

Catholic Calendar

The Roman Catholic calendar begins with the liturgical season of Advent on the fourth Sunday before Christmas (always falling between 27 November and 3 December), and ends on Christmas Eve on 24 December.

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (the 7th Wednesday before Easter) and ends on Holy Saturday (the day before Easter). Important days of Lenten and Eastertide include:

- Ash Wednesday
- Holy Thursday
- Good Friday
- Holy Saturday
- Easter Sunday
- Divine Mercy Sunday
- Ascension of Our Lord
- Pentecost
- Trinity Sunday
- Corpus Christi
- Sacred Heart of Jesus

In the Roman Catholic tradition, Easter is always the first Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or after the spring equinox. If the full moon falls on a Sunday then Easter is the next Sunday. As such the dates change from year to year.

January 1 – Mary, the Mother of God

January 2 – Saints Basil the Great, and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops and doctors

January 6 – Epiphany (often moved to the closest Sunday)

January 9 – the Baptism of the Lord (Feast)

January 25 – The Conversion of St Paul (Feast)

January 28 – St Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor

February 2 – Presentation of the Lord (Feast)

February 6 – Saints Paul Miki and his Companions, martyrs.

March 17 – St Patrick, bishop (Solemnity)

March 19 – St Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)

March 25 – The Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity)

April 26 – Saint Mark, Evangelist (Feast)

April 29 Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin (Feast)

May 1 – Saint Joseph the Worker

May 3 – Saints Philip and James, Apostles (Feast)

May 13 – Our Lady of Fatima

May 24 – Our Lady, Help of Christians (Solemnity)

June 22 – Saints John Fisher, Bishop) and Thomas More, Martyrs

June 24 – The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist (Solemnity)

June 29 – Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles (Solemnity)

July 3 – Saint Thomas, Apostle (Feast)

July 11 – Saint Benedict, abbot

July 15 – Saint Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor

July 22 – Saint Mary Magdalen (Feast)

July 25 – Saint James, Apostle (Feast)

July 26 – Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

July 31 – Saint Ignatius Loyola, priest

August 1 – Saint Alphonsus Mary de’Liguori, Bishop, Doctor

August 3 – Saint Dominic, Priest

August 4 – Saint John Mary Vianney, Priest

August 6 – Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast)

August 8 – Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, virgin (Solemnity)

August 9 – Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), virgin, martyr

August 10 – Saint Lawrence, deacon, martyr (Feast)

August 15 – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)

August 24 – Saint Bartholomew, apostle (Feast)

August 28 – Saint Augustine, bishop, doctor

August 29 – The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist

September 9 – The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary

September 13 – Saint John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor

September 14 – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast)

September 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows

September 21 – Saint Matthew, apostle, evangelist (Feast)

September 29 – Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, archangels (Feast)

September 30 – Saint Jerome, doctor

October 1 - Thérèse of Lisieux, virgin

October 4 – Saint Francis of Assisi

October 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary

October 18 – Saint Luke, evangelist (Feast)

October 28 – Saints Simon and Jude, apostles (Feast)

November 1 – All Saints (Solemnity)

November 2 – All Souls

November 4 – Saint Charles Borromeo, bishop

November 9 – Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Feast)

November 21 – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

November 30 – Saint Andrew, apostle (Feast)

December 6 – Saint Nicholas, Bishop

December 8 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 14 – Saint John of the Cross, priest and doctor

December 25 – Christmas Day (The Nativity of Our Lord)

December 26 – Saint Stephen, the first martyr (Feast)

December 27 – Saint John, apostle, evangelist (Feast)

December 28 – The Holy Innocents (Feast)

December 31 – The Holy Family