



The church year guides us in a yearlong meditation on God's redemptive love. Every 365 days, we journey through the history of God's people, the life of Christ, and the work of the Holy Spirit. As we do so, the church calendar rightly places us within God's story, reminding us that our own birth is not the start of the story—it is only our entrance into the story.

ADVENT

November 30 - First Sunday of Advent
December 14 - Gaudete Sunday
December 17 / 19 / 20 - Winter Ember Days
December 24 - Christmas Eve

CHRISTMAS

December 25 - Christmas Day
December 28 - Feast of the Holy Family
January 3 - Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus

EPIPHANY

January 6 - Feast of the Epiphany
January 11 - Feast of the Baptism of Jesus
January 18 - Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins
February 2 - Candlemas
February 8 - World Mission Sunday
February 15 - Transfiguration Sunday
February 17 - Fat Tuesday

LENT

February 18 - Ash Wednesday
February 25 / 27 / 28 - Spring Ember Days
March 15 - Laetare Sunday
March 25 - Feast of the Annunciation

HOLY WEEK

March 29 - Palm Sunday
April 1 - Spy Wednesday
April 2 - Maundy Thursday
April 3 - Good Friday
April 4 - Holy Saturday

EASTER

April 5 - Easter Sunday
April 12 - Thomas Sunday
April 19 - Meal Sunday
April 26 - Good Shepherd Sunday
May 3 - I Am Sunday
May 10 - Rogation Sunday
May 10-13 - Rogationtide
May 14 - Feast of the Ascension
May 17 - Ascension Sunday
May 24 - Feast of Pentecost

ORDINARY TIME

May 27 / 29 / 30 - Summer Ember Days
May 31 - Trinity Sunday
August 6 - Feast of the Transfiguration
September 14 - Holy Cross Day
September 16 / 18 / 19 - Fall Ember Days
October 31 - All Hallows' Eve
November 1 - Feast of All Saints
November 2 - Feast of All Souls
November 22 - Christ the King Sunday

THE SANCTORAL CALENDAR

The Church follows a second calendar, also known as the Sanctoral Cycle, which celebrates the life and witness of various saints throughout the year (usually saints are celebrated on the day of their death / the day of their entrance into the full presence of God). This calendar was pulled from the Book of Common Prayer and a few additional dates of particular cultural relevance are included as well.

December 6 - St. Nicholas
December 13 - St. Lucy
December 21 - St. Thomas the Apostle
December 26 - St. Stephen the Martyr
December 27 - St. John the Evangelist
December 28 - The Holy Innocents
January 18 - Confession of St. Peter
January 25 - Conversion of St. Paul
February 14 - St. Valentine
February 24 - St. Matthias the Apostle
March 17 - St. Patrick
March 19 - St. Joseph, husband of Mary
April 23 - St. George
April 25 - St. Mark the Evangelist
May 1 - St. Philip and St. James
(son of Zebedee) the Apostles
May 30 - St. Joan of Arc

June 11 - St. Barnabas
June 24 - Nativity of Saint John the Baptist
June 29 - St. Peter and St. Paul the Apostles
July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene
July 25 - St. James (son of Alphaeus) the Apostle
August 15 - St. Mary the Virgin
August 24 - St. Bartholomew the Apostle
September 3 - St. Phoebe the Deacon
September 21 - St. Matthew the Evangelist
September 29 - Holy Michael and All Angels
October 4 - St. Francis
October 18 - St. Luke the Evangelist
October 23 - St. James of Jerusalem (Jesus's brother)
October 28 - St. Simon and St. Jude the Apostles
November 11 - St. Martin of Tours
November 30 - St. Andrew the Apostle

