



DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO

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2025 Diocesan Liturgical Calendar of Solemnities, Feasts, and Other Observances

DECEMBER 2024		
Dec. 1	First Sunday of Advent	
Dec. 8	Second Sunday of Advent	On December 8, 2024 the evening Mass and Evening Prayer II of the Liturgy of the Hours are observed as the Second Sunday of Advent rather than anticipate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Dec. 9	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Patroness of the United States	Solemnity; holy day of obligation
Dec. 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Solemnity; Co-Patron of the Diocese of Sacramento, along with St. Patrick (Statute 123 §1(b)).
Dec. 25	Nativity of The Lord	Solemnity, holy day of obligation
Dec. 26	St. Stephen, The First Martyr	Feast
Dec. 27	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist	Feast
Dec. 28	The Holy Innocents	Feast
Dec. 29	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph	Feast
JANUARY 2025		
Jan. 1	Mary, the Holy Mother of God	Solemnity (holy day of obligation)
Jan. 5	Epiphany of the Lord	Solemnity
Jan. 12	Baptism of the Lord	Feast
Jan. 18-25	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	Diocesan observance (Statute 123 §3(a))

Jan. 22	Day of Penance Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	“In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion” (GIRM #373). “A day of penance for violations of the dignity of the human person and prayer for the full restoration of the right to life” (Diocesan Statute 123 §3(b)). From “Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions” the Mass “For the Forgiveness of Sins” (#38) or “For the Preservation of Peace and Justice” (#30) with violet vestments or the Mass “For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life” (#48/1A or B) with white vestments should be celebrated.
Jan. 22	Respect Life Mass	12:10pm, Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
Jan. 25	Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle	Feast
Jan. 26	Third Sunday of Ordinary Time	Sunday of the Word of God
FEBRUARY 2025		
Feb. 2	Presentation of The Lord	Feast
Feb. 8	World Day of the Sick Mass	10am at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Carmichael
Feb. 8	World Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking	
Feb. 9	World Day for Consecrated Life	
Feb. 15	World Marriage Day	11:30am
Feb. 22	The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle	Feast
MARCH 2025		
Mar. 5	Ash Wednesday	Lent begins
Mar. 8, 9	Rites of Election	
Mar. 12	Day of Reconciliation and Unity	A day of penance for negative attitudes and discrimination toward people of differing culture, ethnicity and race; and prayer for unity in our diversity, for equality, mutual respect and peace among all peoples. Observed on the 2 nd Wed. in March (Statute 123 §3(c)).
Mar. 16	Second Sunday of Lent	Bishop Soto has clarified that evening Masses and Liturgy of the Hours Evening Prayer on this day shall be for the Second Sunday of Lent rather than the Solemnity of St. Patrick.
Mar. 17	St. Patrick	Solemnity; Co-Patron of the Diocese of Sacramento, along with Our Lady of Guadalupe (Statute 123 §1(b))
Mar. 19	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Solemnity
Mar. 25	The Annunciation of the Lord	Solemnity
APRIL 2025		
Apr. 10	Chrism Mass	6:00pm at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
Apr. 13	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	Solemnity

Apr. 17	Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper	
Apr. 18	Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)	
Apr. 19	Holy Saturday	The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night may begin at or after 8:45 p.m.
Apr. 20	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	Solemnity
MAY 2025		
May 3	Sts. Philip and James, Apostles	Feast
May 11	World Day of Prayer for Vocations	
May 14	St. Matthias, Apostle	Feast
May 26, 27, and 28	Rogation Days	See <i>Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers</i> . We are invited to pray, give thanks to God and to "see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness." (Laudato Si' 12) "Through the greatness and the beauty of creatures one comes to know by analogy their maker" (Wis 13:5).
May 31	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Feast
JUNE 2025		
June 1	Ascension of the Lord	Solemnity
June 7	Adult Confirmation	Sacramento and Redding
June 8	Pentecost Sunday	Solemnity
June 15	Most Holy Trinity	Solemnity
June 22	Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	Solemnity
June 24	Nativity of St. John the Baptist	Solemnity
June 27	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests	Solemnity
June 29	Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles	Solemnity
June 30	Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament (1889).	Solemnity
JULY 2025		
July 3	St. Thomas the Apostle	Feast
July 6	Day of Penance	A day of penance for sins and crimes against children and youth, including the sexual abuse of minors by clergy and other members of the Church; and prayer for the needs of children (Statute 123 § 3d).
July 22	St. Mary Magdalene	Feast
July 25	St. James, Apostle	Feast
AUGUST 2025		
Aug. 6	Transfiguration of The Lord	Feast
Aug. 15	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Solemnity, holy day of obligation
SEPTEMBER 2025		
Sep. 1	World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation	
Sep. 8	Blessing of Seeds	See Book of Blessings Order for the Blessing of Seeds at Planting Time. This is a suggested date for the rite.
Sep. 8	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Feast
Sep. 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Feast

Sep. 17, 19, and 20	Ember Days	See <i>Book of Blessings</i> Blessing on the Occasion of Thanksgiving for the Harvest and also <i>Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers</i> . During these days, we are asked to fast, remember our obligation to steward the earth, and regain harmony between humanity and creation. "...human life is grounded in three fundamental and closely intertwined relationships: with God, with our neighbor and with the earth itself" and these three relationships have been broken; this rupture is sin (Laudato Si' 66).
Sep. 29	Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels	Feast
Sep. 29	World Day of Migrants & Refugees	
OCTOBER 2025		
Oct. 18	St. Luke, Evangelist	Feast
Oct. 19	World Mission Sunday	
Oct. 28	Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles	Feast
NOVEMBER 2025		
Nov. 1	All Saints	Solemnity; not a holy day of obligation this year. On November 1, 2025 the evening Masses are observed as The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) rather than the Solemnity of All Saints. On the same day Liturgy of the Hours Morning and Evening Prayer are observed as the Solemnity of All Saints, though after Evening Prayer II of All Saints Evening Prayer for the Dead could be celebrated.
Nov. 2	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)	On November 2, 2025 Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer II are observed as the 31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time, except in celebrations with the people, when the Office for the Dead may be used.
Nov. 2-8	National Vocation Awareness Week	
Nov. 9	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	Feast
Nov. 15	Adult Confirmation	Vacaville and Chico
Nov. 16	World Day of the Poor	
Nov. 23	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	Solemnity
Nov. 27	Thanksgiving Day	Day of thanksgiving for the harvest and all our blessings (Statute 123 §2(d)).

Please insert the dates of local parish solemnities below.

Solemnity of the parish's title (patron saint, mystery of the Lord, etc.): _____

Solemnity of the anniversary of the dedication of the parish church: _____

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