

**Diocese of Lansing
Days of Special Interest
January to December 2018**



**Sunday Cycle: Year B
Weekday Cycle: II**

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Monday, January 1, 2018

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is not observed as a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord Sunday, January 7, 2018

Since the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord is celebrated on January 7, the FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD is transferred to the following Monday, January 8, with only one reading before the Gospel.

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children Monday, January 22, 2018

All dioceses of the United States shall observe this day (GIRM, no 373). The Roman Missal provides a "Mass for Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life;" (white vestments) or the "Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice" (violet vestments), also see Lectionary nos. 887-891 "For Peace and Justice." Any readings for the Day of Prayer may be taken from the new Lectionary for Mass Supplement.

The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle (Feast) Thursday, January 25, 2018

Anniversary (1996) of the Episcopal Ordination of the Bishop Emeritus, Bishop Carl Mengeling. It is appropriate to include a petition in the Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful) for the Bishop Emeritus.

Ash Wednesday Wednesday, February 14, 2018

Day of Fast and Abstinence.

Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion Saturday, February 17, 2018

Sunday, February 18, 2018

The Rite by which the Church formally ratifies the catechumens' readiness for the sacraments of Christian Initiation. Hosted at Christ the King, Ann Arbor (9:30 am); Saint John, Davison (2:00 pm), and Saint Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing (3:00 pm).

Fridays of Lent

Days of Abstinence.

"24 Hours for the Lord" Friday, March 9 to Saturday, March 10, 2018

The two primary elements of the 24 Hours for the Lord initiative are (1) prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, either reserved in the tabernacle or exposed for adoration, and (2) the opportunity to participate in the Sacrament of Penance. Pastors, in keeping with the spirit of the observance, are encouraged to provide for greater availability for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation on March 9-10, 2018.

Anniversary of Election (2013) of Pope Francis

Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Lent

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Anniversary of the Election (2013) of Pope Francis, Supreme Pastor of the Universal Church. It is appropriate to include a petition in the Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful) for the Pope.

Solemnity of Saint Joseph

Monday, March 19, 2018

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Sunday, March 25, 2018

The SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD, normally assigned to this date, is transferred to Monday, April 9, 2018.

Chrism Mass

Thursday, March 29, 2018

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

Friday, March 30, 2018

Day of Fast and Abstinence.

Easter Vigil

Saturday, March 31, 2018

According to the U.S. Naval Observatory, Astronomical Applications Department, civil twilight in the Diocese of Lansing will end on Saturday, March 31, 2018 at 8:33 PM. Thus, the Easter Vigil should not begin until 8:35 pm.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday, April 1, 2018

The Solemnities of the Easter Octave continue until Sunday, April 8, 2018.

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Monday, April 9, 2018

This Solemnity is usually celebrated on March 25. But when it falls during Holy Week, it is moved to the first available day after the Easter Octave. This year, it will be celebrated on April 9. The recitation of the Creed is prescribed; the assembly genuflects at the words "and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate..."

Fifth Sunday of Easter **Sunday, April 29, 2018**

Tenth Anniversary of the Installation (2008) of the Diocesan Bishop Earl Boyea. It is appropriate to include a petition in the Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful) for the Bishop.

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord **Sunday, May 13, 2018**

In all but six ecclesiastical provinces in the United States (Boston, Hartford, New York, Newark, Omaha, and Philadelphia), the Solemnity of the Ascension is celebrated on the Seventh Sunday of Easter. The Roman Missal provides a new Vigil Mass for the Ascension. Thursday, May 10 is observed as Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter (Lectionary, 294) or the optional memorial of Saint Damien de Veuster, priest.

Pentecost Sunday **Sunday, May 20, 2018**

The Roman Missal provides a new Vigil Mass for Pentecost.

Tuesday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time / St Rita of Cascia (opt mem)
Tuesday, May 22, 2018

Anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Lansing (1937) by the decree Ecclesiarum in Orbe of Pope Pius XI. It is appropriate to include a petition in the Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful) for the diocese.

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity **Sunday, May 27, 2018**

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ **Sunday, June 3, 2018**

Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus **Friday, June 8, 2018**

Memorial, Immaculate Heart of Mary / Ordination to the Priesthood
Saturday, June 9, 2018

Since the Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated on Saturday, June 9, 2018, the optional memorial of Saint Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church, is impeded this year.

Ordination to the Priesthood will be celebrated at Saint Mary Cathedral, Lansing.

The Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist **Sunday, June 24, 2018**

This year, the Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist takes the place of the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (cf, Table of Liturgical Days According to their Order of Precedence).

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles **Friday, June 29, 2018**

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Wednesday, August 15, 2018

Since the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on a Wednesday this year, it is observed as a Holy Day of Obligation.

Anniversary of the Death of Bishop Kenneth Povish Wednesday, September 5, 2018

It is appropriate to include a petition in the Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful) for the repose of the soul of Bishop Kenneth Povish (+2003).

Saint John Chrysostom (Memorial) Thursday, September 13, 2018

Anniversary (2002) of the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Earl Boyea. Priests of the Diocese of Lansing have the option to use the orations from the Mass for the Bishop (Roman Missal, Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions, I. For the Church, 3. For the Bishop) or to observe the Memorial of St John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church.

Third Diocesan Assembly Saturday, September 22, 2018

Bishop Boyea requests that all vigil Masses on Saturday, September 22, 2018 throughout the Diocese of Lansing be canceled (and that no wedding liturgies be scheduled that day) for the all-diocesan Mass at the Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing.

Optional Memorial of Saint Louis Guanella Wednesday, October 24, 2018

In accord with the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 355.c., priests of the Diocese of Lansing may observe this day as the optional memorial of Saint Louis Guanella, priest, using the orations from the Roman Missal, Common of Pastors, B. For One Pastor, options 1 or 2.

Saint Louis Guanella (1842-1915) was the founder of the Pious Union of Saint Joseph, the Daughters of St. Mary of Providence, and the Servants of Charity.

Solemnity of All Saints Thursday, November 1, 2018

Since the Solemnity of All Saints falls on a Thursday this year, it is observed as a Holy Day of Obligation.

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed Friday, November 2, 2018

The Lectionary (nos. 668 or 1011-1016) provides a wide variety of readings. The Roman Missal provides three sets of orations, five Prefaces for the Dead, and a solemn blessing. Funeral Mass not permitted. The Apostolic Constitution of Pope Benedict XV, Incruentum altaris sacrificium (1915) granted all priests the privilege of celebrating three Masses on this day for the following intentions: one Mass for a particular intention, another Mass for all the faithful departed, and a third Mass for the intention of the Pope. A stipend may be received only for the first intention mentioned above.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Solemnity) Sunday, November 25, 2018

First Sunday of Advent**Sunday, December 2, 2018**

With Evening Prayer II of the First Sunday of Advent, the new church year begins. The Lectionary Cycles are as follows: Year C: Sunday Cycle; Cycle I: Weekday Cycle.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**Saturday, December 8, 2018**

Holy Day of Obligation. Principal Patron of the Diocese of Lansing, Principal Patron of the United States of America.

The faithful should be advised that there is a Mass obligation both for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and for the Second Sunday of Advent, as they are both Holy Days of Obligation. In a recent statement on this topic, the USSCB's Secretariat of Divine Worship noted that, in such cases, the prevailing view of the majority of canonists is that these obligations cannot be satisfied at one and the same Mass; each day of obligation must be fulfilled with a separate Mass.

The evening Mass of Saturday, December 8, 2018 should be of the Second Sunday of Advent, as the Sundays of Advent rank higher ('2') than both Solemnities of the Blessed Virgin Mary ('3'), or Proper Solemnities of the Principal Patron ('4a') according to the Table of Liturgical Days According to their Order of Precedence.

Second Sunday of Advent**Sunday, December 9, 2018**

The vigil Mass on Saturday evening is of the Second Sunday of Advent.

Dedication of Saint Mary's Cathedral (Solemnity/Feast) Monday, December 10, 2018

Transferred from December 9 since it was impeded this year by the observance of the Second Sunday of Advent. Observed as a Solemnity within Cathedral, Feast in all parishes of Diocese; orations are taken from the Roman Missal, Common of the Dedication of a Church, I. In the Church that was Dedicated [at the Cathedral only], or II. Outside the Church that was Dedicated [in all parishes of the Diocese of Lansing]. Likewise, the Liturgy of the Hours is taken from the Common of the Dedication of a Church I. In the Church that was Dedicated [at the Cathedral only], or II. Outside the Church that was Dedicated [in the Diocese].

The Nativity of the Lord [Christmas]**Tuesday, December 25, 2017**

The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord [Christmas] is always observed as a Holy Day of Obligation. On the day of the Nativity of the Lord, following ancient Roman tradition, Mass may be celebrated three times, that is, in the night, at dawn, and during the day (cf, Universal Norms on the Liturgical year, 34).

The recitation of the Creed is prescribed; all genuflect at the words "and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate..."

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**Sunday, December 30, 2018**

The following Tuesday, January 1, 2019, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is observed as a Holy Day of Obligation in 2019.

Cycles – Lectionary for Mass, 2017-2019

Sunday Cycle	Year B	December 3, 2017 to November 25, 2018
Weekday Cycle	Year II	January 9, 2018 to February 13, 2018 May 21, 2018 to December 1, 2018
Sunday Cycle	Year C	December 2, 2018 to November 24, 2019

The Liturgy of the Hours, 2018

December 3, 2017 – January 8, 2018	Advent, Christmas	Volume I
January 9 – February 13, 2018	Ordinary Time, Weeks 1 to 6	Volume III
February 14 – May 20, 2018	Lent, Triduum, Easter	Volume II
May 21 – August 4, 2018	Ordinary Time, Weeks 7 to 17	Volume III
August 5 – December 1, 2018	Ordinary Time, Weeks 18 to 34	Volume IV
December 2, 2018 – January 13, 2019	Advent, Christmas	Volume I

The Pope’s Monthly Prayer Intentions for 2018

JANUARY

Evangelization: **Religious Minorities in Asia**

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

FEBRUARY

Universal: **Say “No” to Corruption**

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

MARCH

Evangelization: **Formation in Spiritual Discernment**

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

APRIL

Universal: **For Those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters**

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

MAY

Evangelization: **The Mission of the Laity**

That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

JUNE

Universal: **Social Networks**

That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

JULY

Evangelization: **Priests and their Pastoral Ministry**

That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

AUGUST

Universal: **The treasure of Families**

That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

SEPTEMBER

Universal: **Young People in Africa**

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

OCTOBER

Evangelization: **The Mission of Religious**

That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

NOVEMBER

Universal: **In the Service of Peace**

That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

DECEMBER

Evangelization: **In the Service of the Transmission of Faith**

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

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 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)

DAYS OF NOTE -- ROMAN MISSAL, THIRD EDITION, USA EDITION

Jan 6	New Vigil Mass for Epiphany
Jan 22	Mass for Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life Day has new title – “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children”
Jan 23	(m) Optional Memorial of St. Vincent has been transferred to January 23
May 10	(m) St. Damien Joseph de Veuster of Molokai has been named simply St. Damian de Veuster
May 12	New Vigil Mass for Ascension
July 4	Independence Day
July 5	(m) St. Elizabeth of Portugal formally transferred to this date (from July 4)

USA Proper Saints and Blesseds – Mass texts for the following saints and blesseds have been added

Jan 4	Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious	Memorial
Jan 5	Saint John Neumann, Bishop	Memorial
Jan 6	<i>Saint Andre Bessette, Religious*</i>	
Jan 23	<i>Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr</i> <i>Saint Maryanne Cope, Virgin</i>	
Mar 3	<i>Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin</i>	
May 10	<i>Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest</i>	
May 15	<i>Saint Isidore</i>	
July 1	<i>Saint Junipero Serra, Priest</i>	
July 5	<i>Saint Elizabeth of Portugal</i>	
July 14	Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin	Memorial
July 18	<i>Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest</i>	
Sept 9	Saint Peter Claver, Priest	Memorial
Oct 5	<i>Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest</i>	
Oct 6	<i>Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin</i>	
Oct 19	Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs	Memorial
Oct 20	<i>Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest</i>	
Nov 13	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin	Memorial
Nov 18	<i>St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin</i>	
Nov 23	<i>Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr</i>	
Dec 8	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Patronal Feastday of the USA)	Solemnity
Dec 12	OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE	Feast

*Optional memorials are in italics.

RITUAL MASSES

Choice of Day for the Rite of Marriage

Whenever marriage is celebrated during Mass, white vestments are worn and the wedding Mass is used. On those days when the Ritual Mass cannot be used, the Mass of the day is chosen. The nuptial blessing and where appropriate, the special final blessing is added.

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. 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.

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)

Funerals

The funeral Mass is not permitted on solemnities of obligation, on Holy Thursday and the Easter Triduum, and on the Sundays of Advent, Lent, and the Easter season (*Order of Christian Funerals*, no. 178). The funeral liturgy outside Mass may be used on these days.

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 "Table of Rubrics" below.

<p style="text-align: center;">TABLE OF LITURGICAL DAYS ACCORDING TO THEIR ORDER OF PRECEDENCE General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar #59</p>

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**

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 and 376)

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 and 376)

V3 = MVNO and VM chosen by the priest celebrant in favor of the devotion of the people (GIRM 377)

R1 = Funeral Mass (GIRM 380)

R2 = Mass on the occasion of news of a death, final burial, or the first anniversary (GIRM 381)

R3 = Daily Mass for the Dead (GIRM 355, 379, 381). When R1 and R2 are not permitted, neither is R3.

(+) = permitted (-) = not permitted

Holy Thursday, Easter Triduum	V1 -	R1 -
Sundays of Advent, Lent, and the Easter Season	V1 -	R1 -
Solemnities of precept	V1 -	R1 -
Solemnities not of precept, All Souls	V1 -	R1 +
Ash Wednesday, weekdays of Holy Week	V1 -	R1 +
Days in the Easter Octave	V1 -	R1 +
Sundays of Christmas, and in Ordinary Time	V1+, V2-	R1+, R2-
Feasts	V1+, V2-,	R1+, R2-
Weekdays December 17-24	V1+, V2-	R1+, R2+
Days in the Christmas Octave	V1+, V2-	R1+, R2+
Weekdays of Lent	V1+, V2-	R1+, R2+
Obligatory Memorials	V1+, V2+	R1+, R2+
Weekdays of Advent to December 16	V1+, V2+	R1+, R2+
Weekdays of Christmas from January 2	V1+, V2+	R1+, R2+
Weekdays of the Easter Season	V1+, V2+	R1+, R2+
Weekdays in Ordinary Time	V1+, V2+, V3+	R1+, R2+, R3+

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