

The Calendar for the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph

The saving work of Christ is celebrated throughout the Church in its general calendar of liturgical days. The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph observes supplementary days as indicated herein.

The Catholic Church's general table of liturgical days includes these as proper solemnities (4):

1. Solemnity of the principal patron of the place, that is, the city or state.
2. Solemnity of the dedication of a particular church and the anniversary.
3. Solemnity of the title of a particular church.
4. Solemnity of the title, or of the founder, or of the principal patron of a religious order or congregation.

These are proper feasts (8):

1. Feast of the principal patron of the diocese.
2. Feast of the anniversary of the dedication of the cathedral.
3. Feast of the principal patron of a region or province, or a country, or of a wider territory.
4. Feast of the title, founder, or principal patron of an order or congregation and of a religious province, without prejudice to the directives in no. 4.
5. Other feasts proper to an individual church.
6. Other feasts listed in the calendar of a diocese or of an order or congregation.

These are proper obligatory memorials (11):

1. Memorial of a secondary patron of the place, diocese, region, or province, nation or wider territory, or of an order or congregation and of a religious province.
2. Other obligatory memorials listed in the calendar of a diocese, or of an order or congregation.

The General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar further makes these points:

“45 On Rogation and Ember Days the Church is accustomed to entreat the Lord for the various needs of humanity, especially for the fruits of the earth and for human labor, and to give thanks to him publicly.

“46 In order that the Rogation Days and Ember Days may be adapted to the different regions and different needs of the faithful, the Conferences of Bishops should arrange the time and manner in which they are held.

“Consequently, concerning their duration, whether they are to last one or more days, or be repeated in the course of the year, norms are to be established by the competent authority, taking into consideration local needs.

“47 The Mass for each day of these celebrations should be chosen from among the Masses for Various Needs, and should be one which is more particularly appropriate to the purpose of the supplications.

“48 The ordering of the celebration of the liturgical year is governed by a calendar, which is either general or particular, depending on whether it has been laid down for the use of the entire Roman Rite, or for the use of a Particular Church or religious family.

“49 . . . Particular calendars, however, are to be drawn up by the competent authority and approved by the Apostolic See.

“50 In drawing up a particular calendar, attention should be paid to the following:

“a) The Proper of Time, that is, the cycle of Times, Solemnities, and Feasts by which the mystery of redemption is unfolded and honored during the liturgical year, must always be kept intact and enjoy its rightful preeminence over particular celebrations.

“b) Proper celebrations must be combined organically with universal celebrations, with attention to the rank and precedence indicated for each in the Table of Liturgical Days. So that particular calendars may not be overburdened, individual Saints should have only one celebration in the course of the liturgical year, although, where pastoral reasons recommend it, there may be another celebration in the form of an Optional Memorial marking the *translatio* or *inventio* of the bodies of Patron Saints or Founders of Churches or of religious families.

“c) Celebrations granted by indult should not duplicate other celebrations already occurring in the cycle of the mystery of salvation, nor should their number be increased out of proportion.

“52 A particular calendar is prepared by the insertion in the General Calendar of proper Solemnities, Feasts and Memorials, that is:

“a) in a diocesan calendar, besides celebrations of Patrons and of the dedication of the Cathedral church, the Saints and Blessed who have special

connections with the diocese, e.g., by their birth, residence over a long period, or their death...

“54 Proper celebrations should be inscribed in the Calendar as Obligatory or Optional Memorials, unless other provisions have been made for them in the Table of Liturgical Days, or there are special historical or pastoral reasons. There is no reason, however, why some celebrations may not be observed in certain places with greater solemnity than in the rest of the diocese or religious family.

“55 Celebrations inscribed in a particular calendar must be observed by all who are bound to follow that calendar and may only be removed from the calendar or changed in rank with the approval of the Apostolic See

“58 For the pastoral good of the faithful, it is permitted to observe on Sundays in Ordinary Time those celebrations that fall during the week and that are agreeable to the devotion of the faithful, provided the celebrations rank above that Sunday in the Table of Liturgical Days. The Mass of such celebrations may be used at all the celebrations of Mass at which the people are present.

Parish Solemnities

Each parish celebrates its patron day as a solemnity each year. If a feast of higher rank displaces it (e.g., a Sunday in Advent), the patron solemnity is moved to the next available date on the liturgical calendar. A parish that celebrates its patron on a weekday in Ordinary Time may transfer the solemnity to the nearest Sunday and observe it with the appropriate readings and prayers.

In the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, some parish patron days are already solemnities on the general calendar:

- Annunciation, Kearney; St. Mary the Virgin, Carrollton
- Christ the King, Kansas City
- Cathedral of St. Joseph, St. Joseph; St. Joseph, Easton, Parnell, and Trenton
- Good Shepherd, Smithville (Fourth Sunday of Easter)
- Holy Spirit, Lee’s Summit (Pentecost)
- Holy Trinity, Urich and Weston
- Immaculate Conception in Kansas City (cathedral), Independence (St. Mary’s), Lexington, Montrose, Nevada (St. Mary’s), and Richmond
- Sacred Heart in Hamilton, Norborne, and Warrensburg; and Sacred Heart-Guadalupe in Kansas City
- St. Mary’s, Higginsville; St. Mary, St. Joseph (December 8)

- St. Peter in Kansas City and Stanberry; St. Paul in Tarkio (June 29)
- Blessed Sacrament in Bethany (The Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ)

In addition, each parish celebrates the anniversary of its dedication as a solemnity each year. If the anniversary date falls on a weekday in Ordinary Time, the parish may transfer it to the nearest Sunday.

Special Days of Prayer in 2021

January 1 is the diocesan Day of Prayer for World Justice and Peace. However, the texts for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God are used for the liturgy.

February 4 is the diocesan Day of Prayer at Seedtime.

April 26 is the diocesan Day of Prayer in Atonement and for the Healing of All Those Harmed by Sexual Abuse.

June 2 is the diocesan Day of Prayer for Nature's Blessings.

August 3 is the diocesan Day of Prayer for Farm Animals.

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| JANUARY | | |
| 2. | Munchin, bishop | Solemnity at St. Munchin, Cameron |
| 4. | Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious | Feast at St. Elizabeth, Kansas City (secondary patron) |
| 14. | 1998 Dedication 1900 Dedication | Solemnity at St. Therese North, Kansas City Solemnity at St. Mary, Nevada |
| 16. | 1972 Dedication | Solemnity at St. Francis Xavier, St. Joseph |
| 19. | 1986 Dedication | Solemnity at Annunciation Church, Kearney |
| 22. | 1949 Dedication | Solemnity at St. Patrick, Holden |
| 24. | Our Lady of Peace | Feast at Our Lady of Peace, Kansas City (Titular Solemnity on December 26) |
| 30. | 1949 Dedication | Solemnity at Holy Rosary, Kansas City |
| FEBRUARY | | |
| 1. | Bridget, religious | Solemnity at St. Bridget, Pleasant Hill and Rich Hill |
| 4 | Day of Prayer at Seedtime | |
| 6. | 1977 Dedication 1966 Dedication | Solemnity at St. John LaLande, Blue Springs Solemnity at Church of the Santa Fe, Buckner |
| 11. | 1960 Dedication | Solemnity at Our Lady of Lourdes, Raytown |
| 12 | Our Lady of Lourdes (Feb 11, transferred to this date because of dedication) | Solemnity at Our Lady of Lourdes, Harrisonville and Raytown |
| 14. | Cyril, monk, and Methodius, bishop | Solemnity at St. Cyril, Sugar Creek |
| 16. | 1985 Dedication | Solemnity at Our Lady of the Presentation |
| 17. | 1960 Dedication | Solemnity at St. Gabriel, Kansas City |
| 22. | 2003 Dedication of the Cathedral | Solemnity at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception |
| 23 | 2003 Dedication of the Cathedral | Feast in all parishes of the diocese except the cathedral |
| MARCH | | |

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| 7. | 2004 Dedication 1971 Dedication | Solemnity at St. Mark, Independence Solemnity at St. Rose of Lima, Savannah |
| 17. | St. Patrick | Solemnity at the Oratory of Old St. Patrick, Kansas City; and at St. Patrick in Butler, Ford City, Forest City, Holden, Kansas City, and St. Joseph |
| 19. | Joseph, husband of Mary, Secondary Patron | Solemnity |
| 21. | 1965 Dedication | Solemnity at St. Joseph, Trenton |
| 27. | 2004 Dedication | Solemnity at St. Ann, Independence |
| APRIL | | |
| 5. | 1992 Dedication | Solemnity at St. Jude, Oak Grove |
| 9. | 2005 Dedication | Solemnity at St. George, Odessa |
| 16. | Bernadette, religious | Solemnity at St. Bernadette, Raytown |
| 17. | 1983 Dedication | Solemnity at St. Thomas More |
| 18. | 1964 Dedication | Solemnity at St. Benedict, Burlington Junction |
| 22. | 1930 Dedication 2002 Dedication | Solemnity at St. Mary, Higginsville Solemnity at St. Catherine, Osceola |
| 23. | George, martyr | Solemnity at St. George, Odessa |
| 24. | 1983 Dedication | Solemnity at St. Gregory Barbarigo, Maryville |
| 26. | Day of Prayer in Atonement and for the Healing of Those Harmed by Sexual Abuse Our Lady of Good Counsel | Solemnity at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Kansas City |
| 29. | Catherine, virgin and doctor | Solemnity at St. Catherine, Osceola; and St. Catherine of Siena, Kansas City |
| MAY | | |
| 1. | St. Joseph the Worker | Solemnity at St. Joseph the Worker, Independence |
| 2. | 1982 Dedication | Solemnity at St. Joseph the Worker, Independence |
| 3. | Philip and James, Apostles | Solemnity at St. James, St. Joseph; St. James, Kansas City; and at Twelve Apostles, Platte City |
| 4. | 1924 Dedication | Solemnity at Guardian Angels, Kansas City |

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| 9. | 1954 Dedication | Solemnity at Christ the King, Kansas City |
| 10. | 1915 Dedication | Solemnity at St. Patrick, Ford City |
| 12. | 1912 Dedication | Solemnity at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Kansas City |
| 16. | 1971 Dedication | Solemnity at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Princeton |
| 25. | 1997 Dedication 2013 Dedication | Solemnity at St. John Francis Regis, Kansas City Solemnity at Church of the XII Apostles, Platte City |
| Saturday after the Second Sunday after Pentecost | The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Solemnity at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Princeton and Mary immaculate, Gallatin |
| JUNE | | |
| 2 | Day of Prayer for Nature's Blessings | |
| 4. | 1961 Dedication | Solemnity at St. Paul, Tarkio |
| 7. | 1980 Dedication | Solemnity at Holy Trinity, Urich |
| 9. | Columba, priest | Solemnity at St. Columba, Conception Junction |
| 10. | 2004 Dedication | Solemnity at Visitation Church, Kansas City |
| 11. | 1993 Dedication | Solemnity at St. Bridget, Rich Hill |
| 13. | Anthony of Padua, priest and doctor | Feast at St. Anthony, Kansas City (Titular Solemnity on August 15) |
| 15. | 1913 Dedication | Solemnity at St. Mary, St. Joseph |
| 16. | John Francis Regis, priest, Secondary Patron | Solemnity at St. Regis, Kansas City; Memorial at all other parishes in the diocese |
| 18. | Gregory Barbarigo, bishop 1961 Dedication | Solemnity at St. Gregory, Maryville Solemnity at St. Bernadette, Raytown |
| 21. | Aloysius Gonzaga, religious | Solemnity at St. Aloysius, Maysville |
| 22. | John Fisher, bishop and martyr, and Thomas More, martyr | Solemnity at St. Thomas More, Kansas City |
| 27. | Our Lady of Perpetual Help | Solemnity at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Kansas City |
| 28. | 1889 Dedication | Solemnity at Sacred Heart, Norborne |

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| 30. | 1913 Dedication observed (actual date June 29, transferred) | Solemnity at St. James, St. Joseph |
| JULY | | |
| 4. | 1950 Dedication | Solemnity at St. Francis Xavier, Kansas City |
| 11. | Benedict, abbot | Solemnity at St. Benedict, Burlington Junction |
| 12. | 1896 Dedication observed (actual date of cornerstone, dedication date unknown) 2003 Dedication | Solemnity at Sacred Heart, Kansas City Solemnity at St. Sabina, Belton |
| 19 | 2014 Dedication | Solemnity at St. Bartholomew, Windsor |
| 25. | James, apostle | Solemnity at St. James, Liberty |
| 26. | Joachim and Ann, parents of Mary | Solemnity at St. Ann, Excelsior Springs, Independence, and Plattsburg |
| AUGUST | | |
| 1. | 2004 Dedication 1949 Dedication (date of first mass in church, dedication date unknown) | Solemnity at Our Lady of Lourdes, Harrisonville Solemnity at Church of the Holy Martyrs |
| 3 | Day of Prayer for Farm Animals 2019 Dedication | Solemnity at Holy Family in Kansas City |
| 4. | 1974 Dedication | Solemnity at St. Andrew, Kansas City |
| 5. | 1962 Dedication | Solemnity at Holy Rosary, Clinton |
| 22. | 1950 Dedication The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Solemnity at Mary Immaculate, Gallatin Solemnity at Coronation of Our Lady, Grandview |
| 23. | Rose of Lima, virgin | Solemnity at St. Rose of Lima, Savannah |
| 24. | Bartholomew, apostle 1913 Dedication | Solemnity at St. Bartholomew, Windsor Solemnity at St. James, Kansas City |
| 25. | Louis | Solemnity at St. Louis, Kansas City |
| 27. | Monica | Solemnity at St. Monica, Kansas City |
| 28 | St. Augustine | Solemnity at Church of the Holy Martyrs (Dedicated as St. Augustine), Kansas City |
| 29. | Sabina | Solemnity at St. Sabina, Belton |
| SEPTEMBER | | |

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| 2. | 1962 Dedication 1945 Dedication | Solemnity at St. Patrick, Butler Solemnity at St. Louis, Kansas City |
| 3. | 1956 Dedication | Solemnity at St. Charles, Kansas City |
| 6. | 1925 Dedication | Solemnity at Our Lady of Peace (formerly St. Stephen), Kansas City |
| 7. | 2007 Dedication 1996 Dedication | Solemnity at St. Catherine, Kansas City Solemnity at Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Joseph |
| 8. | The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 1946 Dedication | Solemnity at Nativity of Mary, Independence Solemnity at St. Peter, Kansas City |
| 14. | Exaltation of the Holy Cross 1968 Dedication | Solemnity at Holy Cross, Kansas City Solemnity at Blessed Sacrament, Bethany |
| 15. | Our Lady of Sorrows | Solemnity at Our Lady of Sorrows, Kansas City; and Seven Dolours, Hirlingen |
| 16. | 1923 Dedication | Solemnity at Our Lady of Sorrows, Kansas City |
| 17. | Robert Bellarmine, bishop and doctor | Solemnity at St. Robert Bellarmine, Blue Springs |
| 21. | 1961 Dedication | Solemnity at St. Elizabeth, Kansas City |
| 24. | 2006 Dedication | Solemnity at Holy Spirit, Lee's Summit |
| 29. | Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, archangels | Solemnity at St. Gabriel Archangel, Kansas City |
| OCTOBER | | |
| 1. | Theresa of the Child Jesus, virgin and doctor | Solemnity at St. Therese Little Flower, Kansas City, and St. Therese (North), Kansas City |
| 2. | Guardian Angels | Solemnity at Guardian Angels, Kansas City |
| 4. | Francis of Assisi | Solemnity at Santa Fe, Buckner |
| 5. | 1919 Dedication | Solemnity at Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Kansas City |
| 6. | 1974 Dedication | Solemnity at St. Cyril, Sugar Creek |
| 7. | Our Lady of the Rosary | Solemnity at Holy Rosary, Kansas City |
| 13. | 1922 Dedication observed (actual date of cornerstone, dedication date unknown) | Solemnity at St. Anthony, formerly Assumption Church, Kansas City |

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| 16. | 2004 Dedication | Solemnity at St. Margaret, Lee's Summit |
| 18. | 1967 Dedication | Solemnity at St. Columba, Conception Junction |
| 19. | Jean de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, priests, martyrs, and their companions, martyrs 2019 Dedication | Solemnity at St. John LaLande, Blue Springs Solemnity at St. James, Liberty |
| 21. | 2000 Dedication | Solemnity at St. Monica, Kansas City |
| 23. | 2008 Dedication | Solemnity at Old St. Patrick Oratory, Kansas City |
| Sunday before November 1 | 1975 Dedication on February 9, moved here by Bishop Helmsing Dedication observed 1977 Dedication on March 13, moved here by Bishop Helmsing Dedication observed | Solemnity at Cathedral in St. Joseph Coronation of Our Lady, Grandview |
| 25. | 1894 Dedication | Solemnity at St. Munchin, Cameron |
| 27. | 1912 Dedication | Solemnity at Holy Trinity, Weston |
| 28. | Simon and Jude, apostles 1995 Dedication | Solemnity at St. Jude the Apostle, Oak Grove Solemnity at St. Patrick, Kansas City |
| 30. | 2011 Dedication | Solemnity at Good Shepherd, Smithville |
| 31. | 1865 Dedication observed (day unknown) 1872 Dedication observed (day unknown) 1887 Dedication observed (day unknown) 1888 Dedication observed (day unknown) 1898 Dedication observed (day unknown) 1907 Dedication observed (day unknown) | Solemnity at St. Mary's, Independence Solemnity at Seven Dolors, Hirlingen Solemnity at St. Joseph, Easton; and Immaculate Conception, Richmond Solemnity at St. Ann, Plattsburg Solemnity at Immaculate Conception, Lexington Solemnity at St. Patrick, Forest City Solemnity in other churches where date is unknown |
| NOVEMBER | | |
| 3. | 1890 Dedication observed (actual date November 2, transferred) | Solemnity at St. Aloysius, Maysville |

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| 4. | Charles Borromeo, bishop 1917 Dedication | Solemnity at St. Charles Borromeo, Kansas City Solemnity at Holy Cross, Kansas City |
| 16. | Margaret of Scotland | Solemnity at St. Margaret of Scotland, Lee's Summit |
| 17. | Elizabeth of Hungary, religious | Solemnity at St. Elizabeth, Kansas City |
| 21. | Presentation of Mary | Solemnity at Our Lady of the Presentation, Lee's Summit |
| Thanksgiving Day | 1949 Dedication | Solemnity at St. Therese (Euclid), Kansas City |
| 23. | 1879 Dedication 1975 Dedication | Solemnity at St. Columban, Chillicothe Solemnity at St. Ann's, Excelsior Springs |
| 24. | Columban, abbot (transferred because of solemnity of dedication on November 23) Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, martyr, and his companions 1872 Dedication | Solemnity at St. Columban, Chillicothe Feast at Church of the Holy Martyrs, Kansas City (Dedicated as St. Augustine) Solemnity at St. Mary the Virgin, Carrollton |
| 26. | 1925 Dedication 1914 Dedication | Solemnity at St. Joseph, Parnell Solemnity at St. Peter, Stanberry |
| 28. | 1907 Dedication 1912 Dedication | Solemnity at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Kansas City Solemnity at Immaculate Conception, Montrose |
| 30. | Andrew, apostle | Solemnity at St. Andrew the Apostle, Kansas City |
| DECEMBER | | |
| 3. | Francis Xavier, priest | Solemnity at St. Francis Xavier, Kansas City and St. Joseph |
| 4. | 1999 Dedication | Solemnity at St. Bridget, Pleasant Hill |
| 7. | 1873 Dedication | Solemnity at St. Patrick, St. Joseph |
| 8. | Immaculate Conception, Principal Patroness | Solemnity |
| 9. | 1998 Dedication observed (actual date December 8, transferred) | Solemnity at Sacred Heart, Warrensburg |
| 11. | 2004 Dedication | Solemnity at Nativity of Mary, Independence |

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| 12. | Our Lady of Guadalupe 1921 Dedication | Solemnity at Sacred Heart-Guadalupe, Kansas City; and Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Joseph Solemnity at Sacred Heart, Hamilton |
| 15. | 1985 Dedication | Solemnity at St. Robert Bellarmine, Blue Springs |
| 26 | St. Stephen | Solemnity at Our Lady of Peace (Dedicated as St. Stephen), Kansas City |
| 30. | Holy Family (when Christmas falls on a Sunday) | Solemnity at the Church of the Holy Family, Kansas City; and at Whiteman Air Force - Holy Family Base Chapel |

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