



# DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO

## Office of Worship

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# 2023 Diocesan Liturgical Calendar of Solemnities, Feasts, and Other Observances

NOVEMBER 2022		
Nov. 27	First Sunday of Advent	
Nov. 30	St. Andrew	Feast
DECEMBER 2022		
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	Co-Patron of the Diocese of Sacramento, along with St. Patrick. (Statute 123 §1(b)).
Dec. 25	Nativity of The Lord	Solemnity
Dec. 26	St. Stephen, The First Martyr	Feast
Dec. 27	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist	Feast
Dec. 28	The Holy Innocents	Feast
Dec. 30	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph	Feast
JANUARY 2023		
Jan. 1	Mary, the Holy Mother of God	Solemnity
Jan. 8	Epiphany of the Lord	Solemnity
Jan. 9	Baptism of the Lord	Feast
Jan. 17	Ecumenical Christian Unity Event	Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Sacramento (afternoon and evening)
Jan. 18-25	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	Diocesan observance (Statute 123 §3(a))
Jan. 20	Respect Life Mass	12pm, Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
Jan. 22	Sunday of the Word of God (Third Sunday of Ordinary Time)	

Jan. 23	National Day of Penance  Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	“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. 25	Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle	Feast
FEBRUARY 2023		
Feb. 2	Presentation of The Lord	Feast
Feb. 4	World Day of the Sick Mass (11am at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Carmichael)	
Feb. 5	World Day for Consecrated Life	
Feb. 11	Our Lady of Lourdes	Optional memorial World Day of the Sick
Feb. 11	World Marriage Day	9:30am at Good Shepherd Parish in Elk Grove
Feb. 22	Ash Wednesday	Lent begins
Feb 25, 26	Rites of Election	
MARCH 2023		
Mar. 8	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. 17	St. Patrick	Solemnity; Co-Patron of the Diocese of Sacramento, along with Our Lady of Guadalupe. (Statute 123 §1(b)).
Mar. 20	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Solemnity
Mar. 25	The Annunciation	Solemnity
Mar. 30	Chrism Mass	6:00pm at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
APRIL 2023		
Apr. 2	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	
Apr. 6	Holy Thursday of the Lord’s Supper	
Apr. 7	Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)	
Apr. 8	Holy Saturday	The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night may begin at or after 8:40 p.m.
Apr. 9	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	
Apr. 25	St. Mark, Evangelist	Feast
MAY 2023		
May 3	Sts. Philip and James	Feast
May 7	World Day of Prayer for Vocations	
May 15, 16, and 17	Rogation Days	See <i>Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers</i> .
May 21	Ascension of the Lord	Solemnity

May 27	Adult Confirmation	
May 28	Pentecost Sunday	
May 31	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Feast
JUNE 2023		
June 4	Most Holy Trinity	Solemnity
June 11	Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	Solemnity Beginning of Parish Phase of Eucharistic Revival
June 16	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 25	Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament (1889).	Solemnity
June 29	Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles	Solemnity
JULY 2023		
July 3	St. Thomas the Apostle	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
July 25	St. James, Apostle	Feast
AUGUST 2023		
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	Feast
SEPTEMBER 2023		
Sep. 1	World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation	
Sep. 4	Labor Day	
Sep. 8	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Feast
Sep. 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Feast
Sep. 20, 22, and 23	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> .
Sep. 21	St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	Feast
Sep. 24	World Day of Migrants & Refugees	
Sep. 29	Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels	Feast
OCTOBER 2023		
Oct. 18	St. Luke	Feast
Oct. 22	World Mission Sunday	
Oct. 28	Sts. Simon and Jude	Feast
NOVEMBER 2023		
Nov. 1	All Saints	Solemnity; holy day of obligation
Nov. 2	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)	
Nov. 4	Adult Confirmation	

Nov. 5-11	National Vocation Awareness Week	
Nov. 9	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	Feast
Nov. 19	World Day of the Poor	
Nov. 23	Thanksgiving Day	Day of thanksgiving for the harvest and all our blessings (Statute 123 §2(d)).
Nov. 26	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	Solemnity

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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