

LITURGICAL YEAR CALENDAR AND NOTES – 2018

Sunday Cycle B – Weekday Cycle II

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Archdiocese of Cincinnati

Date	Rank	Funeral Mass	Funeral Outside of Mass	Wedding Ritual Mass	Wedding Outside of Mass
December 3, 2017 <i>First Sunday of Advent – Begin Cycle B</i>	Sunday	No	Yes	No	Yes
December 8, 2017 (Friday) <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patronal Feast Day of the United States</i>	Solemnity / <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	No	Yes	No	Yes
December 10, 2017 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	Sunday	No	Yes	No	Yes
December 12, 2017 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	Feast	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
December 17, 2017 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	Sunday	No	Yes	No	Yes
December 24, 2017 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	Sunday	No	Yes	No	Yes
December 25, 2017 (Monday) <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>	Solemnity/Holy Day of Obligation	No	Yes	No	Yes
December 31, 2017 <i>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph</i>	Sunday - Feast	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
January 1, 2018 (Monday) <i>The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God</i>	Solemnity/ <i>Not a Holy Day of Obligation</i>	No	Yes	No	Yes
January 7, 2018 <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	Sunday/ Solemnity	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
January 8, 2018 (Monday) <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	Feast	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
January 14, 2018 <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Sunday	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
January 18 – 25, 2018 <i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Mass for Christian Unity may be used when the day allows.</i>	N/A	Yes – when the day allows	Yes – when the day allows	Yes – when the day allows	Yes – when the day allows
January 22, 2018 (Monday) <i>Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children</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 Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life (white) or Mass for Peace and Justice (violet) may be used.	Day of Prayer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
February 2, 2018 (Friday) <i>Presentation of the Lord</i>	Feast	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
February 14, 2018 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	Day of Fast and Abstinence	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
February 18, 2018 <i>First Sunday of Lent, Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion</i>	Sunday	No	Yes	No	Yes

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February 15, 2018 <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	Sunday	No	Yes	No	Yes
March 4, 2018 <i>Third Sunday of Lent - First Scrutiny to be celebrated with the Elect using Cycle A readings</i>	Sunday	No	Yes	No	Yes
March 11, 2018 <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent - Second Scrutiny to be celebrated with the Elect using Cycle A readings</i>	Sunday	No	Yes	No	Yes
March 18, 2018 <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent – Third Scrutiny to be celebrated with the Elect using Cycle A readings</i>	Sunday	No	Yes	No	Yes
March 19, 2018 <i>St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Solemnity	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
March 25, 2018 <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	Sunday	No	Yes	No	Yes
March 27, 2018 <i>Chrism Mass, 7:00p.m. – Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains</i>	Archdiocesan celebration	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
March 29, 2018 <i>Holy Thursday</i>	Highest Rank	No	Yes – no Communion	No	No
March 30, 2018 <i>Good Friday</i>	Highest Rank	No	Yes – no Communion	No	No
March 31, 2018 <i>Holy Saturday – The Easter Vigil may not begin before 8:30pm</i>	Highest Rank	No	Yes – no Communion	No	No
April 1, 2018 <i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>	Sunday of highest rank	No	Yes	No	No
April 8, 2018 <i>Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)</i>	Solemnity	No	Yes	No	Yes
April 9, 2018 <i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>	Solemnity	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
May 10, 2018 (Thursday)	Easter Weekday	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
May 13, 2018 <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>	Sunday - Solemnity	No	Yes	No	Yes
May 20, 2018 <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	Sunday – Solemnity	No	Yes	No	Yes
May 27, 2018 <i>Most Holy Trinity</i>	Sunday – Solemnity	No	Yes	No	Yes
May 28 Eighth Week in OT	Weekday	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
June 3, 2018 <i>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</i>	Sunday – Solemnity	No	Yes	No	Yes
June 8, 2018 <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	Solemnity	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

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June 24, 2018 (Sunday) <i>The Nativity of St. John the Baptist</i>	Solemnity	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
June 29, 2018 <i>Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles</i>	Solemnity	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
July 22, 2018	Sunday	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
August 6, 2018 (Monday) <i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	Feast	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
August 15, 2018 (Wednesday) <i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Solemnity/Holy Day of Obligation	No	Yes	No	Yes
September 14, 2018 <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	Feast	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
November 1, 2018 (Thursday) <i>All Saints</i>	Solemnity/Holy Day of Obligation	No	Yes	No	Yes
November 2, 2018 <i>Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)</i>	Commemoration	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
November 3, 2018 <i>Anniversary of Dedication of St. Peter in Chains Cathedral</i>	Feast (Solemnity at the Cathedral only)	Yes	Yes	Yes (No)	Yes
November 9, 2018 <i>Anniversary of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	Feast	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
November 25, 2018 <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	Sunday – Solemnity	No	Yes	No	Yes

Ritual Masses and Choice of Rite

Marriage within Mass:

- White vestments or of a festive color are worn.
- If the wedding Mass is celebrated on those days listed in nos. 1- 4 of the Table of Liturgical Days, the Mass of the day is used with the nuptial blessing and where appropriate, the special final blessing.
- When the Wedding Ritual 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.

(Order of Celebrating Matrimony, 34)

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. 178.1)

Other Notes

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Since January 1, 2018 falls on a Monday, the Solemnity of Mary is not a holy day of obligation.

Feast of the Baptism of The Lord

Since the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord is celebrated on January 7, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is transferred to the following Monday, January 8, 2018 with only one reading before the Gospel.

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Since March 25, 2018 is Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, the Solemnity of the Annunciation is transferred to Monday, April 9, 2018.

Solemnity of the Ascension

In the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated on Sunday, May 13, 2018. Thursday, May 10, 2018 is an Easter Weekday.