

# 2008 Catholic Liturgical Calendar (Year A)

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This Catholic Liturgical calendar lays out the 2008 Catholic Solemnities, Feasts, and Memorials. Marked beside each observance is the level of festivity, whether the day is a holy day of obligation, if the day is a required fast or abstinence day, and which week of the four-week psalm cycle in the Liturgy of the Hours is to be used. Please see the key below to understand the symbols.

## December 2007

- 2 - Advent Week 1 (Ob) (P1)
- 3 - Francis Xavier (M)
- 4 - John of Damascus (OM)
- 6 - Nicholas (OM)
- 7 - Ambrose (M); Vigil of the Immaculate Conception
- 8 - Immaculate Conception (S; Ob)
- 9 - Advent Week 2 (Ob) (P2)
- 11 - Pope Damasus I (OM)
- 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe (M)
- 13 - Lucy (M)
- 14 - John of the Cross (M)
- 16 - Advent Week 3 (Ob) (P3)
- 21 - (Peter Canisius) (OM)
- 23 - Advent Week 4 (Ob) (P4)
- 24 - Christmas Eve
- 25 - Christmas (S; Ob); Begin Octave of Christmas
- 26 - Stephen (F)
- 27 - John (F)
- 28 - Holy Innocents (F)
- 29 - (Thomas Becket) (OM)
- 30 - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (F; Ob) (P1)
- 31 - (Pope Sylvester) (OM)

## January 2008

- 1 - Mary Mother of God (S; Ob)
- 2 - Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen (M)
- 6 - Christmas Season, Epiphany (S; Ob) (P2)
- 7 - Raymond of Penyafort (OM)
- 13 - Baptism of the Lord, United States (F; Ob)
- 13 (Night) - Ordinary Time Week 1 (P1)
- 17 - Anthony (M)

20 - Ordinary Time Week 2 (Ob) (P2)  
21 - Agnes (M)  
22 - Vincent (OM)  
24 - Francis de Sales (M)  
25 - Conversion of Paul (F)  
26 - Timothy and Titus (M)  
27 - Ordinary Time Week 3 (Ob) (P3)  
28 - Thomas Aquinas (M)  
31 - John Bosco (M)

## **February 2008**

2 - Presentation of the Lord (F)  
3 - Ordinary Time Week 4 (Ob) (P4)  
5 - Agatha (M)  
6 - Ash Wednesday (Fast); Beginning of Lent  
8 - Lenten Friday; (Jerome Emiliani) (OM; A)  
10 - Lent Week 1 (Ob) (P1)  
11 - (Our Lady of Lourdes) (OM)  
14 - (Cyril and Methodius) (OM)  
15 - Lenten Friday (A)  
17 - Lent Week 2 (Ob)(P2)  
21 - (Peter Damian) (OM)  
22 - Lenten Friday; Chair of St. Peter (F; A)  
23 - (Polycarp) (M; A)  
24 - Lent Week 3 (Ob) (P3)  
29 - Lenten Friday (A)

## **March 2008**

2 - Lent Week 4 (Ob) (P4)  
3 - (Katharine Drexel) (OM)  
4 - (Casimir) (OM)  
7 - Lenten Friday; (Perpetua and Felicity) (M; A)  
8 - (John of God) (OM)  
9 - Lent Week 5 (Ob) (P1)  
14 - Lenten Friday (A)  
15 - Joseph, husband of Mary (S\*\*) )  
16 - Holy Week Begins (P2); Palm Sunday (Ob)  
17 - (Patrick) (OM)  
18 - (Cyril of Jerusalem) (OM)  
20 - Holy (Maundy) Thursday  
21 - Good Friday of the Lord's Passion (Fast)  
22 - Holy Saturday; Vigil of Easter  
23 - Easter (Ob) (P1); Octave of Easter Begins

- 24 - Monday in the Octave of Easter (S)
- 25 - Tuesday in the Octave of Easter (S)
- 26 - Wednesday in the Octave of Easter (S)
- 27 - Thursday in the Octave of Easter (S)
- 28 - Friday in the Octave of Easter (S)
- 29 - Saturday in the Octave of Easter (S)
- 30 - Easter Week 2 (Ob) (P2); Last Day of Easter Octave; Divine Mercy Sunday
- 31 - Annunciation of the Lord (S\*\*)

## **April 2008**

- 2 - Francis of Paola (OM)
- 5 - Vincent Ferrer (OM)
- 6 - Easter Week 3 (Ob) (P3)
- 7 - John Baptist De La Salle (M)
- 11 - Stanislaus (OM)
- 13 - Easter Week 4 (Ob) (P4)
- 20 - Easter Week 5 (Ob) (P1)
- 21 - Anselm (OM)
- 23 - George (OM)
- 24 - Fidelis (OM)
- 25 - Mark (F)
- 27 - Easter Week 6 (Ob) (P2)
- 29 - Catherine of Siena (M)
- 30 - Pope Pius V (OM)

## **May 2008**

- 1 - Ascension (Traditional) (S; Ob)
- 2 - Athanasius (M)
- 3 - Philip and James (F)
- 4 - Easter Week 7; Ascension (Some U. S. dioceses) (S\*\*; Ob) (P3)
- 10 - Damien Joseph de Veuster of Moloka'i (OM); Vigil of Pentecost
- 11 - Pentecost; Ordinary Time Week 6 (S; Ob) (P2)
- 12 - Nereus and Achilleus; Pancras (OM)
- 14 - Matthias (F)
- 15 - Isidore (OM)
- 18 - Holy Trinity; Ordinary Time Week 7 (S; Ob) (P3)
- 22 - Corpus Christi (Traditional) (S; Ob)
- 25 - Corpus Christi (United States); Ordinary Time Week 8 (S\*\*; Ob)(P4)
- 26 - Philip Neri (M)
- 27 - Augustine of Canterbury (OM)
- 30 - Sacred Heart (S)
- 31 - The Visitation (F)

## **June 2008**

- 1 - Ordinary Time Week 9 (Ob)(P1)
- 2 - Marcellinus and Peter (OM)
- 3 - Charles Lwanga and Companions (M)
- 5 - Boniface (M)
- 6 - Norbert (OM)
- 8 - Ordinary Time Week 10 (Ob)(P2)
- 9 - Ephrem (OM)
- 11 - Barnabas (M)
- 13 - Anthony of Padua (M)
- 15 - Ordinary Time Week 11 (Ob) (P3)
- 19 - Romuald (OM)
- 21 - Aloysius Gonzaga (OM)
- 22 - Ordinary Time Week 12 (Ob)(P4)
- 24 - Nativity of John the Baptist (S)
- 27 - Cyril of Alexandria (OM)
- 29 - Peter and Paul; Ordinary Time Week 13 (Ob) (P1)
- 30 - First Martyrs of the Church in Rome (OM)

## **July 2008**

- 3 - Thomas (F)
- 4 - Elizabeth of Portugal; Independence Day (United States) (OM)
- 5 - Anthony Zaccaria (OM)
- 6 - Ordinary Time Week 14 (Ob) (P2)
- 11 - Benedict (M)
- 13 - Ordinary Time Week 15 (Ob) (P3)
- 14 - Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha (M)
- 15 - Bonaventure (M)
- 16 - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (OM)
- 20 - Ordinary Time Week 16 (Ob) (P4)
- 21 - Lawrence of Brindisi (OM)
- 22 - Mary Magdalene (M)
- 23 - Bridget of Sweden (OM)
- 25 - James, Apostle (F)
- 26 - Joachim and Anne (M)
- 27 - Ordinary Time Week 17 (Ob) (P1)
- 29 - Martha (Memorial)
- 30 - Peter Chrysologus (OM)
- 31 - Ignatius of Loyola (M)

## **August 2008**

- 1 - Alphonsus Liguori (M)
- 2 - Eusebius of Vercelli (OM)

- 3 - Ordinary Time Week 18 (Ob) (P2)
- 4 - John Vianney (M)
- 5 - Dedication of St. Mary Major (OM)
- 6 - The Transfiguration (F)
- 7 - Pope Sixtus II and Companions; Cajetan (OM)
- 8 - Dominic (M)
- 10 - Ordinary Time Week 19 (Ob) (P3)
- 11 - Clare (M)
- 13 - Pope Pontian; Hippolytus (OM)
- 14 - Maximilian Mary Kolbe (OM)
- 14 (Evening) - Vigil of The Assumption of Mary
- 15 - The Assumption of Mary (S; Ob)
- 16 - Stephen of Hungary (OM)
- 17 - Ordinary Time Week 20 (Ob) (P4)
- 19 - John Eudes (OM)
- 20 - Bernard (M)
- 21 - Pope Pius X (M)
- 22 - The Queenship of Mary (M)
- 23 - Rose of Lima (OM)
- 24 - Ordinary Time Week 21 (Ob) (P1)
- 25 - Louis; Joseph Calasanz (OM)
- 27 - Monica (M)
- 28 - Augustine (M)
- 29 - Beheading of John the Baptist (M)
- 31 - Ordinary Time Week 22 (Ob) (P2)

## **September 2008**

- 3 - Pope Gregory the Great (M)
- 7 - Ordinary Time Week 23 (Ob) (P3)
- 8 - The Birth of Mary (F)
- 9 - Peter Claver (M)
- 13 - John Chrysostom (M)
- 14 - The Exaltation of the Cross; Ordinary Time Week 24 (F; Ob) (P4)
- 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows (M)
- 16 - Cornelius; Cyrpian (M)
- 17 - Robert Bellarmine (OM)
- 19 - Isaac Jogues and John de Brebeuf and Companions (M); Januarius (OM)
- 20 - Andrew Kim Taegon; Paul Chong Hasang and Companions (OM)
- 21 - Ordinary Time Week 25 (Ob) (P1)
- 26 - Cosmas and Damian (OM)
- 27 - Vincent de Paul (OM)
- 28 - Ordinary Time Week 26 (Ob) (P2)
- 29 - Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels (F)
- 30 - Jerome (M)

## October 2008

- 1 - Theresa of the Child Jesus (M)
- 2 - Guardian Angels (M)
- 4 - Francis of Assisi (M)
- 5 - Ordinary Time Week 27 (Ob) (P3)
- 6 - Bruno (OM)
- 7- Our Lady of the Rosary (M)
- 9 - Denis and Companions; John Leonardi (OM)
- 12 - Ordinary Time Week 28 (Ob) (P4)
- 14 - Callistus I (OM)
- 15 - Teresa of Avila (M)
- 16 - Hedwig; Margaret Mary Alacoque (OM)
- 17 - Ignatius of Antioch (M)
- 18 - Luke (F)
- 19 - Ordinary Time Week 29 (Ob) (P1)
- 23 - John of Capistrano (OM)
- 24 - Anthony Claret (OM)
- 26 - Ordinary Time Week 30 (Ob) (P2)
- 28 - Simon and Jude (F)
- 31 - Vigil of All Saints (Halloween)

## November 2008

- 1 - All Saints (S; Ob)
- 2 - All Souls; Ordinary Time Week 31 (Unique, Ranked with Solemnities; Ob) (P3)
- 3 - Martin de Porres (OM)
- 4 - Charles Borromeo (M)
- 9 - Ordinary Time Week 32 (Ob) (P4)
- 10 - Pope Leo the Great (M)
- 11 - Martin of Tours (M)
- 12 - Josaphat (M)
- 13 - Frances Xavier Cabrini (M)
- 15 - Albert the Great (OM)
- 16 - Margaret of Scotland; Gertrude (OM)
- 17 - Ordinary Time Week 33 (Ob) (P1)
- 18 - Dedication of the Churches of Peter and Paul, Apostles (OM)
- 21 - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (M)
- 22 - Cecilia (M)
- 23 - Christ the King; Ordinary Time Week 34 (S; Ob)(P2)
- 24 - Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions, martyrs (OM)
- 27 - Thanksgiving (United States) (OM)
- 30 - Advent Week 1 (Ob) (P1)

## December 2008

- 3 - Francis Xavier (M)
- 4 - John of Damascus (OM)
- 6 - Nicholas (OM)
- 7 - Advent Week 2 (Ob) (P2)
- 8 - Immaculate Conception (S; Ob)
- 11 - Pope Damasus I (OM)
- 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe (M)
- 13 - Lucy (M)
- 14 - Advent Week 3 (Ob) (P3)
- 21 - Advent Week 4 (Ob) (P4)
- 24 - Christmas Eve
- 25 - Christmas (S; Ob); Begin Octave of Christmas
- 26 - Stephen (F)
- 27 - John (F)
- 28 - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph; Final Day of Octave of Christmas (F; Ob) (P1)
- 29 - (Thomas Becket) (OM)
- 31 - (Pope Sylvester) (OM)

## Key

<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
Ob	Holy Day of Obligation (includes all Sundays)
F	Feast
S	Solemnity
M	Memorial
OM	Optional Memorial
(feast name)	Optional; Seasonal Celebration Takes Precedence
Fast	Fast Day
A	Abstinence Day
P#	Week Number in Liturgy of the Hours 4-Week Psalm Cycle
**	Feast normally falls on another day, but has been translated