

DIOCESE OF SAN JOSÉ LITURGICAL CALENDAR | 2009

SUNDAY CYCLE, YEAR B | WEEKDAY CYCLE, YEAR 1

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

- Sundays
- January 1, 2009, Thursday: Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God
 - Bishop McGrath has dispensed the obligation, although the faithful are still encouraged to participate in Mass on this day.
 - In the Diocese of San José, observed as a day of prayer for world justice and peace. The “Mass for Peace” (Masses and Prayers for Various Needs, #22) may be used.
- May 24, 2009, Sunday: Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
- August 15, 2009, Saturday: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 - Not a holy day of obligation in 2009 because it falls on Saturday.
- November 1, 2009, Sunday: Solemnity of All Saints
- December 8, 2009, Tuesday: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
- December 25, 2009, Friday: Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

The United States Bishops’ Committee on the Liturgy has provided the following guidelines for determining exceptions to Holy Days of Obligation:

- When January 1, August 15, or November 1 falls on a Saturday or a Monday, the obligation to participate in Mass does not hold.
- When December 8 falls on a Saturday or a Monday, the obligation to participate in Mass remains.
- When December 8 falls on a Sunday, the observance is transferred to Monday, December 9, and there is no obligation to participate in Mass.

OTHER OBSERVANCES

- January 4, 2009, Sunday: Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
- January 11, 2009, Sunday: Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
 - After the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Ordinary Time begins.
- January 18, 2009: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
- January 18, 2009, Sunday, to January 25, 2009, Sunday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
 - The theme for the 2009 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is “That they may become one in your hand” (Ezekiel 37:15-19, 22-24).
 - Permission is given to observe 18 January 2009 as a special day of prayer for Christian Unity and to substitute the prayers of the Mass of the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time with the prayers of the Mass for the Unity of Christians (#13, Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions, A or B, Sacramentary, p. 889-891). In addition, priests are free to use either the Preface for Christian Unity (#76 in the Sacramentary) or the new Eucharistic Prayer I, “The Church on the Way to Unity,” with its proper Preface. It is suggested that a petition for the unity of all Christians be included in the Prayer of the Faithful on this day.
- January 22, 2009, Thursday: Day of penance and prayer
 - “In all dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of penance for violations to the

dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. The Mass 'For Peace and Justice' (no. 21 of the 'Masses for Various Needs') should be celebrated with violet vestments as an appropriate liturgical observance for this day" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, #373).

- January 25, 2009: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 - "In this Jubilee Year marking the 2,000th anniversary of Saint Paul's birth, the Mass celebrating the Conversion of Saint Paul, apostle, as found in the Roman Missal for 25 January, may be used today. In such a case, the second reading of the Mass is taken from the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time and the Creed is said. The Year of Saint Paul concludes 29 June 2009. Plenary indulgence available" (Ordo).
 - Today is the 20th anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Patrick J. McGrath. The following intercession may be included in the Masses this weekend:
 - For our Bishop Patrick McGrath
 - as he celebrates his 20th anniversary of ordination to the Order of Bishops:
 - for continued fidelity in proclaiming the Gospel of Christ
 - and teaching the faith of the Apostles;
 - for unflinching devotion to building up the Church
 - and strengthening the unity of all the People of God;
 - for prophetic compassion to those in need, those unloved,
 - and those who have strayed from their faith;
 - for unceasing prayer, overflowing joy,
 - and abundant blessings of the Holy Spirit poured out upon him.
 - We pray to the Lord.
- February 6, 2009, Friday: Memorial of Paul Miki, Felipé de Jesús, and companions, martyr
 - In the Diocese of San José, Felipé de Jesús is included by name in the memorial of this day as the first martyr of the Americas and the patron saint of Mexico City.
- February 8, 2009: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 - World Marriage Day is celebrated today.
- February 11, 2009, Wednesday: Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes
 - World Day of the Sick is celebrated today.
- February 25, 2009: Ash Wednesday
- Weekend of February 21, 2009, or February 28, 2009: Celebrate the Rite of Sending of Catechumens during these weekends before the First Sunday of Lent
- Month of March: In the Diocese of San José, observed as days of prayer for human rights and equality
- March 1, 2009: First Sunday of Lent
- March 8, 2009, Sunday: Daylight Savings Time begins; set clocks one hour forward
- March 15, 2009: Third Sunday of Lent
 - On this day, the first of three Scrutinies is celebrated. When the Scrutiny is celebrated, readings from Year A must be used (see RCIA, #146). Proper prayers for the Scrutinies are in the Sacramentary, under "Ritual Masses," Christian Initiation: The Scrutinies.
- March 17, 2009, Tuesday: Optional Memorial of Saint Patrick
 - Titular feast day of the first cathedral of the Diocese of San José. Observed as a Feast in the parish of Saint Patrick Proto-Cathedral.
- March 19, 2009, Thursday: Solemnity of Saint Joseph
 - Titular feast day of the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph and principal patron of the Diocese of San José

- March 21, 2009, Saturday: Anniversary of dedication of Saint Patrick Proto-Cathedral, first cathedral of the Diocese of San José
- March 22, 2009: Fourth Sunday of Lent
 - On this day, the second of three Scrutinies is celebrated. When the Scrutiny is celebrated, readings from Year A must be used (see RCIA, #146). Proper prayers for the Scrutinies are in the Sacramentary, under “Ritual Masses,” Christian Initiation: The Scrutinies.
- March 25, 2009, Wednesday: Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
- March 29, 2009: Fifth Sunday of Lent
 - On this day, the last of three Scrutinies is celebrated. When the Scrutiny is celebrated, readings from Year A must be used (see RCIA, #146). Proper prayers for the Scrutinies are in the Sacramentary, under “Ritual Masses,” Christian Initiation: The Scrutinies.
- April 5, 2009: Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion
- April 9, 2009: Holy Thursday
- April 10, 2009: Good Friday
- April 11, 2009: Holy Saturday
 - “The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil takes place at night. It should not begin before nightfall; it should end before daybreak on Sunday” (Sacramentary, Easter Sunday, During the Night, The Easter Vigil, #3).
 - Sunset on 11 April 2009 is at 7:39p; civil twilight (when the sky is dark enough to see the brightest stars) ends at 8:06p.
 - The Easter Vigil in the Diocese of San José cannot begin earlier than 8:00p.
 - “In the United States, although it is never permitted to celebrate the entire Easter Vigil more than once in a given church or to anticipate the Mass of Easter before the vigil, in those places where the local Ordinary permits the anticipation of Sunday Masses on Saturday evening, for pastoral reasons an additional Mass may be celebrated **after** the Mass of the Easter Vigil. Such a Mass may follow the liturgy of the word of the Mass of the Easter Vigil and other texts of that Mass and should include the renewal of baptismal promises” (Sacramentary, Easter Sunday, During the Night, Easter Vigil, #3, emphasis added).
- April 12, 2009: Easter Sunday
- April 19, 2009: Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday
- May 3, 2009: Fourth Sunday of Easter
 - World Day of Prayer for Vocations is celebrated today.
- May 31, 2009: Pentecost Sunday
- June 7, 2009, Sunday: Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
- June 14, 2009, Sunday: Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
- June 19, 2009, Friday: Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- June 21, 2009: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- June 24, 2009, Wednesday: Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist
- June 29, 2009, Monday: Solemnity of Saint Peter and Saint Paul
 - End of the Jubilee Year of Saint Paul; Plenary indulgence available.
 - 31st Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Emeritus Pierre DuMaine
- August 11, 2009, Tuesday: Memorial of Saint Clare of Assisi
 - Secondary Patroness of the Diocese of San José. Celebrated as solemnity in the parishes, missions, and institutions of the city of Santa Clara only; elsewhere in diocese a feast.
- September 18, 2009, Friday: Memorial of Saint Joseph of Cupertino, observed in the Diocese of San José

- Celebrated as a solemnity in the parishes, missions, and institutions in the city of Cupertino; elsewhere in diocese as a memorial.
- Month of October: In the Diocese of San José, observed as days of prayer for the general needs of humankind
- October 18, 2009: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 - World Mission Sunday is celebrated today.
- October 25, 2009: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 - World Youth Day is celebrated today.
- November 1, 2009, Sunday: Daylight Savings Time ends; set clocks one hour backward
- November 2, 2009, Monday: Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
- November 4, 2009, Wednesday: Anniversary of rededication of the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph
- November 22, 2009, Sunday: Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King
- November 23, 2009, Monday, to November 25, 2009, Wednesday: In the Diocese of San José, observed as days of prayer for the harvest and fruits of the earth
- November 27, 2009, Friday: 10th anniversary of Bishop Patrick J. McGrath's succession to the See of San José
- November 29, 2009: First Sunday of Advent, Year C/Year 2
- December 12, 2009, Saturday: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
 - Observed as a solemnity in churches located in the city of San José (originally named the city of San José de Guadalupe)
 - Masses celebrated Saturday evening (after 4:00p) are those for the Third Sunday of Advent.
- December 27, 2009, Sunday: Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

ANTICIPATED MASSES

Anticipated Masses of Sundays and Holy Days (Christmas included) are to take place in the evening after 4:00p (cf. Canon 1248.1).

FUNERAL MASSES AND HOLY DAYS

Funeral Masses may not be celebrated on Holy Days of Obligation. Likewise, Funeral Masses may not be celebrated on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, or Easter Sunday. On these days, the body of the deceased may be brought to the church and the Funeral Liturgy Outside of Mass (Order for Christian Funerals, #77) may be celebrated.

WEDDINGS

On days when ritual Masses are permitted, one of the wedding Masses with its proper readings may be celebrated. When the ritual Mass is not celebrated, one of the readings may be chosen from those provided in the Lectionary for Mass for the ritual Mass for weddings. On the following days, the Mass of the day, with its proper readings and vestment colors, is celebrated, the nuptial blessing included, and, as circumstances suggest, the proper solemn blessing used:

- Easter Triduum
- Christmas; Epiphany; Ascension; Pentecost; Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter season

- Ash Wednesday; weekdays of Holy Week
- solemnities of the Lord, of Mary, and saints listed in the General Calendar; All Souls
- solemnities of the principal patron of the city or state, of the dedication of a particular church and its anniversary, of the title of a particular church, of the title or of a founder or of a principal patron of a religious order or congregation

If the Mass in which the sacrament of Marriage is celebrated is a regular parish Mass, the Mass of the day is celebrated, even on the Sundays of the Christmas season and of Ordinary Time. The ritual Mass for Marriage is not permitted on Holy Days on which the precept to attend Mass is abrogated, since these days still rank as solemnities. With the exception of the Easter Triduum, the Rite of Marriage Outside of Mass is always permitted, regardless of the feast or solemnity.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE INTO THE ORDER OF CATECHUMENS / RITE OF WELCOMING

The Rite of Acceptance and the Rite of Welcoming may be scheduled and celebrated several times a year. To give adequate focus to both the rites and to the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, Sundays in Ordinary Time are better options for celebrating these rites.

RITE OF ELECTION

The Rite of Election is required for all catechumens ready for initiation at the next Easter Vigil. At the Diocese of San José Rite of Election, each parish presents its Book of the Elect in which the catechumens sent to the Rite have signed their names during the parish Rite of Sending. Note: The Diocese of San José does not celebrate a separate Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion for baptized but uncatechized adults, nor does it combine this rite with the Rite of Election. However, baptized candidates are encouraged to participate in the Rite of Election as members of the faithful, giving their assent to the testimony for the catechumens and praying for them in the intercessions.

SCRUTINIES

Three scrutinies are required for all the Elect. Only with the Bishop's permission may a scrutiny be omitted (RCIA, #20). When the scrutinies are celebrated, Cycle A readings and the proper prayers for the Ritual Mass (Christian Initiation, The Scrutinies, found in the Sacramentary) must be used (RCIA, #146). It is inappropriate to adapt the scrutinies for readings other than the Cycle A readings. Note: Baptized candidates do not participate in the scrutinies except as members of the faithful.

EASTER VIGIL

The Easter Vigil is the principal time to initiate the Elect. By Canon Law (866), priests who baptize a person who has reached the age of reason must also confirm and give Eucharist to that person in the same celebration. No additional faculties are required. Note: Priests must receive faculties to confirm already-baptized Catholics.

RECEPTION OF BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS INTO THE FULL COMMUNION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

This rite may be celebrated on any appropriate Sunday as soon as the candidate is ready. It is preferable that reception not take place at the Easter Vigil (National Statutes for the Catechumenate, #33). Priests who receive candidates also confirm them as part of the rite (no additional faculty is required), unless the person received has already been validly confirmed (RCIA, #481).

CONFIRMATION

On days when ritual Masses are permitted, the ritual Mass for Confirmation, with its proper readings, may be celebrated. If the ritual Mass is not celebrated, one of the readings may be taken from those provided in the Lectionary for Mass for the ritual Mass of Confirmation. When Confirmation is celebrated on any of the following days, the Mass of the Day, with its proper readings and vestment colors, is celebrated:

- Easter Triduum
- Christmas; Epiphany; Ascension; Pentecost; Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter season
- Ash Wednesday; weekdays of Holy Week
- solemnities of the Lord, of Mary, and saints listed in the General Calendar; All Souls
- solemnities of the principal patron of the city or state, of the dedication of a particular church and its anniversary, of the title of a particular church, of the title or of a founder or of a principal patron of a religious order or congregation

The final blessing proper to the ritual Mass may always be used.

FIRST COMMUNION

“It is also appropriate that children receive their First Communion on one or other of the Sunday of Easter” (Circular Letter Concerning the Preparation and Celebration of the Paschal Feast, #103). “Apart from exceptional cases, it is not particularly appropriate for First Communion to be administered on Holy Thursday of the Lord’s Supper. Another day should be chosen instead, such as a Sunday between the Second and Sixth Sunday of Easter, or on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, or the Sundays of Ordinary Time, since Sunday is rightly regarded as the day of the Eucharist” (Redemptionis Sacramentum, #87).

LOCAL CALENDAR

DIOCESAN LITURGIES

- February 14, 2009, 10:00a, Saturday: 25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass, Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph
- March 1, 2009, 3:30p, Sunday: Rite of Election, Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph
- March 2, 2009, 7:30p, Monday: Rite of Election, Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph
- March 3, 2009, 7:30p, Tuesday: Rite of Election, Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph
- March 31, 2009, 7:30p, Tuesday: Chrism Mass, Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph
- May 17, 2009, 11:30a, Sunday: Neophyte Mass, Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph
- May 23, 2009, 9:30a, Saturday: Ordination of Priests, Saint Frances Cabrini Parish
- May 31, 2009, 3:00p, Sunday: Confirmation of Adults, Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph
- December 11, 2009, 6:00p processions; 7:00p liturgy, Friday: Vespers in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish

PATRONAL FEASTS

A parish patron's or title's feast day and the parish church's anniversary of dedication are celebrated as solemnities in the parish. The anniversary of the church's dedication and the solemnity of the patron or title of a church may be transferred to all Masses of a Sunday if:

- the Sunday is in Ordinary Time or in the Christmas season
- and the anniversary of dedication is of a particular church
- or the solemnity is of the principal patron of a specific place or of the title of a particular church.

It may not be transferred if:

- the transfer would be to a Sunday of Advent, Lent, or the Easter season,
- or to one on which any solemnity of the Lord, of Mary, or of the saints listed in the General Calendar falls;
- or if the celebration involves the anniversary of the dedication of the cathedral church or the patron of a region or nation or a secondary patron.

DIOCESE OF SAN JOSÉ PARISH FEASTS

- January 28: Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish (Palo Alto)
- February 6: Five Wounds Portuguese National Parish (San José)
- March 17: Saint Patrick Proto-Cathedral Parish (San José)
- March 19: Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph Parish (San José)
- March 21: Anniversary of dedication of Saint Patrick Proto-Cathedral (San José)
- April 8: Saint Julie Billiart Parish (San José)
- Easter Sunday: Church of the Resurrection Parish (Sunnyvale)
- May 1: Saint Joseph [the Worker] Parish (Mountain View)
- May 2: Saint Athanasius Parish (Mountain View)
- Seventh Sunday of Easter: Church of the Ascension Parish (Saratoga)
- Pentecost Sunday: Holy Spirit Parish (San José)
- Sunday after Pentecost: Most Holy Trinity Parish (San José)
- 19 days after Pentecost: Sacred Heart Parish (Saratoga); Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish (San José)
- June 1: Saint Justin Parish (Santa Clara)
- June 13: Saint Anthony [of Padua] Parish (San José)
- June 17: Saint Brother Albert Chmielowski Polish Mission (San José)
- June 24: Saint John the Baptist Parish (Milpitas)
- June 25: Saint William [of Vercelli] Parish (Los Altos)
- June 27: Oratory of Our Mother of Perpetual Help Chapel (Santa Clara)
- July 4: Saint Elizabeth [of Portugal] Parish (Milpitas)
- July 6: Saint Maria Goretti Parish (San José)
- July 9: Chinese Catholic Community (Santa Clara); Our Lady of Peace Parish (Santa Clara)
- July 25: Saint Christopher Parish (San José)
- July 28: Saint Victor [Pope Victor I] Parish (San José)
- August 4: Saint John [Mary] Vianney Parish (San José)
- August 6: Church of the Transfiguration Parish (San José)
- August 8: Catholic Community at Stanford under the patronage of Saint Dominic (Palo Alto)
- August 10: Saint Lawrence the Martyr Parish (Santa Clara)
- August 11: Saint Clare [of Assisi] Parish (Santa Clara)
- August 15: Saint Mary of the Assumption Croatian Mission (San José); Saint Mary Parish (Gilroy)

- August 22: Queen of Apostles Parish (San José); Queen of Martyrs Vietnamese Catholic Center (San José)
- September 12: Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish (Alviso)
- September 14: Holy Cross Parish (San José)
- September 16: Saint Cyprian Parish (Sunnyvale)
- September 18: Saint Joseph of Cupertino Parish (Cupertino)
- September 20: Holy Korean Martyrs Parish (Sunnyvale)
- October 4: Saint Francis of Assisi Parish (San José)
- October 7: Our Lady of the Rosary Church, part of Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish (Palo Alto)
- October 15: Santa Teresa [of Jesus, aka of Avila] Parish (San José)
- October 28: Saint Simon [and Jude] Parish (Los Altos)
- November 4: Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph (San José)
- November 10: Saint Leo the Great Parish (San José)
- November 11: Saint Martin of Tours Parish (San José); Saint Martin Parish (Sunnyvale)
- November 13: Saint Frances [Xavier] Cabrini Parish (San José)
- November 15: Saint Albert the Great Church, part of Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish (Palo Alto)
- November 23, 2008: Christ the King Parish (San José)
- November 25: Saint Catherine of Alexandria Parish (Morgan Hill)
- Last Sunday in Ordinary Time: Christ the King Parish (San José)
- December 6: Saint Nicholas Parish (Los Altos)
- December 8: Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish (Los Gatos)
- December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish (San José)
- December 13: Saint Lucy Parish (Campbell)
- Sunday after Christmas: Holy Family Parish (San José)
- December 29: Saint Thomas of Canterbury [aka Thomas Becket] Parish (San José)