



DIOCESE OF LANSING
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Noteworthy Liturgical Dates from the Particular Calendar, 2023–2024

The following notes highlight areas of the Diocese of Lansing’s particular calendar that are unusual or need clarification during the 2023–2024 Liturgical Year.

December 8, 2023 (Friday)

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Holyday of obligation
- Funeral Mass not permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

December 9, 2023 (Saturday)

Solemnity/Feast of the Anniversary of the Dedication of Saint Mary Cathedral (The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception)

- Observed with the rank of a Solemnity (*Gloria* and *Creed*) within the Cathedral, and as a Feast (*Gloria*) in all parishes and institutions in the Diocese of Lansing
- Orations are taken from the *Roman Missal*, Common of the Dedication of a Church:
 - o I. In the Church that was Dedicated [at the Cathedral only], or
 - o II. Outside the Church that was Dedicated [in all parishes and institutions in the Diocese of Lansing].

- A wide selection of proper scriptural texts are found in the Common of the Anniversary of the Dedication of a Church in the *Lectionary*, numbers 701–706.
- The *Liturgy of the Hours* is taken from the Common of the Dedication of a Church
 - o I. In the Church that was Dedicated [at the Cathedral only], or
 - o II. Outside the Church that was Dedicated [in the Diocese].
- The *Te Deum* is said.
- Note should be made that though the Dedication of Saint Mary Cathedral outranks the optional memorial of Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, due attention may be paid to this important saint in the homily and in the universal prayers where it is favorable to the devotion of the faithful.
- Evening Masses & Vespers celebrate the Sunday of Advent

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**December 24, 2023 (Sunday)
The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

- Funeral Mass not permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted
- Evening Masses and Vespers celebrate the (Vigil of) the Nativity of the Lord

**December 25, 2023 (Monday)
The Nativity of the Lord**

- Holyday of obligation
- Funeral Mass not permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

The faithful should be advised that there is a Mass obligation both for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and for Christmas, as they are both Holy Days of Obligation. In a recent statement on this topic, the USSCB’s Secretariat of Divine Worship noted that, in such cases, the prevailing view of the majority of canonists is that these obligations cannot be satisfied at one and the same Mass; each day of obligation must be fulfilled with a separate Mass.

The days, times, and appropriate Masses are summarized in the following chart:

Fourth Sunday of Advent The Nativity of the Lord

Date	Saturday, Dec. 23	Sunday, Dec. 24	Sunday, Dec. 24	Monday, Dec. 25
Time	Masses <i>after</i> 4 PM	Masses <i>before</i> 4 PM	Masses <i>after</i> 4 PM	Masses all day
Mass	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Fourth Sunday of Advent	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

**December 31, 2023 (Sunday)
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass permitted
- Evening Masses celebrate the Holy Family; Vespers celebrate the Solemnity of Mary

- Not a holyday of obligation this year (in accord with the complementary norm to canon 1246 §2)
- Mass should still be offered in each parish/cluster of parishes
- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

**January 1, 2024 (Monday)
Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

**January 8, 2024 (Monday)
The Baptism of the Lord**

- When the Epiphany is observed on January 7 or 8, this feast is

celebrated on the following Monday, with only one reading before the Gospel

- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass permitted
- After this feast, Ordinary Time begins
- When this Feast occurs on Monday of the First Week in Ordinary Time, the readings assigned to Monday may be joined to those of Tuesday so that the opening of each book will be read.

February 14, 2024 (Wednesday)

Ash Wednesday

- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

February 17, 2023

Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion

- 9:30am – St. Francis, Ann Arbor
- 2pm – St. John, Davison

February 18, 2023

Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion

- 3pm – St. Thomas, East Lansing

March 24-30, 2024

Holy Week

- Funeral Mass permitted only Monday-Wednesday
- Ritual Mass not permitted
- The Solemnity of the Annunciation is transferred to after the Octave of Easter

March 28, 2024 (Thursday)

Thursday of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday)

- Only one (evening) Mass per church, unless for pastoral reasons the local Ordinary permits another

- Only the sick may receive Holy Communion outside Mass
- Funeral outside of Mass permitted

March 29, 2024 (Friday)

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

- Only one Celebration of the Passion of the Lord per church, unless due to the size or nature of the community the Diocesan Bishop permits another
- Only the sick may receive Holy Communion outside the celebration of the Lord's Passion

March 30, 2024 (Saturday)

Holy Saturday

- Holy Communion is only given as Viaticum

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

- The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil takes place at *night*; based on local twilight, **the 2024 Easter Vigil may not begin before 9 p.m.**

March 31-April 7, 2024

Easter and its Octave

- Easter Sequence permitted throughout the octave
- Funeral Mass permitted Monday-Saturday
- Ritual Mass not permitted
- One Divine Mercy Sunday, evening Masses and Vespers celebrate the Sunday

April 8, 2024 (Monday)

The Annunciation of the Lord

- Since March 25 falls on Monday of Holy Week, the Solemnity of The Annunciation of the Lord is transferred to Monday, April 8
- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

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May 12, 2024 (Sunday)

The Ascension of the Lord

- Funeral Mass not permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

May 19, 2024 (Sunday)

Pentecost Sunday

- Funeral Mass not permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

June 23, 2024 (Sunday)

The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass permitted
- Evening Masses celebrate the Sunday; Vespers celebrate the Solemnity of John the Baptist

June 24, 2023 (Monday)

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

June 29, 2024

Saints Peter and Paul

- Funeral Mass not permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted
- Evening Masses celebrate the Sunday; Vespers celebrate the Solemnity of Peter and Paul

July 30, 2024 (Tuesday)

Solanus Casey

- The optional memorial of Blessed Solanus Casey may be observed in the DoL as per a rescript given by the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments (July 3, 2018)

August 13, 2024 (Tuesday)

Blessed Michael J. McGivney

- A votive Mass with a group of the Knights of Columbus may be offered —on August 13 or on any other day when a votive Mass is permitted.

August 15, 2024 (Thursday)

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Holyday of obligation
- Funeral Mass not permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

October 24, 2020 (Monday)

Louis Guanella

- The optional memorial of Saint Louis Guanella, priest, may be observed in the Diocese of Lansing.

November 1, 2024 (Friday)

All Saints

- Holyday of obligation
- Funeral Mass not permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

November 2, 2024 (Saturday)

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted
- All priests permitted to offer three Masses:
 - o one for the priest's intention
 - o one for the faithful departed
 - o one for the intentions of the Holy Father
- Evening Masses celebrate the Sunday; Vespers celebrate All Souls

November 2, 2024 (Saturday)

All Souls Day

- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass permitted
- Evening Mass observes the Sunday; Vespers observes All Souls Day

December 8, 2024 (Sunday)

The Second Sunday of Advent

- Funeral Mass not permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

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- Evening Masses and Vespers celebrate the Sunday

December 9, 2024 (Monday)

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Not a holyday of obligation this year, but Mass should be offered in each parish/cluster of parishes
- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted
- The Optional Memorial of Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, December 9, is omitted this year

December 10, 2024 (Tuesday)

Solemnity/Feast of the Anniversary of the Dedication of Saint Mary Cathedral (The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception)

- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass permitted

December 25, 2024 (Wednesday)

The Nativity of the Lord

- Holyday of obligation
- Funeral Mass not permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

December 31, 2023 (Tuesday)

Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass permitted
- Evening Masses and Vespers observe Mary, the Holy Mother of God
- Each parish/cluster must offer an evening Mass

* Proper texts for recently added or revised feasts may be found at the USCCB's webpage for the [Liturgical Year & Calendar](#).