

The Church's Feasts and Seasons

Year C: The Year of Luke's Gospel

We follow a calendar based on a cycle of liturgical seasons including feasts and saints' days

We are constantly nourished by the story of Jesus

And guided by our ancestors in the faith, living witnesses of God's unchanging love

ADVENT

The new Church year begins on
November 29th 2015,
The First Sunday of ADVENT

It is a period covering the **4 Sundays before Christmas** during which we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth, His coming into human history and His ever constant coming into our lives and world, until finally there is a new heaven and a new earth.

Dec 8th The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is also the beginning of the **Year of Mercy**

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

begins **Christmas Day Friday December 25th**
and concludes on January 10th 2016

Wednesday January 1 New Year's Day
is the feast of Mary, Mother of God

The **Epiphany** is celebrated on **Sunday January 3rd**
followed by the **Baptism of the Lord on January 10th.**

Then on Monday 11th January we begin **Ordinary Time** which ends on **Shrove Tuesday 9th February** 2016.

LENT

Begins on **Ash Wednesday, 10th February 2016**
The 40 days of Lent are a time of preparation for the Celebration of Easter. In this time of penance, we try to give more depth to our prayer and grow in compassion through fasting, self-denial & generosity.

EASTER

March 20th Palm/Passion Sunday 2016 marks the beginning of Holy Week.
The Easter Triduum (3 days) is the heart of the Liturgical year, from the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, until Easter Sunday morning.

March 24 th	HOLY THURSDAY
March 25 th	GOOD FRIDAY
March 26 th	EASTER VIGIL
March 27 th	EASTER SUNDAY

THE EASTER SEASON

During the six weeks of the Easter Season (50 days) we celebrate the following significant Church feasts:

May 8 th	The Ascension
May 15th	PENTECOST
May 22 nd	Trinity Sunday
May 29 th	Body and Blood of Christ
June 3 rd	The Most Sacred Heart

ORDINARY TIME

Ordinary (Sunday) Time Year C resumes on the 10th Sunday of Year C: 5th June and continues until the Feast of Christ the King, which marks the end of the Year C.

Feast days of significance during this time are:

Aug 8 th	Saint Mary of the Cross
Aug 15 th	The Feast of the Assumption
Sep 1 st	World Day of Prayer for Creation
Oct 1 st	St Therese of Lisieux
Nov 1 st	All Saints Day (Tuesday)
Nov 2 nd	All Souls Day (Wednesday)
Nov 20th	Christ the King

The new cycle begins on 27th November 2016, the first Sunday of Advent
Year A: The Year of Matthew's Gospel