



# DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO

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# 2024 Diocesan Liturgical Calendar of Solemnities, Feasts, and Other Observances

DECEMBER 2023		
Dec. 3	First Sunday of Advent	
Dec. 8	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 Bishop Soto has clarified that evening liturgies on December 24, 2023 shall be Christmas Eve liturgies rather than Fourth Sunday of Advent liturgies. [ <i>Ordinarily, a priest may only celebrate three Masses on a Sunday, however, by indult, a priest may celebrate a maximum of three Masses on a weekday and four Masses on a Sunday, when pastorally necessary in extraordinary circumstances, such as this (Statute 92)</i> ].
Dec. 26	St. Stephen, The First Martyr	Feast
Dec. 27	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist	Feast
Dec. 28	The Holy Innocents	Feast
Dec. 31	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph	Feast
JANUARY 2024		
Jan. 1	Mary, the Holy Mother of God	Solemnity (not a holy day of obligation this year)
Jan. 7	Epiphany of the Lord	Solemnity
Jan. 8	Baptism of the Lord	Feast
Jan. 13	Respect Life Mass	8am, St. Lawrence Parish in Sacramento
Jan. 18-25	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	Diocesan observance (Statute 123 §3(a))
Jan. 21	Sunday of the Word of God (Third Sunday of Ordinary Time)	

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. 25	Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle	Feast
<b>FEBRUARY 2024</b>		
Feb. 2	Presentation of The Lord	Feast
Feb. 4	World Day for Consecrated Life	
Feb. 10	World Marriage Day	11am , Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Fairfield
Feb. 14	Ash Wednesday	Lent begins
Feb. 17	World Day of the Sick Mass	10am at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Carmichael
Feb 17, 18	Rites of Election	
<b>MARCH 2024</b>		
Mar. 13	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 <sup>nd</sup> Wed. in March (Statute 123 §3(c)).
Mar. 18	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. 21	Chrism Mass	6:00pm at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
Mar. 24	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	Solemnity
Mar. 28	Holy Thursday of the Lord’s Supper	
Mar. 29	Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)	
Mar. 30	Holy Saturday	The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night may begin at or after 8:30 p.m.
Mar. 31	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	
<b>APRIL 2024</b>		
Apr. 8	The Annunciation of the Lord	Solemnity
Apr. 21	World Day of Prayer for Vocations	
Apr. 25	St. Mark, Evangelist	Feast

MAY 2024		
May 3	Sts. Philip and James	Feast
May 6, 7, and 8	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 12	Ascension of the Lord	Solemnity
May 14	St. Matthias, Apostle	Feast
May 18	Adult Confirmation	Sacramento and Red Bluff
May 19	Pentecost Sunday	
May 21-24	National Eucharistic Pilgrimage in Diocese of Sacramento	
May 26	Most Holy Trinity	Solemnity
May 31	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Feast
JUNE 2024		
June 2	Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	Solemnity
June 7	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests	Solemnity
June 24	Nativity of St. John the Baptist	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 2024		
July 3	St. Thomas the Apostle	Feast
July 6	St. Maria Goretti Day of Penance	Optional 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 22	St. Mary Magdalene	Feast
July 25	St. James, Apostle	Feast
AUGUST 2024		
Aug. 6	Transfiguration of The Lord	Feast
Aug. 10	St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr	Feast
Aug. 15	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Solemnity, holy day of obligation
Aug. 24	St. Bartholomew, Apostle	Feast
SEPTEMBER 2024		
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. 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Feast

Sep. 18, 20, and 21	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. 21	St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	Feast
Sep. 29	World Day of Migrants & Refugees	
OCTOBER 2024		
Oct. 18	St. Luke, Evangelist	Feast
Oct. 20	World Mission Sunday	
Oct. 28	Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles	Feast
NOVEMBER 2024		
Nov. 1	All Saints	Solemnity; holy day of obligation
Nov. 2	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)	
Nov. 2	Adult Confirmation	Vacaville and Chico
Nov. 3-9	National Vocation Awareness Week	
Nov. 9	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	Feast
Nov. 17	World Day of the Poor	
Nov. 24	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	Solemnity
Nov. 28	Thanksgiving Day	Day of thanksgiving for the harvest and all our blessings (Statute 123 §2(d)).
Nov. 30	St. Andrew, Apostle	Feast

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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