



Roman Catholic Diocese of Sacramento

HOLY DAYS and DAYS OF PRAYER - 2011-12 LITURGICAL YEAR

Nov. 1, 2011	Solemnity of ALL SAINTS	Holy Day of Obligation.
Nov. 24, 2011	THANKSGIVING DAY	Diocesan Day of Thanksgiving (Statute 123 § 2d).
Nov. 27, 2011	FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT	<i>First use of the 3rd edition of the Roman Missal</i>
Dec. 8, 2011	Solemnity of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Patroness of the United States. Holy Day of Obligation.
Dec. 12, 2011	Feast of OUR LADY of GUADALUPE	Co-Patroness of the Diocese of Sacramento, celebrated as a Solemnity (Statute 123 § 1b).
Dec. 25, 2011	Solemnity of the NATIVITY of the LORD	Holy Day of Obligation.
Jan. 1, 2012 (Sunday)	Solemnity of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, the MOTHER of GOD	<u>Holy Day of Obligation.</u>
Jan. 18-25, 2012	WEEK of PRAYER for CHRISTIAN UNITY	(Statute 123 § 3a).
Jan. 23, 2012 (Monday)	NATIONAL DAY of PENANCE	Anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision. (2000 GIRM, USCCB Adaptation, #373: <i>“In all dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when the 22nd falls on Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of penance for the violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. The Mass “For Peace and Justice” (no. 21 from “Masses for Various Needs”) should be celebrated with violet vestments as an appropriate liturgical observance for this day.”</i>) (Statute 123 § 3b).
Feb. 22, 2012 (Wednesday)	ASH WEDNESDAY	
Feb. 26, 2012 (Sunday)	FIRST SUNDAY of LENT	
Mar. 14, 2012 (Wednesday)	DIOCESAN DAY of PENANCE	A day of penance for negative attitudes and discrimination toward people of differing culture, ethnicity and race; and prayer for unity in our diversity, for equality, mutual respect and peace among all peoples (Statute 123 § 3c).
Mar. 17, 2012 (Saturday)	Memorial of SAINT PATRICK	Co-Patron of the Diocese of Sacramento, celebrated as a <u>Solemnity</u> . (Statute 123 § 1a).
Apr. 7, 2012 (Saturday)	HOLY SATURDAY	The Easter Vigil is to begin not earlier than 8:15pm .

Apr. 8, 2012 (Sunday)	EASTER SUNDAY: Solemnity of the RESURRECTION of the LORD	<u>Holy Day of Obligation.</u>
May 2, 2012 (Sunday)	Solemnity of the ASCENSION of the LORD	Permanently transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter in most Dioceses of the United States. <u>Holy Day of Obligation.</u>
May 27, 2012 (Sunday)	PENTECOST SUNDAY	
June 10, 2012 (Sunday)	Solemnity of the MOST HOLY BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST	Patronal feast of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.
July 1, 2012 (Sunday)	Anniversary of the DEDICATION of the CATHEDRAL of the BLESSED SACRAMENT	<i>(transferred)</i> To be observed in the Cathedral and all parishes of the Diocese, with the rank of <u>Solemnity</u> . (Statute 123 § 2a).
July 6, 2012 (Friday)	DIOCESAN DAY of PENANCE	<i>(Memorial of St. Maria Goretti)</i> A day of penance for sins and crimes against children and youth, including the sexual abuse of minors by clergy and other members of the Church; and prayer for the needs of children. (Statute 123 § 3d).
Aug. 15, 2012 (Wednesday)	Solemnity of the ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	<u>Holy Day of Obligation.</u>
Nov. 1, 2012 (Thursday)	Solemnity of ALL SAINTS	<u>Holy Day of Obligation.</u>
Nov. 22, 2012 (Thursday)	THANKSGIVING DAY	Diocesan Day of Thanksgiving for the harvest and all our blessings (Statute 123 § 2d).
Dec. 2, 2012	FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT	
Dec. 8, 2012 (Saturday)	Solemnity of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Patroness of the United States. <u>Holy Day of Obligation.</u>
Dec. 12, 2012 (Wednesday)	Feast of OUR LADY of GUADALUPE	Co-Patroness of the Diocese of Sacramento, celebrated as a <u>Solemnity</u> (Statute 123 § 1b)
Dec. 25, 2012 (Tuesday)	Solemnity of the NATIVITY of the LORD	<u>Holy Day of Obligation</u>