

Liturgical Calendar for 2026, Cycles Year A – Weekdays II

November-December 2025

November 30:	First Sunday of Advent Pastoral Note: New Cycle of Sunday readings begins. Sunday Cycle Year A
December 1:	Monday First Week of Advent Pastoral Note: New cycle of weekday readings begins. Weekday Cycle Year II
December 7:	Second Sunday of Advent
December 8:	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Patronal Feastday of the United States of America) (Solemnity) (A Holyday of Obligation)
December 12:	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 14:	Third Sunday of Advent
December 21:	Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 25:	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) (Solemnity – A Holy Day of Obligation) Pastoral Note: The Vigil Mass for Christmas may not be celebrated before 4:00 PM.
December 28:	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

January 2026

January 1:	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord (Solemnity) (A Holyday of Obligation)
January 4:	The Epiphany of the Lord
January 11:	The Baptism of the Lord
January 12:	First Week in Ordinary Time
January 18:	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 22:	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children (See GIRM, no. 373). Day of Penance, for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right of life. The Mass “Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life” (#48/1A or B) from Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions may be celebrated with white vestments or the Mass “For the Preservation Of Peace

and Justice” (#30) with violet vestments. Mass readings: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12 (no. 314) or for the Day of Prayer, any readings from the *Lectionary for Mass Supplement*, the Mass “For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life,” nos. 947A-947E, or the *Lectionary for Mass* (vol. IV), the Mass “For Peace and Justice,” nos. 887-891.

January 25: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 2026

February 1: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 February 2: Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
 February 8: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 February 15: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 February 18: **Ash Wednesday**
Catholics (14+) are to abstain from meat, and Catholics (18-59) are to fast.
 February 22: First Sunday of Lent
 February 22: Rite of Election (Enrollment of Names) celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica

March 2026

March 1: Second Sunday of Lent
 March 8: Third Sunday of Lent
First Scrutiny of the Elect (see OCIA 150-156)
 March 15: Fourth Sunday of Lent
Second Scrutiny of the Elect (See OCIA 164-170)
 March 19: Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Solemnity)
 March 22: Fifth Sunday of Lent
Third Scrutiny of the Elect (See OCIA 171-177)
 March 25: The Annunciation of the Lord **(Solemnity)**
 March 29: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 2026

April 2: The Chrism Mass, Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis, 10:00AM **Pastoral Note: Holy Oils available in Boland Hall following The Chrism Mass.**
 April 2: Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper
 April 3: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Deacons may not conduct this liturgy as if it were a Communion Service, refer to Roman Missal, Third Edition.) **Pastoral Note:**

The Celebration of the Lord's Passion takes place about three o'clock unless pastoral reasons suggests a later hour. The Archbishop may permit the liturgy to be repeated later for pastoral reasons.

April 4: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night begins thirty minutes after sundown (sundown: 7:27 PM). **Pastoral Note: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night is not to begin before 8:00 PM.**

April 5: **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

April 12: Second Sunday of Easter **(or Sunday of Divine Mercy)**

April 19: Third Sunday of Easter

April 26: Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 2026

May 3: Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10: Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14: **Saint Matthias, Apostle**

May 17: **The Ascension of the Lord**

Pastoral Note: In the Archdiocese of St. Louis, the Ascension of the Lord is transferred to The Seventh Sunday of Easter.

May 24: Pentecost Sunday, Adults Confirmation at the Cathedral Basilica

May 25: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (Eighth Week in Ordinary Time)

May 31: The Most Holy Trinity **(Solemnity)**

June 2026

June 7: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) **(Solemnity)**

June 10: Anniversary of the Appointment of the Metropolitan Archbishop Mitchell Thomas Rozanski (2020)

June 12: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus **(Solemnity)**

June 13: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

June 14: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 21: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 24: The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist **(Solemnity)**

June 28: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 29: Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles **(Solemnity)**

July 2026

July 4:	Independence Day
July 5:	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 12:	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 19:	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 26:	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 2026

August 2:	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 6:	The Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast)
August 9:	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 15:	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity) Not a Holyday of Obligation
August 16:	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 23:	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 25:	Saint Louis of France, patron saint of the Archdiocese of St. Louis Pastoral Note: The Archbishop has given permission to ALL parishes to celebrate Saint Louis on the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time. Readings may be those for the proper Sunday or for Saint Louis. Anniversary of the Installation of Archbishop Mitchell Thomas Rozanski (2020)
August 30:	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 2026

September 6:	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 13:	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 20:	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 27:	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Saint Vincent de Paul, priest, archdiocesan secondary patron Pastoral Note: The Archbishop has given permission to ALL parishes to celebrate Saint Vincent de Paul on the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Readings will be those for the proper Sunday.

October 2026

October 4:	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 11:	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 12:	Anniversary of the Dedication of the Metropolitan Cathedral, Archdiocese of St. Louis (Solemnity in the Cathedral only, everywhere else a Feast; readings 701-706)
October 18:	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 25:	Anniversary of Dedicated Churches (Celebrated as a Solemnity in these churches only; 3 readings 701-706)
October 25:	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 2026

November 1:	All Saints Pastoral Note: The regularly scheduled Parish evening Mass on November 1 is for All Saints and not All Souls'.
November 2:	The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) Pastoral Note: Any readings from no. 668 from the Masses for the Dead (1011-1016).
November 8:	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 9:	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Feast) Pastoral Note: Readings from no. 671: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22.
November 15:	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 18:	Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, virgin, archdiocesan secondary patron Pastoral Note: The Archbishop has given permission to ALL parishes to celebrate Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne on the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Readings will be those for the proper Sunday.
November 22:	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 26:	Thanksgiving Day

2027

Cycles Year B - Weekdays I

November 2026

November 29:	First Sunday of Advent Pastoral Note: New cycle of readings begins.
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November 30: **Sunday Cycle Year B**
Saint Andrew, Apostle (Feast) Pastoral Note:
Proper readings: Romans 10:9-18/Matthew
4:18-22 (#684).

December 2026

December 1: First Week of Advent
Pastoral Note: New cycle of weekday readings begins. Weekday Cycle Year I

December 6: Second Sunday of Advent
December 8: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Patronal Feastday of the United States of America) (Solemnity) (Holyday of Obligation)

December 12: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 13: Third Sunday of Advent

December 20: Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 25: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Solemnity – Holyday of Obligation
Pastoral Note: The Vigil Mass for Christmas may not be celebrated before 4:00 PM.

December 27: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

A parish's celebration of its patron saint is celebrated with the rank of solemnity (see *General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar*, Table I. 4. c.).

The anniversary of a church dedication is celebrated with the rank of a solemnity (see *Rite for the Dedication of a Church*, #27; *General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar*, Table I. 4. b.)