

LITURGICAL CALENDAR: 2017 (+ = SEE CALENDAR ADVISORY ON PP. 2-3)

Advent	First Sunday of Advent	Nov 27, 2016	Sunday Lectionary Cycle A Weekday Lectionary Year I
	Immaculate Conception	Dec 8	Holy Day of Obligation
Christmastime	Christmas	Dec 25	Holy Day of Obligation Proclamation of the Nativity See Missal, Appendix I
	Feast of the Holy Family+	Dec 30 (Fri)	Transferred (see below)
	Mary, Mother of God	Jan 1, 2017	Holy Day of Obligation
	Epiphany	Jan 8	Proclamation of Date of Easter See Missal, Appendix I
Ordinary Time	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord+	Jan 9 (Mon)	Transferred (see below)
	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	Jan 23 (Mon)	See Missal—Proper of Time for norms to follow
Lent	Ash Wednesday	March 1	Day of Fast and Abstinence
	First Sunday of Lent	March 5	Rite of Election (Iowa City)
	Second Sunday of Lent	March 12	Penitential Rite for Candidates Daylight Savings Time begins
	Third Sunday of Lent	March 19	First Scrutiny of the Elect*
	Solemnity of St. Joseph+	March 20	Transferred (see below)
	Solemnity of the Annunciation+	March 25	See below
	Fourth Sunday of Lent	March 26	Second Scrutiny of the Elect*
	Fifth Sunday of Lent	April 2	Third Scrutiny of the Elect*
	Chrism Mass	April 3 (Mon)	5:00 p.m. (at the Cathedral)
	Palm Sunday	April 9	
<i>*If the Scrutinies are celebrated, the prayer texts for the Ritual Mass and the Cycle A readings are used.</i>			
Triduum	The Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday–Easter Sunday) is celebrated April 13-16. The Easter Vigil can begin no earlier than 8:30 p.m. on the night of April 15.		
Eastertime	Second Sunday of Easter	April 23	Divine Mercy Sunday
	Ascension of the Lord	May 28	Replaces 7 th Sunday of Easter
	Pentecost	June 4	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 (Wed)	Ranks as a Feast in the diocese
	Solemnity of the Sacred Heart+	June 23 (Fri)	See below
	Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist+	June 24 (Sat)	See below
	Feast of the Transfiguration	Aug 6	Replaces 18 th Sunday in Ord. Time
	Assumption of the BVM	Aug 15 (Tue)	Holy Day of Obligation
	All Saints	Nov 1 (Wed)	Holy Day of Obligation
	31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Nov 5	Daylight Savings Time ends
	Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral	Nov 15 (Wed)	Solemnity at the Cathedral Feast for the Diocese; see below.
Christ the King	Nov 26	Last Sunday of Liturgical Year	
Advent	First Sunday of Advent	Dec 3	Lectionary: B / II

CALENDAR ADVISORIES FOR 2017December 30, 2016: Feast of the Holy Family

In 2016, since a Sunday does not occur between December 25 and January 1, the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is celebrated on Friday, December 30, with only one reading before the Gospel.

January 9, 2017: Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

In 2017, since the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord is celebrated on January 8, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is transferred to the following Monday, January 9, with only one reading before the Gospel.

	Morning Prayer	Mass before 4pm	Mass after 4pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday, January 8	Epiphany	Epiphany	Epiphany	EP II of the Epiphany
Monday, January 9	Baptism of the Lord	Baptism of the Lord		EP II of the Baptism of the Lord

March 20: Solemnity of St. Joseph

Since March 19, 2017, is the Third Sunday of Lent, the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is transferred to the following Monday, March 20.

	Morning Prayer	Mass before 4pm	Mass after 4pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday, March 19	3 rd Sunday of Lent	3 rd Sunday of Lent (or Ritual Mass of the 1 st Scrutiny)	3 rd Sunday of Lent (or Ritual Mass of the 1 st Scrutiny)	EP II of the 3 rd Sunday of Lent
Monday, March 20	Solemnity of St. Joseph	Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary		EP II of the Solemnity of St. Joseph

(N.B. Even if the patron of your parish church is St. Joseph, the Lenten Sunday outranks a patronal solemnity so its observance cannot be moved to the Sunday.)

March 25: Solemnity of the Annunciation

	Morning Prayer	Mass before 4pm	Mass after 4pm	Evening Prayer
Saturday, March 25	Annunciation	Annunciation	4 th Sunday of Lent (or Ritual Mass of the 2 nd Scrutiny)	EP I for the 4 th Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 26	4 th Sunday of Lent	4 th Sunday of Lent (or Ritual Mass of the 2 nd Scrutiny)		EP II for the 4 th Sunday of Lent

(N.B. Even if the patron of your parish church is St. Mary of the Annunciation, the Lenten Sunday outranks a patronal solemnity so its observance cannot be moved to the Sunday.)

June 23 & 24

The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated on Friday, June 23, and the Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist on Saturday, June 24, 2017. In case of serious need or pastoral advantage, the Vigil Mass of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist may be celebrated either before or after Evening Prayer II of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart. The Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary is omitted this year.

	Morning Prayer	Mass before 4pm	Mass after 4pm	Evening Prayer
Friday, June 23	Sacred Heart	Sacred Heart	Sacred Heart OR Vigil of St. John the Baptist	EP II of the Sacred Heart
Saturday, June 24	Nativity of St. John the Baptist	St. John the Baptist	Anticipatory Mass for 12 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	EP II for St. John the Baptist or, if public recitation, EP I for Sunday

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