

CATHOLIC CHURCH LITURGICAL CALENDAR

2017- 2018

Have you ever wondered when Ordinary Time or Lent or Advent starts or ends? Listed below is the entire 2017- 2018 Liturgical Calendar of seasons. As defined by the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Liturgical Year is "The celebration throughout the year of the mysteries of the Lord's birth, life, death, and Resurrection in such a way that the entire year becomes a 'year of the Lord's grace.'"

The Season of Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas (December 3, 2017) and ends after the mid-afternoon prayer on Christmas Eve (December 24, 2017).

The Christmas Season begins with Evening Prayer on Christmas Eve (December 24, 2017) and ends with Evening Prayer on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Monday, January 8, 2018).

Ordinary Time begins after Evening Prayer on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 8, 2018) until Ash Wednesday (February 14, 2018).

The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (February 14, 2018) and ends with the Celebration of the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (March 29, 2018).

The Paschal Triduum begins on Holy Thursday with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (March 29, 2018) and ends with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday (April 1, 2018).

The Easter Season begins on Easter Sunday (April 1, 2018) and ends with Evening Prayer on the Solemnity of Pentecost (May 20, 2018).

Ordinary Time begins after Evening Prayer on the Solemnity of Pentecost (May 20, 2018) and continues until Evening Prayer of the First Sunday of Advent (December 2, 2018).