

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR AND NOTES FOR 2008  
YEAR A - II**

*Provided by the Worship Office  
Archdiocese of Cincinnati*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Liturgy</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Notes</b>
December 2, 2007	<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	Sunday	Year A begins
December 8, 2007	<i>Immaculate Conception</i>	Solemnity	Holy Day of Obligation; Funeral Mass may not be celebrated; Marriage Ritual Mass may <i>not</i> be celebrated; Rite of Marriage may be celebrated within the Mass of the Solemnity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• prayers, preface, blessing and readings are of the day</li> <li>• one reading may be substituted from those of the Rite of Marriage</li> <li>• the nuptial blessing is given</li> </ul> Rite of Marriage outside of Mass may be celebrated
December 9, 2007	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	Sunday	
December 12, 2007	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	Feast	
December 16, 2007	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	Sunday	
December 23, 2007	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	Sunday	
December 25, 2007	<i>Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)</i>	Solemnity	Holy Day of Obligation; Funeral Mass may <i>not</i> be celebrated; Marriage Ritual Mass may <i>not</i> be celebrated;
December 30, 2007	<i>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	Sunday/Feast	Funeral Mass may be celebrated
January 1, 2008	<i>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</i>	Solemnity	Holy Day of Obligation Funeral Mass may not be celebrated; Marriage Ritual Mass may not be celebrated
January 6, 2008	<i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	Sunday/Solemnity	Funeral Mass may not be celebrated; Marriage Ritual Mass may <i>not</i> be celebrated

January 13, 2008	<i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	Sunday/Solemnity	Funeral Mass may not be celebrated; Marriage Ritual Mass may <i>not</i> be celebrated
January 22, 2008	<i>Day of Penance for Violations to Dignity of Human Persons</i>		This date has been set aside by the U.S. Bishops of the United States to pray for violators of the human person and for the restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. The Mass for Peace and Justice may be used in observance of this day.
January 18 - 25, 2008	<i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>		Mass for Christian Unity when day allows
February 2, 2008	<i>Presentation of the Lord</i>	Feast	
February 6, 2008	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>		Day of Fast and Abstinence
February 10, 2008	<i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	Sunday	Rite of Sending to Election should be celebrated in parish churches sending catechumens to the Rite of Election. Celebration of the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion 3:30pm and 7:30pm at Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains, Cincinnati 3:30pm and 7:30pm at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Dayton Deanery divisions will be published.
February 17, 2008	<i>Second of Lent</i>	Sunday	
February 24, 2008	<i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	Sunday	Celebration of First Scrutiny with the Elect
March 2, 2008	<i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	Sunday	Celebration of Second Scrutiny with the Elect
March 9, 2008	<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	Sunday	Celebration of Third Scrutiny with the Elect
March 15, 2008	<i>Joseph, Husband of Mary</i>	Solemnity	Funeral Mass may be celebrated Marriage Ritual Mass may not be celebrated Rite of Marriage within Mass may be celebrated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• prayers, preface, and readings are of the day</li> <li>• one reading may be substituted from those of the Marriage Ritual Mass</li> <li>• nuptial blessing is given</li> </ul> Rite of Marriage outside of Mass may be celebrated
March 16, 2008	<i>Passion (Palm) Sunday</i>	Sunday	
March 18, 2008	<i>Chrism Mass</i>		Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains, 7:30pm

March 20, 2008	<i>Holy Thursday - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>	Easter Triduum	Only one Mass permitted, the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper Funeral Mass may not be celebrated Celebration of Marriage Ritual is forbidden, as is also the celebration of other sacraments, except those of penance and anointing of the sick
March 21, 2008	<i>Good Friday - Celebration of the Lord's Passion</i>	Easter Triduum	It is recommended that a communal celebration of Office of Readings and Morning Prayer be celebrated Celebration of the Lord's Passion is celebrated later in the day Funeral Mass may not be celebrated Celebration of Marriage Ritual is forbidden, as is also the celebration of other sacraments, except those of penance and anointing of the sick
March 22, 2008	<i>Holy Saturday Night - The Easter Vigil</i>	Easter Triduum	The entire celebration of the vigil takes place at night, beginning after nightfall, and ending before dawn. Sunset for this date in Cincinnati, OH is 7:53pm with nightfall occurring one half hour later; therefore, the Easter Vigil may not begin before 8:30pm. Nine readings are assigned to the Easter Vigil. However, if circumstances demand in individual cases, the number of prescribed readings may be reduced. The reading from Exodus 14:15-15:1 is never omitted.
March 23, 2008	<i>Easter Sunday</i>	Easter Triduum	Funeral Mass may not be celebrated
March 23 - 30, 2008	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	Solemnity	Marriage Ritual Mass may not be celebrated Rite of Marriage may be celebrated within the Mass of the Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• prayers, preface, blessing and readings are of the day</li> <li>• one reading may be substituted from those of the Marriage Ritual Mass</li> <li>• the nuptial blessing is given</li> </ul> Rite of Marriage outside Mass may be celebrated Funeral Mass may be celebrated
March 30, 2008	<i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	Octave of Easter	The Congregation for Divine Worship decreed (23May2000) that "throughout the world, the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that human kind will experience in the years to come." What does this mean for us in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati? Most importantly, it means the essential celebration consists in the celebration of the liturgy of the Second Sunday of Easter during which the homily should focus on the scriptural readings of the day. It should be noted that the three cycles of scriptural readings and the orations are all centered on the forgiveness of sins and God's infinite mercy. Other celebrations may be planned at times outside of the Eucharist.
March 31, 2008	<i>Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord</i>	Solemnity	Funeral Mass may be celebrated
May 4, 2008	<i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>	Solemnity	In Ohio, the Solemnity of the Ascension has been transferred to Sunday.

May 11, 2008	<i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	Solemnity	The Season of Easter ends with Evening Prayer. It is fitting to use the Sprinkling Rite at Mass. The Paschal Candle is placed near the font after the last Mass of the day or Evening Prayer.
May 18, 2008	<i>Most Holy Trinity</i>	Solemnity	Lectionary #166
May 25, 2008	<i>Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</i>	Solemnity	Lectionary #169
May 30, 2008	<i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	Solemnity	Marriage Ritual Mass may not be celebrated Rite of Marriage may be celebrated within the Mass of the Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• prayers, preface, blessing and readings are of the day</li> <li>• one reading may be substituted from those of the Marriage Ritual Mass</li> <li>• the nuptial blessing is given</li> </ul> Rite of Marriage outside Mass may be celebrated Funeral Mass may be celebrated
June 24, 2008	<i>Nativity of John the Baptist</i>	Solemnity	Marriage Ritual Mass may not be celebrated Rite of Marriage may be celebrated within the Mass of the Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• prayers, preface, blessing and readings are of the day</li> <li>• one reading may be substituted from those of the Marriage Ritual Mass</li> <li>• the nuptial blessing is given</li> </ul> Rite of Marriage outside Mass may be celebrated Funeral Mass may be celebrated
June 29, 2008	<i>Sts. Peter and Paul, apostles</i>	Solemnity	Marriage Ritual Mass may not be celebrated Rite of Marriage may be celebrated within the Mass of the Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• prayers, preface, blessing and readings are of the day</li> <li>• one reading may be substituted from those of the Marriage Ritual Mass</li> <li>• the nuptial blessing is given</li> </ul> Rite of Marriage outside Mass may be celebrated Funeral Mass may be celebrated
August 15, 2008	<i>Assumption of Mary</i>	Solemnity	Holy Day of Obligation.
November 1, 2008	<i>All Saints Day</i>	Solemnity	Not a Holy Day of Obligation.
November 2, 2008	<i>All Souls Day</i>	Sunday/Solemnity	Funeral Mass permitted. Lectionary #1011 - 1016 (#668)
November 23, 2008	<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ the King</i>	Solemnity	

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Cycle B - Year I

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Holy Day of Obligation</b>	<b>Funeral Mass</b>	<b>Funeral Outside of Mass</b>	<b>Wedding Mass</b>	<b>Wedding Outside of Mass</b>
<b>November 30, 2008</b> <i>First Sunday of Advent – Begin Cycle B</i>	[Sunday]	No	Yes	No	Yes
<b>December 8, 2008</b> <i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
<b>December 12, 2008</b> <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe (Feast)</i>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>December 25, 2008</b> <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
<b>January 1, 2009</b> <i>The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God</i>	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
<b>January 4, 2009</b> <i>Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity)</i>	[Sunday]	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
<b>January 18 – 25, 2009</b> <i>Week of Christian Unity - Mass for Christian Unity may be used when the day allows.</i>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>January 22, 2009</b> <i>Day of Penance for Violations to the Dignity of Human Persons</i> This day has been set aside to pray for violators of the human person and for the restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. The Mass for Peace and Justice may be used. Violet vestments are worn.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>January 25, 2009</b> <i>Conversion of Saint Paul – because of the celebration of the Year of St. Paul, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has authorized the use of the Mass formulary and lectionary readings for the feast day. Since there is no second reading provided for this feast, the second reading of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time should be used.</i>	[Sunday]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>February 2, 2009</b> <i>Presentation of the Lord (Feast)</i>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>February 25, 2009</b> <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
<b>March 1, 2009</b> <i>First Sunday of Lent</i> <i>Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion</i>	[Sunday]	No	Yes	No	Yes

<b>Date</b>	<b>Holy Day of Obligation</b>	<b>Funeral Mass</b>	<b>Funeral Outside of Mass</b>	<b>Wedding Mass</b>	<b>Wedding Outside of Mass</b>
<b>March 15, 2009</b> <i>Third Sunday of Lent – First Scrutiny to be celebrated with the Elect</i>	[Sunday]	No	Yes	No	Yes
<b>March 19, 2009</b> <i>Solemnity of Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
<b>March 22, 2009</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent – Second Scrutiny to be celebrated with the Elect</i>	[Sunday]	No	Yes	No	Yes
<b>March 25, 2009</b> <i>Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord</i>	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
<b>March 29, 2009</b> <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent – Third Scrutiny to be celebrated with the Elect</i>	[Sunday]	No	Yes	No	Yes
<b>April 5, 2009</b> <i>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion</i>	[Sunday]	No	Yes	No	Yes
<b>April 7, 2009</b> <i>Chrism Mass, 7:30p.m. – Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains</i>		Yes	Yes	No	Yes
<b>April 9, 2009</b> <i>Holy Thursday</i>	No	No	Yes	No	No
<b>April 10, 2009</b> <i>Good Friday</i>	No	No	Yes	No	No
<b>April 11, 2009</b> <i>Holy Saturday – The Easter Vigil may not begin before 8:45pm.</i>	No	No	Yes	No	No
<b>April 12, 2009</b> <i>Easter Sunday</i>	[Sunday - Solemnity]	No	Yes	No	No
<b>April 19, 2009</b> <i>Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday – see notes</i>	[Sunday – Solemnity]	No	Yes	No	Yes
<b>May 24, 2009</b> <i>Ascension of the Lord</i>	[Sunday – Solemnity]	No	Yes	No	Yes
<b>May 31, 2009</b> <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	[Sunday – Solemnity]	No	Yes	No	Yes
<b>June 7, 2009</b> <i>Most Holy Trinity</i>	[Sunday – Solemnity]	No	Yes	No	Yes
<b>June 14, 2009</b> <i>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</i>	[Sunday – Solemnity]	No	Yes	No	Yes
<b>June 19, 2009</b> <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - Solemnity</i>	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
<b>June 24, 2009</b> <i>Nativity of John the Baptist - Solemnity</i>	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
<b>June 29, 2009</b> <i>Peter and Paul, apostles - Solemnity</i>	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

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<b>August 15, 2009</b> <i>Assumption of Mary</i>	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
<b>November 1, 2009</b> <i>All Saints – Solemnity</i>	[Sunday – Solemnity]	No	Yes	No	Yes
<b>November 2, 2009</b> <i>Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)</i>	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
<b>November 22, 2009</b> <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ the King</i>	[Sunday – Solemnity]	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

## Ritual Masses and Choice of Rite

### *Marriage during Mass:*

- White vestments are worn.
- If the wedding Mass is celebrated on a Sunday or Solemnity, the Mass of the day is used with the nuptial blessing and where appropriate, the special final blessing.
- When the Wedding Mass may not be used, one of the readings from the rite of Marriage should be chosen. However, a reading may not be substituted on Christmas, Epiphany, Ascension, Pentecost, Corpus Christi, and other holy days of obligation. The marriage rite is forbidden during the Triduum.
- On the Sundays of the Christmas season and throughout the year, in Masses which are not parish Masses, the wedding Mass may be used without change.

(Rite of Marriage, no. 11)

### *Funeral Masses:*

- Funeral Masses are not permitted on solemnities of obligation, on Holy Thursday, during the Easter Triduum, and on the Sundays of Advent, Lent, and the Easter season. The Funeral Liturgy outside of Mass may be used. (Order of Christian Funerals, no. 178)

## Other Notes

### *Divine Mercy Sunday:*

The Congregation for Divine Worship decreed (23May2000) that “throughout the world, the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that human kind will experience in the years to come.” What does this mean for us in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati? Most importantly, it means the essential celebration consists in the celebration of the liturgy of the Second Sunday of Easter during which the homily should focus on the scriptural readings of the day. The three cycles of scriptural readings and the orations are all centered on the forgiveness of sins and God’s infinite mercy. Other celebrations may be planned at times outside of the Eucharist.