



LITURGICAL YEAR CALENDAR AND NOTES – 2020

Sunday Cycle: Year A **Weekday Cycle:** Cycle II

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Date	Rank	Funeral Mass	Funeral Outside of Mass	Wedding Ritual Mass	Wedding Outside of Mass
December 1, 2019 <i>First Sunday of Advent – Begin Cycle A</i>	Sunday	No	Yes	No	Yes
December 8, 2019 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	Sunday	No	Yes	No	Yes
December 9, 2019 (Monday) <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patronal Feast Day of the United States</i>	Solemnity/ <i>Not a day of obligation in 2019</i>	No	Yes	No	Yes
December 12, 2019 (Thursday) <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	Feast	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
December 15, 2019 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	Sunday	No	Yes	No	Yes
December 22, 2019 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	Sunday	No	Yes	No	Yes
December 25, 2019 (Wednesday) <i>The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)</i>	Solemnity/ <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	No	Yes	No	Yes
December 29, 2019 <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph</i>	Sunday/Feast	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
January 1, 2020 (Wednesday) <i>The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i>	Solemnity/ <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	No	Yes	No	Yes
January 5, 2020 <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	Sunday/ Solemnity	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
January 12, 2020 <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	Sunday/Feast	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
January 19, 2020 <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Sunday	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
January 19 – 26, 2020 <i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Mass for Christian Unity may be used when the day allows.</i>	N/A	Yes – when the day allows	Yes – when the day allows	Yes – when the day allows	Yes – when the day allows
January 22, 2020 (Wednesday) <i>Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children</i> <small>This day has been set aside to pray for violators of the human person and for the restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. The Mass for Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life (white) or Mass for Peace and Justice (violet) may be used.</small>	Day of Prayer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
February 2, 2020 (Sunday) <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	Sunday/Feast <i>Replaces Sunday in OT</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
February 26, 2020 (Wednesday) <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	Day of Fast and Abstinence	Yes	Yes	No	Yes



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March 1, 2020 <i>First Sunday of Lent, Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion</i>	Sunday	No	Yes	No	Yes
March 8, 2020 <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	Sunday	No	Yes	No	Yes
March 15, 2020 <i>Third Sunday of Lent - First Scrutiny to be celebrated with the Elect</i>	Sunday	No	Yes	No	Yes
March 19, 2020 (Thursday) <i>St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Solemnity	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
March 22, 2020 <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent - Second Scrutiny to be celebrated with the Elect</i>	Sunday	No	Yes	No	Yes
March 25, 2020 (Wednesday) <i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>	Solemnity	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
March 29, 2020 <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent - Third Scrutiny to be celebrated with the Elect</i>	Sunday	No	Yes	No	Yes
April 5, 2020 <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	Sunday	No	Yes	No	Yes
April 7, 2020 (Tuesday) <i>Chrism Mass, 7:00p.m. - Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains</i>	Archdiocesan celebration	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
April 9, 2020 (Thursday) <i>Holy Thursday - The Triduum begins with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>	Highest Rank	No	Yes – no Communion	No	No
April 10, 2020 (Friday) <i>Good Friday</i>	Highest Rank/ Day of Fast and Abstinence	No	Yes – no Communion	No	No
April 11, 2020 (Saturday) <i>Holy Saturday - The Easter Vigil may not begin before 8:45pm</i>	Highest Rank	No	Yes – no Communion	No	No
April 12, 2020 <i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>	Sunday of highest rank	No	Yes	No	No
April 19, 2020 <i>Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)</i>	Solemnity	No	Yes	No	Yes
May 21, 2020 (Thursday)	Easter Weekday	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
May 24, 2020 <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>	Sunday/ Solemnity	No	Yes	No	Yes



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May 31, 2020 <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	Sunday/ Solemnity	No	Yes	No	Yes
June 7, 2020 <i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	Sunday/ Solemnity	No	Yes	No	Yes
June 14, 2020 <i>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</i>	Sunday/ Solemnity	No	Yes	No	Yes
June 19, 2020 (Friday) <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	Solemnity	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
June 24, 2020 (Wednesday) <i>The Nativity of St. John the Baptist</i>	Solemnity	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
June 28, 2020 <i>13th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Sunday	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
June 29, 2020 (Monday) <i>Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles</i>	Solemnity	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
August 6, 2020 (Thursday) <i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	Feast	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
August 15, 2020 (Saturday) <i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Solemnity [not a Holy Day of Obligation this year]	No	Yes	No	Yes
September 14, 2020 (Monday) <i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	Feast	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
November 1, 2020 (Sunday) <i>All Saints</i>	Solemnity/Holy Day of Obligation	No	Yes	No	Yes
November 2, 2020 (Monday) <i>Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)</i>	Commemoration	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
November 3, 2020 (Tuesday) <i>Anniversary of the Dedication of St. Peter in Chains Cathedral</i>	Feast (Solemnity at Cathedral only)	Yes	Yes	Yes (No)	Yes
November 9, 2020 (Saturday) <i>Anniversary of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	Feast	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
November 15, 2020 <i>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Sunday	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
November 22, 2020 <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	Sunday/ Solemnity	No	Yes	No	Yes



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Ritual Masses and Choice of Rite

Marriage within Mass:

- White vestments or of a festive color are worn.
- If the wedding Mass is celebrated on those days listed in Nos. 1- 4 of the Table of Liturgical Days, the Mass of the day is used with the nuptial blessing and where appropriate, the special final blessing.
- When the ritual of marriage within Mass may not be used, one of the readings from the Order of Celebrating Matrimony should be chosen. However, a reading may not be substituted on Christmas, Epiphany, Ascension, Pentecost, Corpus Christi, and other holy days of obligation. The marriage rite is forbidden during the Triduum.
- On the Sundays of the Christmas season and throughout the year, in Masses which are not parish Masses, the wedding Mass may be used without change.
(*Order of Celebrating Matrimony*, 34)

Funeral Masses:

- Funeral Masses are not permitted on solemnities of obligation, on Holy Thursday, during the Easter Triduum, and on the Sundays of Advent, Lent, and the Easter season. The Funeral Liturgy outside Mass may be used.
(*Order of Christian Funerals*, No. 178.1)

Other Notes

***Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary***

Since December 8, 2019, is the Second Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, December 9, 2019. The obligation to attend Mass, however, does *not* transfer. The Optional Memorial of Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, December 9, is omitted this year.

Solemnity of the Ascension

In the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated on Sunday, May 24, 2020. Thursday, May 21, 2020 is an Easter Weekday.