

**HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION, August 2019 – August 2020
and OTHER IMPORTANT DATES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

August 15, 2019, *Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin*, falls on a **THURSDAY** in 2019, and **IS A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION**. The feast of the Assumption **IS** a day of obligation when it falls on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Sunday and **NOT** a day of obligation when it falls on Monday or Saturday.

November 1, 2019, *Feast of All Saints*, **IS A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION** in 2019 because it falls on a **FRIDAY** in 2019. The Feast of All Saints **IS** a day of obligation when it falls on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Sunday and **NOT** a day of obligation when it falls on Monday or Saturday.

NOTE: *Saturday, November 2, 2019 is celebrated as THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Souls' Day).*

December 8, 2019, *Feast of the Immaculate Conception*, **IS NOT A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION** in 2019 because it falls on a **SUNDAY** in 2019. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is always a day of obligation, **EXCEPT** in years when December 8 falls on a Sunday. Then the *solemnity* is observed on December 9, but **is not** a day of obligation. **December 8, 2019 IS THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT.**

Christmas, December 25, 2019, falls on a **WEDNESDAY** in 2019 and **IS A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION**. Christmas **IS ALWAYS** a day of obligation.

January 1, 2020, The Octave day of Christmas: *Feast of The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God*, falls on a **WEDNESDAY** in 2020 and **IS A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION** in 2020. This feast **IS** a day of obligation when it falls on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, or Sunday but **NOT** a day of obligation when it falls on Monday or Saturday.

The Feast of The Ascension of the Lord is transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter. The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord will be celebrated on **MAY 24, 2020**. This change is in effect **every year** for dioceses in the Province of the Archdiocese of Galveston/Houston, and the Diocese of Beaumont is in the Province of Archdiocese of Galveston/Houston.

August 15, 2020 *Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin*, falls on a **SATURDAY** in 2020, and **IS NOT A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION** IN 2020 since it falls on a Saturday.. The feast of the Assumption **IS** a day of obligation when it falls on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Sunday and **NOT** a day of obligation when it falls on Monday or Saturday.

N.B. Ritual Masses are connected to the celebration of certain Sacraments or Sacramentals. They are prohibited on Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter, on Solemnities, on the days within the Octave of Easter, on the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day), on Ash Wednesday, and during Holy Week, and furthermore due regard is to be had for the norms set out in the ritual books or in the Masses themselves [GIRM372].

Other important dates:

First Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2019

Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020

Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2020