

The Church's Feasts and Seasons 2021-2022

Year C is the Year of the Gospel of Luke

The Liturgical Year is the annual cycle of time in which the Church recalls and celebrates the mystery of Jesus Christ and his presence among us. Easter is at the centre of Christian time and its weekly expression is the celebration of Sunday, the Lord's Day.

In the Roman Catholic Church, the Liturgical Year comprises:

Advent - the anticipation of Jesus' birth and looking forward to his expected second coming

Christmas - the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, his manifestations and early life

Lent - a period of renewal through prayer, fasting and almsgiving in preparation for the Easter mysteries

Easter - a festival celebrating the resurrection and the gift of the Holy Spirit (which arises out of the Paschal

Triduum - the three day observance celebrating the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus)

Ordinary Time - 34 weeks that lie outside the other seasons and present Christ's teachings to the faithful

ADVENT

The 'Church year' begins on
The First Sunday of ADVENT
Sunday 28 November 2021

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**
December 25 2021
and concludes on **January 9 2022**

Saturday January 1
is the Solemnity of *Mary, Mother of God*

Sunday January 2 The Epiphany.

Monday January 10 to Tuesday March 1 (inclusive)
covers Sundays 2 to 8 in **Ordinary Time**

LENT

Begins on **Ash Wednesday**
March 2 2022

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 10 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 14	HOLY THURSDAY
April 15	GOOD FRIDAY
April 16	EASTER VIGIL
April 17	EASTER SUNDAY

THE EASTER SEASON

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

May 29	The Ascension of the Lord
June 5	Pentecost

ORDINARY TIME

Ordinary Time resumes Week 10 on June 6 and continues to Feast of Christ the King, which marks the end of Year C.

Feast days/weeks of significance are:

June 12	Trinity Sunday
June 19	Corpus Christi
June 24 Fri	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Aug 6	Transfiguration of the Lord
Aug 8	St Mary Of The Cross (Mary Mackillop)
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 20	Christ the King

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