordinary’s approval)	Sundays of Christmas & Sundays in Ordinary Time; Feasts
Special Masses for the Dead Allowed (<i>Mass on the occasion of the news of death, final burial, or first anniversary</i>)	Weekdays December 17-24; Days in the Christmas Octave; Weekdays of Lent;
Masses for Various Needs and Occasions and Votive Masses allowed if serious pastoral need – at discretion of the pastor or priest-celebrant	Obligatory Memorials; Weekdays of Advent to December 16; Weekdays of Christmas from January 2; Weekdays of Easter
Any Mass, including Mass for the Dead	Optional Memorials; Weekdays in Ordinary Time