

PRINCIPAL HOLY DAYS OF 2010

January 1	Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God	Friday	Holy Day of Obligation
January 3	Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord	Sunday	
January 10	Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord - conclusion of the Season of Christmas	Sunday	
February 17	Ash Wednesday	Wednesday	
March 17	Feast of St. Patrick – Parish Patron	Wednesday	
March 19	Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Friday	
March 25	Solemnity of Annunciation of the Lord	Thursday	
March 28	Palm Sunday	Sunday	
April 1	Holy Thursday		
April 2	Good Friday of the Lord's Passion		
April 3	Holy Saturday		
April 4	Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord – Easter	Sunday	Holy Day of Obligation
April 11	Divine Mercy Sunday	Sunday	
May 16	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (transferred from May 13)	Sunday	Holy Day of Obligation
May 23	Solemnity of Pentecost - conclusion of the Season of Easter	Sunday	
May 30	Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	Sunday	
June 6	Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	Sunday	
June 11	Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	Friday	
June 12	Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Saturday	
June 24	Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist	Thursday	
June 29	Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul	Tuesday	
August 15	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Sunday	Holy Day of Obligation
November 1	Solemnity of All Saints	Monday	Holy Day of Obligation <small>(abrogated because it falls on a Monday *)</small>
November 2	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, All Souls	Tuesday	
November 21	Feast of Christ the King	Sunday	
November 28	First Sunday of Advent	Sunday	
December 8	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Wednesday	Holy Day of Obligation
December 25	Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, Christmas	Saturday	Holy Day of Obligation

A Solemnity of the Roman Catholic Church is a principal holy day in the liturgical calendar, usually commemorating an event in the life of Jesus, his mother Mary, or other important saints. The observance begins with the vigil on the evening before the actual date of the feast. The word is taken from the Latin *sollemnitatis*, a term of uncertain origin but possibly derived from *sollus* (whole) and *annus* (year), indicating a celebration occurring at yearly intervals. The Church always celebrates each solemnity every year.

*General information: When the Solemnity of Mary, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary or All Saints falls on a Saturday or a Monday, US Catholics of the Latin Rite will not be obligated to attend Mass that day.