



# ARCHDIOCESE OF DENVER

OFFICE OF LITURGY

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR 2021

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

- **Friday, January 1, 2021 – Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**
- **Wednesday, December 8, 2021 – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the BVM**
- **Saturday, December 25, 2021 – Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord**

### Nota Bene for 2021 Liturgical Calendar

- Since August 15, 2021, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, falls on a Sunday, there is already an obligation to attend Mass.
- Since November 1, 2021, the Solemnity of All Saints, falls on a Monday, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation.<sup>1</sup>
- Vigil Masses said before 4:00 P.M. will not fulfill one's Holy Day/Sunday Obligation<sup>2</sup>
- Observance of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 16, 2021.
- "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 April 3, 2021 according to United States Naval Observatory Sun and Moon Data, civil twilight ends at 7:53 PM (MDT). **The Easter Vigil should not begin until 8:00 PM**

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

Saturday	May 15	Saint Isidore the Farmer (Obligatory Memorial)
Wednesday	May 19	Our Lady of Light (Optional Memorial)
Friday	September 10	Saint John Francis Regis (Obligatory Memorial)
Monday	October 4	St. Francis of Assisi (Feast)
Saturday	November 6	Blessed Rupert Mayer, S.J. (Obligatory Memorial)
Saturday	November 13	Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini (Feast)
Thursday	December 16	Our Lady of the New Advent (Obligatory Memorial)

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

Friday	January 1	World Justice and Peace & General Needs of Humankind
Friday	January 22	Human Rights and Equality
Friday	February 19	Victims and Survivors of Sexual Abuse
Sunday	February 28	Episcopal Ordination, James Francis Cardinal Stafford (1976)
Saturday	May 15	Harvest and Fruits of the Earth
Saturday	May 29	Appointment, Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila (2012)
Sunday	July 18	Installation, Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila (2012)
Wednesday	August 24	Episcopal Ordination, Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila (2001)
Wed.-Sun.	December 8-12	Days of Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary

<sup>1</sup> USCCB Liturgical Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States of America 2021, November 1.

<sup>2</sup> Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar nos. 3 and 11. Each and every day is sanctified by the liturgical celebrations of the People of God, especially by the Eucharistic Sacrifice and the Divine Office. The liturgical day runs from midnight to midnight. However, the celebration of Sunday and of Solemnities begins already on the evening of the previous day.