



DIOCESE OF LANSING
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Office of Worship

Noteworthy Liturgical Dates from the Particular Calendar, 2021–2022

The following notes highlight areas of the Diocese of Lansing’s particular calendar that are unusual or need clarification during the 2021–2022 Liturgical Year.

December 8, 2021 (Wednesday)
**Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

- Holyday of obligation
- No Ritual Masses
- No Funeral Masses

December 9, 2021 (Thursday)
**Solemnity/Feast of the
Anniversary of the Dedication of Saint
Mary Cathedral (The Cathedral of the
Immaculate Conception)**

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- Orations are taken from the *Roman Missal*, Common of the Dedication of a Church:
 - o I. In the Church that was Dedicated [at the Cathedral only], or
 - o II. Outside the Church that was Dedicated [in all parishes and institutions in the Diocese of Lansing].

- A wide selection of proper scriptural texts are found in the Common of the Anniversary of the Dedication of a Church in the *Lectionary*, numbers 701–706.
- The *Liturgy of the Hours* is taken from the Common of the Dedication of a Church
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- The *Te Deum* is said.
- Note should be made that though the Dedication of Saint Mary Cathedral outranks the optional memorial of Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, due attention may be paid to this important saint in the homily and in the universal prayers where it is favorable to the devotion of the faithful.

December 12, 2022 (Sunday)
Third Sunday of Advent

- the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is omitted this year. Our Lady of Guadalupe may be appropriately

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honored in the Homily, Universal Prayer, and hymns during the Sunday liturgy. If pastoral advantage calls for it (cf. GIRM, no. 376), a Votive Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe may be celebrated on a weekday before or

after December 12, with the proper readings and prayers.

December 25, 2022 (Saturday)

The Nativity of the Lord

- Always a holy day of obligation
 - o Note that there are two different obligations (one for Christmas and one for Sunday) and that a single Mass does not fulfill both obligations. That being the case, recall that, regardless of the particular Mass being said, any person who “assists at a Mass celebrated anywhere in a Catholic rite either on the feast day itself or in the evening of the preceding day satisfies the obligation of participating in the Mass” (Canon 1248). See the table below for examples of fulfilling the obligations.
 - o When other holy days fall on Saturdays or Mondays the obligation is usually lifted, but this does not apply to the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord.
- Funeral Masses and Ritual Masses are not permitted
- Evening Prayer on the 25th is from EP II of Christmas
- Saturday evening Masses, if you choose to offer one, are taken from Christmas, *Mass During the Day*
 - It may be preferable for parishes to forego the regularly scheduled Saturday evening Masses. This would also prevent confusion over whether one can fulfill both obligations with one Mass.

Fulfilling Two Obligations:

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)	Holy Family
Obligation may be fulfilled from the evening of Friday, December 24 through Saturday, December 25.	Obligation may be fulfilled from the evening of Saturday, December 25 through Sunday, December 26.
For example, one may attend: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vigil Mass of the Nativity • Mass during the Night (celebrated at any time) • Morning/afternoon/evening Masses on December 25 	For example, one may attend: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afternoon/evening Masses on December 25 (even though the Mass texts will be for the Nativity) • Morning/afternoon/evening Masses on December 26

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Masses Guide for Christmas:

	Nativity of the Lord		Holy Family
Date	Friday, Dec. 24	Saturday, Dec. 25	Sunday, Dec. 26
Time	After 4pm	Throughout the day	Masses during the day
Mass	<i>The Vigil Mass*</i> or <i>Mass During the Night</i>	<i>Mass Before Dawn</i> or <i>During the Day</i>	Holy Family

* Either before or after First Vespers (Evening Prayer I) of the Nativity.

December 31, 2021 (Friday)
Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass permitted
- Evening Masses observe Mary, the Holy Mother of God

January 1, 2022 (Saturday)
Mary, The Holy Mother of God

- Not a Holyday of Obligation in 2022
- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted
- Evening Masses observe the Vigil of The Epiphany of The Lord

January 23, 2022 (Sunday)
Sunday of the Word of God

- Pope Francis has declared the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time the *Sunday of the Word of God* and is to be “devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God” (*Aperuit Illis*)

March 5, 2022
Rite of Election

- 9:30am – St. Andrew, Saline

- 2pm – Holy Family, Grand Blanc

March 6, 2022
Rite of Election

- 3pm – St. Mary Cathedral, Lansing

March 25, 2022 (Friday)
The Annunciation of the Lord

- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted
- Abstinence from meat is not required on this Friday, because of the solemnity (cf. Can. 1251)

April 10-April 16, 2022
Holy Week

- Funeral Mass permitted only Monday–Wednesday
- Ritual Mass not permitted

April 14, 2022 (Thursday)
Thursday of the Lord’s Supper (Holy Thursday)

- Only one (evening) Mass per church, unless for pastoral reasons the local Ordinary permits another
- Only the sick may receive Holy Communion outside Mass

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- Funeral outside of Mass permitted

the Baptist is instead celebrated on
Friday, June 24

April 15, 2022 (Friday)

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

- Only one Celebration of the Passion of the Lord per church, unless due to the size or nature of the community the Diocesan Bishop permits another
- Only the sick may receive Holy Communion outside the celebration of the Lord's Passion

April 16, 2022 (Saturday)

Holy Saturday

- Holy Communion only given as Viaticum

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

- The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil takes place at night; based on local twilight, **the 2022 Easter Vigil may not begin before 9:00 p.m.**

April 17–24, 2022

Easter and its Octave

- Easter Sequence permitted throughout the octave
- Funeral Mass permitted Monday–Saturday
- Ritual Mass not permitted

June 23, 2022 (Thursday)

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

- NB: this solemnity is transferred due to a higher-ranking movable feast falling on June 24 this year
- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted
- Vespers observe the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Where Saint John the Baptist is the patron of a nation, diocese, church, city, or religious community, the Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John

June 24, 2022 (Friday)

Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

- Per the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, the Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist is transferred this year to **Thursday, June 23.**
- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

July 30, 2022 (Saturday)

Solanus Casey

- The optional memorial of Blessed Solanus Casey may be observed in the DoL as per a rescript given by the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments (July 3, 2018).

August 13, 2022 Saturday

Blessed Michael J. McGivney

- A votive Mass with a group of the Knights of Columbus may be offered—on August 13 or on any other day when a votive Mass is permitted.

August 14, 2022 (Sunday)

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass permitted
- Evening Masses observe the Sunday

August 15, 2022 (Monday)

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

Mary

- Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year
- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

October 24, 2020 (Monday)

Louis Guanella

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- The optional memorial of Saint Louis Guanella, priest, may be observed in the Diocese of Lansing.

November 1, 2022 (Tuesday)

All Saints

- Holy day of obligation
- Funeral Mass not permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

November 2, 2022 (Wednesday)

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

- All priests permitted to offer three Masses:
 - one for the faithful departed
 - one for the priest's intentions
 - one for the intentions of the Holy Father

* Proper texts for recently-added or revised feasts may be found at the USCCB's webpage for the [Liturgical Year & Calendar](#).

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December 30, 2022 (Friday)

Feast of the Holy Family

- Since a Sunday does not occur between December 25 and January 1, 2023, the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is celebrated on Friday, December 30 with only one reading before the Gospel.

December 31, 2022 (Saturday)

Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

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