



DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO

Solemnities, Feasts, and other observances for **2020**

Each month of the year is dedicated to a mystery of the faith or special saint.

Remember, every Sunday is a holy day of obligation.

JANUARY – Holy Name of Jesus		
Jan. 1	Mary Holy Mother of God	Solemnity; Holy day of obligation
Jan. 6	Epiphany of the Lord	Observed on January 5
Jan. 18-25	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	Diocesan observance (Statute 123§3.a)
Jan. 22	National Day of Penance Respect Life Mass at the Cathedral 12:10 p.m. Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	45 th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade <i>Anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision. "In all dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when the 22nd falls on Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of penance for the violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. (2000 GIRM, USCCB Adaptation, #373). The Mass "For Peace and Justice" (no. 21 from "Masses for Various Needs") should be celebrated with violet vestments as an appropriate liturgical observance for this day.) (Statute 123 § 3b).</i>
Jan. 23	Ecumenical Prayer Service - 7:00 pm	Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
Jan. 25	Conversion of St. Paul	Feast

FEBRUARY – The Holy Family		
Feb. 2	Presentation of The Lord	World Day for Consecrated Life
Feb. 8 (5 p.m.)	World Day of the Sick Mass	Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
Feb. 15 (11 a.m.)	World Marriage Day Mass	Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
Feb. 22	Chair of St Peter the Apostle	Feast
Feb. 26	Ash Wednesday	Lent begins
Feb. 29, Mar. 1	Rites of Election	

MARCH – St. Joseph		
March 8	Daylight Savings Time begins	"Spring" forward one hour
March 11	Day of Penance	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 § 3c).
March 17 (Tues)	St. Patrick	Co-Patron of the Diocese of Sacramento, along with Our Lady of Guadalupe. (Statute 123 § 1b).
March 19 (Thur)	St. Joseph	Solemnity
March 25 (Wed)	The Annunciation	Solemnity

APRIL – The Holy Eucharist		
April 2	Chrism Mass	
April 9	Holy Thursday	
April 10	Good Friday	
April 11	Easter Vigil	Sunset is at 7:39 p.m. Easter Vigil may begin anytime after 8:10 p.m.
April 12	Easter Sunday	

MAY – The Blessed Virgin Mary		
May 1	St Joseph the Worker	Blessing of tools and equipment for work.
May 3	4 th Sunday of Easter	World Day of Prayer for Vocations
May 10	5 th Sunday of Easter	Mother's Day
May 21	Ascension Thursday	Observed the following Sunday, May 24
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May 30	Adult Confirmation - Vigil of Pentecost	Cathedral; Sacred Heart, Red Bluff
May 31	Pentecost	

JUNE – Sacred Heart of Jesus		
June 6	Ordination to the Priesthood	Cathedral; Dcn Ryan Mahar
June 21	12 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Father's Day
June 19 (Friday)	Sacred Heart of Jesus	Solemnity - World day of prayer for the sanctification of priests
June 28	Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles	Solemnity
	Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament (1889).	

JULY – The Most Precious Blood		
July 6	St. Maria Goretti	Memorial 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 14	St Kateri Tekakwitha	Memorial
July 25	St. James	Feast

AUGUST – The Immaculate Heart of Mary		
Aug. 6	Transfiguration of The Lord	Feast
Aug. 7-15	Novena in honor of the Assumption of Mary	Devotion
Aug. 15 (Sat)	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Solemnity; not a holy day of obligation
Aug. 22	Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Memorial

SEPTEMBER – Our Lady of Sorrows		
Sept. 1	World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation	
Sept. 7	Labor Day	
Sept. 8	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Feast
Sept. 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Feast
Sept. 15	Our Lady of Sorrows	Memorial
Sept. 25-26	Ministry Days	St Francis High School
Sept. 27	World Day of Migrants & Refugees	
Sept. 29	Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels	Feast

OCTOBER – The Rosary		
Oct. 2	Guardian Angels	Memorial
Oct. 4	St. Francis of Assisi	Memorial
Oct. 18	World Mission Sunday	

NOVEMBER – souls in purgatory		
Nov. 1	Daylight savings ends	
Nov. 1 (Sunday)	All Saints	
Nov. 2 (Mon.)	All Souls commemoration of all the faithful departed	
Nov. 1-7	National Vocation Awareness Week	
Nov. 8 (Sunday)	Adult Confirmation	Vacaville; Chico
Nov. 9	Dedication of Lateran Basilica in Rome	Feast
Nov. 21	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Memorial
Nov. 22	Solemnity of Christ the King	Last Sunday of Ordinary Time
Nov. 26	Thanksgiving Day	Diocesan Day of Thanksgiving for the harvest and all our blessings (Statute 123 § 2d).
Nov. 29	First Sunday of Advent	

DECEMBER – The Immaculate Conception		
Dec. 8 (Tues.)	Immaculate Conception Patroness of the United States.	Solemnity; Holy Day of Obligation
Dec. 12 (Sat.)	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Solemnity Co-Patron of the Diocese of Sacramento, along with St. Patrick. (Statute 123 § 1b).
Dec. 25 (Fri.)	Nativity of The Lord	Solemnity; Holy Day of Obligation
Dec. 27	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	