

Diocese of Rockford

In addition, please consult the Ordo for the Province.

2011/2012 – Cycle B, Year II

1st Sunday of Advent – Sunday, November 27, 2011

Immaculate Conception – Thursday, December 8, 2011 (Holy Day of Obligation)

This is a holy day of obligation in the USA. It is our country's and diocese's principal patronal feast, it never falls under the "Monday/Saturday ruling" and the obligation to participate at Mass is never abrogated. To note, that ruling only applies to January 1 (Mary Mother of God), August 15 (Assumption), November 1 (All Saints). Funeral Mass is not permitted on this day.

Christmas Eve – Saturday, Dec 25, 2011 (Vigil Masses may be celebrated only AFTER 4:00 PM)

The creche is to be displayed outside the sanctuary; it may be blessed at the Vigil Mass with the appropriate texts from the Book of Blessings (BB Chapter 48).

Christmas Day – Sunday, December 25, 2011 (Holy Day of Obligation)

Funeral Mass is not permitted on this day.

Mary, Mother of God – Sunday, January 1, 2012

Ash Wednesday – Wednesday, February 22, 2012

Rite of Election – First Sunday of Lent, February 26, 2012

Palm Sunday – Sunday, April 1, 2012

Holy Thursday – Thursday, April 5, 2012, Funeral Mass is not permitted on this day.

Good Friday – Friday, April 6, 2012, Funeral Mass is not permitted on this day.

Holy Saturday – Saturday, April 7, 2012 (Sun Set 7:23pm, Chicago), Funeral Mass is not permitted.

Easter – Sunday, April 8, 2012

Ascension (Observed on Sunday) – Sunday, May 20, 2012

The solemnity of the Ascension is celebrated on the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

Pentecost – Sunday, May 27, 2012

Corpus Christi (Observed on Sunday) – Sunday, June 10, 2012

Assumption of Mary – Wednesday, August 15, 2012 (Holy Day of Obligation)

Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of St. Peter – Thursday, October 11, 2012

In the Cathedral itself, a solemnity, use Mass texts from Common of the Anniversary of the Dedication of a Church. Outside the Cathedral it is celebrated as a feast.

All Saints Day – Thursday, November 1, 2012 (Holy Day of Obligation)

Solemnity of the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) Friday, November 2

The Lectionary (nos. 668 or 1011-1016) provides a wealth of readings. The Sacramentary provides three sets of orations, five Prefaces for Christian Death (77-81), and a solemn blessing.

Choice of Day for the Rite of Marriage

Whenever marriage is celebrated during Mass, white vestments are worn and the wedding Mass is used. In the Diocese of Rockford, Sunday weddings are NOT PERMITTED. If the marriage is celebrated on a solemnity, the Mass of the day is used with the nuptial blessing and where appropriate, the special final blessing.

The liturgy of the word is extremely helpful in emphasizing the meaning of the sacrament and the obligation of marriage. When the wedding Mass may not be used, one of the readings from the Rite of Marriage (nos. 67-105) may be chosen, except from Holy Thursday to Easter and on the feast of Christmas, Epiphany, Ascension, Pentecost, Corpus Christi, and other holy days of obligation. However, the Rite of Marriage outside Mass may be celebrated on the above days except during the Easter Triduum.

When a marriage is celebrated during Advent or Lent or other days of penance, the parish priest should advise the couple to take into consideration the special nature of these times (Rite of Marriage, no. 11, emphasis added).

Funerals

The funeral Mass is not permitted on solemnities that are holy days of obligation, on Holy Thursday and the Easter Triduum, and on the Sundays of Advent, Lent, and the Easter season (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal, third typical edition, no. 380 and Order of Christian Funerals, no. 178, 271*). The funeral liturgy outside Mass may be used on these days.

The Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral.

In the Cathedral itself, a solemnity, outside the Cathedral it is celebrated as a feast. For other parishes on the day of their particular anniversary it is a solemnity. Consult the "Table of Liturgical days" on page five of this calendar for the days that may impede this celebration. The anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of St. Peter is October 11.

Other Masses

When choosing the Mass texts for Ritual Masses, Masses for Various Needs and Occasions, and Masses for the Dead, please see the chart on page five.

The Choice of the Mass and Its Parts

The pastoral effectiveness of a celebration will be greatly increased if the texts of readings, the prayers, and the liturgical songs correspond as closely as possible to the needs, spiritual preparation, and culture of those taking part. The priest, therefore, in planning the celebration of Mass, should have in mind the common spiritual good of the people of God, rather than his own inclinations. He should, moreover, remember that the selection of different parts is to be made in agreement with those who have some role in the celebration, including the faithful, in regard to the parts that more directly belong to each.

Since, indeed, a variety of options is provided for the different parts of the Mass, it is necessary for the deacon, the lectors, the psalmist, the cantor, the commentator, and choir to be completely sure before the celebration about those texts for which each is responsible and is to be used and that nothing is improvised. Harmonious planning and carrying out of the rites will be of great assistance in disposing the faithful to take part in the Eucharist (GIRM 352).

TABLE OF LITURGICAL DAYS ACCORDING TO THEIR ORDER OF PRECEDENCE
General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar #59

I

1. Easter Triduum of the Lord=s Passion and Resurrection
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 saints listed in the General Calendar
All Souls (Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed)
4. Proper Solemnities, namely:
 - a. Solemnity of the principal patron of the place, i.e., the 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

II

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 congregation
9. Weekdays of Advent from 17 December to 24 December, inclusive.
Days within the Octave of Christmas.
Weekdays of Lent

III

10. Obligatory memorials in the General Calendar
11. Proper obligatory memorials, namely:
 - a. Memorial 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
12. Optional Memorials; but these may be celebrated even on the days listed in no. 9, in the special manner described by the General Instruction of the Roman Missal and of the Liturgy of the Hours. In the same manner obligatory memorials may be celebrated as optional memorials if they happen to fall on the Lenten weekdays.
13. Weekdays of Advent up to 16 December inclusive
Weekdays of the Christmas season from 2 January until the Saturday after Epiphany.
Weekdays of the Easter Season from Monday after the Octave of Easter until the Saturday before Pentecost inclusive.
Weekdays in Ordinary Time.

**TABLE OF RUBRICS GOVERNING THE USE OF
RITUAL MASSES, MASSES FOR VARIOUS NEEDS,
MASSES FOR VARIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES, AND MASSES FOR THE DEAD**

Ceremonial of Bishops, Appendix III, 1989

Revised to reflect the new ordering in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, third typical edition, 2002

V1 = Ritual Masses (GIRM 372); MVNO and VM in case of serious pastoral need or advantage at the direction of the local ordinary or with his permission (GIRM 374)

V2 = MVNO and VM in cases of serious need or pastoral advantage, at the discretion of the rector of the church or the priest celebrant (GIRM 376)

V3 = MVNO and VM chosen by the priest celebrant in favor of the devotion of the people (GIRM 373 & 375)

D1 = Funeral Mass (GIRM 380)

D2 = D1 and Mass on the occasion of news of a death, final burial, or the first anniversary (GIRM 381)

D3 = Daily Mass for the Dead (GIRM 381). When D1 and D2 are not permitted, neither is R3.

(+) = permitted (-) = not permitted

Holy Thursday, Easter Triduum	V1 - D1 -
Sundays of Advent, Lent, and the Easter Season	V1 - D1 -
Solemnities of precept	V1 - D1 -
Solemnities not of precept, All Souls	V1 - D1 +
Ash Wednesday, weekdays of Holy Week	V1 - D1 +
Days in the Easter Octave	V1 - D1 +
Sundays of Christmas, and in Ordinary Time	V1+, V2- D1+, D2-
Feasts	V1+, V2-, D1+, D2-
Weekdays December 17-24	V1+, V2- D1+, D2+
Days in the Christmas Octave	V1+, V2- D1+, D2+
Weekdays of Lent	V1+, V2- D1+, D2+
Obligatory Memorials	V1+, V2+ D1+, D2+
Weekdays of Advent to December 16	V1+, V2+ D1+, D2+
Weekdays of Christmas from January 2	V1+, V2+ D1+, D2+
Weekdays of the Easter Season	V1+, V2+ D1+, D2+
Weekdays in Ordinary Time	V1+, V2+, V3+ D1+, D2+, D3+