



SIGNIFICANT FEAST DAYS ON THE CHURCH'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

This list includes the six holy days of obligation (HDO) in the U.S. that might not fall on a Sunday.
Of course, every Sunday is also a holy day of obligation.

- ❖ January 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God **(HDO)**
- ❖ Ash Wednesday (The beginning of Lent)
- ❖ March 17: Feast of St. Patrick
- ❖ March 19: Solemnity of the Feast of St. Joseph
- ❖ March 25: Solemnity of The Annunciation of the Lord
- ❖ The Easter Triduum: Holy Thursday; Good Friday; Holy Saturday
- ❖ Easter Sunday: Solemnity of The Resurrection of the Lord
- ❖ Ascension Thursday: Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord **(HDO)**
(**Note:** Since the feast of the Ascension is a transferable feast, in many U.S. dioceses it has been transferred to the following Sunday, meaning that Mass attendance is not required in those dioceses on that Thursday. But if it has not been transferred in your diocese, then Mass attendance is required on Ascension Thursday.)
- ❖ Pentecost Sunday: Solemnity of Pentecost (Descent of the Holy Spirit)
-- The birthday of the Church! --
- ❖ May 31: Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- ❖ August 15: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary **(HDO)**
- ❖ September 8: Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- ❖ September 29: Feast of the Archangels (Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael)
- ❖ October 2: Feast of the Guardian Angels
- ❖ October 7: Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary
- ❖ November 1: Solemnity of the Feast of All Saints **(HDO)**
- ❖ November 2: Commemoration of All Souls
- ❖ December 6: Feast of St. Nicholas
- ❖ December 8: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary **(HDO)**
- ❖ December 25: Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) **(HDO)**

