

Liturgical Calendar 2023

Catholics are obliged to attend Holy Mass on Sundays and the following holy days of obligation:

Sunday	January 1, 2023	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Tuesday	August 15, 2023	Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM
Wednesday	November 1, 2023	Solemnity of All Saints
Friday	December 8, 2023	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the BVM
Monday	December 25, 2023	Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord

Nota Bene for 2023 Liturgical Calendar

- Anticipatory Masses said before 4:00 PM do not fulfill the Holy Day/Sunday Obligation ¹
- Observance of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 21, 2023.
- "The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil takes place at night. It should not begin before nightfall; it should end before daybreak on Sunday" (Roman Missal). On April 8, 2023 according to United States Naval Observatory Sun and Moon Data, civil twilight in Denver ends at 7:58 PM (MDT). **The Easter Vigil should not begin until 8:00 PM**

Liturgical Celebrations Proper to the Archdiocese of Denver:

Saturday	May 15	Saint Isidore the Farmer (Memorial)
Wednesday	May 24	Our Lady of Light (<i>Optional Memorial</i>)
Wednesday	October 4	Saint Francis of Assisi (Feast)
Friday	October 27	Anniv. of Dedication of the CBIC (Feast)
Monday	November 6	Blessed Rupert Mayer (Memorial)
Monday	November 13	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (Feast)
Saturday	December 16	Our Lady of the New Advent (Memorial)

The celebration of St. John Francis Regis falls on higher ranked day and is therefore not observed this year.

¹ *Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar nos. 3 and 11.* Each and every day is sanctified by the liturgical celebrations of the People of God, especially by the Eucharistic Sacrifice and the Divine Office. The liturgical day runs from midnight to midnight. However, the celebration of Sunday and of Solemnities begins already on the evening of the previous day.

Special Commemorations and Days of Prayer Proper to the Archdiocese of Denver:

Sunday	January 1	World Justice and Peace & General Needs of Humankind
Sunday	January 22	Human Rights and Equality
Friday	February 24	Victims and Survivors of Sexual Abuse
Tuesday	February 28	Episcopal Ordination James Francis Cardinal Stafford (1976)
Saturday	May 15	Harvest and Fruits of the Earth
Monday	May 29	Appointment Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila (2012)
Tuesday	July 18	Installation Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila (2012)
Thursday	August 24	Episcopal Ordination Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila (2001)
Fri.-Tues.	December 8-12	Days of Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 2023 Calendar Advisory

DECEMBER 24-25 (Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas)

The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) falls this year on a Monday.

Questions may arise as to what to celebrate on the evening of December 24, as both days are Holy Days of Obligation. As the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord ranks higher on the Table of Liturgical Days, Masses celebrated on the evening of December 24 are those of the Nativity and Evening Prayer II of the Nativity is prayed.

On a separate note, even though the Mass celebrated on Sunday Evening of December 24 will be the Mass of Christmas, it may fulfill the Mass obligation for either Christmas or Sunday but cannot fulfill both obligations simultaneously. The fulfillment of each obligation requires the attendance of a Mass either on that day or the evening prior.