LITURGICAL YEAR 2025

"Holy Year 2025"



LITURGICAL REFERENCE GUIDE DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON

SUMMARY of LITURGICAL YEAR 2025

First Sunday of Advent

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, December 25, 2024

Sunday, January 12, 2025

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 20, 2025

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, June 8, 2025

Christ, King of the Universe

Sunday, November 23, 2025

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Lectionary · Weekdays Cycle I

 Hours · Vol. 1, Advent-Christmas
 Dec 1, 2024 - Jan 12, 2025

 Hours · Vol. 3, Ordinary Time
 Jan 13, 2025 - Mar 4, 2025

 Hours · Vol. 2, Lent-Easter
 Mar 5, 2025 - June 8, 2025

 Hours · Vol. 3, Ordinary Time
 June 9, 2025 - Aug 2, 2025

 Hours · Vol. 4, Ordinary Time
 Aug 3, 2025 - Nov 29, 2025

ADVENT 2024

			ADVENI 2024	
Sun	Dec	1 2024	First Sunday of Advent Year of Grace 2025 begins ·	Advent begins
Sun	Dec	8	Second Sunday of Advent	
			» Catholic Charities Christmas Collection	
Mon	Dec	9	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception	
			of the Blessed Virgin Mary holyday of obligation	
Tue	Dec	10	[Transferred] Proper Feast of the Anniversary of the Dedic	ration
			of the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More [ARL]*	
Thu	Dec	12	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe [USA]	
Sun	Dec	15	Third Sunday of Advent	
Sun	Dec	22	Fourth Sunday of Advent	
			CHRISTMAS TIME 2024-2025	
Wed	Dec	25	Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)	Christmas Time begins
				Holy Year 2025 begins in Rome
Sun	Dec	29	Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph	Holy Year 2025 begins in Diocese
Wed	Jan	1 2025	Octave Day of Christmas / Solemnity of Mary,	holyday of obligation
			the Holy Mother of God	
			† World Day of Peace	
Sat	Jan	4	Proper Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton,	
			Secondary Patroness of the Diocese of Arlington [ARL]	
Sun	Jan	5	Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord	
Sun	Jan	12	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	
			ORDINARY TIME 2025	
Mon	Jan	13	Monday of the First Week in Ordinary Time	Ordinary Time begins
Sun	Jan	19	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Sa-Sa	Jan	18-25	† Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	
Wed	Jan	22	† National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unbor	n Children [USA]
Last w	eek in Ja	ın	† Catholic Schools Week [USA]	
Sun	Jan	26	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	
			† Sunday of the Word of God	
***		20.5	» Collection for the Church in Latin America	P. C. 11 C. 11 T. 11 C.
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Sun	Feb	2	The Presentation of the Lord			
			† World Day for Consecrated Life (observed this day in [USA])			
			» Collection for Diocesan Newspaper [ARL]			
F-F	Feb	7-14	† National Marriage Week [USA]			
Sat	Feb	8	† World Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking			
Sun	Feb	9	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
			† World Marriage Day			
Tue	Feb	11	† World Day of the Sick			
Sun	Feb	16	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Sun	Feb	23	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Sun	Mar	2	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
			LENT & HOLY WEEK 2025			
Wed	Mar	5	Ash Wednesday Lent begins			
			» Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe			
Sun	Mar	9	First Sunday of Lent			
			Rite of Election [ARL]			
			» Collection for Black and Indian Missions			
Wed	Mar	19	Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary			
Sun	Mar	16	Second Sunday of Lent			
Sun	Mar	23	Third Sunday of Lent			
Tue	Mar	25	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord			
Sun	Mar	30	Fourth Sunday of Lent			
			» Collection for Catholic Relief Services			
Sun	Apr	6	Fifth Sunday of Lent			
Sat	Apr	12	Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination of Diocesan Bishop Emeritus			
			Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde (1988) [ARL]			
Sun	Apr	13	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	Holy Week begins		

PASCHAL TRIDUUM & EASTER TIME 2025

Thu	Apr	17	Holy Thursday · Thursday of the Lord's Supper	Paschal Triduum begins		
Fri	Apr	18	Good Friday · Friday of the Passion of the Lord			
			» Collection for the Holy Land Shrines			
Sat	Apr	19	Holy Saturday · Easter Vigil in the Holy Night			
			The Easter Vigil may begin no earlier than 8:30pm on Sat, Apr 19, 2025	[ARL]		
Sun	Apr	20	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	Easter Time begins		
Sat	Apr	26	Ordination to the Diaconate (Transitional Deacons) [ARL]			
Sun	Apr	27	Octave Day of Easter / Second Sunday of Easter	Divine Mercy Sunday		
			» Catholic Home Missions Appeal			
Sun	May	4	Third Sunday of Easter			
Sun	May	11	Fourth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day [USA]			
			† World Day of Prayer for Vocations			
			» Collection for Special Parish Needs [ARL]			
Sun	May	18	Fifth Sunday of Easter			
			» Collection for Diocesan Retired Priests [ARL]			
Thu	May	22	† National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners and People of	† National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners and People of the Sea [USA]		
Sat	May	24	† World Day of Prayer for the Church in China			
Sun	May	25	Sixth Sunday of Easter			
Sun	Jun	1	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord			
			† World Communications Day			
			» Collection for Catholic Communications Campaign			
Sat	Jun	7	Ordination to the Priesthood [ARL]			
Sun	Jun	8	Solemnity of Pentecost			
			» Confirmation for Adults [ARL]			
			ORDINARY TIME 2024			
Mon	Jun	9	Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	Ordinary Time resumes		
Sun	Jun	15	Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity			
			» Father's Day [USA]			
Su-Su	Jun	22-29	† Religious Freedom Week [USA]			

Sun	Jun	22	Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Cl	hristi)	
Sun	Jun	22	Proper Feast of Saint Thomas More, Omitted in 2025		
			Principal Patron of the Diocese of Arlington [ARL]		
Tue	Jun	24	Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist		
Fri	Jun	27	Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus		
			† World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests		
Sun	Jun	29	Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles		
			» Collection for Peter's Pence		
Sun	Jul	6	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Sun	Jul	13	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
			» Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa (observed this day in [ARL])		
Sun	Jul	20	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
F-F	Jul-Au	ıg 25-1	† Natural Family Planning Awareness Week [USA]		
Sun	Jul	27	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Sun	Aug	3	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Sun	Aug	10	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Fri	Aug	15	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	holyday of obligation	
Sun	Aug	17	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Sun	Aug	24	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Sun	Aug	31	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Mon	Sep	1	† World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation		
Fri	Sep	5	Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination of Diocesan Bishop		
			Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge (2002) [ARL]		
Sun	Sep	7	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time		
			† World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly [USA]		
			» Collection for The Catholic University of America		
Tue	Sep	9	† Day of Prayer for Peace in our Communities [USA]		
Sun	Sep	14	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross		
			» Collection for Religious Education [ARL]		

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

			† Catechetical Sunday [USA]			
T-M	Sep	23-29	† National Migration Week [USA]			
Sun	Sep	28	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
			† World Day of Migrants and Refugees	† World Day of Migrants and Refugees		
			† Priesthood Sunday			
Month of October Respect Life Month & Domestic Violence Awareness Month						
Sun	Oct	5	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time			
			† Respect Life Sunday			
			» Collection for the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate	e Conception [ARL]		
Sun	Oct	12	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Sun	Oct	19	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
			† World Mission Sunday			
			» Collection for World Mission Sunday			
Sun	Oct	26	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Montl	n of Nov	ember	Black Catholic History Month			
Sat	Nov	1	Solemnity of All Saints	not a day of obligation in 2025		
Sun	Nov	2	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)			
Sun	Nov	9	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica			
			» Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA [ARL]			
Sun	Nov	16	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time			
			† World Day of the Poor			
			» Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious			
Sun	Nov	23	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe/			
			Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
			† Global Celebration of Youth and Young Adults (World Youth Day) Year of Grace 2025 ends		
			» Collection for Campaign for Human Development			

CLARIFICATIONS on LITURGICAL YEAR 2025

- Since December 8, 2024, is the Second Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, December 9. The Optional Memorial of Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, December 9, is omitted this year. December 9 is a day of obligation for the faithful.
- December 9 is the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral. It is celebrated as a Feast throughout the Diocese and only as a Solemnity at the Cathedral. Since the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday December 9 this year and is of a higher rank, the observance of the Dedication is transferred to December 10, 2024.
- December 25, 2024 · Christmas Day falls on a Wednesday in 2024. All Masses during the day on Christmas are that of Christmas Day, with its proper prayers and readings. Evening Masses on Tuesday, December 24 are likewise the Mass of Christmas Day. Evening Prayer I and II of Christmas are celebrated.
- December 29, 2024 · The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph is inscribed on the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas (or December 30th if there is no Sunday within the Octave).
- January 1, 2025 · The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, falls on a Wednesday this year and is a holyday of obligation.
- January 5, 2025 · In the Dioceses of the United States of America, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord is transferred to the Sunday between January 2nd and January 8th. Therefore, the proper Vigil Mass of Epiphany is celebrated for Masses after 4:00pm on Saturday, January 4, either before or after Evening Prayer I of Epiphany. The Mass during the Day of Epiphany is celebrated for all Masses on Sunday, January 5.
- January 12, 2025 · The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated. Ordinary Time begins after the Baptism of the Lord (Monday January 13, 2025).
- May 31-June 1, 2025 · In the Diocese of Arlington, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is transferred to Sunday. Therefore, the proper Vigil Mass of the Ascension is celebrated for Masses after 4:00pm on Saturday, May 31, 2025, either before or after Evening Prayer I of the Ascension. The Mass during the Day of Ascension is celebrated for all Masses on Sunday, June 1, 2025.
- June 22, 2025 falls on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord. As such, the Patronal Feast of Saint Thomas More is not observed in the diocese in 2025. The Patronal Feast of the Cathedral with the rank of Solemnity is transferred to Monday June 23, 2025.

- November 1, 2025 is the Solemnity of All Saints. In accord with the complimentary norm to canon 1246 §2 confirmed for the dioceses of the United States of America, because it is a Saturday, this year the obligation to attend Mass on this date is abrogated. Evening Prayer II of All Saints is said on November 1.
- November 2, 2025 is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. Evening Masses on Saturday November 1 and Masses on Sunday November 2 are of the Commemoration. The *Gloria* is omitted, the Creed is said. The Prayers and Readings are taken from those Proper for November 2.

ADDITIONS & CHANGES to the Universal Calendar & U.S. Proper Calendar

Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto	December 10	Tue Dec 10, 2024
Optional Memorial of Saint Marianne Cope [USA]	January 23	Thu Jan 23, 2025
Optional Memorial of Saint Gregory of Narek	February 27	Thu Feb 27, 2025
Optional Memorial of Saint John of Avila	May 10	Sat May 10, 2025
Optional Memorial of Saint Paul VI	May 29	Thu May 29, 2025
Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	Monday after Pentecost	Mon Jun 9, 2025
Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene	July 22	Tue Jul 22, 2025
Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus	July 29	Tue Jul 29, 2025
Optional Memorial of Saint Hildegard of Bingen	September 17	Wed Sep 17, 2025
Optional Memorial of Saint Faustina Kowalska	October 5	not observed in 2025
Optional Memorial of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos [USA]	October 5	not observed in 2025
Optional Memorial of Saint John XXIII	October 11	Sat Oct 11, 2025
Optional Memorial of Saint John Paul II	October 22	Wed Oct 22, 2025

Universal & U.S. Days of Prayer

World Day of Peace	January 1	Mon Jan 1, 2025
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	January 18-25	Jan 18-25, 2025
Sunday of the Word of God	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sun Jan 26, 2025
National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	January 22 [USA] (or January 23 if January 22 is a Sunday)	Wed Jan 22, 2025
World Day for Consecrated Life	Sunday following February 2 [USA]	Sun Feb 2, 2025
World Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking	February 8	Sat Feb 8, 2025
World Marriage Day	Sunday within National Marriage Week	Sun Feb 9, 2025
World Day of the Sick	February 11	Tue Feb 11, 2025
World Day of Prayer for Vocations	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Sun May 11, 2025
National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners and People of the Sea	May 22	Thu May 22, 2025
World Day of Prayer for the Church in China	May 24	Sat May 24, 2025
World Communications Day	Seventh Sunday of Easter/Ascension	Sun Jun 1, 2025
Religious Freedom Week	June 22-29 [USA]	Jun 22-29, 2025
World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests	Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	Fri Jun 27, 2025
World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation	September 1	Mon Sep 1, 2025
World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly	Sunday after Labor Day [USA]	Sun Sep 7, 2025
Day of Prayer for Peace in our Communities	September 9 [USA]	Tue Sep 9, 2025
Catechetical Sunday	Third Sunday of September [USA]	Sun Sep 21, 2025
World Day of Migrants and Refugees	Last Sunday of September	Sun Sep 28, 2025
World Mission Sunday	Penultimate Sunday of October	Sun Oct 19, 2025
World Day of the Poor	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sun Nov 16, 2025
Global Celebration of Youth and Young Adults	Solemnity of Christ the King	Sun Nov 23, 2025

NATIONAL AND DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS

Remittances should be submitted within 30 days after the collection date. All checks should be made payable to the Diocese of Arlington except for World Mission Sunday and Mission Cooperative (see note 2). The name of the collection(s) and amount(s) remitted should be clearly indicated on the check or accompanying documents.

Catholic Charities Christmas Collection	Second Sunday in December	Sun Dec 8, 2024
Collection for the Church in Latin America	Fourth Sunday in January	Sun Jan 26, 2025
Diocesan Newspaper ¹ [ARL]	First Sunday in February	Sun Feb 2, 2025
For the Church in Central & Eastern Europe ²	Ash Wednesday	Wed Mar 5, 2025
Collection for Black and Indian Missions	First Sunday of Lent	Sun Mar 9, 2025
Collection for Catholic Relief Services	Fourth Sunday of Lent	Sun Mar 30, 2025
Collection for the Holy Land	Good Friday	Fri Apr 18, 2025
Catholic Home Missions Appeal	Last Sunday in April	Sun Apr 27, 2025
Collection for Special Parish Needs ³ [ARL]	Mother's Day-Second Sunday of May	Sun May 11, 2025
Collection for Diocesan Retired Priests [ARL]	Third Sunday of May	Sun May 18, 2025
Catholic Communications Campaign	First Sunday of June	Sun Jun 1, 2025
Collection for Peter's Pence	Sunday nearest to June 29	Sun Jun 29, 2025
Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa ⁴	Second Sunday of July [ARL]	Sun Jul 13, 2025
The Catholic University of America	First or Second Sunday in September	Sun Sep 7, 2025
Collection for Religious Education ⁵ [ARL]	Second Sunday in September	Sun Sep 14, 2025
Collection for the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC	One-time Special Collection	Sun Oct 5, 2025
Collection for World Mission Sunday ⁶	Second to last Sunday in October	Sun Oct 19, 2025
Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA	Sunday before Veteran's Day, every 3 years	Sun Nov 9, 2025
Retirement Fund for Religious	Second Sunday in November*	Sun Nov 16, 2025
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	Sunday before Thanksgiving	Sun Nov 23, 2025

¹ Collection is retained by parish and recorded in appropriate income accounts. ²This collection will be conducted in the same manner as in previous years. Since participation is of free will, there is no need for your ushers to take up a special collection if you choose not to do so. However, it is suggested that you provide baskets at the doors to receive donations from your parishioners. ³Collection is retained by parish and recorded in appropriate income accounts. Each pastor is to make the determination for the necessity of this collection according to his parish's needs. The purpose of this collection is to allow each pastor to receive a collection for whatever purpose he deems necessary to his parish's welfare; e.g., repairs, replacements, fuel, etc. ⁴This collection will be conducted in the same manner as in previous years. Since participation is of free will, there is no need for your ushers to take up a special collection if you choose not to do so. However, it is suggested that you provide baskets at the doors to receive donations from your parishioners.

⁵ Collection is retained by parish and recorded in appropriate income accounts. ⁶This collection should be remitted to the Catholic Diocese of Arlington Mission Office. Please make check payable to the Catholic Diocese of Arlington Mission Office. In addition, the parish's Missionary Cooperative Collection also should be remitted to the Catholic Diocese of Arlington Mission Office. * Date adjusted to avoid a conflict.

CELEBRATIONS & OBSERVANCES of the DIOCESE of ARLINGTON

Feast of the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More	December 9, 1961	Tue Dec 10, 2024
Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Secondary Patroness of the Diocese of Arlington	January 4	Sat Jan 4, 2025
Ordination to the Diaconate [Permanent]		N/A in 2025
Rite of Election	First Sunday of Lent	Sun Mar 9, 2025
Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination of Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde (1988)	April 12, 1988	Sat Apr 12, 2025
Ordination to the Diaconate [Transitional]	Saturday of the Octave Easter	Sat Apr 26, 2025
Ordination to the Priesthood	First Saturday of June	Sat Jun 7, 2025
Confirmation for Adults	Pentecost	Sun Jun 8, 2025
Feast of Saint Thomas More, Principal Patron of the Diocese of Arlington	June 22	Sun Jun 22, 2025 Not observed in 2025, except at the Cathedral
Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination of Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge (2002)	September 5, 2002	Fri Sep 5, 2025

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CIVIL OBSERVANCES in the UNITED STATES

Poverty Awareness Month	January	annually
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Third Monday of January	Mon Jan 20, 2025
Black History Month	February	Annually
International Day of Human Fraternity	February 4	Tue Feb 4, 2025
Presidents' Day	Third Monday of February	Mon Feb 17, 2025
Women's History Month	March	Annually
Irish American History Month	March	Annually
National Child Abuse Prevention Month	April	Annually

National Volunteer Month	April	Annually
Earth Day	April 22	Tue Apr 22, 2025
National Mental Health Awareness Month	May	Annually
Asian & Pacific Island National Heritage Month	May	Annually
National Foster Care Month	May	Annually
Mother's Day	Second Sunday of May	Sun May 11, 2025
Memorial Day	Last Monday of May	Mon May 26, 2025
Father's Day	Third Sunday of June	Sun Jun 15, 2025
Juneteenth National Independence Day	June 19	Thu Jun 19, 2025
World Refugee Day	June 20	Annually
Independence Day	July 4	Annually
Labor Day	First Monday of September	Mon Sep 1, 2025
Suicide Prevention Week	Week after Labor Day	Sep 7-13, 2025
Hispanic Heritage Month	September 15-October 15	Annually
Domestic Violence Awareness Month	October	Annually
Columbus Day/Indigenous People Day	Second Monday of October	Mon Oct 13, 2025
National Adoption Month	November	Annually
Native American Heritage Month	November	Annually
Election Day	Tuesday after the First Monday in November	Tue Nov 4, 2025
Veterans Day	November 11	Annually
National Adoption Day	Annually on the Saturday before Thanksgiving Day	Sat Nov 22, 2025
Thanksgiving	Fourth Thursday of November	Thu Nov 27, 2025
International Day of Persons with Disabilities	December 3	Wed Dec 3, 2025

ORDER of CHRISTIAN INITIATION of ADULTS

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Unbaptized	BAPTIZED IN ANOTHER CHURCH OR ECCLESIAL COMMUNITY	Uncatechized Adult Catholics							
Evangelization and Precatechumenate · OCIA 36-40	see OCIA 400-410	see OCIA 400-410							
I. Entrance into the Order of Catechumens · OCIA 41-74	I. Welcoming · OCIA 411-433	I. Welcoming · OCIA 411-433							
 Catechumenate · OCIA 75-117 † Celebrations of the Word of God † Minor Exorcisms † Blessings of the Catechumens † Anointings of the Catechumens † [Presentations] † [Sending Catechumens for Election] 	Catechesis † [Celebrations of the Word of God (with Catechumens as appropriate)]	† [Celebrations of the Word of God (with Catechumens as appropriate)]							
II. Election or Enrollment of Names · OCIA 118-137	II. Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion · OCIA 446-458	II. Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion · OCIA 446-458							
Rite of Election 2025 March 9, 2025									
Purification and Enlightenment · OCIA 138-205 † Scrutinies · OCIA 150-156, 164-177 † Handing On · OCIA 157-163, 178-184 † Preparation Rites · OCIA 185-205	Continuing Conversion † Penitential Rite · OCIA 459-472 † Sacrament of Reconciliation	Continuing Conversion † Penitential Rite · OCIA 459-472 † Sacrament of Reconciliation							
Reception of Full Communion has the Church witnesses to other days	± ±								
Mystagogy · OCIA 244-251	Mystagogy · adapt. OCIA 244-251	Mystagogy ⋅ adapt. OCIA 244-251							

SACRAMENT of MATRIMONY

Matrimony within Mass may be celebrated on any day of the liturgical year *except* on Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Although permitted, Matrimony should generally be avoided during Holy Week. For weddings during Lent, the couple should be catechized about the season's penitential character. On certain days, the prayers and readings must be taken from the liturgical day rather than the Ritual Mass for the Celebration of Marriage (namely, days in nos. 1-4 of the Table of Liturgical Days, outlined below in chronological order beginning with Advent).

Mass for Marriage Prayers and Readings* not permitted | Mass "of the day" is celebrated

†	Dec 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024 ·	†	Apr 13-19 · Holy Week and	†	Aug 15 · Assumption	
	Sundays of Advent		the Triduum	†	Nov 1 · All Saints	
†	Dec 9 · Immaculate Conception	†	Apr 20-26	†	Nov 2 · All Souls	
†	Dec 25 · Christmas		Easter Octave	†	Nov 23 · Our Lord Jesus	
†	Jan 1, 2025 ·	†	Apr 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25 ·		Christ, King of the	
	Mary Mother of God		Sundays of Easter		Universe (34th Sunday in	
†	Jan 5 · Epiphany	†	Jun 1 · Ascension		Ordinary Time)	
†	Mar 5 · Ash Wed	†	Jun 8 · Pentecost	†	Proper Solemnities (Solemnity	
†	Mar 9, 16, 23, 30, Apr 6, 13	†	June 15 · Holy Trinity		of the Anniversary of the	
	Sundays of Lent	†	Jun 22 · Corpus Christi		Dedication of One's Own	
†	Mar 19 · Saint Joseph	†	Jun 24 · Nativity of John the Baptist		Church; Solemnity of the Title	
†	Mar 25 · The Annunciation	†	Jun 27 · Sacred Heart of Jesus		of One's Own Church	
		†	Jun 29 · Sts Peter and Paul			

When Matrimony is celebrated within Mass on the days listed above, the elements proper to Matrimony (entrance, consent, rings, nuptial blessing, etc.) take place as indicated in *The Order of Celebrating Matrimony*. However, the prayers of Mass—Collect, Prayer over the Offerings, Preface, and Prayer after Communion—are taken from the liturgical day rather than the Ritual Mass for the Celebration of Marriage. The Solemn Blessing may be taken from the Ritual Mass for Matrimony or from the liturgical day. *The readings from Sacred Scripture are taken from the liturgical day, the second reading may be replaced with a selection from the set of readings provided for Matrimony. On these days, the Gloria is said within Mass according to the rubrics of the liturgical day. Likewise, the Creed is said within Mass according to the rubrics of the liturgical day.

Matrimony outside Mass may be celebrated any day also avoiding Holy Week insofar as possible. The celebration of Marriage on Friday of the Passion of the Lord and Holy Saturday is to be avoided altogether. The liturgical day has no impact on the prayers and readings, which are always taken from *The Order of Celebrating Matrimony*.

Notable Fridays & Saturdays and Other Important Dates in 2025

- † Sunday April 13 Thursday April 17, 2025 · Palm Sunday and Weekdays of Holy Week | *Matrimony* should generally be avoided on these days.
- † Friday April 18, 2025 · Good Friday | *Matrimony may not be celebrated within Mass and is to be avoided altogether outside Mass.* Saturday April 19, 2025 · Holy Saturday | *Matrimony may not be celebrated within Mass and is to be avoided altogether outside Mass.*
- † Friday April 25, 2025 & Saturday April 26, 2025 · Friday & Saturday within the Octave of Easter | Matrimony may be celebrated on these days, but when it takes place within Mass, the prayers and readings must be from the liturgical day (except one reading from Matrimony).

FUNERALS & MASSES for the DEAD

Funeral Masses hold first place among Masses for the Dead. Whenever a funeral is celebrated, the readings and prayers of the Funeral Mass must be used. A Funeral Mass is permitted on any day except those listed below (in chronological order beginning with Advent).

Funeral Mass is not permitted

- † Dec 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024 · Sundays of Advent
- † Dec 9 · Immaculate Conception
- † Dec 25 · Christmas

- † Mar 9, 16, 23, 30, Apr 6, 13 Sundays of Lent
- † Apr 13-19 · Holy Week and the Triduum
- † Apr 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25 · Sundays of Easter
- † Jun 1 · Ascension
- Jun 8 · Pentecost

Masses for the Dead on receiving the news of a death, for the final burial, or on the first anniversary may be celebrated on any day except those listed below (in chronological order beginning with Advent).

"Mass for the Dead" Prayers and Readings not permitted | Mass "of the day" is celebrated

- † Nov 30 · Saint Andrew
- † Dec 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024 · Sundays of Advent
- † Dec 9 · Immaculate Conception
- † Dec 10 · Anniversary of Dedication of Cathedral of St Thomas More [ARL]
- † Dec 25 · Christmas
- † Dec 29, 2024, Jan 5, 2025 · Sundays of Christmas Time
- † Jan 1 · Mary Mother of God
- † Jan 5, 2025 · Epiphany
- † Jan 12, 2025 · Baptism of the Lord
- † Jan 19, 26, 2025 · Sundays in Ordinary Time
- † Jan 25 · Conversion of Saint Paul
- \dagger Feb 2 · Presentation of the Lord
- † Feb 9, 16, 23, 2025 · Sundays in Ordinary Time
- † Feb 22 · Chair of Saint Peter
- † Mar 5 · Ash Wed
- † Mar 9, 16, 23, 30, Apr 6, 13 Sundays of Lent
- † Mar 19 · St Joseph
- † Mar 25 · Annunciation
- † Apr 13-19 · Holy Week and the Triduum

- † Apr 21-26 · Easter Octave
- † Apr 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25 · Sundays of Easter
- † Apr 25 · Saint Mark
- † May 3 · Saints Philip and James
- † May 14 · Saint Matthias
- † May 31 · Visitation of the BVM
- † Iun 1 · Ascension
- † Jun 8 · Pentecost
- † Jun 15 · Holy Trinity
- † Jun 22 · Corpus Christi
- † Jun 22 · Saint Thomas More [ARL]
- † Jun 24 · Nativity of John the Baptist
- † Jun 27 · Sacred Heart of Jesus
- † Jun 29 · Sundays in Ordinary Time
- † Jun 29 · Saints Peter and Paul
- † Jul 3 · Saint Thomas
- † Jul 6, 13, 20, 27 · Sundays in Ordinary Time
- † Jul 25 · Saint James
- † Aug 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 · Sundays in Ordinary Time
- † Aug 6 · Transfiguration
- † Aug 10 · Saint Lawrence
- † Aug 15 · Assumption
- † Aug 24 · Saint Bartholomew
- † Sep 7, 14, 21, 28 · Sundays in Ordinary Time

- † Sep $8 \cdot$ Nativity of the BVM
- † Sep 14 · Exaltation of the Cross
- † Sep 21 · Saint Matthew
- † Sep 29 · Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael
- † Oct 5, 12, 19, 26 · Sundays in Ordinary Time
- † Oct 18 · Saint Luke
- † Oct 28 · Saints Simon and Iude
- † Nov 1 · All Saints
- † Nov 2 · All Souls
- † Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 · Sundays in Ordinary Time
- † Nov 9 · Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
- † Nov 23 · Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (34th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
- † Proper Solemnities
 (Solemnity of the
 Anniversary of the
 Dedication of One's Own
 Church; Solemnity of the
 Title of One's Own
 Church)

"Other Masses for the Dead or 'daily' Masses, may be celebrated on weekdays in Ordinary Time on which Optional Memorials occur or when the Office is of the weekday, provided such Masses are actually applied for the dead" (GIRM 381).

PROPER SOLEMNITIES, FEASTS, & MEMORIALS

Background & Celebration

<u>Proper Memorials</u> are days that are observed as memorials in a specific place, such as a nation, a local diocese, or a parish. For the area in which a proper memorial is observed, the day is celebrated as an obligatory memorial, even if the day has a lesser rank (e.g. optional memorial) on the General Roman Calendar.

<u>Proper Feasts</u> are days that are observed as feasts in a specific place, even if the day has a lesser rank (e.g. memorial) in the General Roman Calendar. For Mass:

- † The Gloria is sung, even on weekdays in Advent and Lent.
- † The Liturgy of the Word includes a Reading from the Old Testament or New Testament, a Responsorial Psalm, an Alleluia (or Gospel Acclamation in Lent), and a Gospel. The readings are drawn from the readings of the saint's day.

<u>Proper Solemnities</u> are days that are observed as solemnities in a specific place, even if the day has a lesser rank (e.g. feast or memorial) in the General Roman Calendar. For Mass:

- † The Gloria is sung or said, even on weekdays in Advent and Lent.
- † The Liturgy of the Word includes an Old Testament Reading (or a reading from Acts of the Apostles or Revelation during Easter Time), a Responsorial Psalm, a New Testament Reading, an Alleluia (or Gospel Acclamation during Lent), and a Gospel. The readings are drawn from the readings of the saint's day. If only one reading prior to the Gospel is provided for the saint's day, then one is chosen from the appropriate Commons, keeping intact the structure of Old Testament (or Acts/Rv during Easter Time), then New Testament, and finally Gospel.
- † The Creed is sung or said.
- † The Prayers are taken from the saint's day and, where necessary, the corresponding Commons.

For Liturgy of the Hours on Proper Solemnities, Evening Prayer I may be celebrated the evening prior, with texts taken from the appropriate Commons.

Proper Solemnities, which are the most common type of "proper celebration" at the level of the Parish, may be observed in any liturgical season, except on the following days: Sundays of Advent, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (December 8), Nativity of the Lord (Christmas), Mary Holy Mother of God (January 1), Epiphany, Ash Wednesday, Sundays of Lent, Saint Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (March 19), Annunciation of the Lord (March 25), Weekdays of Holy Week from Monday up to and including Thursday, Paschal Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord, Days within the Octave of Easter, Sundays of Easter, Ascension, Pentecost, Most Holy Trinity, Corpus Christi, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Nativity of John the Baptist (June 24), Saints Peter and Paul (June 29), Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15), All Saints (November 1), Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (November 2), Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (34th Sunday in Ordinary Time).

The Anniversary of Dedication is a proper solemnity for a Parish. It is observed on the date on which the Parish's church building was solemnly dedicated. Prayers are taken from the "Common of the Dedication of a Church, I. In the Church that was Dedicated." Readings are taken from the same Common (Lectionary, nos. 701-706 [vol. 4]). It is to be noted that the date of dedication is usually distinct from the date of the parish's founding. The Office of Divine Worship, in collaboration with the Diocesan Archives, is currently compiling all known dates of dedication for parish church buildings in the Diocese of Arlington. If your parish does not have a date of dedication listed below and you have a record of the date, please contact the Office of Divine Worship.

A "Titular Solemnity" is a proper solemnity for a Parish related to the "title" of the Parish's dedicated church building. This proper solemnity is observed on the liturgical day that most closely corresponds with the "title." For churches named after the Blessed Virgin Mary, the most appropriate liturgical day is chosen: for example, August 22nd, the Queenship of Mary, for Queen of Apostles (Alexandria, VA). If no clear day is indicated, then a suitable day may be designated by the diocesan bishop. While the "title" of a church building is a technical

designation that is not required by law to correspond to the Parish's patron saint, in the Diocese of Arlington every Parish church's title is identical to its principal patron saint. Therefore, the "Titular Solemnity" coincides with the patronal feast day. In Parishes in which the title corresponds to a day already observed as a solemnity (for example, St Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Fredericksburg, VA), no additional liturgical observances are added to the solemnity. However, prayer for the parish community may fittingly be highlighted through the homily, intentions of the Prayer of the Faithful, and selection of music.

Proper Feast of the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More · December 9*

Within the Diocese of Arlington, December 9 is observed as a feast (except in the Cathedral itself, which observes this day as a solemnity). *In 2024, the observance is transferred to December 10, since the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception falls on December 9.

- † The Gloria is sung.
- † Prayers are from the "Common of the Dedication of a Church, II. Outside the Church that was Dedicated" (except in the Cathedral itself, in which case prayers are taken from the "Common of the Dedication of a Church, I. In the Church that was Dedicated").
- † The readings are from the "Common of the Dedication of a Church, Anniversary of Dedication" (Lectionary, nos. 701-706 [vol. 4]). The following are recommended: Reading, 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30 or Ephesians 1:29-22; Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 84:3, 4, 5 and 1, 11 (R/. "How lovely..." or "Here God lives..."); Alleluia Verse, Ezekiel 37:27; Gospel, John 4:19-24.

Proper Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Secondary Patroness of the Diocese · January 4

January 4th is already observed as an obligatory Memorial in the Dioceses of the United States of America.

Proper Feast of Saint Thomas More, Principal Patron of the Diocese · June 22*

Within the Diocese of Arlington, June 22nd is observed as a feast.

- † The Gloria is sung.
- † It is permissible to adapt the collect in the following manner:

O God, who in martyrdom
have brought true faith to its highest expression,
graciously grant
that, strengthened through the intercession
of Saint Thomas More,
we may confirm by the witness of our life
the faith we profess with our lips.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

The readings are from St Thomas More (Lectionary, no. 585): Reading, 1 Peter 4:12-19; Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 (R/. 126:5); Alleluia Verse, Matthew 5:10; Gospel, Matthew 10:34-39.

*Since June 22, 2025 falls on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord, it is not observed in the diocese in 2025. The Patronal Solemnity at the Cathedral is transferred to Monday June 23, 2025.

Proper Solemnities in Parishes

All Saints (Manassas)

- † August 14, 2010 · Dedication
- † November 1 · All Saints

Basilica of Saint Mary (Alexandria)

† September 8 · Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Blessed Sacrament (Alexandria)

† June 22, 2025 · The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ on the Sunday after the Most Holy Trinity

Cathedral of Saint Thomas More (Arlington)

- † December 9, 1961 · Dedication
- † June 22 · Saint Thomas More

Christ the Redeemer (Sterling)

Church of the Nativity (Burke)

† December 25 · Nativity of the Lord

Corpus Christi (South Riding)

- † May 2, 2021 · Dedication
- † June 22, 2025 · The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ on the Sunday after the Most Holy Trinity

Good Shepherd (Alexandria)

Holy Family (Dale City)

† December 29, 2024 · Sunday with the Octave of the Nativity or, if there is no Sunday, December 30

Holy Martyrs of Vietnam (Arlington)

† November 24 · Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

Holy Spirit (Annandale)

† June 8, 2025 · Pentecost Sunday

Holy Trinity (Gainesville)

- † February 2, 2008 · Dedication
- † June 15, 2025 · The Most Holy Trinity on the First Sunday after Pentecost

Our Lady of Angels (Woodbridge)

Our Lady of Good Counsel (Vienna)

Our Lady of Hope (Potomac Falls)

† January 17, 2006 · Dedication

Our Lady of Lourdes (Arlington)

† February 11 · Our Lady of Lourdes

Our Lady of the Blue Ridge (Madison)

Our Lady of the Valley (Luray)

Our Lady, Queen of Peace (Arlington)

† August 22 · Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Precious Blood (Culpeper)

† June 22, 2025 · The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ on the Sunday after the Most Holy Trinity

Queen of Apostles (Alexandria)

† August 22 · Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sacred Heart (Manassas)

† June 27, 2025 · The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on the Friday after the Second Sunday after Pentecost

Sacred Heart of Jesus (Winchester)

† June 27, 2025 · The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on the Friday after the Second Sunday after Pentecost

Saint Agnes (Arlington)

† January 21 · Saint Agnes

Saint Ambrose (Annandale)

- † July 15, 2023 · Dedication
- † December 7 · Saint Ambrose

On December 7th, Masses before 4:00pm are for the Titular Solemnity. Masses after 4:00pm on this day are for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, which takes precedence both because it is a higher rank than the Titular Solemnity and because it is a day of precept. On the evening of December 7th, Evening Prayer I of the Immaculate Conception is celebrated because Immaculate Conception is of higher rank than the Titular Solemnity.

Saint Andrew the Apostle (Clifton)

† November 30 · Saint Andrew the Apostle

Saint Ann (Arlington)

† July 26 · Saints Joachim and Anne

Saint Anthony of Padua (Falls Church)

† June 13 · Saint Anthony of Padua

Saint Bernadette (Springfield)

† April 16 · Saint Bernadette Soubirous

Saint Bridget of Ireland (Berryville)

† February 1 · Saint Bridget of Ireland

Saint Catherine of Siena (Great Falls)

† April 29 · Saint Catherine of Siena

Saint Charles Borromeo (Arlington)

† November 4 · Saint Charles Borromeo

Saint Clare of Assisi (Clifton)

† August 11 · Saint Clare

August 11th follows the Feast of St Lawrence (August 10th). Nevertheless, Mass after 4:00pm on August 10th may be for the Titular Solemnity and Evening Prayer I of the Titular Solemnity is celebrated because the Titular Solemnity is of higher rank than Feasts of Saints.

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary (Colonial Beach)

† November 17 · Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton (Lake Ridge)

† January 4 · Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Saint Francis de Sales (Kilmarnock)

† January 24 · Saint Francis de Sales

Saint Francis de Sales (Purcellville)

† January 24 · Saint Francis de Sales

Saint Francis of Assisi (Triangle)

† October 4 · Saint Francis of Assisi

Saint Isidore the Famer (Orange)

† May 15 · Saint Isidore

Saint James (Falls Church)

† July 25 · Saint James the Apostle

Saint John the Apostle (Leesburg)

† December 27 · Saint John the Apostle & Evangelist

Saint John the Baptist (Front Royal)

Saint John the Beloved (McLean)

† December 27 · Saint John the Apostle & Evangelist

Saint John Bosco (Woodstock)

† January 31 · Saint John Bosco

Saint John the Evangelist (Warrenton)

† December 27 · Saint John the Apostle & Evangelist

Saint John Neumann (Reston)

† January 5 · Saint John Neumann

Saint Joseph (Alexandria)

† March 19 · Saint Joseph

Saint Joseph (Herndon)

† March 19 · St Joseph

Saint Jude (Fredericksburg)

† July 14, 2018 · Dedication

† October 28 · Saints Simon and Jude

Saint Lawrence (Alexandria)

† August 10 · St Lawrence

Saint Leo the Great (Fairfax)

† November 10 · Saint Leo the Great

November 10th follows the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (November 9th). Nevertheless, Mass after 4:00pm on November 9th may be for the Titular Solemnity and Evening Prayer I of the Titular Solemnity is celebrated because the Titular Solemnity is of higher rank than the Feast.

Saint Louis (Alexandria)

† August 25 · Saint Louis

August 25th follows the Feast of St Bartholomew (August 24th). Nevertheless, Mass after 4:00pm on August 24th may be for the Titular Solemnity and Evening Prayer I of the Titular Solemnity is celebrated because the Titular Solemnity is of higher rank than Feasts of Saints.

Saint Luke (McLean)

† October 18 · Saint Luke

Saint Mark (Vienna)

† April 25 · Saint Mark

Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception (Fredericksburg)

† December 8 · The Immaculate Conception

Saint Mary of Sorrows (Fairfax)

- † November 15, 2020 · Dedication
- † September 15 · Saint Mary of Sorrows

September 15th follows the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross (September 15th). Nevertheless, Mass after 4:00pm on September 14th may be for the Titular Solemnity and Evening Prayer I of the Titular Solemnity is celebrated because the Titular Solemnity is of higher rank than the Feast.

Saint Matthew (Spotsylvania)

† September 21 · Saint Matthew

Saint Michael (Annandale)

† September 29 · Saint Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael

Saint Patrick (Fredericksburg)

- † June 13, 2021 · Dedication
- † March 17 · Saint Patrick

March 17th always falls within the Season of Lent. However, the Titular Solemnity outranks weekdays in Lent and so the Titular Solemnity with prayers and readings of Saint Patrick may be celebrated in this parish when March 17 is a weekday.

*In 2024, March 17 falls on a Sunday of Lent. The Mass prayers and readings of Saint Patrick are not celebrated on the Sunday.

Saint Paul Chung (Fairfax)

- † October 22, 1995 · Dedication
- † September 20 · Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions

Saint Peter (Washington, VA)

† June 29 · Saints Peter and Paul

Saint Philip the Apostle (Falls Church)

† May 3 · Saints Philip and James

Saint Raymond of Peñafort (Springfield)

† January 7 · Saint Raymond of Peñafort

Saint Rita (Alexandria)

† May 22 · Saint Rita of Cascia

Saint Stephen the Martyr (Middleburg)

† December 26 · Saint Stephen the Martyr

Saint Theresa (Ashburn)

† October 1 · Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Saint Thomas à Becket (Reston)

- † September 9, 1973 · Dedication
- † December 29 · Saint Thomas à Becket

Saint Timothy (Chantilly)

† January 26 · Saints Timothy and Titus

January 26th follows the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul (January 25th). Nevertheless, Mass after 4:00pm on January 25th may be for the Titular Solemnity and Evening Prayer I of the Titular Solemnity is celebrated because the Titular Solemnity is of higher rank than Feasts of Saints.

Saint Veronica (Chantilly)

† July 12 · Saint Veronica

Saint William of York (Stafford)

† June 8 · Saint William of York



