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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MAY - JUNE 2026

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

- *For Pope Leo XIV, on the first anniversary of his election, that the Holy Spirit may continue to guide and strengthen him in his ministry as shepherd of the Church, granting him wisdom, courage, and compassion as he leads God's people in faith, unity, and peace, we pray to the Lord.*
- *Por el Papa León XIV, en el primer aniversario de su elección, para que el Espíritu Santo continúe guiándolo y fortaleciéndolo en su ministerio como pastor de la Iglesia, concediéndole sabiduría, valor y compasión mientras guía al pueblo de Dios en la fe, la unidad y la paz, roguemos al Señor.*

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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)

- **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.

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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](#).

(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

- *For Pope Leo XIV, on this first anniversary of his installation, that the Lord may continue to strengthen him with wisdom, health, and courage as he shepherds the Church, leading with a servant's heart and guiding all toward unity in God, we pray to the Lord.*

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- *Por el Papa León XIV, en este primer aniversario de su instalación: para que el Señor continúe fortaleciéndolo con sabiduría, salud y valentía mientras pastorea la Iglesia, liderando con un corazón servicial y guiando a todos hacia la unidad en Dios, roguemos al Señor.*

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

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

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- 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.

May 25

Monday of the 8th Week in Ordinary Time

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (Obligatory Memorial) is celebrated at the parishes.

- Mass Proper 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](#).

While the **obligatory memorial remains**, it is permitted to:

- Include prayers for the dead, for those who have died in service to their country, for peace, or for the nation in the Universal Prayer (Prayers of the Faithful)
- Use appropriate music or homiletic references to Memorial Day

The *Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church* is part of the universal liturgical calendar and is classified as an obligatory memorial. In contrast, *Memorial Day* in the United States is a civil observance, not a liturgical day, and the Mass “For the Preservation of Peace and Justice” falls under the category of *Masses for Various Needs and Occasions*, which are optional. According to the norms in the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* and the *Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, optional Masses—such as votive

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Masses or those for various needs—are not permitted when an obligatory memorial occurs, unless the bishop explicitly allows it for a serious reason. If a parish wants to celebrate the mass for the *Preservation of Peace and Justice*, please ask the regional bishop.

Memorial Day (USA)

- **At the Catholic Cemeteries, this mass will be celebrated**
- **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 30
Priesthood Ordination
 Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels at 9:00 AM.

- The Ordination will be streamed LIVE starting at 9:00 AM.
- Tickets required for Admission.
- For more information, [click here](#).

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.

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June 2025

Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

June 1

St. Justin (Memorial), Martyr

- Vestments: **Red**
- Prayers are proper and found in the Proper of Saints
- Preface I or II of Saints or Preface I or II of Holy Martyrs may be used.
- Prayer over the People no. 27 or no. 28 may be used.

June 2

Tuesday - 9th Week in Ordinary Time

June 3

St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs (Memorial) Red

- Vestments: **Red**
- Prayers are proper and found in the Proper of Saints
- Preface I or II of Saints or Preface I or II of Holy Martyrs may be used.
- Prayer over the People no. 27 or no. 28 may be used.

June 4

Thursday - 9th Week in Ordinary Time

June 5

St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr (Memorial) Red

- Vestments: **Red**
- Prayers are proper and found in the Proper of Saints
- Preface I or II of Saints; Preface I or II of Holy Martyrs; or Preface of Holy Pastors may be used.
- Prayer over the People no. 8 may be used.

June 6

Saturday - 9th Week in Ordinary Time

Permanent Diaconate Ordination

Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels at 9:00 AM.

- The Ordination will be streamed LIVE starting at 9:00 AM.
- Tickets required for Admission.
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June 7

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

- Mass texts are found in the section for solemnities and feasts of the Lord.
- Sprinkling Rite may be used.
- The *Gloria* is sung or recited.
- Optional Sequence, *Lauda Sion*, before the Gospel
- The Creed is said.
- Solemn Blessing #10 or Prayer over the People #9 may be used.
- Ritual Masses (i.e. Celebration of Matrimony) are not permitted.
- Funeral Masses are permitted.
- You may commission the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion today. Please see *Book of Blessings*, Chapter 63.
- *Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside of Mass*, no. 102 is the guiding document to reference for this devotion and other forms of devotion toward the Eucharist.
- If there is a Eucharistic Procession following immediately after the Mass, the normal concluding rites are omitted and there is no recessional hymn.
- Children who have made their First Communion could be invited to join in the procession.
- Parishioners are invited after Mass to pray the Litany of the Most Blessed Sacrament, written by St. Peter Julian Eymard, the founder of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers. or publish the litany on the parish website or bulletin.

June 8 - 10

Weekdays - 10th Week in Ordinary Time

June 11

St. Barnabas, Apostle (Memorial) Red

- Vestments: **Red**
- Prayers are proper and found in the Proper of Saints
- Preface of the Apostles I or II may be used.
- Prayer over the People no. 23 may be used.

Consecration to the Sacred Heart - USCCB

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) will consecrate the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on **June 11, 2026**, and invite all parishes to join in this consecration.

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

June 12

Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests

- Vestments: **White**
- The prayers, including the preface, are proper and found in the section for Solemnities of the Lord.
- The *Gloria* is said or sung.
- The Creed is said.
- Collect from the Votive Mass of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus may be used.

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- Parishioners are invited after Mass to pray the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus or publish the litany on the parish website or bulletin.
- Solemn Blessing no. 13 may be used.

June 13

Immaculate Heart of Mary - *Optional Memorial*

- Vestments: **White**
- Prayers are found in the *Roman Missal* Proper of the Saints at the end of the section of May.
- Prayers are also found in the *Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, no. 28 "Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary."
- The *Gloria* is not sung or said.
- Readings: Lectionary #573.
- The Creed is not said.
- Preface I or II of the Blessed Virgin Mary may be used.
- Solemn Blessing no. 15 may be used.

June 14

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 15 - 20

Weekdays - 11th Week in Ordinary Time

June 19

Juneteenth National Independence Day

- *Sample for the formulary and intercessions for the Universal Prayers are also included in this [link](#).*

June 20

Weekday - 11th Week in Ordinary Time

June 21

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fathers' Day

- Without diminishing the primacy of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, remember that it is also Father's Day.
- A special blessing may be given to Fathers. The blessing is available in the Book of Blessings, Chapter 56, "Order of Blessing for Fathers on Father's Day."
 - For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You, **We pray to the Lord.**
 - Por todos los que son papás, pedimos sabiduría y humildad en su tarea de ser papá. Dales la fuerza para hacer el bien ante sus hijos y ante Dios, **Roguemos al Señor.**

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June 22 -23

Weekdays - 12th Week in Ordinary Time

June 24

Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

- Vestments: **White**
- The Vigil Mass may be celebrated either before or after Evening Prayer I of the Solemnity.
- Prayers are proper and found in the Proper of the Saints
- The *Gloria* is said or sung.
- The Creed is said

June 28

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 29

Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles

- Vestments: **Red**
- Prayers are proper and found in the Proper of the Saints
- The *Gloria* is said or sung.
- The Creed is said.
- Solemn Blessing #16 may be used.
- A Vigil Mass may be celebrated on June 28, either before or after Evening Prayer I of the Solemnity.
 - Readings for the Vigil Mass
 - 590: Acts 3:1-10, Ps 19:2-5, Gal 1:11-20, Jn 21:15-19
 - Readings for the Mass of the Day
 - 591: Acts 12:1-11, Ps34:2-9, 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18, Mt 16:13-19

June 30

Weekday - 13th Week in Ordinary Time