

2024

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SAINT JOSEPH ABBEY

SAINT BENEDICT, LOUISIANA

This Calendar gives information for Mass and the Divine Office at Saint Joseph Abbey, based on the General Calendar, as modified for the Benedictine Confederation, for the Swiss-American Benedictine Congregation, and for the U.S.A. It includes celebrations proper to our Archdiocese, to the Abbey, and celebrations with special meaning for our area. At times, celebrations in this calendar have a different rank than in the General Calendar. It is not our custom to celebrate optional memorials, except the ones listed in this Calendar.

On Saturdays in Ordinary Time with no other celebration, we observe the optional memorial of the Virgin Mary at Mass, indicated by “Mass: BVM.” However, when a celebration of the Virgin Mary occurs during the week (and on a few other occasions), we pray at Mass for vocations to the monastic life, and to our community in particular; this is indicated by “Mass: For monastic vocations.”

Readings for Mass: The Readings used at Mass on Sundays, Solemnities, and Feasts are those given in the Propers – including cases where the Solemnity or Feast is a memorial in the General Calendar.

On Solemnities and Feasts for which the *Lectionary* gives no Proper Readings, Readings are chosen from the appropriate Commons; in such cases, this Calendar notes suggested Readings. In the cases where the *Missal* has no proper texts, Mass formularies may be suggested as well.

On weekdays and memorials, we use the Readings given *for the current weekday*, except when a Reading given for the memorial is considered “Proper.” In such cases, the Reading in question is noted as “Proper” in this Calendar. The entire set of Readings from the Proper may be used on such occasions.

Abbreviations: **S**, **F**, and **m** indicate Solemnities, Feasts, and memorials respectively. **OA**, **OP**, and **OS** indicate occasions when the abbot (OA), prior, (OP), or sub-prior (OS) customarily presides at Mass and/or Offices.

Vespers: Vespers on Saturday are presumed to be First Vespers of Sunday or of the Solemnity or Feast celebrated that Sunday unless noted. In other cases, First Vespers of the following day are always indicated.

Weeks of the Cycle of Psalms: Each week, the week in the Psalms cycle for Vigils and Compline is given (Week 1 etc.). Weeks in the Saint Joseph Abbey Psalms cycle are not the same as in the cycle for the general *Liturgy of the Hours*.

Monks’ namedays not appearing otherwise are noted italics.

THAT IN ALL THINGS GOD MAY BE GLORIFIED

2024

JANUARY

- 1 Mon The Octave Day of Christmas:
SOLEMNITY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD (OP)
II Vespers with Benediction
- 2 Tue m Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen (Week 3)
- 3 Wed Christmas Weekday
- 4 Thu m Elizabeth Seaton
- 5 Fri m John Neumann
- 6 Sat Christmas Weekday
- 7 SUN **S THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (OA)**
II Vespers
- 8 Mon **S OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR (OS)**
Mass of Our Lady of Cana, *Collection of Masses of the Virgin Mary #9*;
Readings (*Collection of Masses Lectionary #9*): Ex 19:3-8a, Rm
8:28-30 (*Collection Lectionary Appendix #10*), Jn 2:1-11
II Vespers
- 9 Tue **F THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (OS)**

ORDINARY TIME

1st Week of the Year (Week 4)

- 10 Wed
- 11 Thu
- 12 Fri (*Fr Aelred's nameday*)
- 13 Sat (Mass: For monastic vocations, Masses for Various
Needs #14)
- 14 **SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Week 1)**
- 15 Mon m Maur & Placid
- 16 Tue
- 17 Wed m Antony of Egypt

(January 18-25: Week of Prayer for Church Unity)

- 18 Thu

JANUARY

- 19 Fri
20 Sat (Mass: BVM)
21 **THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** (Week 2)
22 Mon (Mass: For legal protection of unborn children: Mass of Thanksgiving for the Gift of Human Life, in Masses for Various Needs #45/1; readings of the current weekday)
23 Tue
24 Wed m Francis de Sales
25 Thu F THE CONVERSION OF PAUL
26 Fri m Timothy & Titus (Proper 1st Reading)
27 Sat (Mass: BVM)
28 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** (Week 3)
29 Mon
30 Tue
31 Wed m John Bosco

FEBRUARY

- 1 Thu
I Vespers of the following (OA)
2 Fri F **THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD** (OP)
3 Sat (Mass: BVM)
4 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** (Week 4)
5 Mon m Agatha
6 Tue m Paul Miki & the Martyrs of Japan
7 Wed
8 Thu
9 Fri
10 Sat F SCHOLASTICA Mass: *Benedictine Supplement*;
readings *Lectionary* #530
I Vespers of Sunday

FEBRUARY

11 **SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** (Week 1)

12 Mon

13 Tue

L E N T

14 **ASH WEDNESDAY**

15 Thu Lenten Weekday

16 Fri Lenten Weekday

17 Sat Lenten Weekday

18 **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT** (OS; Week 2)

19 Mon Lenten Weekday

20 Tue Lenten Weekday

21 Wed Lenten Weekday

22 Thu F THE CHAIR OF PETER

23 Fri Lenten Weekday

24 Sat Lenten Weekday

25 **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT** (Week 3)

26 Mon Lenten Weekday

27 Tue Lenten Weekday

28 Wed Lenten Weekday

29 Thu Lenten Weekday

MARCH 1 Fri Lenten Weekday

2 Sat Lenten Weekday

3 **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT** (Week 4)

4 Mon Lenten Weekday

5 Tue Lenten Weekday

6 Wed Lenten Weekday

7 Thu Lenten Weekday

8 Fri Lenten Weekday

MARCH

- 9 Sat Lenten Weekday
10 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT** (Week 1)
11 Mon Lenten Weekday
12 Tue Lenten Weekday
13 Wed Lenten Weekday
14 Thu Lenten Weekday
15 Fri Lenten Weekday
16 Sat Lenten Weekday
17 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT** (Week 2)
18 Mon Lenten Weekday
I Vespers of the following
19 Tue **JOSEPH** (OA)
20 Wed
21 Thu F THE PASSING OF BENEDICT (Mass: *Benedictine Supplement*; readings as on July 11, *Lectionary* #597)
22 Fri Lenten Weekday
23 Sat Lenten Weekday
24 **PASSION SUNDAY** (Offices OS; Mass OA; Week 3)
25 Mon LENTEN WEEKDAY
26 Tue LENTEN WEEKDAY
27 Wed LENTEN WEEKDAY
28 Thu LENTEN WEEKDAY **MARCH/APRIL**
The Paschal Triduum (OA)
29 **GOOD FRIDAY**
30 **HOLY SATURDAY**
31 **EASTER SUNDAY**

- APRIL** 1 EASTER MONDAY (Week 4)
2 EASTER TUESDAY
3 EASTER WEDNESDAY

- 4 EASTER THURSDAY
- 5 EASTER FRIDAY
- 6 EASTER SATURDAY
- 7 **OCTAVE DAY OF EASTER: Second Sunday (Divine Mercy)**
- 8 Mon **THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD (OP)**
- 9 Tue Easter Weekday (Week 1)
- 10 Wed Easter Weekday
- 11 Thu m Stanislaus of Kraków
- 12 Fri Easter Weekday
- 13 Sat Easter Weekday
- 14 **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (Week 2)**
- 15 Mon Easter Weekday
- 16 Tue Easter Weekday
- 17 Wed Easter Weekday
- 18 Thu Easter Weekday
- 19 Fri Easter Weekday
- 20 Sat Easter Weekday
- 21 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Week 3)**
- 22 Mon Easter Weekday
- 23 Tue Easter Weekday (*Br George's nameday*)
- 24 Wed Easter Weekday
- 25 Thu F MARK
- 26 Fri Easter Weekday
- 27 Sat Easter Weekday
- 28 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Week 4)**
- 29 Mon m Catherine of Siena
- 30 Tue Easter Weekday

- MAY**
- 1 Wed Easter Weekday
 - 2 Thu m Athanasius
 - 3 Fri F PHILIP & JAMES
 - 4 Sat Easter Weekday
 - 5 **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** (Week 1)
 - 6 Mon Easter Weekday
 - 7 Tue Easter Weekday
 - 8 Wed Easter Weekday
 - 9 Thu Easter Weekday
 - 10 Fri Easter Weekday
 - 11 Sat m Odo, Mayeul, Odilo, Hugh & Peter the Venerable,
abbots of Cluny (Mass: *Benedictine Supplement*)
 - 12 **S THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**
7th Week of Easter (Week 2)
 - 13 Mon Easter Weekday
 - 14 Tue F MATTHIAS
 - 15 Wed m Pachomius (Mass: *Benedictine Supplement*)
 - 16 Thu Easter Weekday
 - 17 Fri Easter Weekday
 - 18 Sat Easter Weekday
 - 19 **PENTECOST SUNDAY** (OA)

ORDINARY TIME

- 7th Week of the Year (Week 3)
- 20 Mon m Mary, Mother of the Church:
As Votive Mass #10B; readings (considered proper) *Lectionary*
vol. IV #1002 (2nd option) Acts 1:12-14, Jn 19:25-34
- 21 Tue
- 22 Wed
- 23 Thu
- 24 Fri
- 25 Sat m Bede the Venerable

MAY 26 SUN **S THE HOLY TRINITY (OS)**
 8th Week of the Year (Week 1)
 27 Mon
 28 Tue
 29 Wed
 30 Thu
 31 Fri F THE VISITATION

JUNE 1 Sat m Justin Martyr
 2 SUN **S THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (OS)**
 9th Week of the Year (Week 2)
 3 Mon m Charles Lwanga & the Martyrs of Uganda
 4 Tue
 5 Wed m Boniface
 6 Thu
 I Vespers of the following
 7 Fri **S THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS (OP)**
 8 Sat m Immaculate Heart of Mary (Proper Gospel)
 9 **TENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**
 (Week 3; *Br Columba's nameday*)
 10 Mon
 11 Tue m Barnabas
 12 Wed
 13 Thu m Anthony of Padua
 14 Fri
 15 Sat (Mass: BVM)
 16 **ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Week 4)**
 17 Mon
 18 Tue
 19 Wed m Romuald
 20 Thu
 21 Fri m Aloysius Gozaga

- JUNE** 22 Sat (Mass: BVM)
- 23 **TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**
I Vespers of the following
- 24 Mon **S THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST (OP)**
- 25 Tue (Week 1)
- 26 Wed
- 27 Thu
- 28 Fri m Irenaeus
I Vespers of the following
- 29 Sat **S PETER & PAUL (OA)**
II Vespers
- 30 **THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**
Vespers with Benediction (Week 2)
- JULY** 1 Mon
- 2 Tue
- 3 Wed F THOMAS, APOSTLE
- 4 Thu (Mass: Independence Day; readings of the current weekday)
- 5 Fri
- 6 Sat (Mass: BVM)
- 7 **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**
(Week 3; *Fr Killian's nameday*)
- 8 Mon
- 9 Tue
- 10 Wed
I Vespers of the following
- 11 Thu **S OUR HOLY FATHER BENEDICT (OA)**
Mass: *Benedictine Supplement*; readings: Gn 12:1-4 (#737.1),
Col 3:1-4 (#785.10 with Solemn Profession), or Acts 2:42-47
(#780.1 without Solemn Profession), Mt 19:27-29 (#597)
- 12 Fri
- 13 Sat (Mass: BVM)
- 14 **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Week 4)**
- 15 Mon m Bonaventure

- JULY** 16 Tue F OUR LADY OF EINSIEDELN
 Mass: *Benedictine Supplement* (2021); readings Prov 8:22-31
 (#707.5); Lk 11:27-28 (#712.10)
- 17 Wed
- 18 Thu
- 19 Fri
- 20 Sat (Mass: For monastic vocations, Masses for Various
 Needs #14)
- 21 **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** (Week 1)
- 22 Mon F MARY MAGDALE
- 23 Tue
- 24 Wed
- 25 Thu F JAMES
- 26 Fri m Joachim & Anne
- 27 Sat (Mass: BVM; *Br Simon's nameday*)
- 28 **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** (Week 2)
- 29 Mon m Martha, Mary & Lazarus
 Mass: Prayers from the *Benedictine Supplement*; readings (with
 proper Gospel) *LLM* #607
- 30 Tue
- 31 Wed m Ignatius Loyola
- AUGUST** 1 Thu m Alphonsus Liguori
- 2 Fri
- 3 Sat (Mass: BVM)
- 4 **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** (Week 3)
- 5 Mon
- 6 Tue F THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
- 7 Wed
- 8 Thu m Dominic
- 9 Fri
- 10 Sat F LAWRENCE
 I Vespers of Sunday

AUGUST

- 11 **NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** (Week 4)
12 Mon
13 Tue
14 Wed m Maximilian Kolbe
I Vespers of the following
15 Thu S **ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY** (OA)
16 Fri
17 Sat (Mass: For monastic vocations, Masses for Various Needs #14)
18 **TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** (Week 1)
19 Mon
20 Tue
21 Wed m Pius X
22 Thu m Queenship of Mary
23 Fri
24 Sat F BARTHOLOMEW
I Vespers of Sunday
25 **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** (Week 2)
26 Mon
27 Tue
28 Wed m Augustine (*Nameday of Fr Augustine & Br Austin*)
29 Thu m The Beheading of John the Baptist (proper Gospel)
30 Fri
31 Sat (Mass: BVM)

SEPTEMBER

- 1 **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** (Week 3)
2 Mon F GREGORY THE GREAT
3 Tue
4 Wed
5 Thu

SEPTEMBER

- 6 Fri
- 7 Sat (Mass: BVM)
- 8 **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** (Week 4)
- 9 Mon m Peter Claver
- 10 Tue
- 11 Wed
- 12 Thu
- 13 Fri m John Chrysostom
I Vespers of the following
- 14 Sat F **THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS** (OP)
II Vespers
- 15 **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** (Week 1)
- 16 Mon m Cornelius & Cyprian
- 17 Tue
- 18 Wed
- 19 Thu
- 20 Fri m Andrea Kim & the Martyrs of Korea
- 21 Sat F MATTHEW
I Vespers of Sunday
- 22 **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** (Week 2)
- 23 Mon m Padre Pio
- 24 Tue
- 25 Wed
- 26 Thu
- 27 Fri m Vincent de Paul
- 28 Sat (Mass: BVM)
- 29 **TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** (Week 3)
- 30 Mon m Jerome

OCTOBER

- 1 Tue m Thérèse of Lisieux

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- 2 Wed m Guardian Angels
- 3 Thu
I Vespers of the following
- 4 Fri **S DEDICATION OF THE ABBEY CHURCH** (OA)
Mass: Common of Dedication #I In the dedicated Church;
readings : (*Lectionary* Vol. IV) Gn 28:11-18 (#817.1), Rev 21:9-14
(#702.3), Jn 4:19-24 (#706.4)
- 5 Sat m Francis Seelos
- 6 **TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** (Week 4)
- 7 Mon m Our Lady of the Rosary
- 8 Tue
- 9 Wed
- 10 Thu
- 11 Fri
- 12 Sat (Mass: For monastic vocations, Masses for Various
Needs #14)
- 13 **TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** (Week 1)
- 14 Mon
- 15 Tue m Teresa of Ávila
- 16 Wed
- 17 The m Ignatius of Antioch
- 18 Fri F LUKE
- 19 Sat m Jean de Brébeuf & the North American Martyrs
- 20 **TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** (Week 2)
- 21 Mon
- 22 Tue
- 23 Wed
- 24 Thu
- 25 Fri
- 26 Sat (Mass: BVM)
- 27 **THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** (Week 3)

OCTOBER

- 28 Mon F SIMON & JUDE
- 29 Tue
- 30 Wed
- 31 Thu

I Vespers of the following

NOVEMBER

- 1 Fri S **ALL SAINTS** (OA)
- 2 Sat **ALL SOULS** (OP)
Mass readings: 1 Cor 15:20-28 (#668.7) Jn11:17-27 (#668.10)
I Vespers of Sunday
- 3 **THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** (Week 4)
- 4 Mon m Charles Borromeo
- 5 Tue
- 6 Wed
- 7 Thu
- 8 Fri (*Fr Scott's nameday*)
- 9 Sat F DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA
I Vespers of Sunday
- 10 **THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**
(Week 1; *Br Leo's nameday*)
- 11 Mon F MARTIN OF TOURS
- 12 Tue
- 13 Wed m Frances Xavier Cabrini
- 14 The
- 15 Fri
- 16 Sat m Gertrude the Great
- 17 **THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** (Week 2)
- 18 Mon m Rose Philippine Duchesne
- 19 Tue
- 20 Wed

NOVEMBER

- 21 Thu m Presentation of the Virgin Mary
Suggested: Mass of Mary, Temple of the Lord (*Collection of Masses of the Virgin Mary #23*); readings of the current weekday
- 22 Fri m Cecilia
- 23 Sat (Mass: For monastic vocations, Masses for Various Needs #14)
- 24 SUN **S CHRIST THE KING (OP)**
34th Week of the Year (Week 3)
- 25 Mon
- 26 Tue
- 27 Wed
- 28 Thu Mass: Thanksgiving Day; readings *Lectionary Vol IV:*
Joel 2:21-24,25-27 (917) Lk 12:15-21 (921)
- 29 Fri
- 30 Sat F ANDREW
I Vespers of Sunday

DECEMBER

ADVENT

- 1 **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (OS; Week 4)**
- 2 Mon Advent Weekday
- 3 Tue m Francis Xavier
- 4 Wed Advent Weekday
- 5 Thu Advent Weekday
- 6 Fri Advent Weekday
- 7 Sat m Ambrose
- 8 **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Week 1)**
II Vespers of Sunday
- 9 Mon **S IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY (OA)**
- 10 Tue Advent Weekday (*Br Brian's nameday*)
- 11 Wed Advent Weekday
- 12 Thu F OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

DECEMBER

- 13 Fri m Lucy
- 14 Sat m John of the Cross
- 15 **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT** (Week 2)
- 16 Mon Advent Weekday
- 17 Tue ADVENT WEEKDAY (O Holy Wisdom)
- 18 Wed ADVENT WEEKDAY (O Adonai)
- 19 Thu ADVENT WEEKDAY (O Root of Jesse)
- 20 Fri ADVENT WEEKDAY (O Key of David)
- 21 Sat ADVENT WEEKDAY (O Rising Sun)
- 22 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT** (O King of Nations; Week 3)
- 23 Mon ADVENT WEEKDAY (O Emmanuel)
- 24 Tue **CHRISTMAS EVE** (OS)
I Vespers of the following
- 25 Wed **CHRISTMAS DAY** (OA)
- 26 Thu F STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR
Vespers of the Christmas Octave
- 27 Fri F JOHN THE EVANGELIST (*Fr Seán's nameday*)
Vespers of the Christmas Octave
- 28 Sat F THE HOLY INNOCENTS
Vespers of the Christmas Octave
- 29 SUN F **THE HOLY FAMILY** (Week 4; *Fr Jonathan's nameday*)
Vespers of the Christmas Octave
- 30 Mon SIXTH DAY IN THE CHRISTMAS OCTAVE
Vespers of the Christmas Octave
- 31 Tue SEVENTH DAY IN THE CHRISTMAS OCTAVE
I Vespers of the following

JANUARY 2025

- 1 Wed The Octave Day of Christmas:
SOLEMNITY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD (OP)
- 2 Thu m Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

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- 3 Fri Christmas Weekday
4 Sat m Elizabeth Seaton
5 SUN **S THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD** (OA)
6 Mon Weekday after Epiphany (Week 1)
7 Tue Weekday after Epiphany
I Vespers of the following
8 Wed **S OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR** (OS)
Mass of Our Lady of Cana, *Collection of Masses of the Virgin Mary*
#9; readings (*Collection of Masses Lectionary* #9): Ex 19:3-8a,
Rm 8:28-30 (*Collection Lectionary* Appendix #10), Jn 2:1-11
9 Thu Weekday after Epiphany
10 Sat Weekday after Epiphany
12 SUN **F THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
(OS; *Fr Aelred's nameday*)

ORDINARY TIME

- 1st Week of the Year (Week 2)
13 Mon
14 Tue

MOVEABLE FEASTS 2025

ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 5

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 20

PENTECOST SUNDAY JUNE 8

JESUS CHRIST,
YESTERDAY
AND TODAY,
THE SAME FOREVER.

(Hebrews 13:8)

DEO OPTIMO MAXIMO