

## Liturgical Calendar 2024

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

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 15, 2024</b>	<b>Solemnity - Assumption of the BVM</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>November 1, 2024</b>	<b>Solemnity - All Saints</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 25, 2024</b>	<b>Solemnity - Nativity of Our Lord</b>

### Nota Bene for 2024 Liturgical Calendar

- Anticipatory Masses said before 4:00 PM do not fulfill the Holy Day/Sunday Obligation.
- As January 1, 2024, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, falls on a Monday, the obligation to attend Mass has been abrogated by the US Bishops.
- The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on Monday, January 8, with only one reading before the Gospel. The readings of the Monday of the First Week in Ordinary time may optionally be added to those of Tuesday, January 9.
- "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 March 30, 2024 according to United States Naval Observatory Sun and Moon Data, civil twilight in Denver ends at 7:49 PM (MDT). **The Easter Vigil should not begin until 8:00 PM**
- Observance of the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord is transferred to Monday, April 8 and the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 12, 2024.
- As December 8, 2024 falls on a Sunday, the celebration of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, December 9, 2024. The obligation to attend Mass, however, does not transfer.

### Liturgical Celebrations Proper to the Archdiocese of Denver:

Wednesday	May 15	Saint Isidore the Farmer (Memorial)
Tuesday	September 10	Saint John Francis Regis (Memorial)
Friday	October 4	Saint Francis of Assisi (Feast)
Wednesday	November 6	Blessed Rupert Mayer (Memorial)
Wednesday	November 13	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (Feast)
Monday	December 16	Our Lady of the New Advent (Memorial)

The celebration of Our Lady of Light and the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception fall on higher ranked days and are therefore not observed in 2024.

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

Monday	January 1	World Justice and Peace & General Needs of Humankind
Monday	January 22	Human Rights and Equality
Friday	February 16	Victims and Survivors of Sexual Abuse
Thursday	February 29	Episcopal Ordination James Francis Cardinal Stafford (1976)
Monday	May 15	Harvest and Fruits of the Earth
Wednesday	May 29	Appointment Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila (2012)
Thursday	July 18	Installation Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila (2012)
Saturday	August 24	Episcopal Ordination Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila (2001)
Sun.-Thurs.	December 8-12	Days of Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Local Celebrations proper to each individual church

Each individual church celebrates the Title of the Church and the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church as a solemnity unless that day is occupied by a higher ranked day in the Table of Liturgical Days. During Ordinary Time, these celebrations may optionally be transferred to the nearest Sunday.

Christmas 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 (after 4:00 PM) are those of the Nativity and Evening Prayer I of the Nativity is prayed.

On a separate note, even though a 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 separate Mass either on that day or the evening prior.