



DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO

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2021 Diocesan Liturgical Calendar of Solemnities, Feasts, and Other Observances

NOVEMBER 2020		
Nov. 29	First Sunday of Advent	
Nov. 30	St. Andrew	Feast
DECEMBER 2020		
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 §1(b)).
Dec. 25 (Fri.)	Nativity of The Lord	Solemnity; holy day of obligation
Dec. 26	St. Stephen	Feast
Dec. 27	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph	Feast
Dec. 28	The Holy Innocents	Feast
JANUARY 2021		
Jan. 1	Mary, the Holy Mother of God	Solemnity; holy day of obligation
Jan. 3	Epiphany of the Lord	Solemnity
Jan. 10	Baptism of the Lord	Feast
Jan. 18-25	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	Diocesan observance (Statute 123 §3(a))
Jan. 19	Ecumenical Prayer Service	
Jan. 22	National Day of Penance Respect Life Mass at the Cathedral 12:10pm Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	48th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade 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. (Diocesan Statute 123 §3(b)).

Jan. 24	Sunday of the Word of God	
Jan. 25	Conversion of St. Paul	Feast
FEBRUARY 2021		
Feb. 2	Presentation of The Lord World Day for Consecrated Life	Feast
Feb. 11	Our Lady of Lourdes	Optional memorial World Day of the Sick
Feb. 22	Chair of St Peter the Apostle	Feast
Feb. 17	Ash Wednesday	Lent begins
Feb. 20, 21	Rites of Election	
MARCH 2021		
March 10	Day of Penance for Negative Attitudes and Discrimination	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 §3(c)).
March 14	Daylight Savings Time begins	“Spring” forward one hour.
March 17 (Wed)	St. Patrick	Solemnity; Co-Patron of the Diocese of Sacramento, along with Our Lady of Guadalupe. (Statute 123 §1(b)).
March 19 (Fri)	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Solemnity
Mar 23 (Tue)	Chrism Mass	Moved due to The Annunciation
March 25 (Thu)	The Annunciation	Solemnity
Mar 28	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	
APRIL 2021		
April 1	Holy Thursday of the Lord’s Supper	
April 2	Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)	
April 3	Holy Saturday	The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night may begin at or after 8:35 p.m.
April 4	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	
April 25	World Day of Prayer for Vocations	
MAY 2021		
May 3	Sts. Philip and James	Feast
May 14	St. Matthias	Feast
May 16	Ascension of the Lord	Solemnity
May 22	Adult Confirmation	Cathedral; Sacred Heart, Red Bluff
May 23	Pentecost	
May 31	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Feast
JUNE 2021		
June 11 (Friday)	Sacred Heart of Jesus World day of prayer for the sanctification of priests	Solemnity
June 24	Nativity of St. John the Baptist	Solemnity
June 27	Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament (1889).	Solemnity
June 29	Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles	Solemnity

JULY 2021		
July 3	St. Thomas	Feast
July 6	St. Maria Goretti 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).	Optional memorial
July 22	St. Mary Magdalene	Feast
AUGUST 2021		
Aug. 6	Transfiguration of The Lord	Feast
Aug. 10	St. Lawrence	Feast
Aug. 15 (Sun)	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Solemnity
Aug. 24	St. Bartholomew	Feast
SEPTEMBER 2021		
Sept. 1	World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation	
Sept. 6	Labor Day	
Sept. 8	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Feast
Sept. 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Feast
Sept. 21	St. Matthew	Feast
Sept. 26	World Day of Migrants & Refugees	
Sept. 29	Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	Feast
OCTOBER 2021		
Oct. 18	St. Luke	Feast
Oct. 24	World Mission Sunday	
Oct. 28	Sts. Simon and Jude	Feast
NOVEMBER 2021		
Nov. 1 (Mon.)	All Saints	Solemnity; not a holy day of obligation this year
Nov. 2 (Tue.)	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)	
Nov. 7-13	National Vocation Awareness Week	
Nov. 6	Adult Confirmation	Vacaville; Chico
Nov. 7	Daylight savings ends	"Fall" back one hour.
Nov. 9	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	Feast
Nov. 14	World Day of the Poor	
Nov. 21	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	Solemnity
Nov. 25	Thanksgiving Day	Day of thanksgiving for the harvest and all our blessings (Statute 123 §2(d)).

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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