



LITURGICAL CALENDAR FEBRUARY - MARCH 2026

February 2026

February is the month dedicated to the Holy Family

February 1
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 2
Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (*white*)

- Mass Proper is taken from the Proper of Saints (February 2)
- Mass may begin with the blessing of candles.
- Two (2) forms of procession may be used:
 - **First Form: The Procession**
 - Invite the faithful to gather outside the regular worship space.
 - Candles should be lit before the procession.
 - Opening Hymn is played while the candles are being lit, followed by the Sign of the Cross, Greeting, and special introduction.
 - Candles are blessed and procession into the church takes place.
 - **Second Form: The Solemn Entrance**
 - People gather in the church and candles are blessed.
 - No procession takes place.
- Penitential Act is **NOT** used today. (**NO** "I Confess..., Lord, have mercy...")
- Gloria is sung.
- Creed is not recited today since this feast falls on a Monday.
- **For more information on the Liturgy for the Feast of the Presentation, please [CLICK HERE](#).**

World Day of Consecrated Life

- **Pastoral Suggestion:** If there are religious sisters or brothers present at the Mass, they may bring up the gifts (bread and wine) during the Offertory.
- A special blessing may be given to them after the homily or after the Prayer after Communion.
- Prayer of the Faithful or Mass Intention to include religious sisters and brothers.

February 3
St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr, *optional memorial (red)*

- It is customary to celebrate Saint Blaise Feast with a blessing of throats. **The blessing may be found in the *Book of Blessings*, "Order for the Blessing of Throats on the Feast of Saint Blaise", Chapter 51.**
 - "Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: in the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit."



- The blessing of throats may be given today by a priest, deacon, or lay minister who follows the rites and prayers designated for a lay minister.
 - Ordained Ministers say the prayer **WITH** the Sign of the Cross.
 - Lay Ministers say the prayer **WITHOUT** the Sign of the Cross.
- The blessing usually follows the homily and general intercessions, or it may take place of the final blessing of the Mass.
- The candles to be used for the blessing of throats are blessed during Mass at the Presentation of the Lord, February 2.

February 4 Day of Prayer for Peace

Mass & Holy Hour for Peace
Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels at 12:10PM

February 5 St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr, *Memorial (red)*

February 6
St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs in Japan, *Memorial (red)*
Let us pray for the Japanese Catholic Community in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles

February 7 World Day of the Sick

Mass of Healing and Anointing of the Sick
Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels
10:30 AM Rosary
11:00 AM Mass & Anointing of the Sick
For more information, [click here](#).

February 8 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of Marriage
Mass for World Marriage Day
Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels at 10:00AM & 12:30PM

Click on the links below for more information and resources:

- [Radiate Love](#)
- [Intercessions and Blessings](#)
- [Monthly Resources](#)

February 10 St. Scholastica, Virgin - Memorial (white)

February 11



Our Lady of Lourdes - optional memorial (white)

World Day of the Sick

Pope Leo XIV has chosen the theme for the 34th World Day of the Sick 2026:
“The compassion of the Samaritan: loving by bearing the pain of the other”.

[Click Here for Pope Leo XIV's message](#)

- **Pastoral Suggestion:** The Anointing of the Sick may be administered within the Mass.
- People who are sick may be chosen to bring up the gifts (bread and wine) during the Offertory.

February 14

St. Cyril, Monk, and St. Methodius, Bishop - Memorial (white)

February 15

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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RITE OF ELECTION 2026

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- Saturday, Feb. 14 at 10AM
- Sunday, Feb. 15 at 3PM & 6PM
- For those attending the Rite of Election, please register here: <https://apps10.la-archdiocese.org/ociarites>

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The Season of Lent

Communication Suggestion:

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February 18

Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins

A Day of Fasting & Abstinence

- Ritual Masses (i.e., Celebration of Matrimony) are not permitted.
- Funeral Masses are permitted.
- Begins with the Sign of the Cross & Greeting (*The Lord be with you, Let us pray, and the Collect*).
- Penitential Rite is omitted. (**NO** "I Confess..., Lord, have mercy...")



- Alleluia is omitted. Use proper Lenten Gospel Acclamation.
- Blessing and Distribution of Ashes takes place after homily.
- *Gloria* and Creed are omitted.
- Universal Prayer is said after the distribution of ashes.
- The Mass is proper.
- Preface III or IV is appropriate for use today.
- *Book of Blessings* provide instructions for blessing of ashes, Ch. 52. nos. 1656-1678
- Ordinary minister for the blessing of the ashes is a priest or deacon.
- See PDF above for a detailed instruction on the Blessing and Distribution of Ashes.

February 19 - February 22
Youth Day & 70th Anniversary of Religious Education Congress 2026
Anaheim Convention Center

February 22
1st Sunday of Lent

- The *Gloria* is not sung or said.
- The *Alleluia* is not sung or said.
- The Creed is prayed.
- The *Roman Missal* (3rd edition, 2011) provides proper Prefaces for each of the Sundays in Lent.
- The Prayer over the People before the final blessing is obligatory.

February 23 - 28
Lenten Weekday

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March 2025

March is the month dedicated to St. Joseph

March 1

Second Sunday of Lent

- The *Gloria* is not sung or said.



- The *Alleluia* is not sung or said.
- The Creed is prayed.
- The *Roman Missal* (3rd edition, 2011) provides proper Prefaces for each of the Sundays in Lent.
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Rite of Calling to Continuing Conversion

- The **Rite of Calling to Continuing Conversion** takes place on this 2nd Sunday of Lent at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels 555 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012-2707.
- For the Santa Barbara Pastoral Region, please click the registration link below for more information.
- For those attending the Rite of Calling and Continuing Conversion, please register here: <https://apps10.la-archdiocese.org/ociarites/>

15th Anniversary of Succession of the Metropolitan Archdiocese (2011), Archbishop José Horacio Gómez

- *Please include the following in the Prayers of the Faithful:*
- For Archbishop Jose Gomez, that he be strengthened by God's grace to continue to lead the flock of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in living the Gospel more faithfully, we pray to the Lord.

March 2 - 7 Lenten Weekday

March 8 3rd Sunday of Lent

For the Mass

- The *Gloria* is not sung or said.
- The *Alleluia* is not sung or said.
- The Creed is prayed.
- The *Roman Missal* (3rd edition, 2011) provides proper Prefaces for each of the Sundays in Lent.
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For the Scrutiny

- On this Sunday, the **First Scrutiny of the Elect** may be celebrated in preparation for the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil (see OCIA, nos. 150-156).
- The Mass proper is found in the section of the Ritual Masses in the Roman Missal: "The Samaritan Woman (OCIA, 146).
- The **Rite of Handing On of the Creed** takes place in the presence of the community of the faithful after the Liturgy of the Word during the 3rd week of Lent (weekday evening Mass, Saturday morning Mass, or in a Liturgy of the Word) following the First Scrutiny (OCIA, 157-163).
- In this mass or ritual, those preparing for baptism (or those already baptized who have little catechetical formation) receive the Creed.



March 9 - 14 Lenten Weekday

March 15 4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

Laetare means “rejoice!” It is a joyful anticipation of Easter. “

- The color **violet** or **rose** is used.
- Instrumental music is permitted.
- The altar may be decorated with flowers.
- The *Gloria* is not sung or said.
- The *Alleluia* is not sung or said.
- The Creed is prayed.
- The *Roman Missal* (3rd edition, 2011) provides proper Prefaces for each of the Sundays in Lent.
- The Prayer over the People before the final blessing is obligatory.
- The **Second Scrutiny** is celebrated in preparation for the Baptism of the catechumens who are to be admitted to the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil.
- Proper Mass of the day (Fourth Sunday of Lent) or from the Ritual Masses: “The Scrutinies.”
The readings are taken from Year A (31): the Man Born Blind.

March 16 - 18 & 20 - 21 Lenten Weekday

March 17 St. Patrick, Bishop - optional memorial

** *Secondary Patron of the Los Angeles Archdiocese* **

The Mass for the Lent weekday is to be used, but the priest may offer the collect of the saint (GIRM, 355).

March 19 Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Vestments Color: **White**
- The Mass is proper (including the Preface: “The Mission of St. Joseph”).
- *Gloria* is sung or said.
- Lenten Gospel Acclamation is still used.
- Creed is recited.
- Order for the Blessing of St. Joseph's Table. See *Book of Blessings*, nos. 1679-1700.

22 March 2026 Fifth Sunday of Lent

- “In the Diocese of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from this Sunday may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord’s Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil” (Roman Missal, Introduction to the Fifth Sunday of Lent).
- The proper Mass of the day (Fifth Sunday of Lent) is used or the ritual Mass (“The Scrutinies”).
 - The *Gloria* is not sung or said.



- The *Alleluia* is not sung or said.
- The *Roman Missal* (3rd edition, 2011) provides proper Prefaces for each of the Sundays in Lent.
- The Prayer over the People before the final blessing is obligatory.
- The **Third Scrutiny** is celebrated in preparation for the Baptism of the catechumens who are to be admitted to the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil. The readings are taken from Year A (34): the Raising of Lazarus.
- The **Handing of the Lord's Prayer** takes place in the presence of the community of the faithful after the Liturgy of the Word during the 5th week of Lent (weekday evening Mass, Saturday morning Mass, or in a Liturgy of the Word) following the First Scrutiny (OCIA, 178-184). In this mass or ritual, those preparing for baptism (or those already baptized who have little catechetical formation) receive the "Our Father."

March 23-24
Lenten Weekday

March 25
Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

- Vestments: **White**
- Prayer texts are proper and taken from March 25.
- *The Lenten readings are NOT used today, but the proper readings for this solemnity.*
- Sprinkling Rite may be used instead of Penitential Act.
- *Gloria* is sung.
- Creed is said. **Today, all genuflect at the words "and was incarnate." Inform the congregation to genuflect at this time.**
- Solemn Blessing #15 may be used.
- A Marian image of the Annunciation may be decorated and revered with incense.

March 26
25th Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination for Archbishop Jose Gomez

March 26-28
Lenten Weekday

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Holy Week 2026

"Guidelines for Holy Week 2026" will be coming soon. It will include important and detailed instructions for each day of the Triduum and Easter Vigil.

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 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

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 after 7:30 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.