



The Year of Grace 2016: Roman Catholic Diocese of Des Moines

Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy

Lectionary: Sunday Year C (Luke)/Weekday Year II

An asterisk (*) denotes a weekday holy day of obligation

Advent

November 29, 2015: First Sunday of Advent

December 5-6, 2015: Designation and Sealing of the Holy Doors of Mercy (Saturday-Sunday)

***December 8 (Tuesday): Immaculate Conception, Sol.; Jubilee Year of Mercy begins**

Wednesday, December 9: Optional Memorial of St. Juan Diego

Saturday, December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 13, 2015: Opening of the Holy Doors of Mercy (Sunday)

Christmas Time

***December 24-25: Christmas Vigil/Day** (Thursday-Friday)

December 27: Feast of the Holy Family (Sunday)

***December 31, 2015-January 1, 2016: Mary, Mother of God, Vigil/Day** (Thursday-Friday)

January 2-3: The Epiphany of the Lord Vigil/Day (Saturday-Sunday)

January 10: The Baptism of the Lord (Sunday)

Ordinary Time

January 17: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 18-24: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 22: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children (Friday, opt. violet vestments)

January 25: Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle (Monday)

January 25: Anniversary of Ordination of Bishop Joseph Charron, C.P.P.S. (1990)

February 2: Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas; Tuesday; white)

February 3: Optional Memorial, St. Blaise, Blessing of Throats (Wednesday)

Lent

February 10: Ash Wednesday

February 13: Rite of Election/Call to Continuing Conversion, 7:00 pm, Saturday (West Location TBD)

February 14: First Sunday of Lent

February 14: Rite of Election/Call to Continuing Conversion, 1:30 & 4:30 p.m. (Cathedral)

February 21: Second Sunday of Lent (Penitential Rite)

February 22: Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle (Monday)

February 28: Third Sunday of Lent (First Scrutiny)

March 6: Fourth Sunday of Lent (Second Scrutiny)

March 13: Fifth Sunday of Lent (Third Scrutiny)

March 13: Anniversary of Election of Pope Francis (2013)

March 18: Chrism Mass, Friday, 7 pm, Cathedral of St. Ambrose

March 19: Solemnity of Joseph, Husband of Mary (Saturday)

March 20: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday: March 24

Good Friday: March 25

Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil: March 26 (Earliest Easter Vigil start time: 8:15 PM)

Easter Sunday: March 27

Easter Time

April 3: Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday,

April 4: Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, tr. from March 25 (Monday, white)

May 7-8: Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Vigil/Day, tr. from May 5; replaces 7th Sun. of Easter

May 14-15: Pentecost Vigil/Day

Ordinary Time

May 22: Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, Sunday

May 29: Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

May 29: Anniversary of Installation of Bishop Richard Pates (2008)

June 3: Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, (Friday)

June 3: World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests

June 3: Priesthood Ordination, 7 pm, Cathedral of St. Ambrose (Friday)

June 5: Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 24: Solemnity of the Birth of John the Baptist (Friday)

June 29: Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles (Wednesday)

August 6: Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord (Saturday, forty days until Exaltation of the Cross)

August 14-15: Solemnity of the Assumption BVM Vigil/Day (Sun.-Mon., not obligatory in 2016)

August 22: Queenship of Mary, Principal Patroness of the Diocese of Des Moines, Feast (Monday)

September 14: Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Monday)

Oct. 11: Anniversary of Dedication of Cathedral, Feast in Diocesan Churches; Solemnity in Cathedral

***November 1: Solemnity of All Saints (Tuesday)**

November 2: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (Wednesday)

November 9: Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Wednesday)

November 20: Solemnity of Christ the King (Sunday)

November 20: Conclusion of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, Closing of the Holy Doors



The Year of Grace 2015: Roman Catholic Diocese of Des Moines Calendar Notes

1. Holy Days of Obligation (Weekday)

December 8, 2015 (Tuesday): Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

December 25, 2015 (Friday): Christmas

January 1, 2016 (Friday): Mary, Mother of God

November 1, 2016 (Tuesday): Solemnity of All Saints'

August 15, 2016: The Solemnity of the Assumption is NOT obligatory in the United States in 2016 because it falls on a Monday.

2. Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Solemnity Ascension of the Lord: Transferred to Sunday, May 8, 2016

This solemnity replaces the 7th Sunday of Easter. Thursday, May 5, 2016, becomes Thursday of the 6th Week of Easter.

3. Chrism Mass: Friday, March 18, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral. Please extend a special invitation and word of encouragement to the following groups at your parish:

- RCIA catechumens, candidates, sponsors, team
- Children who are to be or were recently baptized, their parents and sponsors
- Youth preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation.

Please note: All the blessed oils will be poured and distributed in the Pastoral Center immediately following the Mass. Watch for directions regarding this year's process for picking up the oils.

4. The Easter Vigil: *In the Diocese of Des Moines, the Easter Vigil is to begin no earlier than 8:15 p.m. on March 27, 2016.*

From the General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar (#21):

"The Easter Vigil, during the holy night when Christ rose from the dead, ranks as the "mother of all vigils." Keeping watch, the Church awaits Christ's resurrection and celebrates it in the sacraments. Accordingly, the entire celebration of this vigil should take place at night, that is, it should either begin after nightfall or end before dawn of Sunday."

From the Ordo: "This rule is to be taken in its *strictest* sense. The Easter Vigil is not to be celebrated at the time of day that it is customary to celebrate anticipated Sunday Masses."

5. Priesthood Ordination: Friday, 3 June 2016, 7 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Ambrose. Deacon Dan Gehler is in Theology IV and preparing for a June 3 presbyteral ordination. Please pray for him and all of our seminarians.