

LITURGICAL CALENDAR: 2013 (+ = SEE CALENDAR ADVISORY ON PAGE 2)

Advent	First Sunday of Advent	Dec 2, 2012	Sunday Lectionary Cycle C Weekday Lectionary Year I
	Immaculate Conception+	Dec 8, 2012	Holy Day of Obligation
Christmastime	Christmas	Dec 25, 2012	Holy Day of Obligation Proclamation of the Nativity See Missal, Appendix I
	Mary, Mother of God	Jan 1, 2013	Holy Day of Obligation
	Epiphany	Jan 6	Proclamation of Date of Easter See Missal, Appendix I
Ordinary Time	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	Jan 22 (Tue)	See Missal—Proper of Time for norms to follow
Lent	Ash Wednesday	February 13	Day of Fast and Abstinence
	First Sunday of Lent	February 17	Rite of Election (St. Patrick, IC)
	Second Sunday of Lent	February 24	Penitential Rite for Candidates
	Third Sunday of Lent	March 3	First Scrutiny of the Elect*
	Fourth Sunday of Lent	March 10	Second Scrutiny of the Elect*
	Fifth Sunday of Lent	March 17	Third Scrutiny of the Elect*
	Chrism Mass	March 18	5:00 p.m. (at the Cathedral)
	Palm Sunday	March 24	
	*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 28-31. The Easter Vigil can begin no earlier than 8:15 p.m. on the night of March 30.		
Eastertime	Second Sunday of Easter	April 7	Divine Mercy Sunday
	Ascension of the Lord	May 12	Replaces 7 th Sunday of Easter
	Pentecost	May 19	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 6 (Thur)	Ranks as a Feast in the diocese
	Assumption of the BVM	Aug 15 (Thur)	Holy Day of Obligation
	All Saints	Nov 1 (Fri)	Holy Day of Obligation
	All Souls'+	Nov 2 (Sat)	
	Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral+	Nov 15 (Fri)	Solemnity at the Cathedral Feast for the Diocese
	Christ the King	Nov 24	End of the Year of Faith
Advent	First Sunday of Advent	December 1	Lectionary: A / II

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December 8, 2012: The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

This solemnity remains a Holy Day of Obligation, even when it falls on a Saturday. Ritual and funeral Masses are prohibited. After 4pm, the Advent Sunday Mass is celebrated. Evening Prayer I of the Advent Sunday is used.

June 6, 2013: Feast of the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Amos

Because June 7 is also the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus this year, the Feast of Bishop Amos' Episcopal Ordination is transferred to Thursday, June 6.

November 2, 2013: The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

The Evening Mass and Evening Prayer for this day are for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time.

November 15, 2013: Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral

In the Cathedral itself, the anniversary is celebrated as a Solemnity and may be celebrated on the closest Sunday in Ordinary Time (Nov 17). 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.