

The Church's Feasts and Seasons 2022-2023

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
November 27 2022

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**
Sunday, December 25 2022
and concludes on **January 9 2023**

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

Sunday January 8, The Epiphany.

Tuesday 10 January until Tuesday 21 February
(Shrove Tuesday) is **Ordinary Time**

LENT

Begins on **Ash Wednesday**
February 22 2023

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 2 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 6	HOLY THURSDAY
April 7	GOOD FRIDAY
April 8	EASTER VIGIL
April 9	EASTER SUNDAY

THE EASTER SEASON

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

May 24	Our Lady, Help of Christians
May 26	The Ascension of the Lord
May 28	Pentecost

ORDINARY TIME

Ordinary Time resumes May 29 and continues to Feast of Christ the King, which marks the end of Year A. Feast days/weeks of significance are:

June 4	The Most Holy Trinity
June 11	Corpus Christi
June 16	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
June 17	Immaculate Heart of Mary
June 24	Nativity of St John the Baptist
June 29	Saints Peter & 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 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 26	Christ the King

The new cycle begins in Advent 2023, December 4,
which is Year B – The Year of St Mark's Gospel