



Liturgical Calendar for the Diocese of Saint Cloud

with notes on solemnities and days affecting weddings and funerals,
plus dates and times for special diocesan liturgies.

| THE YEAR OF GRACE 2018 |

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

Ceremonial of Bishops, Appendix III, 1989.
Revised to reflect the new ordering in the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, third typical edition, 2002.

Symbols

- V1** = Ritual Masses [*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, no. 372].
Masses for Various needs and occasions and votive Masses, in cases of serious need or pastoral advantage, at the direction of the local Ordinary or with his permission [GIRM, no. 374].
- V2** = Masses for various needs and occasions and votive Masses, in cases of serious need or pastoral advantage, at the discretion of the rector of the church or the priest celebrant [GIRM, no. 376].
- V3** = Masses for various needs and occasions and votive Masses chosen by the priest celebrant in favor of the devotion of the people [GIRM, nos. 373 and 375].
- D1** = Funeral Mass [GIRM, no. 380].
- D2** = Mass on the occasion of news of a death, final burial, or the first anniversary [GIRM, no. 381].
- D3** = Daily Mass for the dead [GIRM]. When D1 and D2 are not permitted, neither is D3.
- + = permitted.
 - = not permitted.

1. Solemnities of precept	V1 – D1 –
2. Sundays of Advent, Lent, and the Easter season	V1 – D1 –
3. Holy Thursday, Easter Triduum	V1 – D1 –
4. Solemnities not of precept, All Souls	V1 – D1 +
5. Ash Wednesday, weekdays of Holy Week	V1 – D1 +
6. Days in the Easter octave	V1 – D1 +
7. Sundays of Christmas, and in Ordinary Time	V1 + V2 – D1 + D2 –
8. Feasts	V1 + V2 – D1 + D2 –
9. Weekdays 17-24 December	V1 + V2 – D1 + D2 +
10. Days in the Christmas octave	V1 + V2 – D1 + D2 +
11. Weekdays in Lent	V1 + V2 – D1 + D2 +
12. Obligatory memorials	V1 + V2 + D1 + D2 +
13. Weekdays of Advent to 16 December	V1 + V2 + D1 + D2 +
14. Weekdays of Christmas from 2 January	V1 + V2 + D1 + D2 +
15. Weekdays of the Easter season	V1 + V2 + D1 + D2 +
16. Weekdays in Ordinary Time	V1 + V2 + V3 + D1 + D2 + D3 +

TABLE OF LITURGICAL DAYS

ACCORDING TO THEIR ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, no. 59 and Ceremonial of Bishops, Appendix II

ONE

1. Easter Triduum of the Lord's passion and resurrection.
2. Christmas, Epiphany, Ascension, and Pentecost.
Sundays of Advent, Lent, and the Easter season.
Ash Wednesday.
Weekdays of Holy Week from Monday to Thursday inclusive.
Days within the octave of Easter.
3. Solemnities of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and saints listed in the General Calendar.
All Souls.
4. Proper solemnities, namely:
 - a.) Solemnity of the principal patron of the place, that is, the city or state.
 - b.) Solemnity of the dedication of a particular church and the anniversary.
 - c.) Solemnity of the title of a particular church.
 - d.) Solemnity of the title or of the founder or of the principal patron of a religious order or congregation.

TWO

1. Feasts of the Lord in the General Calendar.
2. Sundays of the Christmas season and Sundays in Ordinary Time.
3. Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of the saints in the General Calendar.
4. Proper feasts, namely:
 - a) Feast of the principal patron of the diocese.
 - b) Feast of the anniversary of the dedication of the cathedral.
 - c) Feast of the principal patron of a region or province, or a country, or of a wider territory.
 - d) Feast of the title, founder, or principal patron of an order or congregation and of a religious province, without prejudice to the directives in no. 4.
 - e) Other feasts proper to an individual church.
 - f) Other feasts listed in the calendar of a diocese or of a religious order or congregation.
5. Weekdays of Advent from 17 December to 24 December inclusive.
 - a) Days within the octave of Christmas.
 - b) Weekdays of Lent.

THREE

1. Obligatory memorials in the General Calendar.
2. Proper obligatory memorials, namely:
 - a) Memorial of a secondary patron of the place, diocese, region, or province, country or wider territory, or of an order or congregation and of a religious province.
 - b) Obligatory memorials listed in the calendar of a diocese, or of an order or congregation.
 - c) Obligatory memorials listed in the calendar of a diocese, or of an order or congregation.
3. Optional memorials; but these may be celebrated even on the days listed in no. 9, in the special manner described by the General Instruction of the Roman Missal and of the Liturgy of the Hours.
In the same manner obligatory memorials may be celebrated as optional memorials if they happen to fall on the Lenten weekdays.
3. Weekdays of Advent up to 16 December inclusive.
Weekdays of the Christmas season from 2 January until the Sunday after Epiphany.
Weekdays of the Easter season from Monday after the octave of Easter until the Saturday before Pentecost inclusive.
Weekdays in Ordinary Time.

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First Sunday of Advent	December 3, 2017
Ash Wednesday	February 14, 2018
Easter Sunday	April 1, 2018
The Ascension of the Lord*	May 13, 2018
Pentecost Sunday	May 20, 2018
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	June 3, 2018

*In the Diocese of Saint Cloud, the Ascension has been transferred to Sunday.

LECTIONARY FOR MASS

Sunday Cycle – Year B	December 3, 2017 to November 25, 2018
Weekday Cycle – Year II	January 9, 2018 to February 13, 2018 May 21, 2018 to December 1, 2018

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

December 3, 2017 – January 8, 2018	Advent, Christmas	Vol. I
January 9 – February 13, 2018	Week 1 to 6, Ordinary Time	Vol. III
February 14 – May 20, 2018	Lent, Triduum, Easter	Vol. II
May 21 – August 4, 2018	Weeks 7 to 17, Ordinary Time	Vol. III
August 5 – December 1, 2018	Weeks 18 to 34, Ordinary Time	Vol. IV

HOLY SATURDAY NIGHT: THE EASTER VIGIL

The first Mass of Easter, the Easter Vigil, falls between nightfall of Holy Saturday, March 31 and daybreak of Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018. The *Universal Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, no. 21, states:

The Easter Vigil, in the holy night when the Lord rose again, is considered the “mother of all holy Vigils,” in which the Church, keeping watch, awaits the Resurrection of Christ and celebrates it in the Sacraments. Therefore, the entire celebration of this sacred Vigil must take place at night, so that it both begins after nightfall and end before the dawn on the Sunday.

There are two ways to answer the question, “How early can a parish start the Easter Vigil?”

In 2018, civil twilight in Central Daylight Time ends at 7:14 PM in St. Cloud and sunset is at 7:44 PM. **Nightfall (astronomical twilight) in Central Daylight Time begins at 9:27 PM in St. Cloud.** The former is a generous interpretation of the law, the latter, however, is more appropriate since this vigil “must begin after nightfall”. The vigil may begin later, but it must conclude before dawn.

For more information see:

<http://aa.usno.navy.mil/data/index.php>
<http://www.usno.navy.mil/USNO/astronomical-applications>

IN OUR DIOCESE

The Most Reverend Donald J. Kettler, bishop of St. Cloud, has determined that the Easter Vigil may not begin earlier than 8:30 p.m. According to the norms, the Easter Vigil may start later if the parish finds this to be a pastoral advantage, but must conclude before sunrise.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

In addition to Sunday, the following days are to be observed as holy days of obligation in the Diocese of Saint Cloud in 2018.

- ◆ **15 August:** Assumption
- ◆ **01 November:** All Saints, solemnity
- ◆ **08 December:** Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, solemnity
- ◆ **25 December:** Nativity of the Lord (Christmas), solemnity

The NCCB decree of 13 December 1991, confirmed by the Apostolic See on 04 July 1992, stipulates that whenever 01 January, 15 August, or 01 November falls on a Saturday or on a Monday, the precept to attend Mass is abrogated.

THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF PARISH CHURCHES

- ◆ are proper solemnities. Consult the “Table of Liturgical Days” starting on [page 14](#) of this calendar for the days that may impede these celebrations.
- ◆ he anniversary of the **Dedication of the Cathedral Church of Saint Mary**, 17 August, is celebrated as a solemnity in the cathedral church and as a feast throughout the diocese.

RITUAL MASSES: Ritual Masses are connected to the celebration of certain Sacraments or Sacramentals. They are prohibited on the Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter, on solemnities, on the days within the Octave of Easter, on the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day), on Ash Wednesday, and during Holy Week, taking due account of, the norms given in the ritual books or in the Masses themselves [*General Instruction of the Roman Missal, third typical edition, no. 372*].

Rite of Marriage:

- ◆ If the marriage is celebrated on a Sunday or solemnity, the Mass of the day is used with the nuptial blessing and the special final blessing according to the circumstances.
- ◆ When the wedding Mass may not be held, one of the readings from the texts provided for the marriage celebration (nos. 67-105) may be chosen, except from Holy Thursday to Easter, on the solemnities of Epiphany, Ascension, Pentecost, or the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, or on holy days of obligation.
- ◆ However, the Rite of Marriage outside Mass may be celebrated on the above days except during the Easter Triduum.
- ◆ On the Sundays of the Christmas season and in Ordinary Time, the entire wedding Mass may be used in Masses that are not parish Masses.
- ◆ When a marriage is celebrated during Advent or Lent or other days of penance, the special nature of these liturgical seasons are to be considered [*Rite of Marriage, no. 11*].

FUNERAL MASSES: Funeral Masses are not permitted on solemnities that are holy days of obligation, Holy Thursday, the Easter Triduum, and the Sundays of Advent, Lent and Easter [*General Instruction of the Roman Missal, third typical edition, no. 380 and Order of Christian Funerals, typical edition, no. 271*].

DECEMBER 2018

02 December, Sunday, **First Sunday of Advent**

- beginning of a new liturgical year

08 December, Saturday, **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, solemnity

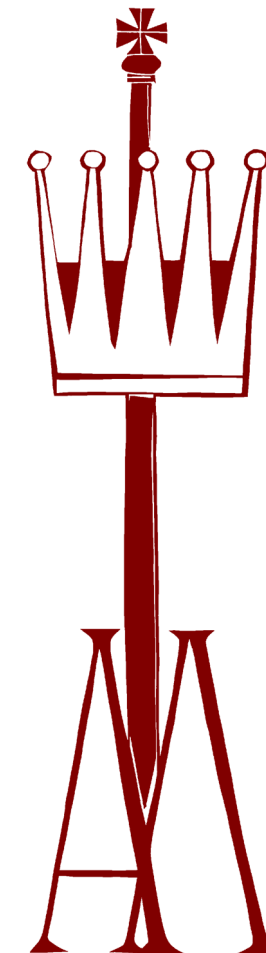
- holy day of obligation
- ritual Masses are not permitted
- a funeral Mass is not permitted

09 December, Sunday, **Second Sunday of Advent**

12 December, Wednesday, **Our Lady of Guadalupe**, feast (USA)

16 December, Sunday, **Third Sunday of Advent**

23 December, Sunday, **Fourth Sunday of Advent**



OCTOBER 2018

07 October, Sunday, **Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- Respect Life Sunday

07 - 10 October, Sunday - Wednesday, **Diocesan Clergy Conference**

14 October, Sunday, **Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

21 October, Sunday, **Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- World Mission Sunday

28 October, Sunday, **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- World Youth Day and Priesthood Sunday

NOVEMBER 2018

01 November, Thursday, **All Saints**, solemnity –*holy day of obligation*

- ritual Masses are not permitted
- however, marriage may be celebrated within the Mass of the day, one reading from the ritual may be substituted, and the nuptial blessing is used
- a funeral Mass is not permitted
- Displaying the **Book of the Dead** during the month of November is appropriate and encouraged

02 November, Friday, **Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)**

- ritual Masses are not permitted

04 November, Sunday, **Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time** (Daylight Saving Time ends)

- National Vocation Awareness Week begins

07 November, Wednesday, **Anniversary of the Installation of Bishop Donald Kettler** as bishop of Saint Cloud

08 November, Thursday, **Diocesan Vocation Liturgy**

- 7:00 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Mary

11 November, Sunday, **Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

18 November, Sunday, **Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

22 November, Thursday, **Thanksgiving Day**

- Mass texts may be used from the Proper for Thanksgiving Day.
- For readings, see *vol. 4 of the Lectionary*.

25 November, Sunday, **Our Lord Jesus Christ the King**, solemnity

- final Sunday in Ordinary Time

26 November, Monday, **Diocesan Mass for Deceased Clergy**

- 12:05 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Mary

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DECEMBER 2017

03 December, Sunday, **First Sunday of Advent**

- beginning of a new liturgical year
- Sunday *Lectionary for Mass*, Year B; Weekday *Lectionary for Mass*, Year II

08 December, Friday, **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, solemnity

- holy day of obligation
- Principal Patroness of the Diocese and of the United States
- ritual Masses are not permitted
- a funeral Mass is not permitted

10 December, Sunday, **Second Sunday of Advent**

12 December, Tuesday, **Our Lady of Guadalupe**, feast (USA)

- There is no diocesan celebration this year so local parishes are encouraged to celebrate the feast
- This feast *cannot* replace the Third Sunday of Advent

17 December, Sunday, **Third Sunday of Advent**

- *Guadete* Sunday (rose vestments)

17-23 December, **O Antiphon Days** (Sung at Vespers): **17th** – O Wisdom; **18th** – O Leader of ancient Israel; **19th** – O Flower of Jesse's Stem; **20th** – O Key of David; **21st** – O Radiant Dawn; **22nd** – O King of All Nations; **23rd** – O Emmanuel

24 December, Sunday, **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

25 December, Monday, **Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**, solemnity

- holy day of obligation
- The text, **The Nativity of the Lord Jesus Christ** [formerly named "The Proclamation of the Birth of Christ"] may be chanted or recited, most appropriately on December 24, during the celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours (before the hymn). It may also be chanted or recited before the beginning of Christmas Mass during the Night. It may not replace any part of the Mass (*Roman Missal*, Appendix I).
- during the profession of faith, all **genuflect** during "and by the Holy Spirit . . . and became man."
- ritual Masses are not permitted
- a funeral Mass is not permitted

31 December, Sunday, **Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**, feast

JANUARY 2018

01 January, Monday, **Octave Day of Christmas: Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God**, solemnity

- **NOT** a holy day of obligation this year
- ritual Masses are not permitted
- a funeral Mass is not permitted
- World Day of Prayer for Peace

07 January, Sunday, **Epiphany of the Lord**, solemnity

- **The Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts** is sung or proclaimed at every Mass after the gospel (before the homily) from the ambo. The text can be found in Appendix I of the *Roman Missal*.

08 January, Monday, **Baptism of the Lord**, feast

- final day of the Christmas season and beginning of winter Ordinary Time
- **only one reading is proclaimed before the Gospel**

14 January, Sunday, **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

18-25 January, Wednesday – Wednesday, **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

- **Theme:** *Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious in Power (Exodus 15:6)*
- **Resources:** http://www.geii.org/week_of_prayer_for_christian_unity

21 January, Sunday, **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- **Vespers for Life, St. Anthony, St. Cloud - 2:00 p.m.**

22 January, Monday **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children** (USA)

- Mass: "For Peace and Justice" with violet vestments or "For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human life" with white vestments may be celebrated [GIRM, no. 373]

25 January, Thursday, **Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle**, feast

- Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Emeritus John F. Kinney (1977)

28 January, Sunday **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- **Catholic Schools Week begins**
- **Theme:** *Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.*
- **Resources:** <http://www.ncea.org/csw>

FEBRUARY 2018

02 February, Friday, **Presentation of the Lord** (Candlemas), feast

- with blessing of new candles and procession
- World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

03 February, Saturday, **St. Blaise**, optional memorial

- in memory of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, the blessing of throats may be given today – see the *Book of Blessings*, nos. 1622-1655
- **Diocesan Men's Conference**



04 February, Sunday, **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

11 February, Sunday, **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

AUGUST 2018

05 August, Sunday, **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

06 August, Monday, **Transfiguration of the Lord**, feast

12 August, Sunday, **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

15 August, Wednesday, **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, solemnity

- Holy Day of Obligation
- ritual Masses are not permitted

17 August, Friday, **Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of Saint Mary**

- Solemnity in the Cathedral
- Feast in the parishes of the Diocese
- **Liturgical Texts:** Common of the Dedication of a Church: Anniversary

19 August, Sunday, **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

22 August, Wednesday, **Queenship of the Blessed Virgin**, memorial

- **Anniversary of Bishop Donald Kettler's Episcopal Ordination**

26 August, Sunday, **Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

SEPTEMBER 2018

02 September, Sunday, **Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

03 September, Monday, **Labor Day**

- Mass texts may be used from: For the Sanctification of Human Labor

07 September, Friday, **Saint Cloud**, feast (solemnity for the parishes/institutions in the city of St. Cloud)

- Proper texts for the feast/solemnity
- The Gloria is sung
- The Creed is recited in those parishes where it is celebrated as a solemnity

09 September, Sunday, **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

11 September, Tuesday, **National Day of Mourning and Remembrance**

13 September, Thursday, **3rd Annual Diocesan Blue Mass**

- 7:00 p.m., TBD

14 September, Friday, **Exaltation of the Holy Cross**, feast

16 September, Sunday, **Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- Catechetical Sunday - parishes are encouraged to commission and bless new and returning catechists

23 September, Sunday, **Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**,

30 September, Sunday, **Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

JUNE 2018

03 June, Sunday, **Most Holy Body and Blood of the Christ**, solemnity

04 June, Monday, **Monday of the Ninth Week in Ordinary Time**

- Mass for the Diocesan Jubilarians - 4:00 p.m. at Saint John's Abbey, Collegetown

08 June, Friday, **Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**, solemnity

- ritual Masses are not permitted
- however, marriage may be celebrated within the Mass of the day, one reading from the ritual may be substituted, and the nuptial blessing is used
- a funeral Mass is permitted

10 June, Sunday, **Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

16 June, Saturday, **Tenth Week in Ordinary Time**

- Ordinations to the Transitional and Permanent Diaconate - 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Mary

17 June, Sunday, **Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

24 June, Sunday, **The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**, solemnity

- ritual Masses are not permitted
- however, marriage may be celebrated within the Mass of the day, one reading from the ritual may be substituted, and the nuptial blessing is used
- a funeral Mass is permitted

29 June, Friday, **Saints Peter and Paul**, solemnity

- ritual Masses are not permitted
- however, marriage may be celebrated within the Mass of the day, one reading from the ritual may be substituted, and the nuptial blessing is used
- a funeral Mass is permitted

JULY 2018

01 July, Sunday, **Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

04 July, Wednesday, **Mass for Independence Day**

- It would be appropriate to pray for the country, peace, etc. during the General Intercessions
- **Music:** If a Patriotic Song is chosen for the Liturgy, it would be *most* appropriate as the final song.

08 July, Sunday **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

15 July, Sunday, **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

22 July, Sunday, **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

26 July, Thursday, **Humanae Vitae Mass** (50th Anniversary Celebration)

- 7:00 p.m. - TBD

29 July, Sunday, **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

14 February, Wednesday, **Ash Wednesday**

- Lent begins today
- a day of fast and abstinence
- there is no vigil for Ash Wednesday anticipation of the Mass of Ash Wednesday or the giving of ashes is not permitted
- ritual Masses are not permitted
- a funeral Mass is permitted
- although it is not forbidden, the **Parish Rite of Sending to the Bishop** is best celebrated on other days [RCIA, nos. 106-117, 434-445, or 530-546] so that the blessing and giving of ashes may be used to the full advantage of the faithful

18 February, Sunday, **First Sunday of Lent**

- **Diocesan Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion**
 - ♦ 3:00 PM, Cathedral of Saint Mary, St. Cloud
 - ♦ The parish **Rite of Sending to the Bishop** should be celebrated at a time prior to the diocesan Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion [RCIA, no. 108]

25 February, Sunday, **Second Sunday of Lent**

- **Penitential Rite (Scrutiny)**, optional rite for baptized, but uncatechized adults and children of catechetical age [RCIA, nos. 459-472]

MARCH 2018

04 March, Sunday, **Third Sunday of Lent**

- **First Scrutiny** with the Elect, **Year A readings** and ritual prayers *must* be used when present
- **Presentation of the Creed** is celebrated not on Sunday, but at Mass within the Third Week unless it is anticipated prior to the beginning of Lent

11 March, Sunday, **Fourth Sunday of Lent** (Daylight Saving Time begins)

- **Second Scrutiny** with the Elect, **Year A readings** and ritual prayers *must* be used when present
- *Laetare Sunday* Rose or Violet

18 March, Sunday, **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

- **Third Scrutiny** with the Elect, **Year A readings** and ritual prayers *must* be used when present
- **Presentation of the Lord's Prayer** is celebrated not on Sunday but at Mass within the Fifth Week unless it is anticipated prior to the beginning of Lent or deferred to the **Preparation Rites on Holy Saturday** during the day

19 March, Monday, **Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, solemnity

- The **Gloria** and **Creed** are sung/recited today
- ritual Masses are not permitted
- however, marriage may be celebrated within the Mass of the day, one reading from the ritual may be substituted, and the nuptial blessing is used
- a funeral Mass is not permitted

22 March, Thursday, Chrism Mass

- 7:00 PM, Cathedral of Saint Mary, St. Cloud
- dismissal of the elect and catechumens is provided
- blessing and distribution of the oils for use in the current year takes place
- **The Reception of the Holy Oils Blessed at the Chrism Mass** (for use in the parish) may take place at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday or on another suitable day after the celebration of the Chrism Mass.

25 March, Sunday, Palms Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

26 - 28 March, Monday-Wednesday, Weekdays of Holy Week

- ritual Masses are not permitted
- however, marriage may be celebrated within the Mass of the day, one reading from the ritual may be substituted, and the nuptial blessing is used
- a funeral Mass is permitted

29 April, Thursday of Holy Week, morning and afternoon

- no Mass is permitted
- Lent ends just before the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
- **The Reception of the Holy Oils Blessed at the Chrism Mass** (for use in the parish) may take place at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday or on another suitable day after the celebration of the Chrism Mass.

29 March – 01 April, Holy Thursday evening through Easter Sunday evening, THE EASTER TRIDUUM

- ritual Masses are not permitted
- the sacraments are not celebrated except the non-communal forms of penance and anointing of the sick, and the sacraments of initiation within the Masses of Easter
- a funeral Mass is not permitted

30 March, Good Friday

- a day for fast and abstinence; all are encouraged to maintain the paschal fast until the first Mass of Easter (The Easter Vigil)

31 March, Holy Saturday

- **Preparation Rites on Holy Saturday** [RCIA, nos. 185-205]; these *do not* include sacramental penance or convalidation of marriage
- all are encouraged to maintain the paschal fast until the first Mass of Easter (The Easter Vigil)

31 March, Saturday, The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

- See notes on page 4 for the time of the Paschal Vigil
- The Vigil may *not* begin before the time promulgated

APRIL 2018

01 April, Easter Sunday, The Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

02 – 08 April, Monday through Sunday, Days within the Octave of Easter, solemnities

- ritual Masses are not permitted
- however, marriage may be celebrated within the Mass of the day, one reading from the ritual may be substituted, and the nuptial blessing is used
- a funeral Mass is permitted on Monday through Saturday only

Parishes are encouraged to celebrate Evening Prayer communally during the Octave of Easter and on all Sundays of Easter

08 April, Sunday, Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday

09 April, Monday, Annunciation of the Lord, solemnity

- The **Gloria** and **Creed** are sung/recited today
- during the profession of faith, all **genuflect** during “by the power of the Holy Spirit”
- ritual Masses are not permitted
- however, marriage may be celebrated within the Mass of the day, one reading from the ritual may be substituted, and the nuptial blessing is used
- a funeral Mass is not permitted

15 April, Sunday, Third Sunday of Easter

22 April, Sunday, Fourth Sunday of Easter

- World Day of Prayer for Vocations

29 April, Sunday, Fifth Sunday of Easter

MAY 2018

05 May, Saturday, Honoring Marriage Day

- 1:00 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Mary, St. Cloud

06 May, Sunday, Sixth Sunday of Easter

13 May, Sunday, Ascension of the Lord, solemnity

- replaces the Seventh Sunday of Easter
- Mother's Day

19 May, Saturday, Vigil of Pentecost, solemnity

- **Diocesan Celebration of Adult (18+) Confirmation with Bishop Kettler, Cathedral of Saint Mary, 5:00 PM**
- Celebration with the Neophytes is encouraged after their Mystagogical period is completed (Mystagogy should last at least through Pentecost, but is encouraged to last one full year, *National Statutes for the Catechumenate* 24)
- Consider celebrating the extended vigil on Saturday night

20 May, Sunday, Pentecost Sunday, solemnity

- final day of the Easter season

27 May, Sunday, Most Holy Trinity, solemnity

28 May, Monday, Memorial Day (USA)

- Mass texts may be used from: For the Preservation of Peace and Justice