

The Church's Feasts and Seasons 2019-2020

Year A is the Year of the Gospel of Matthew

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 1, 2019

It is a period covering the **four Sundays before Christmas 1, 8, 15 & 22** 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**
Wednesday, December 25, 2019
and concludes on **January 12, 2019**

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

Sunday January 5, The Epiphany.

Monday January 12, to February 23 (inclusive) covers
Sundays 2 to 7 in **Ordinary Time**

LENT

Begins on **Ash Wednesday**
February 26, 2020

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 5 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 9	HOLY THURSDAY
April 10	GOOD FRIDAY
April 11	EASTER VIGIL
April 12	EASTER SUNDAY

THE EASTER SEASON

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

May 24	The Ascension of the Lord
May 31	Pentecost

ORDINARY TIME

Ordinary Time resumes Week 9 on June 2 and continues to Feast of Christ the King, which marks the end of Year A.

Feast days/weeks of significance are:

June 7	The Most Holy Trinity
June 14	Corpus Christi
June 19	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
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	St Francis of Assisi
Nov 1	All Saints Day
Nov 2	All Souls Day
Nov 22	Christ the King

The new cycle begins in Advent 2020, November 29,
which is Year B – The Year of St Mark's Gospel

St Therese's Parish & School Sacrament Dates for 2020

The Sacrament of Confirmation	SUSPENDED due to COVID-19 emergency
The Sacrament of Reconciliation	Mass Thursday 12 th March, Reconciliation Friday 13 th March
The Sacrament of First Eucharist	Saturday 12 th and Sunday 13 th September at all Masses TBC