

The Church's Feasts and Seasons 2017 - 2018

Year B is the Year of St Mark'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.

<p style="text-align: center;">ADVENT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The 'Church year' begins on The First Sunday of ADVENT December 3, 2017</p> <p>It is a period covering the four Sundays before Christmas 3, 10, 17 & 24 during which we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth, His coming into human history, & His ever constant coming into our lives and world, until finally there is a new heaven and a new earth.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">THE CHRISTMAS SEASON begins Christmas Day Monday, December 25, 2017 and concludes on January 8, 2018</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday January 1 New Year's Day is the Solemnity of <i>Mary, Mother of God</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday January 7, The Epiphany.</p> <p>Sunday January 14, to February 11 (inclusive) covers Sundays 2 to 6 in Ordinary Time</p>																																								
<p style="text-align: center;">LENT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Begins on Ash Wednesday February 14, 2018</p> <p>The 40 days of Lent are a time of spiritual renewal and preparation for the celebration of Easter.</p> <p>Over this time of penance we strive to give more depth to our prayer, and grow in compassion through fasting, self-denial, and acts of generosity and kindness.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">March 25 Palm or Passion Sunday</p> <p>This marks the beginning of Holy Week The Easter Triduum (3 days) is the heart of our Liturgical Year, from the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday evening until dawn Easter Sunday morning.</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;">March 29</td> <td>HOLY THURSDAY</td> </tr> <tr> <td>March 30</td> <td>GOOD FRIDAY</td> </tr> <tr> <td>March 31</td> <td>EASTER VIGIL</td> </tr> <tr> <td>April 1</td> <td>EASTER SUNDAY</td> </tr> </table>	March 29	HOLY THURSDAY	March 30	GOOD FRIDAY	March 31	EASTER VIGIL	April 1	EASTER SUNDAY	<p style="text-align: center;">THE EASTER SEASON</p> <p>During the six weeks of the Easter Season (50 days), we celebrate many significant Church feasts:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;">April 9</td> <td>The Annunciation of the Lord</td> </tr> <tr> <td>May 13</td> <td>The Ascension of the Lord</td> </tr> <tr> <td>May 20</td> <td>PENTECOST</td> </tr> <tr> <td>May 27</td> <td>Trinity Sunday</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June 3</td> <td>Corpus Christi</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June 8 Fri</td> <td>The Most Sacred Heart</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June 9 Sat</td> <td>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">ORDINARY TIME</p> <p>Ordinary Time resumes Week 10 on June 10 and continues to Feast of Christ the King, which marks the end of Year B.</p> <p>Feast days/weeks of significance in this time are:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;">Aug 6</td> <td>Transfiguration of the Lord</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Aug 15</td> <td>The Feast of the Assumption</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sep 1- Oct 4</td> <td>Season of Creation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Oct 1</td> <td>St Therese of Lisieux</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Oct 4 Thu</td> <td>St Francis of Assisi</td> </tr> <tr> <td>November</td> <td>is month of Remembrance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nov 1</td> <td>All Saints Day</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nov 2</td> <td>All Souls Day</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nov 25</td> <td>Christ the King</td> </tr> </table> <p>The new cycle begins in Advent 2018, December 2nd, which is Year C – The Year of St Luke's Gospel</p>	April 9	The Annunciation of the Lord	May 13	The Ascension of the Lord	May 20	PENTECOST	May 27	Trinity Sunday	June 3	Corpus Christi	June 8 Fri	The Most Sacred Heart	June 9 Sat	The Immaculate Heart of Mary	Aug 6	Transfiguration of the Lord	Aug 15	The Feast of the Assumption	Sep 1- Oct 4	Season of Creation	Oct 1	St Therese of Lisieux	Oct 4 Thu	St Francis of Assisi	November	is month of Remembrance	Nov 1	All Saints Day	Nov 2	All Souls Day	Nov 25	Christ the King
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St Therese's Parish School Sacrament Dates for 2018

The Sacrament of Confirmation	Saturday 26 May
The Sacrament of Reconciliation	Friday 22nd June
The Sacrament of First Eucharist	Saturday 15 September and Sunday 16 September