

Calendar of Holy Days of Obligation and Major Liturgical Feasts Austin Diocese 2018-2019

Sunday Cycle C, Weekday Cycle Year I

Each Sunday of the Year	<i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>
Sunday, December 2, 2018	First Sunday of Advent
Saturday, December 8, 2018	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i> (Solemnity) <i>Masses beginning at 4 pm are for 2nd Sunday of Advent</i>
Monday, December 24, 2018	Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Eve) <i>Vigil Masses may be celebrated no earlier than 4:00pm</i>
Tuesday, December 25, 2018	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i> (Solemnity)
Sunday, December 30, 2019	Feast of the Holy Family
Tuesday, January 1, 2019	Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Octave of Christmas) <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i> (Solemnity)
Wednesday, March 6, 2019	Ash Wednesday
Sunday, April 14, 2019	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Thursday, April 18, 2019	Holy Thursday
Friday, April 19, 2019	Good Friday
Saturday, April 20, 2019	Holy Saturday (Sunset in Austin is at 8:00 p.m.) <i>Vigil Mass may be celebrated no earlier than 8:45 p.m. CDT¹</i>
Sunday, April 21, 2019	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Sunday, June 2, 2019	The Ascension of Our Lord <i>Transferred from May 30th in our province</i> (Solemnity)
Sunday, June 9, 2019	Pentecost
Sunday, June 16, 2019	The Most Holy Trinity (Solemnity)
Sunday, June 23, 2019	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Solemnity)
Thursday, August 15, 2019	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i> (Solemnity)
Friday, November 1, 2019	All Saints <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i> (Solemnity)

¹ The celebration of the Easter Vigil is to be in the night according to the strictest interpretation. The USCCB advises the start of Easter Vigil should be 45 minutes to one hour after sunset.

At their November 1991 meeting, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops decided that whenever January 1, the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God or August 15, the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin or November 1, the Feast of All Saints falls on a Saturday or a Monday, the precept to celebrate Mass is dispensed. The Congregation for Bishops confirmed the action on July 4, 1992.

Although the obligation to celebrate Mass when these three holy days fall on a Saturday or Monday is abrogated, parishes are to continue to observe these holydays by scheduling one or more Masses at a convenient time so that those who wish to participate are able to do so.