

The Postconciliar Roman Liturgical Calendar

Its Construction, Reform, and Complete Recurring Inventory

2002 third typical edition, later universal amendments, and the United States proper

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1 How the Calendar Was Constructed

1.1 A Paschal and weekly core

The calendar grew from more than one source. The weekly assembly on the Lord's Day and the annual commemoration of the Lord's Passover supplied its fundamental rhythm. The Paschal observance developed into a preparatory fast, the sacred Triduum, an octave, and a fifty-day Easter season ending at Pentecost. Nativity and Epiphany observances, and then their preparatory and festal seasons, supplied a second annual center. These temporal cycles were not assembled from a single late plan; their dates, lengths, and emphases developed over centuries and varied among churches before the Roman forms became stable.

1.2 Anniversaries, churches, and the fixed cycle

Local churches also kept the anniversaries of martyrs, commonly at their place of burial. Celebrations of bishops, confessors, virgins, dedications, and Marian mysteries followed. Exchange among local calendars turned some local observances into regional and eventually Roman or universal ones. The sanctoral cycle therefore preserves different historical layers: biblical apostles and martyrs, Roman cults, medieval devotions, founders and missionaries, and saints drawn from an increasingly worldwide Church.

The two cycles interact. Fixed anniversaries can meet a movable Sunday, feria, or solemnity; without rules of precedence the calendar is only an inventory. Roman books progressively supplied ranks and occurrence rules, while local and religious calendars remained additional layers.

1.3 Codification and accumulated density

The Roman Breviary of 1568 and Roman Missal of 1570 regularized a received Roman use after the Council of Trent, while allowing sufficiently ancient local uses to remain. Subsequent canonizations, devotional feasts, rank changes, and extensions accumulated. The calendar did not stand still after Trent, and "the Tridentine calendar" is not one immutable list.

Twentieth-century reforms addressed the resulting pressure on Sundays, ferial psalmody, vigils, octaves, and the temporal cycle. Pius X's 1911 reform rebalanced the Psalter and occurrence; Pius XII restored the principal Holy Week rites and in 1955 suppressed many vigils and octaves and simplified ranks. John XXIII's 1960 code reduced the ranks to four classes and supplied the calendar incorporated in the 1962 Missal. Those reforms are direct predecessors, but they are not the governing calendar of this publication.

1.4 The conciliar criteria

The Second Vatican Council described the liturgical year as the Church's unfolding of the whole mystery of Christ and required revision so that its traditional character would be preserved while adapted to contemporary conditions. It directed that Sunday and the Proper of Time receive their due precedence, that the faithful's piety toward the saints remain ordered to Christ, and that only saints of genuinely universal importance normally remain in the universal calendar while others could be left to particular churches, nations, or religious families.

These principles explain the architecture of the 1969 reform. The reform was not only deletion or addition. It revised ranks and precedence, restored Sunday and ferial cycles, repositioned some celebrations nearer historically supportable anniversaries, reduced universal duplication, and deliberately relocated many cults to particular calendars. The resulting system retained ancient and inherited material while making explicit choices about universality.

1.5 Promulgation and continuing amendment

Paul VI promulgated the revised norms and General Roman Calendar with *Mysterii Paschalis* on 14 February 1969, effective 1 January 1970. The 1970 Roman Missal embodied the reform; later typical editions consolidated it. The

third typical edition of 2002 is the printed base for the fixed inventory here, with its 2008 emended printing and later decrees treated as a continuing amendment chain rather than as a new calendar.

The system remains open to competent amendment. Since 2002, universal entries have been added, one memorial broadened to include a household of three saints, and Mary Magdalene's celebration raised to a feast. In parallel, the United States bishops' approved proper selects national saints, changes several universal dates or ranks within the territory, transfers Epiphany and Corpus Christi, and permits a province-dependent transfer of the Ascension. This continuing life is why the inventory has an exact cutoff.

2 How the Calendar Works

2.1 Three calendars and one occurrence

The Proper of Time supplies Sundays, seasons, and celebrations whose dates are fixed by Christmas or Easter. The General Roman Calendar supplies the universal fixed cycle. The United States proper adds or changes only the rows expressly approved for that territory. On a concrete date those layers are joined with the diocesan and local proper, then resolved by the table of liturgical days and the rules of occurrence.

2.2 Ranks used in this reference

Rank or status	Meaning in the inventory
Solemnity	Highest ordinary rank; normally has First Vespers and proper presidential texts. Precedence still depends on the table of liturgical days.
Feast	Celebrated within the day; displaces an ordinary weekday but yields to higher days.
Memorial	Obligatory unless displaced or reduced under the norms. In Advent from 17–24 December, the Christmas octave, and Lent, a memorial occurring on a weekday may be observed only in the restricted manner allowed for a commemoration.
Optional memorial	May be celebrated when the day and pastoral judgment permit. If several optional memorials are listed, one may be chosen; they are not cumulative obligations.
Restricted commemoration	The limited observance of a memorial permitted by the norms on certain privileged weekdays; not a separate general-calendar rank parallel to a memorial.
All Souls commemoration	The sui generis observance on 2 November, placed at position 3 in the table of liturgical days. It is not the restricted memorial mechanism and precedes an Ordinary Time Sunday.
Required day of prayer	A nationally inscribed observance carrying a liturgical requirement without becoming a solemnity, feast, or memorial; the day actually occurring still governs the permitted formulary.
Optional special day	A nationally supplied civic or pastoral option whose use depends on the Missal's permissions and the day actually occurring; it does not displace a higher day.

All unqualified entries in the 2002 Latin calendar are optional memorials by that calendar's own note. The tables therefore write the rank out rather than relying on typography. The rank belongs to the celebration, not to every possible local observance of the same saint.

2.3 Precedence, transfer, and omission

Sunday is the primordial feast day, but not every Sunday has the same precedence. Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter outrank all solemnities; a solemnity impeded by one of them is normally transferred under the norms. Sundays

in Christmas Time and Ordinary Time yield to solemnities and feasts of the Lord listed in the General Calendar. Lower celebrations that meet a higher day are ordinarily omitted for that year, not moved at will.

The days of Holy Week from Monday through Thursday, the days within the Easter octave, and the weekdays of Advent from 17 through 24 December have special precedence. Particular-calendar solemnities and feasts must be added before an actual Ordo is resolved. The national transfer rules stated later are approvals, not examples of private discretion.

3 Complete Recurring Proper of Time

Dates below are rules, not a 2026 computation. “Sunday” includes its liturgical day from First Vespers where the books provide it. Ordinary Time contains thirty-four numbered weeks, but the Sunday following the Baptism is called the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time; there is no Sunday titled the First Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Cycle position	Celebration or series	Normative date and status
Advent	First, Second, Third, and Fourth Sundays of Advent	Four Sundays before Christmas; Sundays of Advent have precedence over all solemnities.
Advent	Weekdays before 17 December	Monday after the First Sunday through 16 December, subject to fixed celebrations.
Advent	Weekdays 17–24 December	Privileged late-Advent weekdays with proper daily formularies; memorials may be observed only in the restricted manner allowed by the norms.
Christmas	Nativity of the Lord	25 December; solemnity, with Vigil, Mass during the Night, Dawn, and Day forms.
Christmas octave	26–31 December	Days within the octave. Fixed feasts occur on 26–28 December; the remaining weekdays retain octave status under the precedence table.
Christmas	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph	Sunday within the octave of Christmas; if there is no such Sunday, 30 December; feast.
Christmas octave	Mary, the Holy Mother of God	1 January, octave day of Christmas; solemnity.
Christmas	Weekdays 2 January through Epiphany	Recurring ferial series, subject to Epiphany’s territorial date and fixed celebrations.
Christmas	Second Sunday after the Nativity	Sunday occurring after 1 January and before Epiphany where Epiphany remains on 6 January; omitted where the territorial transfer occupies that Sunday.
Christmas	Epiphany of the Lord	6 January, or the Sunday between 2 and 8 January where lawfully transferred; solemnity, with Vigil and Day forms.
Christmas	Weekdays after Epiphany	Weekdays through the Baptism of the Lord.
Christmas	Baptism of the Lord	Sunday after 6 January; where transferred Epiphany occurs on 7 or 8 January, the following Monday; feast.
Ordinary Time I	Weeks I through the beginning of the week containing Ash Wednesday	Begins Monday after the Baptism (Tuesday when Baptism is Monday). Sundays are numbered II onward; the possible Sunday span before Lent depends on Easter’s date.
Lent	Ash Wednesday	Forty-sixth day before Easter; privileged weekday opening Lent.

Cycle position	Celebration or series	Normative date and status
Lent	Thursday through Saturday after Ash Wednesday	Proper Lenten weekdays.
Lent	First through Fifth Sundays of Lent	Successive Sundays; all outrank solemnities. The Fourth is traditionally <i>Laetare</i> .
Lent	Weekdays of Lent	Monday after the First Sunday through Saturday before Palm Sunday; memorials may be commemorated only as the norms allow.
Holy Week	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	Sunday before Easter; begins Holy Week and outranks all solemnities.
Holy Week	Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week	Privileged weekdays.
Holy Week	Thursday of Holy Week, daytime	Lent continues until the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper begins. The Chrism Mass is normally celebrated by the bishop with his presbyterate on this morning, subject to the book's pastoral provision for another nearby day.
Sacred Triduum	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	Evening of Holy Thursday; begins the Paschal Triduum.
Sacred Triduum	Friday of the Passion of the Lord	Good Friday; celebration of the Passion, not Mass.
Sacred Triduum	Holy Saturday	The Church remains at the Lord's tomb; no Mass before the Vigil.
Easter	Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday of the Resurrection	Vigil during the night and the Sunday following the ecclesiastical full moon on or after 21 March; if that full moon is Sunday, Easter is the following Sunday. Solemnity of solemnities.
Easter octave	Monday through Saturday within the octave	Each day ranks with Easter octave precedence; lower celebrations are omitted.
Easter	Second Sunday of Easter, or of Divine Mercy	Octave Sunday; followed by the Third through Seventh Sundays of Easter.
Easter	Weekdays of Easter Time	Monday after the octave through Saturday before Pentecost, with the sixth and seventh weeks shaped by the Ascension date.
Easter	Ascension of the Lord	Thursday of the sixth week, the fortieth day of Easter, or the Seventh Sunday where transferred; solemnity, with Vigil and Day forms.
Easter	Pentecost Sunday	Fiftieth day of Easter; solemnity, with Vigil and Day forms; ends Easter Time.
After Pentecost	Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	Monday after Pentecost; obligatory memorial added universally in 2018. If it coincides with another memorial of a saint or blessed, this memorial prevails under the 24 March 2018 notification.
Ordinary Time II	Resumption of numbered weeks	The Monday after Pentecost resumes the week number determined by counting backward from Week XXXIV; continues through Saturday before Advent.
After Pentecost	Most Holy Trinity	First Sunday after Pentecost; solemnity.
After Pentecost	Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	Thursday after Trinity, or the following Sunday where transferred; solemnity.

Cycle position	Celebration or series	Normative date and status
After Pentecost	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	Friday after the second Sunday after Pentecost; solemnity.
After Pentecost	Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Saturday following the Sacred Heart; obligatory memorial. When it coincides with another obligatory memorial, both are treated as optional memorials under the 1998 notification.
Ordinary Time	Sundays II through XXXIII	Recurring numbered Sundays that occur whenever not occupied by a higher celebration. The number sequence bridges the two portions of Ordinary Time.
Ordinary Time	Sunday of the Word of God	The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, designated by <i>Aperuit illis</i> in 2019; the act prescribes no replacement rank or lectionary for the existing Sunday.
Ordinary Time	Weekdays of Weeks I through XXXIV	Monday–Saturday formularies and weekday lectionary cycle, subject to celebrations and seasonal boundaries.
Ordinary Time	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	Last Sunday in Ordinary Time, taking the place of a separately titled Thirty-fourth Sunday; solemnity.
Year boundary	First Sunday of Advent	Sunday after Christ the King, between 27 November and 3 December; begins the next liturgical year.

4 Complete Fixed General Roman Calendar

This is the fixed universal inventory current through 17 July 2026. The 2002 Latin calendar is the base; the amendment chain is integrated into the rows and identified by notes after the table. Labels are editorial English identifiers, not reproduced formularies. A semicolon separates celebrations that are distinct choices on the same date.

Date	Universal celebration	Rank
January		
1	Mary, the Holy Mother of God	SOLEMNITY
2	Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church	MEMORIAL
3	The Most Holy Name of Jesus	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
6	The Epiphany of the Lord	SOLEMNITY
7	Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
13	Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
17	Saint Anthony, Abbot	MEMORIAL
20	Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr	OPTIONAL MEMORIALS
21	Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr	MEMORIAL
22	Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
24	Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	MEMORIAL
25	The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle	FEAST
26	Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops	MEMORIAL
27	Saint Angela Merici, Virgin	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
28	Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church	MEMORIAL

Date	Universal celebration	Rank
31	Saint John Bosco, Priest	MEMORIAL
February		
2	The Presentation of the Lord	FEAST
3	Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop	OPTIONAL MEMORIALS
5	Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr	MEMORIAL
6	Saints Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs	MEMORIAL
8	Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin	OPTIONAL MEMORIALS
10	Saint Scholastica, Virgin	MEMORIAL
11	Our Lady of Lourdes	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
14	Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop	MEMORIAL
17	The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
21	Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
22	The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle	FEAST
23	Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr	MEMORIAL
27	Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
March		
4	Saint Casimir	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
7	Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs	MEMORIAL
8	Saint John of God, Religious	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
9	Saint Frances of Rome, Religious	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
17	Saint Patrick, Bishop	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
18	Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
19	Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	SOLEMNITY
23	Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
25	The Annunciation of the Lord	SOLEMNITY
April		
2	Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
4	Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
5	Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
7	Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest	MEMORIAL
11	Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr	MEMORIAL
13	Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
21	Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
23	Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr	OPTIONAL MEMORIALS
24	Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
25	Saint Mark, Evangelist	FEAST
28	Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest	OPTIONAL MEMORIALS
29	Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	MEMORIAL
30	Saint Pius V, Pope	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
May		
1	Saint Joseph the Worker	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
2	Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	MEMORIAL
3	Saints Philip and James, Apostles	FEAST
10	Saint John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
12	Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr	OPTIONAL MEMORIALS
13	Our Lady of Fatima	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
14	Saint Matthias, Apostle	FEAST

Date	Universal celebration	Rank
18	Saint John I, Pope and Martyr	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
20	Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
21	Saints Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
22	Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
25	Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Saint Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin	OPTIONAL MEMORIALS
26	Saint Philip Neri, Priest	MEMORIAL
27	Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
29	Saint Paul VI, Pope	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
31	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	FEAST
June		
1	Saint Justin, Martyr	MEMORIAL
2	Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
3	Saints Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs	MEMORIAL
5	Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr	MEMORIAL
6	Saint Norbert, Bishop	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
9	Saint Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
11	Saint Barnabas, Apostle	MEMORIAL
13	Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church	MEMORIAL
19	Saint Romuald, Abbot	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
21	Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious	MEMORIAL
22	Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Saints John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs	OPTIONAL MEMORIALS
24	The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist	SOLEMNITY
27	Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
28	Saint Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr, and Doctor of the Church	MEMORIAL
29	Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles	SOLEMNITY
30	The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
July		
3	Saint Thomas, Apostle	FEAST
4	Saint Elizabeth of Portugal	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
5	Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
6	Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
9	Saints Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
11	Saint Benedict, Abbot	MEMORIAL
13	Saint Henry	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
14	Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
15	Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	MEMORIAL
16	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
20	Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
21	Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
22	Saint Mary Magdalene	FEAST
23	Saint Bridget, Religious	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
24	Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
25	Saint James, Apostle	FEAST
26	Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	MEMORIAL
29	Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus	MEMORIAL
30	Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
31	Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest	MEMORIAL

Date	Universal celebration	Rank
August		
1	Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	MEMORIAL
2	Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest	OPTIONAL MEMORIALS
4	Saint John Vianney, Priest	MEMORIAL
5	The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
6	The Transfiguration of the Lord	FEAST
7	Saints Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest	OPTIONAL MEMORIALS
8	Saint Dominic, Priest	MEMORIAL
9	Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
10	Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr	FEAST
11	Saint Clare, Virgin	MEMORIAL
12	Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
13	Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
14	Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest and Martyr	MEMORIAL
15	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	SOLEMNITY
16	Saint Stephen of Hungary	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
19	Saint John Eudes, Priest	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
20	Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church	MEMORIAL
21	Saint Pius X, Pope	MEMORIAL
22	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	MEMORIAL
23	Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
24	Saint Bartholomew, Apostle	FEAST
25	Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest	OPTIONAL MEMORIALS
27	Saint Monica	MEMORIAL
28	Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	MEMORIAL
29	The Passion of Saint John the Baptist	MEMORIAL
September		
3	Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church	MEMORIAL
5	Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
8	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	FEAST
9	Saint Peter Claver, Priest	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
12	The Most Holy Name of Mary	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
13	Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	MEMORIAL
14	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	FEAST
15	Our Lady of Sorrows	MEMORIAL
16	Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs	MEMORIAL
17	Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	OPTIONAL MEMORIALS
19	Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
20	Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs	MEMORIAL
21	Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	FEAST
23	Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest	MEMORIAL
26	Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
27	Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest	MEMORIAL
28	Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saints Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs	OPTIONAL MEMORIALS
29	Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels	FEAST
30	Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church	MEMORIAL

Date	Universal celebration	Rank
October		
1	Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	MEMORIAL
2	The Holy Guardian Angels	MEMORIAL
4	Saint Francis of Assisi	MEMORIAL
5	Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
6	Saint Bruno, Priest	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
7	Our Lady of the Rosary	MEMORIAL
9	Saints Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest; Saint John Henry Newman, Priest and Doctor of the Church	OPTIONAL MEMORIALS
11	Saint John XXIII, Pope	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
14	Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
15	Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	MEMORIAL
16	Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin	OPTIONAL MEMORIALS
17	Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr	MEMORIAL
18	Saint Luke, Evangelist	FEAST
19	Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest	OPTIONAL MEMORIALS
22	Saint John Paul II, Pope	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
23	Saint John of Capistrano, Priest	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
24	Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
28	Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles	FEAST
November		
1	All Saints	SOLEMNITY
2	The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)	ALL SOULS COMMEMORATION
3	Saint Martin de Porres, Religious	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
4	Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop	MEMORIAL
9	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	FEAST
10	Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church	MEMORIAL
11	Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop	MEMORIAL
12	Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr	MEMORIAL
15	Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
16	Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin	OPTIONAL MEMORIALS
17	Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious	MEMORIAL
18	The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
21	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	MEMORIAL
22	Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr	MEMORIAL
23	Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot	OPTIONAL MEMORIALS
24	Saints Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs	MEMORIAL
25	Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
30	Saint Andrew, Apostle	FEAST
December		
3	Saint Francis Xavier, Priest	MEMORIAL
4	Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
6	Saint Nicholas, Bishop	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
7	Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	MEMORIAL
8	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	SOLEMNITY
9	Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
10	Our Lady of Loreto	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL

Date	Universal celebration	Rank
11	Saint Damasus I, Pope	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
12	Our Lady of Guadalupe	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
13	Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr	MEMORIAL
14	Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church	MEMORIAL
21	Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
23	Saint John of Kanty, Priest	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
25	The Nativity of the Lord	SOLEMNITY
26	Saint Stephen, the First Martyr	FEAST
27	Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist	FEAST
28	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	FEAST
29	Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
31	Saint Sylvester I, Pope	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL

The 2002 Missal also provides proper Vigil and Day Masses for the Nativity of St John the Baptist (24 June), Sts Peter and Paul (29 June), and the Assumption (15 August). These Vigil forms belong to the same celebration and rank; they are not extra civil-date rows. Vigil and Day forms for Epiphany and the Ascension are accounted for in the Proper of Time.

4.1 Amendments integrated into the table

The rows not present in the printed 2002 base include St Pius of Pietrelcina (23 September), St Juan Diego (9 December), and Our Lady of Guadalupe (12 December), all incorporated in the 2008 emended printing; Sts John XXIII and John Paul II (2014); Mary Magdalene’s elevation to feast (2016); Mary Mother of the Church in the movable table (2018); St Paul VI and Our Lady of Loreto (2019); St Faustina (2020); Sts Gregory of Narek, John of Avila, and Hildegard and the broadened memorial of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus (2021); St Teresa of Calcutta (2025); and St John Henry Newman (2026). The 2008 printing also removed “Martyr” from the calendar title of the Passion of St John the Baptist. St Irenaeus’s title reflects his later declaration as Doctor of the Church; his date and memorial rank are unchanged.

5 Complete United States Territorial Overlay

This table contains the national layer approved for all dioceses of the United States. It is applied *to*, not substituted for, the General Roman Calendar. Where the proper moves a universal optional memorial, the national date is shown. Rows added to the General Calendar after the U.S. proper was approved remain available on the same date unless a higher celebration displaces them.

Date	United States entry	Rank/status	Effect on universal base
4 Jan.	Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious	MEMORIAL	National addition.
5 Jan.	Saint John Neumann, Bishop	MEMORIAL	National addition.
6 Jan.	Saint André Bessette, Religious	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL	National addition; Epiphany is on Sunday in this territory.
22 Jan.	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	REQUIRED DAY OF PRAYER	Replaces the date normally used for St Vincent in the U.S. proper; moved to 23 Jan. when 22 Jan. is Sunday.

Date	United States entry	Rank/status	Effect on universal base
23 Jan.	Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin	OPTIONAL MEMORIALS	St Vincent is moved from the universal 22 Jan.; St Marianne is added.
3 Mar.	Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL	National addition.
10 May	Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL	National addition; St John of Avila, added universally in 2021, is another optional memorial on this date.
15 May	Saint Isidore	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL	National addition; distinct from universal St Isidore of Seville on 4 April.
1 July	Saint Junípero Serra, Priest	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL	National addition.
4 July	Independence Day	OPTIONAL SPECIAL DAY	National civic observance; St Elizabeth of Portugal is moved to 5 July.
5 July	Saint Elizabeth of Portugal	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL	Moved from the universal 4 July; shares the date with universal St Anthony Zaccaria.
14 July	Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin	MEMORIAL	National addition; St Camillus is moved to 18 July.
18 July	Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL	Moved from the universal 14 July.
9 Sept.	Saint Peter Claver, Priest	MEMORIAL	Universal optional memorial raised to an obligatory memorial in the territory.
5 Oct.	Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL	National addition; St Faustina, added universally in 2020, is another optional memorial on this date.
6 Oct.	Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL	National addition; shares the date with universal St Bruno.
19 Oct.	Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs	MEMORIAL	Universal optional memorial raised; St Paul of the Cross is moved to 20 Oct.
20 Oct.	Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL	Moved from the universal 19 Oct.
13 Nov.	Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin	MEMORIAL	National addition.
18 Nov.	Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL	National addition; remains a choice alongside the universal dedication optional memorial.

Date	United States entry	Rank/status	Effect on universal base
23 Nov.	Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL	National addition; joins the universal optional memorial choices of St Clement I and St Columban.
Fourth Thursday in Nov.	Thanksgiving Day	OPTIONAL SPECIAL DAY	National civic observance; the rank and permissions of the liturgical day still govern.
8 Dec.	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Patronal Feastday of the United States of America)	SOLEMNITY	Universal solemnity with national patronal title; patronal status does not create a second celebration.
12 Dec.	Our Lady of Guadalupe	FEAST	Universal optional memorial raised to a feast in the territory.

5.1 Territorial placement and transfer rules

Celebration	Rule in the United States
Epiphany	Celebrated on the Sunday between 2 and 8 January. If that Sunday is 7 or 8 January, the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated the following Monday.
Ascension	Retained on Thursday in the ecclesiastical provinces of Boston, Hartford, New York, Omaha, and Philadelphia. In the other U.S. provinces it is transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter. This province-by-province implementation must be checked in the annual Ordo.
Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	Transferred from the Thursday after Trinity to the Sunday after Trinity throughout the United States.
Day of Prayer	The 22 January observance moves to Monday 23 January when 22 January is Sunday. In that occurrence, the optional memorials of St Vincent and St Marianne Cope are omitted.
Immaculate Conception	When 8 December is impeded by a Sunday of Advent, the solemnity is transferred under the universal norms. Holy-day obligation is a distinct canonical question; current U.S. implementation must be checked in the annual calendar and current complementary norms rather than inferred from this rank table.
Thanksgiving	Always the fourth Thursday of November, not a fixed numerical date. The observance does not displace a higher-ranking day.

5.2 What is optional

The rows marked optional memorial are the national “optional feast days” in ordinary speech. They are genuine liturgical options, but their technical rank is *optional memorial*, not optional feast. If a universal optional memorial shares the date—as St John of Avila does with St Damien or St Faustina with Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos—the celebrant may choose one permitted observance; their presence does not merge them into a composite celebration.

A Using the Inventory Responsibly

For a concrete day, first locate the temporal day, then add the universal fixed entry, the United States overlay, and every diocesan or local proper. Rank all candidates with the current table of liturgical days. Apply the explicit rules for transfer, omission, and optional memorials; then consult the competent Ordo for local resolutions and current pastoral directions.

This recurring inventory does not decide holy-day obligations. Those obligations arise from canon law and territorial complementary norms and can differ in Hawaii or when a date falls on Saturday or Monday. Nor does a blank date prohibit a votive Mass, Mass for Various Needs, or Ritual Mass; those choices are governed by the Missal and the rank of the day.

Saturday memorials of the Blessed Virgin Mary are not printed on every blank Saturday. The Universal Norms permit that optional memorial on Saturdays in Ordinary Time when no obligatory memorial occurs. It is a recurring option generated by a weekday condition rather than a fixed sanctoral row.

The Universal Norms also retain Rogation Days and Ember Days as occasions of prayer for human needs and the harvest, while assigning their regulation to episcopal conferences. In the United States, the diocesan bishop designates the days or periods and their manner of observance under GIRM 373 and current USCCB guidance. They therefore create no additional recurring universal or nationwide dated row in this inventory.

A.1 Layers deliberately omitted

This publication does not inventory diocesan patrons, cathedral and parish dedications, titles of churches, saints or blessed proper to a diocese, or religious-family calendars. It also does not infer a national celebration merely because a saint lived or worked in the United States. Those layers remain real, but their competent owner must establish them.

B Timeline of Substantive Modifications

This timeline selects changes that altered the architecture, precedence, temporal cycle, universal inventory, or United States overlay. It does not list routine reprints, every canonization, or every local grant.

Date	Act or development	Substantive effect
Early centuries	Sunday, Pascha, and martyrs' anniversaries	Established the weekly and annual Paschal centers and the local anniversary principle from which the temporal and sanctoral cycles grew. Precise beginnings are not reducible to a single decree.
Fourth–sixth centuries	Nativity–Epiphany and mature Paschal seasons	Consolidated a second temporal center and the preparatory and festal seasons surrounding Christmas and Easter, with continued regional variation.
1568–1570	Roman Breviary and Missal after Trent	Codified and widely extended the Roman calendar and its books while preserving qualifying ancient local uses.
1911	Pius X, <i>Divino afflatu</i>	Reworked the Psalter and precedence so that festal accumulation would no longer displace the ferial cursus in the same way.
1951–1956	Pius XII's Paschal Vigil, Holy Week, and simplification reforms	Restored the principal Holy Week rites to their proper hours, revised their structure, and suppressed many vigils and octaves while simplifying calendar ranks.
1960–1962	<i>Rubricarum instructum</i> and the 1962 Missal	Introduced the four-class system and the immediate preconciliar calendar against which the later reform is often compared.

Date	Act or development	Substantive effect
4 Dec. 1963	Vatican II, <i>Sacrosanctum Concilium</i> 102–111	Required revision of the liturgical year, protection of Sunday and the Proper of Time, Christological ordering of saints' feasts, and a more selective universal sanctoral.
14 Feb. 1969	Paul VI, <i>Mysterii Paschalis</i> , and <i>Calendarium Romanum</i>	Promulgated the Universal Norms and revised General Roman Calendar, effective 1 January 1970. The new system uses solemnities, feasts, memorials, and optional memorials rather than the 1960 classes.
1970; 1975	First and second typical editions of the Roman Missal	Embodied and then consolidated the reformed calendar in the Missal's liturgical structure.
1971; 1987–1988	U.S. Guadalupe inscriptions	Added Our Lady of Guadalupe first as an obligatory memorial, then raised the national celebration to a feast.
1 Jan. 1996; 8 Dec. 1998	Immaculate Heart rank and collision notifications	Raised the Immaculate Heart from optional to obligatory memorial, then established that when it coincides with another obligatory memorial, both are optional memorials for that year.
22 Jan.; 5 July 1999	All-Americas Guadalupe feast; U.S. Ascension norm	Established Guadalupe as a feast in the national calendars of the Americas and allowed U.S. ecclesiastical provinces, under the approved procedure, to transfer the Ascension to the Seventh Sunday of Easter.
20 Apr. 2000; 2002; 2008	Third typical edition and emended printing	The third typical edition was issued as typical in 2000, published in 2002, and reprinted with emendations in 2008. It supplies the present Latin base; the emended printing is the immediate Latin control for the 2011 U.S. edition.
5 May 2000	Decree <i>Misericors et miserator</i>	Added “or of Divine Mercy” to the title of the Second Sunday of Easter while prescribing continued use of the existing Missal and Hours texts.
26 June 2002	<i>Ex uberi terra</i>	Inscribed St Pius of Pietrelcina as an obligatory memorial on 23 September.
28 Sept. 2002; 2008	Guadalupe and St Juan Diego integration	Inscribed the optional memorials of St Juan Diego on 9 December and Our Lady of Guadalupe on 12 December; both were incorporated into the 2008 emended printing.
24 July 2010; 27 Nov. 2011	Confirmed U.S. adaptations and proper; English third edition	Three confirmations covered the U.S. adaptations, proper-calendar changes, and proper texts; the English edition came into use on 27 November 2011. Later national additions remain separate amendments.
12 Oct. 2012; 10 July 2013; 25 July 2014	U.S. additions after the third edition	Added the U.S. optional memorials of St John Paul II, St Marianne Cope, and Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos. John Paul II's 2014 universal inscription later superseded the distinct national insertion.
29 May 2014	Decree <i>Pastor aeternus</i>	Added optional memorials of St John XXIII (11 October) and St John Paul II (22 October).
3 June 2016	Decree on St Mary Magdalene	Raised 22 July from obligatory memorial to feast.
11 Feb.; 24 Mar. 2018	Decree and notification on Mary, Mother of the Church	Added an obligatory memorial on the Monday after Pentecost and directed that it prevails when coinciding with another memorial of a saint or blessed.
25 Jan. 2019	Decree on St Paul VI	Added his optional memorial on 29 May.
30 Sept. 2019	Francis, <i>Aperuit illis</i>	Designated the existing Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as the Sunday of the Word of God; the act prescribes no replacement rank or lectionary.
7 Oct. 2019	Decree on Our Lady of Loreto	Added the optional memorial on 10 December.

Date	Act or development	Substantive effect
18 May 2020	Decree on St Faustina Kowalska	Added her optional memorial on 5 October.
25 Jan. 2021	Three Doctors decree	Added optional memorials of St Gregory of Narek (27 February), St John of Avila (10 May), and St Hildegard of Bingen (17 September).
26 Jan. 2021	Martha, Mary, and Lazarus decree	Replaced the memorial of St Martha alone on 29 July with the obligatory memorial of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus.
21 Jan. 2022	St Irenaeus declared Doctor of the Church	Added the title Doctor of the Church to the universal memorial's identifier without changing its 28 June date or memorial rank.
24 Dec. 2024; published 11 Feb. 2025	Decree on St Teresa of Calcutta	Added her optional memorial on 5 September.
9 Nov. 2025; published 3 Feb. 2026	Decree on St John Henry Newman	Added his optional memorial on 9 October; official 2026 calendars implement the entry.
17 July 2026	Cutoff of this inventory	No later universal or United States amendment is asserted here.

C Scope, Edition, and Qualifications

C.1 The object documented

This reference describes the recurring postconciliar Roman calendar in force for the Roman Missal, third typical edition, as emended, together with universal changes promulgated through 17 July 2026 and the Proper Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States of America. It has three inventories that must not be collapsed: the movable Proper of Time, the fixed General Roman Calendar, and the United States territorial overlay.

The calendar is an ordered legal and liturgical structure, not simply a list of saints. The annual Paschal cycle and the weekly Sunday cycle form its center; seasons and temporal celebrations articulate the mysteries of Christ; the fixed cycle adds celebrations of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, angels, and saints; and an approved particular calendar joins celebrations proper to a territory. A diocese, parish, church, or religious family can add another proper layer.

C.2 Edition, territory, and English labels

The Latin base is the *Missale Romanum*, editio typica tertia (2002), checked in its *Calendarium Romanum generale* and *Normae universales de anno liturgico et de calendario*. Later entries and rank changes are taken from decrees of the competent dicastery. The territorial control is the Proper Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States of America, including the 2010 confirmations and later national amendments, as implemented with the 2011 English Roman Missal and in current official USCCB calendars.

Celebration labels in the tables are concise editorial English identifiers, collated where possible to current USCCB usage. They are not presented as a reproduction of the copyrighted English Missal, and this work reproduces no prayers, readings, chants, or formularies.

C.3 What “complete” means

Complete here means every recurring temporal identity, every fixed universal celebration and rank current at the cutoff, and every national entry or national transfer rule in the identified United States proper. It does not compute any one civil year. A feast may be impeded, transferred, omitted, or combined with a local proper when the governing norms are applied to an actual date. For that final resolution, consult the competent annual and diocesan Ordo.

C.4 Audit and review limits

The adjacent research records preserve the scope, edition manifest, source audit, evidence map, and calendar inventory. No prayer or complete formulary was copied. Direct collation against licensed 2008 Latin and 2011 English altar-book printings and independent historical and liturgical review remain outstanding.

D References

D.1 Controlling books and norms

- Paul VI, apostolic letter *Mysterii Paschalis*, 14 February 1969, and the accompanying *Calendarium Romanum* and Universal Norms.
- *Missale Romanum*, editio typica tertia (Vatican City: Typis Vaticanis, 2002), *Normae universales de anno liturgico et de calendario* and *Calendarium Romanum generale*; editio typica tertia, *reimpressio emendata* (2008).
- *The Roman Missal*, Third Edition, for use in the Dioceses of the United States of America (2011), together with the 2010 confirmations and later amendments to the United States proper.

D.2 Historical reconstruction

Paul F. Bradshaw and Maxwell E. Johnson, *The Origins of Feasts, Fasts, and Seasons in Early Christianity* (London: SPCK; Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 2011), supplies the modern historical control for the early weekly, Paschal, Nativity–Epiphany, and saints cycles. Earlier Roman reforms are checked against Pius V’s *Quod a nobis* (1568) and *Quo primum* (1570); Pius X’s *Divino afflatu* (1911); the 1955 decrees *Cum hac nostra aetate* and *Maxima redemptionis nostrae mysteria*; and John XXIII’s *Rubricarum instructum* and *Codex rubricarum* (1960).

D.3 Official amendments and territorial controls

The Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments maintains an official decree index for amendments through 2021. The later decrees for St Teresa of Calcutta and St John Henry Newman are separately controlled. The current United States proper, special-observance guidance, and the 2026 annual control are published by the USCCB. Exact decree dates and effects are summarized in the timeline and audited in the research records.

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