

# DIOCESE OF GREEN BAY – LITURGICAL YEAR 2022

## Selected Sundays and Feasts and Holy Days

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

<b>2021</b>			
November 28	Sunday	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> Sunday Year C, Weekday Cycle II	
December 3	Friday	<i>St Francis Xavier – Diocesan Patron</i>	
December 8	Wednesday	<i>Solemnity of Immaculate Conception of Mary</i>	Holy Day of Obligation
December 25	Saturday	<b>Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord</b>	Holy Day of Obligation
<b>2022</b>			
January 1, 2022	Saturday	<b>Mary, The Holy Mother of God</b> (Solemnity)	<i>Not a Holy Day of Obligation</i>
January 2	Sunday	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b> (Solemnity)	Holy Day of Obligation
March 2	Wednesday	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> Day of Prayer for the General needs of Humankind [GB]	Day of Fast and Abstinence
March 6	Sunday	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b> Diocesan Rite Election; 1:00 p.m. St Francis Xavier Cathedral, GB  <i>RESERVE March 13 – 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	Friday	<b>Annunciation of the Lord</b> (Solemnity)	Secondary GB Diocesan Patroness
April 10	Sunday	<b>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion</b>	
April 12	Tuesday	<b>Diocesan Chrism Mass</b> ( <i>St. Francis Xavier Cathedral</i> )	
April 14	Thursday	<b>Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper</b>	<i>Parish Presentation of the Sacred Oils</i>
April 15	Friday	<b>Good Friday of the Lord's Passion</b>	Day of Fast and Abstinence
April 16	Saturday	<b>Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil</b>	<i>Vigil earliest start time: 8:15 PM CDT</i>
April 17	Sunday	<b>Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord</b>	
May 29	Sunday	<b>The Ascension of the Lord</b> [GB]	<i>Celebrated on 7th Sunday of Easter</i>
June 5	Sunday	<b>Solemnity of Pentecost--Spring Diocesan Confirmation: Cathedral</b>	
June 12	Sunday	<b>The Most Holy Trinity</b> (Solemnity)	
June 19	Sunday	<b>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</b> (Solemnity)	<i>Sunday After the Most Holy Trinity [USA]</i>
July 30	Saturday	<b>Blessed Solanus Casey Feast Day</b>	<i>Optional Memorial</i>
August 15	Monday	<i>The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)</i>	<i>Not a Holy Day of Obligation</i>
October 9	Sunday	<b>Anniversary -- Marian Apparitions of Our Lady of Good Help</b>	<i>Suggested votive Mass: Votive Mass for the Blessed Virgin Mary, Help of Christians [GB]</i>
October 23	Sunday	<b>Fall Diocesan Confirmation: Cathedral</b>	
November 1	Tuesday	<b>All Saints Day</b>	Holy Day of Obligation
November 20	Sunday	<b>Anniversary of the Dedication of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral</b> [GB]	
November 27	Sunday	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	
December 3	Saturday	<i>St Francis Xavier, Patronal Feast day of Green Bay Diocese</i>	
December 8	Thursday	<b>Solemnity of Immaculate Conception of Mary</b>	Holy Day of Obligation
December 25	Sunday	<b>Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord</b>	Holy Day of Obligation

## 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

<b>2022 Other Special Days of Prayer / Thanksgiving</b>		
January 18-25	Week of Prayer Christian Unity <i>Theme: "WE SAW THE STAR IN THE EAST, AND WE CAME TO WORSHIP HIM."</i>	
January 22	Saturday	Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children
January 23	Sunday	Sunday of the Word of God
February 2	Wednesday	World Day for Consecrated Life
February 11	February	World Day for the Sick
May 8	Sunday	World Day of Prayer for Vocations
May 8	Sunday	Mothers' Day
May 30	Monday	Memorial Day
June 19	Sunday	Fathers' Day
July 4	Monday	Independence Day
September 5	Monday	Labor Day – Day of Prayer for Human Rights and Equality, Blessing Human Labor [GB]
September 18	Sunday	Catechetical Sunday ( <i>annually 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of September</i> )
October 25	Sunday	Priesthood Sunday
November 7-13	National Vocation Awareness Week	
November 11	Friday	Veterans' Day
November 24	Thursday	Thanksgiving Day - Harvest and Fruits of the Earth [GB]