



DIOCESE OF LANSING  
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Office of Worship

***Noteworthy Liturgical Dates from the Liturgical Calendar, 2024–2025***

The following notes highlight areas of the Diocese of Lansing's calendar that are unusual or need clarification during the 2024–2025 Liturgical Year.

**December 8, 2024 (Sunday)  
Second Sunday of Advent**

**December 9, 2024 (Monday)  
Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

- *Not* a Holyday of obligation – per Bishop Boyea's dispensation of 23 October 2024
- No Ritual Masses
- Funeral Mass permitted
- The Optional Memorial of Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin, December 9, is omitted this year.

**December 10, 2024 (Tuesday)  
Solemnity/Feast of the  
Anniversary of the Dedication of 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

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- o II. Outside the Church that was Dedicated [in the Diocese].

- The *Te Deum* is said.

**December 29, 2024 (Sunday)  
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary  
and Joseph**

**–On the same day: Opening of the 2025  
Jubilee of Hope**

- Funeral Mass permitted

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- Ritual Mass permitted
- Opening Mass for the Jubilee Year at the Cathedral of Saint Mary, 11 AM

**January 1, 2025 (Wednesday)**  
**Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

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

**January 22, 2025 (Wednesday)**  
**Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

- *From the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions: For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life (no. 48/1) with white vestments; or For the Preservation of Peace and Justice (no. 30) with violet vestments*

**January 26, 2025 (Sunday)**  
**Sunday of the Word of God**

- Pope Francis has declared the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time the *Sunday of the Word of God* and is to be “devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God” (*Aperuit Illis*)

**February 2, 2025 (Sunday)**  
**The Presentation of the Lord**

- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass permitted
- Whenever a procession (n. 1-8) cannot take place, the blessing of candles is celebrated within the Solemn Entrance (n. 9-11)

**March 5, 2025 (Wednesday)**  
**Ash Wednesday**

- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted
- Mandatory use of *OCIA/RICA*

**March 8, 2025 (Saturday)**

**Rite of Election/Call to Cont. Conversion**

- 9:30 AM – Christ the King, Ann Arbor
- 2 PM – Church of the Holy Family, Grand Blanc

**March 9, 2025 (Sunday)**

**Rite of Election/Call to Cont. Conversion**

- 3 PM – Cathedral of Saint Mary, Lansing

**April 13-19, 2025**

**Holy Week**

- Funeral Mass permitted only Monday-Wednesday
- Ritual Mass not permitted

**April 17, 2025 (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

**April 18, 2025 (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

**April 19, 2025 (Saturday)**

**Holy Saturday**

- Holy Communion only given as Viaticum

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**The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night**

- The celebration of the Easter Vigil “begins after *nightfall* and ends before daybreak”; based on local twilight, **the 2025 Easter Vigil may not begin before 9:00 PM**

**April 20-27, 2025**

**Easter and its Octave**

- Easter Sequence permitted throughout the octave, including the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter. Only the proper text of the Sequence may be used—paraphrases are not permitted.
- Funeral Mass permitted Monday–Saturday
- Ritual Mass not permitted

**May 17, 2025 (Saturday)**

**Ordination to the Diaconate  
Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish, East  
Lansing, at 10:30 AM**

**June 1, 2025 (Sunday)**

**The Ascension of the Lord**

- Funeral Mass not permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

**June 8, 2025 (Sunday)**

**Pentecost Sunday**

- Funeral Mass not permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted
- 40 Hours Campaign Commences

**June 14, 2025 (Saturday)**

**Ordination of Priests  
Saint Thomas Aquinas, E. Lansing  
at 10:30 AM**

**June 21, 2025 (Saturday)**

**Corpus Christi Procession in Lansing**

- 10 AM Mass at Lugnuts Stadium, followed by Eucharistic Procession to the Cathedral

**June 22, 2025 (Sunday)**

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

- Funeral Mass not permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

**June 28, 2025 (Saturday)**

**Optional Memorial of the Immaculate  
Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary or St.  
Irenaeus**

- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass permitted
- The ordinarily obligatory memorial of the Immaculate Heart becomes optional when it conflicts with another obligatory memorial.

**June 29, 2025 (Sunday)**

**Solemnity of the Saints Peter & Paul**

- Both Saturday evening Mass of anticipation and Sunday evening Masses celebrate the Solemnity
- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted
- Office from the Common of Apostles with Proper Antiphons

**July 30, 2025 (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, 2025 (Wednesday)**

**Blessed Michael McGivney**

- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass permitted
- Bl. Michael McGivney is not inscribed on our diocesan liturgical calendar and therefore may not be commemorated in most liturgies. However, in accordance with [liturgical directives](#)

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shared by the Knights of Columbus, Bishop Boyea permits gatherings of Knights to celebrate a votive Mass in honor of their founder on this day and on other liturgical days without an obligatory observance.

reasons are not limited to these Mass intentions)

**August 15, 2025 (Friday)**

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

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

**October 25, 2025 (Saturday)**

**Louis Guanella**

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

**November 1, 2025 (Saturday)**

**All Saints**

- Not a holyday of obligation this year
- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

**November 2, 2025 (Sunday)**

**Commemoration of All the Faithful**

**Departed**

- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted
- Mass of All Souls
- Office of the 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time except, if prayed with the people, Morning and Evening Prayer may be taken from the Office for the Dead
- 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
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**November 30, 2025 (Sunday)**

**The First Sunday of Advent**

- Funeral Mass not permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted

**December 7, 2025 (Sunday)**

**The Second Sunday of Advent**

- Funeral Mass not permitted
- Ritual Mass not permitted
- Evening Masses and Vespers celebrate the Sunday

**December 8, 2025 (Monday)**

**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

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

**December 9, 2025 (Tuesday)**

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

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  - The *Te Deum* is said.
  - Evening Masses and Vespers observe the Second Sunday of Advent

Note should be made that though the Dedication of the Cathedral of Saint Mary 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.

**December 25, 2025 (Thursday)**  
**The Nativity of the Lord**

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

**December 28, 2025 (Sunday)**  
**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

- Funeral Mass permitted
- Ritual Mass permitted
- Mass for the Closing of the Jubilee Year at the Cathedral of Saint Mary, 11 AM

**December 31, 2025 (Wednesday)**  
**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](#).

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**TABLE OF RUBRICS GOVERNING THE USE OF RITUAL MASSES, MASSES FOR VARIOUS NEEDS, MASSES FOR VARIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES, AND MASSES FOR THE DEAD**

V1 = Ritual Masses (GIRM 372); MVNO and VM in case of serious pastoral need or advantage at the direction of the local ordinary or with his permission (GIRM 374 and 376)

V2 = MVNO and VM in cases of serious need or pastoral advantage, at the discretion of the rector of the church or the priest celebrant (GIRM 376 and 376)

V3 = MVNO and VM chosen by the priest celebrant in favor of the devotion of the people (GIRM 377)

R1 = Funeral Mass (GIRM 380)

R2 = Mass on the occasion of news of a death, final burial, or the first anniversary (GIRM 381)

R3 = Daily Mass for the Dead (GIRM 355, 379, 381). When R1 and R2 are not permitted, neither is R3.

(+) = permitted      (-) = not permitted

Holy Thursday, Easter Triduum	V1 -	R1 -
Sundays of Advent, Lent, and the Easter Season	V1 -	R1 -
Solemnities of precept	V1 -	R1 -
Solemnities not of precept, All Souls	V1 -	R1 +
Ash Wednesday, weekdays of Holy Week	V1 -	R1 +
Days in the Easter Octave	V1 -	R1 +
Sundays of Christmas, and in Ordinary Time	V1+, V2-	R1+, R2-
Feasts	V1+, V2-	R1+, R2-
Weekdays December 17-24	V1+, V2-	R1+, R2+
Days in the Christmas Octave	V1+, V2-	R1+, R2+
Weekdays of Lent	V1+, V2-	R1+, R2+
Obligatory Memorials	V1+, V2+	R1+, R2+
Weekdays of Advent to December 16	V1+, V2+	R1+, R2+
Weekdays of Christmas from January 2	V1+, V2+	R1+, R2+
Weekdays of the Easter Season	V1+, V2+	R1+, R2+
Weekdays in Ordinary Time	V1+, V2+, V3+	R1+, R2+, R3+

Adapted from Appendix III, *Ceremonial of Bishops* - ICEL

## RITUAL MASSES

### Choice of Day for the Rite of Marriage

Whenever marriage is celebrated during Mass, white vestments are worn and the wedding Mass is used. On those days when the Ritual Mass cannot be used, the Mass of the day is chosen. The nuptial blessing and where appropriate, the special final blessing is added.

The liturgy of the word is extremely helpful in emphasizing the meaning of the sacrament and the obligations of marriage. When the wedding Mass may not be used, one of the readings from the *Rite of Marriage* (nos. 67–105) may be chosen, except from Holy Thursday to Easter and on the feast of Christmas, Epiphany, Ascension, Pentecost, Corpus Christi, and other holy days of obligation. On the Sundays of the Christmas season and throughout the year, in Masses which are not parish Masses, the wedding Mass may be used without change.

When a marriage is celebrated during Advent or Lent or other days of penance, the parish priest should advise the couple to take into consideration the special nature of these times (*Rite of Marriage*, no. 11)

#### **Funerals**

The funeral Mass is not permitted on solemnities of obligation, on Holy Thursday and the Easter Triduum, and on the Sundays of Advent, Lent, and the Easter season (*Order of Christian Funerals*, no. 178). The funeral liturgy outside Mass may be used on these days.

#### **Other Masses**

When choosing the Mass texts for Ritual Masses, Masses for Various Needs and Occasions, and Masses for the Dead, please see the chart “Table of Rubrics,” above.

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