

DIOCESE OF GREEN BAY – LITURGICAL YEAR 2019

Selected Sundays and Feasts and Holy Days

<http://www.usccb.org/> (see calendar of Sunday and Daily Readings)

2018			
December 2	Sunday	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Sunday Year C, Weekday Cycle I	
December 8	Saturday	Solemnity of Immaculate Conception of Mary <i>Mass celebrated between Fri. 4pm and Sat. 4 pm.</i> <i>Anticipated Sunday, Dec 9, 2nd Sun Advent starts Sat, Dec. 8, 4 pm</i>	Holy Day of Obligation
		<i>Sunday, Dec. 23-Fourth Sunday of Advent. Monday, Dec. 24 evening-Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord starts 4 pm</i>	
December 25	Tuesday	Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord	Holy Day of Obligation
2019			
January 1, 2019	Tuesday	Mary, The Holy Mother of God (Solemnity)	Holy Day of Obligation
March 6	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday Day of Prayer for the General needs of Humankind [GB]	Day of Fast and Abstinence
March 10	Sunday	First Sunday of Lent Diocesan Rite Election; 1:00 p.m. St Francis Xavier Cathedral, GB	<i>(Parishes celebrate Rite of Sending of Catechumens and Rite of Sending for Candidates attending Rite of Election prior to Rite of Election)</i>
March 25	Monday	Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Secondary GB Diocesan Patroness
April 14	Sunday	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	
April 16	Tuesday	Diocesan Chrism Mass (St. Francis Xavier Cathedral)	
April 18	Thursday	Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper	<i>Parish Presentation of the Sacred Oils</i>
April 19	Friday	Good Friday of the Lord's Passion	Day of Fast and Abstinence
April 20	Saturday	Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil	<i>Vigil earliest start time: 8:15 PM CT</i>
April 21	Sunday	Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord	
June 2	Sunday	The Ascension of the Lord [GB]	<i>Celebrated on 7th Sunday of Easter</i>
June 8	Saturday	Spring Diocesan Confirmation I: Cathedral 6:30 p.m.	
June 9	Sunday	Solemnity of Pentecost--Spring Diocesan Confirmation II: Cathedral, 12 noon	
June 16	Sunday	The Most Holy Trinity (Solemnity)	
June 23	Sunday	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Solemnity)	<i>Sunday After the Most Holy Trinity [USA]</i>
August 15	Thursday	The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)	Holy Day of Obligation
October 9	Wednesday	Anniversary -- Marian Apparitions of Our Lady of Good Help	<i>Suggested votive Mass: Votive Mass for the Blessed Virgin Mary, Help of Christians [GB]</i>
October 13	Sunday	Fall Diocesan Confirmation: Cathedral 12 noon	
November 1	Friday	All Saints Day	Holy Day of Obligation
November 3	Sunday	<i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i>	
November 20	Wednesday	Anniversary of the Dedication of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral [GB]	
December 3	Tuesday	St Francis Xavier, Patronal Feastday of Green Bay Diocese	

2019 **Respect Life Mass** Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at St Pius X, Appleton.

Policy for the obligation for Mass on Holy Days

Celebration of the Holy Days for the United States of America

The current policy for the six Holy Days for the United States of America is as follows:

Holy days of Obligation only when they fall on a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, or Sunday :

- **January 1** (Mary, the Mother of God)
- **August 15** (The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven)
- **November 1** (The Solemnity of All Saints)

- **Ascension Sunday** (*Chancery Bulletin #239-IV*)
 In the Green Bay Diocese the solemnity is always observed on the Seventh Sunday of Easter which is a day of obligation.

- **December 8** (The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary)
 --*Always* a day of obligation because it is the national patronal feast day.
 However, if December 8 falls on Sunday, the solemnity is transferred to Monday, December 9.
 When this happens, the obligation to attend Mass does not transfer and it is not a day of obligation.

- **December 25** (Christmas) is always a day of obligation.

- When Holy Days occur on Saturday or Monday, and are not days of obligation, parishes are encouraged to have at least one Mass so that those who wish to attend Mass on a feast day—may do so.

- Note that in the Diocese of Green Bay weddings and funerals are not to be scheduled on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation without a dispensation from the Diocesan Bishop. The liturgical law is meant to protect the nature of the Sunday celebration and also helps those who are already asked to celebrate several liturgies on those days. (*Chancery Bulletin #231-IV*)

- Additionally, please consult the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* #s 359, 372, and 380 for information about weddings and funerals on Sundays and Solemnities. If the dispensation is given to have a wedding or funeral that day:
 - use the readings and prayer texts of the day
 - for weddings on Sundays in Ordinary Time, one of the readings for the day may be replaced with a reading from the wedding Mass
 - consider having a Liturgy outside of Mass

Easter Vigil (earliest) start times: April 20, 2019: 8:15 PM CT

2018 Other Special Days of Prayer / Thanksgiving		
January 18-22	Week of Prayer Christian Unity <i>Theme: "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue ..." Deuteronomy 16:18-20</i>	
January 22	Tuesday	Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children
February 2	Saturday	World Day for Consecrated Life
February 11	Monday	World Day for the Sick
May 1	Wednesday	Day of Prayer for World Justice and Peace – Law Day [GB]
May 12	Sunday	Mothers' Day
May 12	Monday	World Day of Prayer for Vocations
May 27	Monday	Memorial Day
June 16	Sunday	Fathers' Day
July 4	Thursday	Independence Day
September 1	Sunday	World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation
September 2	Monday	Labor Day – Day of Prayer for Human Rights and Equality, Blessing Human Labor [GB]
September 15	Sunday	Catechetical Sunday (<i>annually 3rd Sunday of September</i>)
October 27	Sunday	Priesthood Sunday
November 3-8	National Vocation Awareness Week	
November 11	Monday	Veterans' Day
November 28	Thursday	Thanksgiving Day - Harvest and Fruits of the Earth [GB]