

# The Liturgical Year

The Liturgical Year is an annual cycle of seasons & feasts that celebrates the Paschal Mystery, especially focusing on Christ's Death & Resurrection (Easter), & Birth (Christmas).

It is meant to draw us into the Mystery of Christ, helping us to experience His divine life more fully and deeply.

This includes remembering & celebrating the lives of the saints, especially Mary, the Mother of God.



SEASON	BEGINS	ENDS	LENGTH
<b>Advent</b>	4th Sunday before Dec. 25	December 24	22 -28 days ( 4 Sundays )
<i>Immaculate Conception - Dec. 8</i>			
<b>Christmas</b>	December 25	Baptism of the Lord (3rd Sunday after Dec. 25)	16 - 22 days ( 4 Sundays )
<i>Christmas - Dec. 25</i> <i>Mary Mother of God - Jan. 1</i>			
<b>Ordinary Time</b>	Monday after Baptism of the Lord	Tuesday before Ash Wednesday	varies
<b>Lent</b>	Ash Wednesday (46 Days before Easter)	Wednesday before Easter	40 ish days ( 6 Sundays )
<b>Triduum</b>	Sundown on the Thursday before Easter	Sundown on Easter	3 days
<b>Easter</b>	Sunday following the Paschal full moon *	Pentecost (7th Sunday after Easter)	50 days ( 8 Sundays )
<i>Ascension of the Lord - 40 Days after Easter</i>			
<b>Ordinary Time</b>	Monday after Pentecost	Saturday before Advent	varies (34 Sundays combined OT )
<i>Assumption of Mary - Aug. 15</i> <i>All Saints Day - Nov. 1</i>			

NOTE: Holy Days of Obligation are listed in italics [www.usccb.org/calendar](http://www.usccb.org/calendar) [www.romcal.net](http://www.romcal.net)

\* Pascal full moon - The full moon that falls on or after the vernal (spring) equinox.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SvVnqDsv07c>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z1ZijlWVusk>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EXTGUBSmuq4>