HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION, August 2020–August 2021 and OTHER IMPORTANT DATES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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. 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, 2020, Feast of All Saints, IS A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION in 2020 because it falls on a SUNDAY in 2020. 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.

December 8, 2020, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, IS A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION in 2020 because it falls on a TUESDAY in 2020. 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.

Christmas, December 25, 2020, falls on a FRIDAY in 2020 and IS A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION. Christmas IS ALWAYS a day of obligation.

January 1, 2021, The Octave day of Christmas: Feast of The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, falls on a FRIDAY in 2021 and IS A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION in 2021. 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 16, 2021. 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, 2021, Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, falls on a MONDAY in 2021, and IS NOT A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION IN 2021 since it falls on a Monday. 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: 2020
Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020
Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020
Feast of the Ascension, May 24, 2020
Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2020
First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2020
Feast of the Holy Family, December 27, 2020
Epiphany, January 3, 2021
Baptism of the Lord, January 10, 2021

Other important dates: 2021
Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021
Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021
Feast of the Ascension, May 16, 2021
Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021
First Sunday of Advent, November 28, 2021
Feast of the Holy Family, December 26, 2021
Epiphany, January 2, 2022
Baptism of the Lord, January 9, 2022

Office of Worship, January 2020