



Holy Days of Obligation

Sunday, on which by apostolic tradition the paschal mystery is celebrated, must be observed in the universal Church as the primordial day of obligation.
(Canon 1246)

On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass. Moreover, they are to abstain from those works and affairs which hinder the worship to be rendered to God, the joy proper to the Lord's day, or the suitable relaxation of mind and body.
(Canon 1247)

***January 1: Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God**

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

***November 1: Solemnity of All Saints**

December 8: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 25: Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord: *Varies*
(Sunday after the first full moon after the first day of spring)

The Ascension of the Lord will be celebrated on the Seventh Sunday of Easter in Ohio dioceses. With permission from Rome, the Catholic bishops of Ohio decided to move the yearly celebration of the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord from Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter to the Seventh Sunday of Easter. This change has been in effect since the first celebration on June 4, 2000.

*Whenever January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, or August 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption, or November 1, the Solemnity of All Saints, falls on a Saturday or on a Monday, the precept to attend Mass is abrogated. As the patronal feast of the United States, December 8 is always a day of obligation.