

DIOCESE OF GREEN BAY – LITURGICAL YEAR 2021

Selected Sundays and Feasts and Holy Days

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

2020			
November 29	Sunday	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Sunday Year B, Weekday Cycle I	
December 3	Thursday	St Francis Xavier – Diocesan Patron	
December 8	Tuesday	Observed: Solemnity of Immaculate Conception of Mary	Holy Day of Obligation
December 25	Friday	Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord	Holy Day of Obligation
2021			
January 1, 2021	Friday	Mary, The Holy Mother of God (Solemnity)	Holy Day of Obligation
February 17	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday Day of Prayer for the General needs of Humankind [GB]	Day of Fast and Abstinence
February 28	Sunday	Second Sunday of Lent Diocesan Rite Election; 1:00 p.m. St Francis Xavier Cathedral, GB <i>RESERVE March 7 – snow/weather day</i>	<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	Thursday	Annunciation of the Lord Annun.BVM on other years	Secondary GB Diocesan Patroness
March 28	Sunday	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	
March 30	Tuesday	Diocesan Chrism Mass (<i>St. Francis Xavier Cathedral</i>)	
April 1	Thursday	Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper	<i>Parish Presentation of the Sacred Oils</i>
April 2	Friday	Good Friday of the Lord's Passion	Day of Fast and Abstinence
April 3	Saturday	Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil	<i>Vigil earliest start time: 8:15 PM CT</i>
April 4	Sunday	Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord	
May 23	Saturday	Spring Diocesan Confirmation I: Cathedral	
May 16	Sunday	The Ascension of the Lord [GB]	<i>Celebrated on 7th Sunday of Easter</i>
May 23	Saturday	Solemnity of Pentecost	
May 30	Sunday	The Most Holy Trinity (Solemnity)	
June 6	Sunday	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Solemnity)	<i>Sunday After the Most Holy Trinity [USA]</i>
July 30	Friday	Blessed Solanus Casey Feast Day	<i>Optional Memorial</i>
August 15	Sunday	The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)	
October 9	Saturday	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>
November 1	Monday	All Saints Day	Not a Holy Day of Obligation
November 20	Saturday	Anniversary of the Dedication of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral [GB]	
December 3	Friday	St Francis Xavier, Patronal Feastday of Green Bay Diocese	
December 8	Wednesday	Solemnity of Immaculate Conception of Mary	Holy Day of Obligation
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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

2021 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	Friday	Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children
February 2	Sunday	World Day for Consecrated Life
February 11	Thursday	World Day for the Sick
May 1	Saturday	Day of Prayer for World Justice and Peace – Law Day [GB]
April 25	Sunday	World Day of Prayer for Vocations
May 9	Sunday	Mothers' Day
May 31	Monday	Memorial Day
June 20	Sunday	Fathers' Day
July 4	Sunday	Independence Day
September 1	Wednesday	World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation
September 6	Monday	Labor Day – Day of Prayer for Human Rights and Equality, Blessing Human Labor [GB]
September 19	Sunday	Catechetical Sunday (<i>annually 3rd Sunday of September</i>)
September 26	Sunday	Priesthood Sunday
November 7-13	National Vocation Awareness Week	
November 11	Thursday	Veterans' Day
November 25	Thursday	Thanksgiving Day - Harvest and Fruits of the Earth [GB]