

CATHOLIC LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Overview)

ADVENT

begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas, ends Dec 24th
Vestment color: Dark Blue Tone of season: Hope and Expectation

CHRISTMAS

begins on Christmas Day and ends with the Baptism of the Lord
Vestment color: White Tone of season: Joyful New Birth

ORDINARY TIME WINTER

begins the day after the Baptism of the Lord ends Tuesday prior to Ash Wednesday
Vestment color: Green Tone of season: The Resurrection of the Lord

LENT

begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday Afternoon
Vestment color: Purple Tone of season: penitential

THE TRIDUUM

one liturgy over three days, begins Holy Thursday Evening, ends Easter Sunday Evening
Vestment color: Thu – White; Fri – Red; Sat – White Tone: Remembrance/Joy

EASTER SEASON

begins with the Easter Vigil, ends on Pentecost Sunday
Vestment color: White Tone of season: Resurrection, New Life

ORDINARY TIME SUMMER

begins Sunday after Pentecost; ends with the Feast of Christ the King
Vestment color: Green Tone of season: The Resurrection of the Lord

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(In Detail)

ADVENT

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Advent Sunday 1

Advent Sunday 2

Advent Sunday 3

Advent Sunday 4

CHRISTMAS

begins on Christmas Day and ends with the Baptism of the Lord

Vestment color: White Tone of season: Joyful New Birth

Christmas Day: celebrated for 8 days, i.e. Octave

Sunday within the Octave of Christmas: The Feast of the Holy Family

January 1st: Solemnity of the Mother of God

January 6th or the closest Sunday: The Feast of the Epiphany

January 9th or the closest Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

ORDINARY TIME WINTER

begins the day after the Baptism of the Lord ends Tuesday prior to Ash Wednesday

Vestment color: Green Tone of season: The Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday 2 Ordinary

Sunday 3 Ordinary

Sunday 4 Ordinary

sometimes up to Sunday 8 Ordinary

LENT

begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday Afternoon

Vestment color: Purple Tone of season: penitential

Lent Sunday 1

Lent Sunday 2

Lent Sunday 3

Lent Sunday 4

Lent Sunday 5

Lent Sunday 6: Palm Sunday

THE TRIDUUM

one liturgy over three days, begins Holy Thursday Evening, ends Easter Sunday Evening
Vestment color: Thu – White; Fri – Red; Sat – White or Gold Tone: Remembrance

Holy Thursday: The Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday: The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday into Easter Sunday: The Easter Vigil

(In some churches the Triduum concludes on Easter Sunday Evening with Vespers)

EASTER SEASON

begins with the Easter Vigil, ends on Pentecost Sunday

Vestment color: White (Pentecost-Red) Tone of season: Resurrection, New Life

Easter Sunday: celebrated for eight days or an Octave

Easter Sunday 2

Easter Sunday 3

Easter Sunday 4

Easter Sunday 5

Easter Sunday 6

Easter Sunday 7 (can be Feast of the Ascension if not celebrated the Thursday before)

Pentecost Sunday (Vestment color: Red)

ORDINARY TIME SUMMER

begins Sunday after Pentecost; ends with the Feast of Christ the King

Vestment color: Green Tone of season: The Resurrection of the Lord

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (Vestment Color - White)

Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Vestment Color – White)

Sundays Ordinary

The number of the Sunday is calculated by going to the Sunday prior to Advent 1. That Sunday is Sunday 34 Ordinary, aka the Feast of Christ the King; then count backwards from 34 until you reach the Sunday after the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.