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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

APRIL - MAY 2026

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Holy Week 2026

Please see PDF for the DETAILED Holy Week 2026 Guidelines

March 29
Palm Sunday

March 30 - April 1

- Ritual Masses are prohibited this week and weddings outside Mass are discouraged.
- On Good Friday and Holy Saturday, the sacraments are not celebrated.
- Funeral Masses are permitted on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week.

March 30
Monday of Holy Week

Chrism Mass

Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, 7:00 PM

- The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Monday of Holy Week at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels at 7:00 PM. No other services should be scheduled on this evening in the Archdiocese.
- Each parish is required to identify one individual who will be responsible for picking up the newly blessed and consecrated oils following the Chrism Mass
- Please contact the Cathedral Parish Office directly for more information on the Holy Oil Distribution (213) 680-5200.

March 31
Tuesday of Holy Week

April 2026

April 1
Wednesday of Holy Week "Spy Wednesday"

April 2
Thursday of Holy Week (Morning)

- Last day of Lent - Lent concludes with the celebration of the Lord's Supper.
- Morning Prayer: Pss II Season weekday

Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday) - Evening
Triduum begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper

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April 3

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

Day of Fasting and Abstinence

April 4

Holy Saturday (Morning)

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil begins after 7:45 PM.

April 5

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 6-12

Octave of Easter

- The first eight days of the Easter Season make up the octave of Easter and are celebrated as solemnities of the Lord (*Ceremonial of Bishops*, 373).
- The *Gloria* is to be sung or recited during the octave of Easter.
- The Sequence is optional during the days of the octave (GIRM, 64).
- The double Alleluia is added to the dismissal formulary during the octave of Easter (Easter Vigil, 69).
- Paschal Candle should be lit and remains by the ambo until Pentecost.
- Consider using the Sprinkling Rite instead of the Penitential Act.
- Creed is not said.
- Preface I of Easter is used.
- Solemn Blessing #6 for Easter Time may be used during the octave.

April 12

2nd Sunday of Easter - "Sunday of Divine Mercy"

- The celebration of Divine Mercy flows from the Church's most important day, which is Easter Sunday, thus the faithful should be able to celebrate and recognize it as such.
- Devotional practices to the Divine Mercy may not take place during Mass.
- On this Sunday of Divine Mercy, prayers for the plenary indulgence that are offered today should be led by priests after Masses.
- For more information on Divine Mercy:
<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/easter>
- Paschal Candle is lit.
- Sprinkling Rite may take place instead of the Penitential Act
 - See *Roman Missal*, Appendix II, Rite for the Blessing and Sprinkling of Water
- *Gloria* is said or sung.
- Creed is said.
- Since it is the last day of the octave, the sequence may be sung.
- Use Preface I of Easter with Eucharistic Prayer I
- Solemn Blessing #6 for Easter Time may be used with **double Alleluia**.
- Pastoral Note: Prayers for the plenary indulgence that is offered today should be led by priests after the Masses as listed in the "Duties of Priests" in the plenary indulgence degree.

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April 13 - 18
Easter Weekday

April 19
3rd Sunday of Easter

- Paschal Candle is lit.
- Sprinkling Rite may take place.
- *Gloria* is sung.
- Creed is said.
- There is **NO** double Alleluia in the final dismissal.

April 20 - 24
Easter Weekday

April 21
1st Death Anniversary of Pope Francis

April 25
Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist

- Vestment Color: **Red**
- Paschal Candle is lit.
- Mass proper is found in the Proper of Saints.
- Sprinkling Rite may take place.
- *Gloria* is sung.
- Creed is omitted.
- Use Solemn Blessing #17 "The Apostles"
- The **Order for the Blessing of Fields and Flocks** may be used today. See *Book of Blessings*, nos. 966-985.

April 26
4th Sunday of Easter - "Good Shepherd" Sunday/ World Day of Prayer for Vocation

- Paschal Candle is lit.
- Sprinkling Rite may take place.
- *Gloria* is sung.
- Creed is said.
- There is **NO** double Alleluia in the final dismissal.

April 27 – 28: Easter Weekday

April 29
St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church (Memorial) - white

April 30: Easter Weekday



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May 2025

May is the Month dedicate to Blessed Virgin Mary

May 1

St. Joseph the Worker (Optional memorial) - white

- Prayers are taken from the Proper of Saints.
- The following prayer of the faithful may be added:
 - *Father of all humanity, do not forget what your hands have made, grant that all who work may have secure employment and a fitting standard of living, **We pray to the Lord.***
 - *Padre de toda la humanidad, te pedimos no olvides lo que tus manos han creado, concede que todos los que trabajamos mantengamos empleo seguro y un modo de vida digno, **Roguemos al Señor.***

May 2

St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Memorial) - white

May 3

5th Sunday of Easter

- Paschal Candle is lit.
- Sprinkling Rite may take place.
- *Gloria* is sung.
- Creed is said.
- There is **NO** double Alleluia in the final dismissal.

May 4 - 9

Easter Weekday

May 8

1st Anniversary of the Election of Robert Francis Cardinal Prevost as Pope Leo XIV

May 10

Sixth Sunday of Easter

- Paschal Candle is lit.
- Sprinkling Rite may take place.
- *Gloria* is sung.
- Creed is said.
- There is **NO** double Alleluia in the final dismissal.

Mother's Day

This secular observance must in no way diminish the primary focus of this Sunday as the celebration of the paschal mystery. However, you may include a special intention for mothers.

The *Book of Blessings*, Ch. 55 has a special blessing to be used, and the following petition may be added to the Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful)

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- **English** - *For all mothers, that God may bless them with strength, health, and joy as they continue to nurture their families in love; we pray to the Lord.*
- **Español** - *Por todas las madres, para que Dios las bendiga con fortaleza, salud y alegría mientras continúan cuidando a sus familias con amor, roguemos al Señor.*
- **English** - *For mothers who are ill, lonely, or weary, that Christ the Divine Healer may comfort them and renew their strength, we pray to the Lord.*
- **Español** - *Por las madres que están enfermas, solas o cansadas, para que Cristo, Médico Divino, las consuele y renueve sus fuerzas, roguemos al Señor.*

May 11 - 12
Easter Weekday

May 13
Easter Weekday
Our Lady of Fatima (Optional Memorial) - white

NOTE:

In the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is transferred to the following Sunday, May 17, and will be celebrated on that day. Therefore, the Feast of St. Matthias is to be celebrated on Thursday, May 14.

May 14
St. Matthias, Apostle (Feast) - red

- Prayers are proper and found in the Proper of Saints
- Sprinkling rite may be used.
- *Gloria* is said or sung.
- Creed is not said.
- May use the Preface of the Apostles
- Solemn Blessing for the Apostles #17 may be used.

May 15
St. Isidore the Farmer (Optional memorial) - white

- Prayers from the *Book of Blessings* may be used.
 - Chapter 26 Blessing of Fields and Flock
 - Chapter 27 Blessing of Seeds at Planting Time

May 16
Easter Weekday

21st Annual Archdiocesan Filipino Marian Celebration Santacruzán-May Crowning 2026
Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels

9:00am Pre-Liturgy

10:00am Holy Mass

Sponsored by the Our Lady of the Angels Pastoral Region Filipino Ministry

For more information, [click here](#).

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(Masses after 4pm)

Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord - white

- Our ecclesiastical province (and most dioceses in USA) has transferred this Solemnity from Thursday, May 14 to Sunday, May 17.
- The Mass is celebrated this evening either before or after Evening Prayer I of the Solemnity.
- Paschal Candle is lit.
- White Vestments are used.
- Mass formulary to be used: At the Vigil Mass
- Readings (Vigil Mass): 58: Acts 1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10, 19-23; Lk 24:46-53
- Sprinkling Rite may take place.
- *Gloria* is sung.
- Creed is said.
- Preface I or II of the Ascension may be used.
- Solemn Blessing #7 may be used.
- There is **NO** double Alleluia in the final dismissal.

May 17

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord - white

- Same as above, but the Mass formulary to be used is "At the Mass during the day (Sunday)"

May 18

1st Anniversary of the Installation of Pope Leo XIV, Supreme Pastor of the Universal Church

May 18 - 23

Easter Weekday

- The weekdays after the Ascension through the Saturday before Pentecost is a time of preparation for the coming of the Holy Spirit.
- During these days the hymn, *Veni Creator Spiritus*, may be sung at Mass and Liturgy of the Hours.

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SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

(in detail)

- Vestments: **RED**
- Two sets of formularies to be used:
 - At the Vigil Mass (Extended or simple forms may be used)
- Extended Form - please see details below.
- Simple Form follows the regular form of Mass.
 - At the Mass during the day

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Vigil of Pentecost (Extended Form)

- Parishes are invited to celebrate the **Vigil of Pentecost on Saturday, May 23**. It is a prolonged celebration of Mass in the form of a Vigil, whose character is not baptismal as in the Easter Vigil, but is one of urgent prayer, after the example of the apostles and disciples, who persevered together in prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, as they awaited the Holy Spirit.
- The *Roman Missal*, Third Edition provides the order, the rubrics, the additional psalms, and the prayers after the readings (in the style of the Easter Vigil). In lieu of each responsorial psalm, a period of sacred silence may be observed.
- The Mass begins as usual, after the *Kyrie*, the priest sings or says the Alternative Opening Prayer for the Pentecost Vigil. Afterward, he may briefly instruct the people prior to the Liturgy of the Word. This instruction should exhort the faithful to listen attentively to the word of God, reflect on God's great deeds for his people, and, like the Apostles and Mary, pray that the Holy Spirit will be made manifest in the world and in their Christian lives.
- The four Old Testament readings (Genesis 11:1-9, Exodus 19:3-8, 16-20b, Ezekiel 37:1-14, and Joel 3:1-5) found in the Lectionary for Mass for the Pentecost Vigil, with their responsorial psalms (Psalm 33:10-15, Daniel 3:52-56, Psalm 107:2-9, and Psalm 104:1-2a, 24 and 35c, 27-28, 29bc-30) follow. (In lieu of each responsorial psalm, a period of sacred silence may be observed.) After each psalm or period of silence, all rise and the priest sings or says a prayer.
- (Musicians and cantors may find the first three responsorial psalms at the following places in the Lectionary:
 - Psalm 33:10-15 – volume II, no. 339,
 - Daniel 3:52-55 – volume I, no. 164A, and
 - Psalm 107:2-9 – volume III, no. 423. The fourth psalm [Ps 104] is found immediately after the fourth reading [Joel 3:1-5] in volume I, no. 62.)
- After the fourth reading, psalm, and prayer, the priest (or cantor) begins the *Gloria*. After the *Gloria*, the priest says the Opening Prayer for the Pentecost Vigil.
- The Epistle (Romans 8:22- 27) is then read, followed by the Alleluia and Gospel (John 7:37-39), and the Mass continues as usual.
- Creed is said.
- Preface of Pentecost is used.
- Solemn Blessing #8 and double alleluia is added to the final blessing.

May 24

Pentecost Sunday

- The Pentecost Sequence, "Veni Sancte Spiritus," **is obligatory** on Pentecost Sunday and may be omitted at the Vigil. It is fitting to use the sprinkling rite on this day and the Paschal candle is to be lit at all Masses. The Paschal Candle is moved to the baptistery after the last mass or Vespers, which concludes the Easter Season.
- Sacraments of Initiation can take place at any Sunday during Easter. However, due to the nature of its celebration, Pentecost Sunday is recommended for the celebration of Confirmation for adults (when faculties by bishop have been obtained).
- The double alleluia is added to the final blessing.
- **Ordinary Time** begins after Evening Prayer tonight.
- The paschal candle should be relocated, after the last Mass of Pentecost, to its permanent location at the baptismal font. Light it for sacramental celebrations including baptisms, and of course, funerals.

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May 25

Monday of the 8th Week in Ordinary Time

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (Obligatory Memorial)

- Mass Propers are taken from the **Votive Mass for the Blessed Virgin Mary, #10/B. “Our Lady, Mother of the Church.”**
- A set of proper (i.e., mandatory) readings has been assigned for this memorial (no. 572 A).
- The readings for this memorial, and proper text for Liturgy of the Hours can be found [here](#).

Memorial Day (USA)

- **The Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice #30A or B** may be used.
- **Order for Visiting a Cemetery** may be used, which is found in the *Book of Blessings*, Chapter 57.
- You may incorporate the intentions of those who have died in service to their country in today's Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful).

May 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest (Memorial) - white

May 27 - 30

Weekdays of the 8th Week in Ordinary Time

May 31

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

- Mass texts and preface are proper.
- *Gloria* is sung.
- Creed is said.
- Solemn Blessing #9 may be used.