



# DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO

Solemnities, Feasts, Devotions and other events for **2017**

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

***Every Sunday is a holy day of obligation.***

JANUARY 2017 – Holy Name of Jesus		
Jan. 1 (Sunday)	Mary Holy Mother of God	
Jan. 8	Epiphany of the Lord	
Jan. 9 (Monday)	Baptism of the Lord	Feast
Jan. 18-25	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	Diocesan observance (Statute 123§3.a)
Jan. 18 (Wednesday)	Ecumenical Prayer Service	St. John Lutheran, 17 <sup>th</sup> & L
Jan. 23 (Monday)	National Day of Penance Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	44 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Roe v. Wade <small>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).</small>

FEBRUARY 2017 – The Holy Family		
Feb. 2	Presentation of The Lord	Feast
Feb. 11 (11 a.m.)	World Marriage Day Mass	
Feb. 11 (5 p.m.)	World Day of the Sick Mass	Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

MARCH 2017 – St. Joseph		
<b>March 1</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	
March 4-5	Rites of Election	
March 8	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 <sup>nd</sup> Wed. in March. (Statute 123 § 3c).
March 17 (Friday)	St. Patrick	<b>Solemnity</b> Co-Patron of the Diocese of Sacramento, along with Our Lady of Guadalupe. (Statute 123 § 1b).
March 20 (Monday)	St. Joseph	<b>Solemnity</b>
March 25 (Saturday)	Annunciation	<b>Solemnity</b> (May <u>not</u> replace Vigil Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Lent)

APRIL 2017 – The Holy Eucharist		
April 6 (6:00 p.m.)	Chrism Mass	Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
April 9 – 15	Holy Week	
April 15	Easter Vigil (starts 30 min. after sunset: 8:15 p.m.)	
<b>April 16</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	
April 23 (3:00 p.m.)	Divine Mercy	Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

MAY 2017 – The Blessed Virgin Mary		
May 1	St Joseph the Worker	An appropriate time to bless tools and equipment for work.
May 7	Fourth Sunday of Easter	World Day of Prayer for Vocations
May 21 (1:00 p.m.)	Mass - San Toribio Romo	Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
May 28	Ascension Sunday	

JUNE 2017 – Sacred Heart of Jesus		
June 3 (10 a.m.)	Ordination – Priests	Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
June 3 (5:00 p.m.)	Vigil of Pentecost	Adult Confirmation at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament & St. Joseph, Redding
June 4	<b>Pentecost</b>	
June 11	The Most Holy Trinity	
June 18	Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)	
June 23 (Friday)	Sacred Heart of Jesus	Solemnity; World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests.
June 24 (11:00 a.m.)	Ordination – Deacons Nativity of St John the Baptist	Solemnity
June 29	Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles	Solemnity
	Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament (1889)	

JULY 2017 – The Most Precious Blood		
July 1	St. Junipero Serra	<i>memorial</i>
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 2017 – The Immaculate Heart of Mary		
Aug. 6 (Sunday)	Transfiguration of The Lord	Solemnity
Aug. 7-15	Novena in honor of the Assumption of Mary	Devotion
Aug. 15 (Tues)	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Solemnity: Holy Day of Obligation
Aug. 22	Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Memorial
Aug. 24	St Bartholomew, Apostle	Feast

SEPTEMBER 2017 – Our Lady of Sorrows (Seven Sorrows of Mary)		
Sept. 4	Labor Day	
Sept. 8	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Feast
Sept. 14 (Thur)	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Feast
Sept. 15	Our Lady of Sorrows	Memorial
Sept. 21	St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	Feast
Sept. 29	Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels	Feast

OCTOBER 2017 – The Rosary		
Oct. 1	Respect Life Sunday	
Oct. 2	Guardian Angels	Memorial

Oct. 4	St. Francis of Assisi	Memorial
Oct. 22	World Mission Sunday	

NOVEMBER 2017 – Holy souls in purgatory		
Nov. 1 (Wed)	<b>All Saints</b>	Solemnity: Holy Day of Obligation
Nov. 2 (Thur)	All Souls	Commemoration
Nov. 4	Adult Confirmation	St. Mary, Vacaville & St John the Baptist, Chico
Nov. 3 – 9	National Vocation Awareness Week	
Nov. 9	Dedication of Lateran Basilica in Rome	Feast
Nov. 21	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Memorial
Nov. 23	Thanksgiving Day	Diocesan Day of Thanksgiving for the harvest and all our blessings (Statute 123 § 2d).
Nov. 26	Solemnity of Christ the King	

DECEMBER 2017 – The Immaculate Conception		
Dec. 3	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	
Dec. 8 (Friday)	Immaculate Conception Patroness of the United States.	Holy Day of Obligation
Dec. 12 (Tues)	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Solemnity Co-Patron of the Diocese of Sacramento, along with St. Patrick. (Statute 123 § 1b).
Dec. 25 (Mon)	Nativity of The Lord	Holy Day of Obligation
Dec. 31	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	