

The Church's Feasts and Seasons 2020-2021

Year B the Year of St Mark's Gospel

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

ADVENT

The 'Church year' begins on
The First Sunday of ADVENT
November 29 2020

It is a period covering the **four Sundays before Christmas** 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**
Friday December 25
and concludes on **January 10 2021**
The Baptism of the Lord

Friday January 1 New Year's Day
is the Solemnity of *Mary the Holy Mother*

Sunday January 3 The Epiphany.

Sunday January 17 to February 4 (inclusive) covers
Sundays 2 to 6 in **Ordinary Time**

LENT

Begins on **Ash Wednesday**
February 17 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 28 Palm or Passion Sunday

This marks the beginning of Holy Week
The Easter Triduum (3 days) is the heart of our Liturgical Year.

April 1 HOLY THURSDAY
April 2 GOOD FRIDAY
April 3 EASTER VIGIL
April 4 **EASTER SUNDAY**

THE EASTER SEASON

During the 50 days of the Easter Season we celebrate significant Church feasts:

May 16 The Ascension of the Lord
May 23 PENTECOST
May 24 OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS

ORDINARY TIME

Ordinary Time resumes on May 25 and continues to Feast of Christ the King, which marks the end of Year B. During this time there are many significant Church feasts:

May 30	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
June 6	THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi)
June 11 Fri	THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS
June 12 Sat	The Immaculate Heart of Mary
June 24	THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST
June 29	SAINTS PETER AND PAUL
Aug 6	Transfiguration of the Lord
Aug 8	ST MARY OF THE CROSS
Aug 15	The Feast of the Assumption
Sep 1- Oct 4	Season of Creation
Sep 8	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Oct 1	St Therese of Lisieux
Oct 4	St Francis of Assisi
Nov 1	All Saints Day
Nov 2	All Souls Day
Nov 21	Christ the King

The new cycle begins in Advent 2021, November 28, which is Year C – The Year of St Luke's Gospel

ST THERESE'S PARISH SCHOOL SACRAMENT DATES FOR 2021

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION	Friday 21 May
THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION	Thursday 25 March
THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST	Saturday 11 September and Sunday 12 September