

## 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