

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE 2017

SOLEMNITIES/FEASTS MEMORIALS WORLD & DIOCESAN EVENTS ODW PROGRAMS

JANUARY

- 1 Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, The Mother of God (Holy day of obligation)
DAY OF PRAYER FOR WORLD JUSTICE AND PEACE
- 2 Memorial – Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops and doctors of the Church
- 8 Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
- 9 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
ORDINARY TIME BEGINS
- 10 Anniversary of Death of Bishop Romeo Blanchette (1982)
- 12 Memorial – St Marguerite Bourgeoys, Virgin
- 18 **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** (January 18-25)
- 19 Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Siegel (2010)
- 21 Memorial – St Agnes, virgin, martyr
- 23 **DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN** (Roe vs. Wade, 1973)
- 28 Memorial – St Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor of the Church
- 31 **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK** (Jan 29 – Feb 2)

FEBRUARY

- 2 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (blessing of candles)
- 3 Memorial – St Blaise, bishop, martyr; Ansgar, bishop (optional) (blessing of throats)
- 6 Memorial – St Paul Miki and Companions, martyrs
- 11 **WORLD DAY OF THE SICK**
- 12 **World Marriage Day**
- 22 Feast – The Chair of St Peter the Apostle

MARCH

- 1 Ash Wednesday Lent Begins (day of fast & abstinence)
- 5 Lent I
Rite of Election, Cathedral of St Raymond Nonnatus, Joliet, 2:00 pm
- 12 **LENT II**
- 19 Anniversary of the Election of Pope Francis (2013)
LENT III
SCRUTINY I
- 20 Solemnity of St Joseph, Husband of the Virgin Mary (blessing of St. Joseph's Table)
Anniversary of Installation of Pope Francis (2013)
- 25 The Annunciation of the Lord-Solemnity
- 26 **LENT IV**
SCRUTINY II
Adult Confirmation, Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, Joliet, 2:00 p.m.

APRIL

- 2 Anniversary of Death of St John Paul II (2005)
LENT V
SCRUTINY III
- 9 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
- 10 **Chrism Mass, Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, Joliet at 7 pm**
- 13 Holy Thursday
- 14 Good Friday
- 15 Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil to begin at 8:00 pm or later)
- 16 Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord
- 17 - Octave of Easter
- 22
- 21 **Transitional Deacon Ordination (Cathedral of St Raymond Nonnatus, Joliet, 6:00 pm)**
- 23 **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**
EASTER II
- 25 Feast of St Mark, Evangelist
- 29 Memorial – St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church
- 30 **EASTER III**

MAY

- 3 Sts Philip & James, Apostles, Feast
- 7 **EASTER IV**
- 14 **EASTER V**
Mother's Day (USA)
- 17 **Anniversary of Appointment of Bishop R. Daniel Conlon (2011)**
- 21 **EASTER VI**
- 23 **Anniversary of Death of Bishop Martin McNamara (1966)**
- 26 **Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, Joliet (1966)**
- 27 **Priesthood Ordination, Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, Joliet, 11:00 a.m.**
- 28 **Ascension of the Lord**
Anniversary of Death of Bishop Roger Kaffer (2009)
- 29 Memorial Day
- 31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Feast

JUNE

- 1 Memorial, St Justin, Martyr
- 3 Memorial, St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs
- 4 **Pentecost Sunday Solemnity**
- 5 Memorial – St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr
- 11 **The Most Holy Trinity, Solemnity**
- 13 Memorial, St Anthony of Padua, Priest, & Doctor of the Church
- 18 **The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Solemnity**
Father's Day (USA)
- 21 Memorial, St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

- 23 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Solemnity
- 24 Solemnity of The Nativity of St John the Baptist
- 28 Memorial, St Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr
- 29 Solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul, Apostles

JULY

- 3 Feast of St Thomas, Apostle
- 4 Independence Day (USA)
- 11 Memorial – St Benedict, abbot
- 14 Anniversary of Installation of Bishop R. Daniel Conlon (2011)
Memorial – St Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, virgin
- 15 Memorial – St Bonaventure, bishop, doctor of the Church
- 22 Feast of St Mary Magdalene
- 25 Feast of St James, Apostle
- 26 Memorial – Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 29 Memorial – St Martha
- 30 Memorial – St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

AUGUST

- 1 Memorial – St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, doctor of the Church
- 4 Memorial – St John Mary Vianney, priest
- 6 Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord
Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop R Daniel Colon
- 8 Memorial – St Dominic, priest
- 10 Feast St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr
- 11 Memorial – St Clare, virgin
- 15 Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy day of obligation)
- 16 Anniversary of Death of Bishop Raymond Vonesh (1991)
- 21 Memorial – St Pius X, Pope
- 22 Memorial – The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 24 Feast St Bartholemew, Apostle
- 28 Memorial – St Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
- 29 Memorial – The Passion St. John the Baptist
- 31 Feast – St. Raymond Nonnatus, priest, principal Patron of the Cathedral

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Labor Day (USA)
- 8 Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 9 Memorial – St Peter Claver, priest
- 11 Anniversary of Death of Bishop James Fitzgerald (2003)
- 13 Memorial – St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor of the Church
- 14 Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- 15 Memorial – Our Lady of Sorrows

- 16 Memorial – St Cornelius, pope, martyr, and Cyprian, bishop, martyr
DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE HARVEST AND FRUITS OF THE EARTH
- 20 Memorial – St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, & Paul Chong Ha-sang, & Companions, Martyrs
- 21 Feast St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist
- 23 Memorial – St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), priest
- 27 Memorial – St Vincent de Paul, priest
- 29 **Feast of St Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels**
- 30 Memorial – St Jerome, priest, doctor of the Church

OCTOBER

- 1 Memorial – St Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor of the Church
- 2 Memorial – The Holy Guardian Angels
- 7 Memorial – Our Lady of the Rosary
- 15 **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**
- 17 Memorial – St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, Martyr
- 28 **Feast of Simon and Jude, Apostles**

NOVEMBER

- 1 **Solemnity of the All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation)**
- 2 **The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls)**
- 4 Memorial – St Charles Borromeo, bishop
- 9 **Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome**
- 10 Memorial – St Leo the Great, pope, doctor of the Church
- 11 Memorial – St Martin of Tours, bishop
- 12 Memorial – St Josaphat, bishop, martyr
- 13 Memorial – St Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
- 17 Memorial – St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious
- 21 Memorial – The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 23 **Thanksgiving Day (USA)**
- 24 Memorial – St Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, martyr and his companions, martyrs
- 26 **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**
Call to Continuing Conversion, Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, Joliet, 2:00 p.m.
- 30 **Feast - St Andrew**

DECEMBER

- 3 **ADVENT I**
- 7 Memorial – St Ambrose Bishop, Doctor of the Church
- 8 **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (holy day of obligation)**
- 10 **ADVENT II**
- 12 **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**
- 13 Memorial - St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr
- 14 Memorial - St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church
- 17 **ADVENT III**

- 22 **Anniversary of Death of Death of the Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch (2015)**
- 24 **ADVENT IV**
- 25 **Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (holy day of obligation)**
- 26 **Feast of St Stephen, First Martyr**
- 27 **Feast of St John, Apostle**
- 28 **Feast of the Holy Innocents, martyrs**
- 29 **OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS (Fifth Day)**
- 30 **OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS (Sixth Day)**
- 31 **Feast, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

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