

LITURGICAL YEAR CALENDAR AND NOTES – 2012

Cycle B – Year II

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Archdiocese of Cincinnati

Date	Day of the Week	Rank	Funeral Mass	Funeral Outside of Mass	Wedding Mass	Wedding Outside of Mass
November 27, 2011 <i>First Sunday of Advent – Begin Cycle B</i>	Sunday	Sunday	No	Yes	No	Yes
December 4, 2011 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	Sunday	Sunday	No	Yes	No	Yes
December 8, 2011 <i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Thursday	Holy Day of Obligation-Solemnity	No	Yes	No	Yes
December 11, 2011 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	Sunday	Sunday	No	Yes	No	Yes
December 18, 2011 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	Sunday	Sunday	No	Yes	No	Yes
December 25, 2011 <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>	Sunday	Solemnity	No	Yes	No	Yes
December 30, 2011 <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph</i>	Friday	Feast	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
January 1, 2012 <i>The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God</i>	Sunday	Solemnity	No	Yes	No	Yes
January 8, 2012 <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	Sunday	Solemnity	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
January 9, 2012 <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	Monday	Feast	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
January 15, 2012 <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Sunday	Sunday	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
January 18 – 25, 2012 <i>Week of Christian Unity - Mass for Christian Unity may be used when the day allows.</i>	Wednesday-Wednesday	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
January 23, 2012 <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.	Monday	Day of Penance	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
February 2, 2012 <i>Presentation of the Lord</i>	Thursday	Feast	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
February 22, 2012 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	Wednesday	Day of Fast and Abstinence	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

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February 26, 2012 <i>First Sunday of Lent</i> <i>Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion</i>	Sunday	Sunday	No	Yes	No	Yes
March 4, 2012 <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	Sunday	Sunday	No	Yes	No	Yes
March 11, 2012 <i>Third Sunday of Lent- First Scrutiny to be celebrated with the Elect</i>	Sunday	Sunday	No	Yes	No	Yes
March 18, 2012 <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent- Second Scrutiny to be celebrated with the Elect</i>	Sunday	Sunday	No	Yes	No	Yes
March 19, 2012 <i>Solemnity of Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Monday	Solemnity	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
March 25, 2012 <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent – Second Scrutiny to be celebrated with the Elect</i>	Sunday	Sunday	No	Yes	No	Yes
March 26, 2012 <i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>	Monday	Solemnity	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
April 1, 2012 <i>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion</i>	Sunday	Sunday	No	Yes	No	Yes
April 3, 2012 <i>Chrism Mass, 7:00p.m. – Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains</i>	Tuesday	Arch-diocesan celebration	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
April 5, 2012 <i>Holy Thursday</i>	Thursday	Highest Rank	No	Yes	No	No
April 6, 2012 <i>Good Friday</i>	Friday	Highest Rank	No	Yes	No	No
April 7, 2012 <i>Holy Saturday – The Easter Vigil may not begin before 8:45pm</i>	Saturday	Highest Rank	No	Yes	No	No
April 8, 2012 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	Sunday	Sunday of highest rank	No	Yes	No	No
April 15, 2012 <i>Second Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Divine Mercy Sunday – see notes</i>	Sunday	Sunday of Easter season	No	Yes	No	Yes
May 20, 2012 <i>Ascension of the Lord</i>	Sunday	Solemnity	No	Yes	No	Yes
May 27, 2012 <i>Pentecost Sunday</i> (NB: The Roman Missal, 3 rd Edition includes an extended Vigil)	Sunday	Solemnity	No	Yes	No	Yes

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June 3, 2012 <i>Most Holy Trinity</i>	Sunday	Solemnity	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
June 10, 2012 <i>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</i>	Sunday	Solemnity	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
June 15, 2012 <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus -</i>	Friday	Solemnity	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
June 24, 2012 <i>Nativity of John the Baptist</i>	Sunday	Solemnity	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
June 29, 2012 <i>Peter and Paul, apostles</i>	Friday	Solemnity	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
August 6, 2012 <i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	Monday	Feast	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
August 15, 2012 <i>Assumption of Mary</i>	Wednesday	Holy Day of Obligation	No	Yes	No	Yes
September 14, 2012 <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	Friday	Feast	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
November 1, 2012 <i>All Saints</i>	Thursday	Holy Day of Obligation	No	Yes	No	Yes
November 2, 2012 <i>Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)</i>	Friday	Commemoration	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
November 3, 2012 <i>Dedication of St. Peter in Chains Cathedral</i>	Saturday	Feast	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
November 9, 2012 <i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome</i>	Friday	Feast	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
November 25, 2012 <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 holydays 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.