2016 Liturgical Calendar for the Diocese of Salt Lake City
with notes on solemnities and days affecting weddings and funerals
plus dates and times for special diocesan liturgies

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Also see the Liturgical Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States of America – www.usccb.org/liturgy
HOLY SATURDAY NIGHT; THE EASTER VIGIL: The first Mass of Easter, the Easter Vigil, falls between nightfall of Holy Saturday, March 26 and daybreak of Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016. The General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, no. 21, states:

The Easter Vigil, during the holy night when Christ rose from the dead, ranks as the “mother of all vigils.” Keeping watch, the Church awaits Christ’s resurrection and celebrates it in the sacraments. Accordingly, the entire celebration of this vigil should take place at night, that is, it should either begin after nightfall or end before the dawn of Sunday.

Msgr. Colin Bircumshaw, Diocesan Administrator, has determined that the Easter Vigil may not begin earlier than 8:30 PM in the Diocese of Salt Lake City.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION in the Diocese of Salt Lake City for 2015-2016

In addition to Sunday, the following days are to be observed as holy days of obligation in the Diocese of Salt Lake City:

Tuesday, December 8, 2015: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, December 25, 2015: Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Friday, January 1, 2016, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, is not a Holyday of obligation (In the Diocese of Salt Lake City, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God has been abrogated.)

Monday, August 15, 2016: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is not a Holyday of obligation (The NCCB decree of 13 December 1991, confirmed by the Apostolic See on 04 July 1992, stipulates that whenever August 15 falls on a Saturday or on a Monday, the precept to attend Mass is abrogated.)

Tuesday, November 1, 2016: Solemnity of All Saints

Thursday, December 8, 2016: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, December 25, 2016: December: Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas),

THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF PARISH CHURCHES are proper solemnities. Consult the “Table of Liturgical Days” on page 13 for the days that may impede these celebrations.

The anniversary of the Rededication of The Cathedral Church of the Madeleine, February 21, 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, where appropriate, the special final blessing.
- When the wedding Mass may not be used, one of the readings in nos. 67-105 should be chosen, except from Holy Thursday to Easter and on the feasts of Christmas, Epiphany, Ascension, Pentecost, Corpus Christi, and other holydays 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).

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].

NOTE: items particular to the Diocese of Salt Lake City are printed in red.
Sunday, November 29, First Sunday of Advent
♦ Beginning of a new liturgical year
♦ Sunday Lectionary for Mass, Year C; Weekday Lectionary for Mass, Year II

Saturday, December 5, 2015, Diocesan Advent Retreat

Sunday, December 6, 2015, Second Sunday of Advent

Tuesday, December 8, 2015, Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
♦ Holyday of Obligation
♦ Jubilee Year of Mercy begins

Saturday, December 12, 2015, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Sunday, December 13, 2015, Third Sunday of Advent
♦ Guadete Sunday (rose vestments)

Wednesday, December 16, 2015, Las Posadas & Simbang Gabi begin

Thursday – Wednesday, December 17-23, 2015, 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

Sunday, December 20, 2015, Fourth Sunday of Advent

Friday, December 25, 2015, Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
♦ Holyday of Obligation
♦ *The Proclamation of the Birth of Christ* may be sung or proclaimed before the beginning of Midnight Mass. It may also be sung or proclaimed in the Liturgy of the Hours at Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, or the Office of Readings before the hymn.
♦ Ritual Masses are not permitted
♦ A funeral Mass is not permitted

Sunday, December 27, 2015, Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Friday, January 1, 2016, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
♦ Not a Holyday of obligation in this diocese (see page 2)

Sunday, January 3, 2016, Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
♦ The Proclamation of the Date of Easter may be sung or proclaimed either after the
gospel or after the prayer after communion.

Sunday, January 10, 2016, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
♦ Final day of the Christmas season and beginning of winter Ordinary Time

Sunday, January 17, 2016, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
♦ Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

Sunday, January 24, 2016, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, January 31, 2016, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
♦ Catholic Schools Week begins
**FEBRUARY 2016**

**Tuesday, February 2, 2016** Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)
- With blessing of new candles and procession
- See the *Sourcebook 2016* for more information (LTP resource)

**Sunday, February 7, 2016**, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- World Day for Consecrated Life

**Wednesday, February 10, 2016**, Ash Wednesday
- Lent begins today
- A day of fast and abstinence
- Ritual Masses are not permitted
- A funeral Mass is permitted

**Saturday, February 13, 2016**, Diocesan Rite of Election & Call to Continuing Conversion, Cathedral of the Madeleine
- 1:30 PM – Eastern, Northern, & Southwestern Deaneries

**Sunday, February 14, 2016**, First Sunday of Lent
- World Marriage Day

**Saturday, February 20, 2016**, Diocesan Rite of Election & Call to Continuing Conversion, Cathedral of the Madeleine
- 10:30 AM – Salt Lake Deanery
- 1:30 PM – Wasatch Deanery

**Sunday, February 21, 2016**, Second Sunday of Lent
- Penitential Rite for the Candidates for Full Communion

**Saturday, February 27, 2016**, Rite of Institution of Acolyte, 10:00 AM, Cathedral of the Madeleine

**Sunday, February 28, 2016**, Third Sunday of Lent
- First Scrutiny with the Elect, Year A readings and ritual prayers *must* be used
March 2016

Saturday, March 5, 2016, Diocesan Lenten Retreat

Sunday, March 6, 2016, Fourth Sunday of Lent
♦ Second Scrutiny with the Elect, Year A readings and ritual prayers must be used
♦ Laetare Sunday (rose vestments)

Sunday, March 13, 2016, Fifth Sunday of Lent
♦ Third Scrutiny with the Elect, Year A readings and ritual prayers must be used
♦ Daylight Savings Time Begins

Thursday, March 17, 2016, Chrism Mass, 7:00 PM, Cathedral of the Madeleine
♦ Clergy Afternoon of Recollection
♦ Blessing and distribution of the oils for use in the current year takes place

Saturday, March 19, 2016, Diocesan RCIA Retreat for the Elect & Godparents

Saturday, March 19, 2016, Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
♦ 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

Sunday, March 20, 2016, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
♦ Holy Week begins

Monday – Wednesday, March 21 – March 23, 2016, 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

Thursday – Sunday, March 24 - 27, 2016 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

Thursday, March 24, 2016, Thursday of Holy Week / Holy Thursday
♦ 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.
Friday, March 25, 2016, Friday of the Passion of the Lord / Good Friday
♦ A day of fasting and abstinence; all are encouraged to maintain the paschal fast until the first Mass of Easter (The Easter Vigil)

Saturday, March 26, 2016, Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil
♦ All are encouraged to maintain the paschal fast until the first Mass of Easter (The Easter Vigil)
♦ Parish Celebrations for the Easter Vigil to begin no earlier than 8:30 PM

Sunday, March 27, 2016, Easter Sunday: Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

Monday - Saturday, March 28 – April 2, 2016, 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

April 2016

Sunday, April 3, 2016, Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday

Monday, April 4, 2016, Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Sunday, April 10, 2016, Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 17, 2016, Fourth Sunday of Easter
♦ World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Sunday, April 24, 2016 Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 2016

Sunday, May 1, 2016, Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 8, 2016, Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord
  ♦ Replaces the Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 15, 2016, Solemnity of Pentecost
  ♦ Final day of the Easter season

Sunday, May 22, 2016, Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Sunday, May 29, 2016, Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Monday, May 30, 2016, Memorial Day Mass, Mount Calvary Cemetery, 9:00 AM

June 2016

Saturday, June 4, 2016, Diocesan Adult Confirmation, Cathedral of the Madeleine, 1:00 PM

Friday, June 3, 2016, Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
  ♦ 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

Sunday, June 5, 2016, Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, June 12, 2016, Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, June 19, 2016, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Friday, June 24, 2016, Solemnity of The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist
  ♦ 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

Sunday, June 26, 2016, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wednesday, June 29, 2016, Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles
  ♦ 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
Monday, July 4, 2016, Independence Day
	• Optional Proper Mass for Independence Day in the U.S.A.
	• It would be appropriate to pray for the country, peace, etc. during the General Intercessions.
	• If a Patriotic Song is chosen for the Liturgy, it would be most appropriate as the final song.

Sunday, July 10, 2016, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, July 17, 2016, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, July 24, 2016, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, July 31, 2016, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 6, 2016, Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Sunday, August 7, 2016, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 14, 2016, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, August 15, 2016, Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
	• Not a holy day of Obligation this year (see page 2)

Sunday, August 21, 2016, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 28, 2016, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
**SEPTEMBER 2016**

**Sunday, September 4, 2016, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Monday, September 5, 2016, Labor Day**
- Mass texts may be used from: For the Sanctification of Human Labor (The Roman Missal #26)

**Thursday, September 8, 2016, Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Sunday, September 11, 2016, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Wednesday, September 14, 2016, Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

**Sunday, September 18, 2016, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Catechetical Sunday)**
- See the *Book of Blessings*, Chapter 4, nos. 491-508 – Blessing within or outside Mass

**Sunday, September 25, 2016, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time,**

**OCTOBER 2016**

**Sunday, October 2, 2016, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- Respect Life Sunday

**Sunday, October 9, 2016, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, October 16, 2016, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, October 23, 2016, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- World Youth Day
- Pastoral Care Week

**Sunday, October 30, 2016, Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- Priesthood Sunday
Tuesday, November 1, 2016, Solemnity of All Saints
♦ Holyday of Obligation

Wednesday, November 2, 2016, The Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day)
♦ Displaying the Book of the Dead during the month of November is appropriate and encouraged
♦ Memorial Mass, Noon, Mt. Calvary Cemetery

Sunday, November 6, 2016, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
♦ Daylight Savings Time ends

Wednesday, November 9, 2016, Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Sunday, November 13, 2016, Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, November 20, 2016, Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
♦ Final Sunday in Ordinary Time
♦ Jubilee Year of Mercy concludes

Thursday, November 24, 2016, Thanksgiving Day
♦ Mass texts may be used: “For Giving Thanks to God” (The Roman Missal #48)

Sunday, November 27, 2016, First Sunday of Advent
♦ Beginning of a new liturgical year
♦ Sunday Lectionary for Mass, Year A; Weekday Lectionary for Mass, Year I
DECEMBER 2016

Saturday, December 3, 2016, Diocesan Advent Retreat

Sunday, December 4, 2016, Second Sunday of Advent

Thursday, December 8, 2016, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
♦ Holyday of obligation
♦ Ritual Masses are not permitted
♦ A funeral Mass is not permitted

Sunday, December 11, 2016, Third Sunday of Advent

Monday, December 12, 2016, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Friday, December 16, 2016, Las Posadas & Simbang Gabi Begin

Thursday – Wednesday, December 17-23, 2016, O Antiphon Days (Sung at Vespers)
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18th – O Leader of Ancient Israel
19th – O Flower of Jesse’s Stem
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21st – O Radiant Dawn
22nd – O King of All Nations
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Sunday, December 18, 2016, Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 25, 2016, Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
♦ Holyday of obligation
♦ The Proclamation of the Birth of Christ may be sung or proclaimed before the beginning of Midnight Mass. It may also be sung or proclaimed in the Liturgy of the Hours at Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, or the Office of Readings before the hymn.
♦ Ritual Masses are not permitted
♦ A funeral Mass is not permitted

Friday, December 30, 2016, Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
# TABLE OF LITURGICAL DAYS

## ONE

1. The Paschal Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord.
2. The Nativity of the Lord, the Epiphany, the Ascension, and Pentecost.
   - Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter
   - 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.
   - The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)
4. Proper solemnities, namely:
   a. The Solemnity of the principal Patron of the place, city or state.
   b. The Solemnity of the dedication and of the anniversary of the dedication of one’s own church.
   c. The Solemnity of the title of one’s own church.
   d. The Solemnity of the title or of the Founder or of the principal Patron of an Order or Congregation.

## TWO

5. Feasts of the Lord in the General Calendar.
7. Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of the saints in the General Calendar.
8. 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 Order or Congregation.

9. Weekdays of Advent from December 17 to December 24 December inclusive.
   Days within the Octave of Christmas
   Weekdays of Lent

THREE

10. Obligatory Memorials in the General Calendar.

11. Proper Obligatory Memorials, namely:
    a. Memorial of a secondary Patron of the place, diocese, region, or religious province.
    b. Other Obligatory Memorials listed in the calendar of a diocese, or of an Order or Congregation.

12. Optional memorials; celebrated, in the special manner described in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal and of the Liturgy of the Hours, even on the days listed in no. 9

13. In the same manner Obligatory Memorials may be celebrated as Optional Memorials if they happen to fall on the Lenten weekdays.

14. Weekdays of Advent up to December 16 inclusive.
   Weekdays of the Christmas season from January 2 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
**Liturgical Definitions**

**Solemnity** - the highest ranking feast. These commemorate an event in the life of Jesus, Mary or the Apostles central to the Christian faith. The celebration of Mass on a Solemnity includes proper readings, the singing of the Gloria and the recitation of the creed.

**Feast** - the rank of secondary liturgical days including lesser events in the life of Jesus, Mary or an Apostle (theologically speaking) or for major saints.

**Memorial** - the commemoration of a saint of lesser importance. Many memorials are optional or only observed in specific dioceses, regions or nations.

**Seasonal Weekday** - a weekday in a "strong" liturgical season (Advent, Christmas Season, Lent, and Easter Season) on which no solemnity, feast, or memorial is observed.

**Holy days of obligation** - days on which, as canon 1247 of the Code of Canon Law states: "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass.”

**Abrogated** - dispensed from the obligation, i.e. holy day of obligation is abrogated.

**Liturgical Vestments**: The Church's liturgical norms prescribe specific vestment colors for various celebrations for two purposes. First, the colors highlight the particular liturgical season and the journey through these seasons. Second, the colors punctuate the liturgical season by highlighting a particular event or particular mystery of faith.

**White**
- Season of Christmas
- Season of Easter
- Feasts of the Lord, other than of His passion
- Feasts of Mary, the angels, and saints who were not martyrs
- All Saints (1 November)
- Feasts of the Apostles
- Nuptial Masses
- Masses for the dead (Requiem Masses) when the deceased is a baptized child who died before the age of reason

  *Note: White is the color of Popes’ non-liturgical dress. White can be replaced by Silver*

**Red**
- Feasts of the Lord’s Passion, Blood, and Cross
- Feasts of the Martyrs
- Palm Sunday
- Pentecost

  *Note: Red is the color of Cardinals’ non-liturgical dress*

**Green**
- Time after Epiphany
- Time after Pentecost
Violet
- Season of Advent
- Season of Septuagesima
- Season of Lent
- Rogation Days
- Ember Days (except for Pentecost Ember Days)
- Vigils (except for Ascension and Pentecost)
- Good Friday
  Note: Violet, literally “amaranth red,” is the color of Bishops’, Archbishops’, and Patriarchs’ non-liturgical dress

Black
- All Souls’ Day
- Masses for the dead (Requiem Masses), except for baptized children who have died before the age of reason

Gold
- Gold can replace white, red, or green (but not violet or black)

Rose
- Gaudete Sunday (Third Sunday of Advent)
- Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent)