



LITURGICAL CALENDAR MARCH - APRIL 2026

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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.
- The Prayer over the People before the final blessing is obligatory.

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.



- The Prayer over the People before the final blessing is obligatory.

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.

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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 posted 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 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



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.

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.

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 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
3rd 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