

The Church's Feasts and Seasons 2018 - 2019

Year C is the Year of the Gospel of Luke

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 'Church year' begins on
The First Sunday of ADVENT
December 2, 2018

It is a period covering the **four Sundays before Christmas 2, 9, 16 & 23** 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.

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

begins **Christmas Day**
Tuesday, December 25, 2018
and concludes on **January 13, 2019**

Monday January 1 New Year's Day
is the Solemnity of *Mary, Mother of God*

Sunday January 6, The Epiphany.

Monday January 14, to March 5 (inclusive) covers
Sundays 2 to 8 in **Ordinary Time**

LENT

Begins on **Ash Wednesday**
March 6, 2019

The 40 days of Lent are a time of spiritual renewal and preparation for the celebration of Easter. 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.

March 25 **The Annunciation**

April 14 Palm or Passion Sunday

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.

April 18	HOLY THURSDAY
April 19	GOOD FRIDAY
April 20	EASTER VIGIL
April 21	EASTER SUNDAY

THE EASTER SEASON

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

June 2	The Ascension of the Lord
June 9	Pentecost

ORDINARY TIME

Ordinary Time resumes Week 10 on June 10 and continues to Feast of Christ the King, which marks the end of Year C.

Feast days/weeks of significance are:

June 16	Trinity Sunday
June 23	Corpus Christi
June 28 Fri	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Aug 6	Transfiguration of the Lord
Aug 15	The Feast of the Assumption
Sep 1- Oct 6	Season of Creation
Oct 1	St Therese of Lisieux
Oct 4 Fri	St Francis of Assisi
Nov 1	All Saints Day
Nov 2	All Souls Day
Nov 24	Christ the King

The new cycle begins in Advent 2019, December 1, which is Year A – The Year of St Matthew's Gospel

St Therese's Parish & School Sacrament Dates for 2019

The Sacrament of Confirmation	Saturday 25th May, 4.00pm & 6.00pm
The Sacrament of Reconciliation	Mass Thursday 21st June, Reconciliation Friday 22nd June
The Sacrament of First Eucharist	Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th September at all Masses