



DIOCESE of TYLER

PARTICULAR CALENDAR AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES FOR THE DIOCESE OF TYLER FOR THE 2019 LITURGICAL YEAR

December 2, 2018 to November 30, 2019

Sunday: Year C | Weekday: Cycle I

February 2, 2019 World Marriage Day Mass

Note: Mass begins at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

February 24, 2019 Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Note: Because this falls on Sunday in 2019, it is observed only in Cathedral parish this year.

March 10, 2019 Presentation of the Elect

Note: The Liturgy begins at 4 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

March 17, 2019 Presentation of the Elect

Note: The Liturgy begins at 4 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

April 16, 2019 Chrism Mass

Note: Mass begins at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

August 9, 2019 Mass for Deacons with Recommitment of Promises

Note: Mass begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

September 7, 2019 Anniversary of the Death of Bishop Charles E. Herzig, First Bishop of Tyler

Note: For daily Masses, priests are encouraged to use the Mass for the Dead, Various Prayers for the Dead (IV), For a Bishop, For a Diocesan Bishop (A).

October 7, 2019 “Red Mass” (Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit) for the Legal Community

Note: Mass begins at 6 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

November 28, 2019 Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Joseph E. Strickland

Note: For daily Masses, priests are encouraged to use the Mass for Various Needs, For Holy Church (I), For the Bishop (3).

Holy Days of Obligation

In addition to all Sundays, the following Holy Days of Obligation are observed for the current liturgical year:¹

December 8, 2018	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary *
December 25, 2018	Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord
January 1, 2019	Solemnity of the Mary, Mother of God
August 15, 2019	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
November 1, 2019	Solemnity of All Saints

* In 2018, Dec. 8 falls on a Saturday. Because the Immaculate Conception is the principal patroness of the United States, this remains a Holy Day of Obligation. The next day, Dec. 9, is the Second Sunday of Advent. Therefore, the faithful must meet these two obligations with two separate Masses.

Regarding the Lenten Scrutinies

The scrutinies in preparation for the Baptism of the catechumens (the elect) who are to be admitted to the sacraments at the Easter Vigil are celebrated in a solemn manner during Mass on the Third (March 24), Fourth (March 31), and Fifth (April 7) Sundays of Lent.ⁱⁱ The scrutinies are not optional. The rites found in the liturgical book *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* are to be faithfully observed.

Regarding the Easter Vigil on April 20, 2019

In order to ensure sufficient darkness and observe the law that the celebration take place “during the night”ⁱⁱⁱ, at least 45 minutes, and preferably one hour, should elapse after sunset before the Easter Vigil may begin. In 2019, sunset on April 20 occurs at approximately 7:50 p.m. across the Diocese of Tyler. Therefore, the celebration of the Easter Vigil may not be scheduled to begin before 8:30 p.m.

Regarding the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

The ecclesiastical province of Galveston-Houston, which includes the Diocese of Tyler, has perpetually transferred this Solemnity to the following Sunday - June 2, 2019, which is its proper day.^{iv} Thursday, May 30, 2019, is observed as an Easter Weekday.

Regarding Parish Feast Days

In each parish, the anniversary of the dedication of the parish church and the feast of patron (title) of the parish are celebrated as Solemnities. When these occur during Ordinary Time, they may be transferred to the next Sunday.^v

Regarding the Ember and Rogation Days

While not required by universal law and no longer part of the General Roman Calendar, Bishop Strickland encourages the pastoral observance of the following special days as times to entreat the Lord for the good of the Church and to offer him special thanksgiving.^{vi}

June 12, 14 and 15, 2019

September 18, 20 and 21, 2019

On these days, fasting and abstinence is encouraged, though not required. For 2019, Bishop Strickland requests that the Mass for Various Needs, For Reconciliation (16) be used on these days, when possible.

ⁱ Code of Canon Law, canon 1246, §1; NCCB Complimentary Norm to canon 1246, §2 (Nov. 17, 1992).

ⁱⁱ *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*, 141, 146

ⁱⁱⁱ *Roman Missal*, Rubrics for the Easter Vigil, 3; Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and Calendar, 21.

^{iv} The ecclesiastical provinces of Boston, Hartford, New York, Newark, Philadelphia, and the State of Nebraska have retained the celebration of the Ascension of the Lord on Thursday, while all other provinces have transferred this solemnity to today, the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

^v Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and Calendar, 58.

^{vi} Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and Calendar, 45-47.