

The Calendar of the Church Year

The Church Year consists of two cycles of feasts and holy days: one is dependent upon the movable date of the Sunday of the Resurrection or Easter Day; the other, upon the fixed date of December 25, the Feast of our Lord's Nativity or Christmas Day.

Easter Day is always the first Sunday after the full moon that falls on or after March 21. It cannot occur before March 22 or after April 25.

The sequence of all Sundays of the Church Year depends upon the date of Easter Day. But the Sundays of Advent are always the four Sundays before Christmas Day, whether it occurs on a Sunday or a weekday. The date of Easter also determines the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, and the feast of the Ascension on a Thursday forty days after Easter Day.

1. Principal Feasts

The Principal Feasts observed in this Church are the following:

Easter Day	All Saints' Day, <i>November 1</i>
Ascension Day	Christmas Day, <i>December 25</i>
The Day of Pentecost	The Epiphany, <i>January 6</i>
Trinity Sunday	

These feasts take precedence of any other day or observance. All Saints' Day may always be observed on the Sunday following November 1, in addition to its observance on the fixed date.

2. Sundays

All Sundays of the year are feasts of our Lord Jesus Christ. In addition to the dated days listed above, only the following feasts, appointed on fixed days, take precedence of a Sunday:

The Holy Name
The Presentation
The Transfiguration

The feast of the Dedication of a Church, and the feast of its patron or title, may be observed on, or be transferred to, a Sunday, except in the seasons of Advent, Lent, and Easter.

All other Feasts of our Lord, and all other Major Feasts appointed on fixed days in the Calendar, when they occur on a Sunday, are normally transferred to the first convenient open day within the week. When desired, however, the Collect, Preface, and one or more of the Lessons appointed for the Feast may be substituted for those of the Sunday, but not from the Last Sunday after Pentecost through the First Sunday after the Epiphany, or from the Last Sunday after the Epiphany through Trinity Sunday.

With the express permission of the bishop, and for urgent and sufficient reason, some other special occasion may be observed on a Sunday.

3. Holy Days

The following Holy Days are regularly observed throughout the year. Unless otherwise ordered in the preceding rules concerning Sundays, they have precedence over all other days of commemoration or of special observance:

Other Feasts of our Lord

The Holy Name	Saint John the Baptist
The Presentation	The Transfiguration
The Annunciation	Holy Cross Day
The Visitation	

Other Major Feasts

All feasts of Apostles	Saint Mary the Virgin
All feasts of Evangelists	Saint Michael and All Angels
Saint Stephen	Saint James of Jerusalem
The Holy Innocents	Independence Day
Saint Joseph	Thanksgiving Day
Saint Mary Magdalene	

Fasts

Ash Wednesday	Good Friday
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Feasts appointed on fixed days in the Calendar are not observed on the days of Holy Week or of Easter Week. Major Feasts falling in these weeks are transferred to the week following the Second Sunday of Easter, in the order of their occurrence.

Feasts appointed on fixed days in the Calendar do not take precedence of Ash Wednesday.

Feasts of our Lord and other Major Feasts appointed on fixed days, which fall upon or are transferred to a weekday, may be observed on any open day within the week. This provision does not apply to Christmas Day, the Epiphany, and All Saints' Day.

4. Days of Special Devotion

The following days are observed by special acts of discipline and self-denial:

Ash Wednesday and the other weekdays of Lent and of Holy Week, except the feast of the Annunciation.

Good Friday and all other Fridays of the year, in commemoration of the Lord's crucifixion, except for Fridays in the Christmas and Easter seasons, and any Feasts of our Lord which occur on a Friday.

5. Days of Optional Observance

Subject to the rules of precedence governing Principal Feasts, Sundays,

and Holy Days, the following may be observed with the Collects, Psalms, and Lessons duly authorized by this Church:

Commemorations listed in the Calendar

Other Commemorations, using the Common of Saints

The Ember Days, traditionally observed on the Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays after the First Sunday in Lent, the Day of Pentecost, Holy Cross Day, and December 13

The Rogation Days, traditionally observed on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday before Ascension Day

Various Occasions

Provided, that there is no celebration of the Eucharist for any such occasion on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday; and provided further, that none of the Propers appointed for Various Occasions is used as a substitute for, or as an addition to the Proper appointed for the Principal Feasts.

January

- 1 A **The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ**
2 b
3 c
4 d
5 e
6 f **The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ**
7 g
8 A [Harriet Bedell, Deaconess and Missionary, 1969]
9 b Julia Chester Emery, 1922
10 c William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645
11 d
12 e Aelred, Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167
13 f Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, 367
14 g
15 A
16 b
17 c Antony, Abbot in Egypt, 356
18 d **The Confession of Saint Peter the Apostle**
19 e Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095
20 f Fabian, Bishop and Martyr of Rome, 250
21 g Agnes, Martyr at Rome, 304
22 A Vincent, Deacon of Saragossa, and Martyr, 304
23 b Phillips Brooks, Bishop of Massachusetts, 1893
24 c Ordination of Florence Li Tim-Oi, First Woman Priest in the
Anglican Communion, 1944
25 d **The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle**
26 e Timothy and Titus, Companions of Saint Paul
27 f John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, 407
28 g Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Friar, 1274
29 A
30 b
31 c

February

- 1 d Brigid (Bride), 523
2 e **The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple**
3 f Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary to
Denmark and Sweden, 865
4 g Cornelius the Centurion
5 A The Martyrs of Japan, 1597
6 b
7 c
8 d
9 e
10 f
11 g
12 A
13 b Absalom Jones, Priest, 1818
14 c Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop, Missionaries
to the Slavs, 869, 885
15 d Thomas Bray, Priest and Missionary, 1730
16 e
17 f Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda,
and Martyr, 1977
18 g Martin Luther, 1546
19 A
20 b
21 c
22 d
23 e Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr of Smyrna, 156
24 f **Saint Matthias the Apostle**
25 g
26 A
27 b George Herbert, Priest, 1633
28 c [Anna Julia Haywood Cooper, Educator, 1964]
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March

- 1 d David, Bishop of Menevia, Wales, c. 544
 2 e Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, 672
 3 f John and Charles Wesley, Priests, 1791, 1788
 4 g
 5 A
 6 b
 7 c Perpetua and her Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 202
 8 d
 9 e Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, c. 394
 10 f
 11 g
 12 A Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, 604
 13 b [James Theodore Holly, Bishop of Haiti, and of
 the Dominican Republic, 1911]
 14 c
 15 d
 16 e
 17 f Patrick, Bishop and Missionary of Ireland, 461
 18 g Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, 386
 19 A **Saint Joseph**
 20 b Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, 687
 21 c Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells, 1711
 14 22 d James De Koven, Priest, 1879
 3 23 e Gregory the Illuminator, Bishop and Missionary of
 Armenia, c. 332
 24 f [Óscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador,
 and the Martyrs of San Salvador, 1980]
 11 25 g **The Annunciation of Our Lord Jesus Christ to the
 Blessed Virgin Mary**
 26 A
 19 27 b Charles Henry Brent, Bishop of the Philippines, and of
 Western New York, 1929
 8 28 c
 29 d John Keble, Priest, 1866
 16 30 e
 5 31 f John Donne, Priest, 1631

April

	1	g	Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest, 1872
13	2	A	James Lloyd Breck, Priest, 1876
2	3	b	Richard, Bishop of Chichester, 1253
	4	c	Martin Luther King, Jr., Civil Rights Leader, 1968
10	5	d	
	6	e	
18	7	f	[Tikhon, Patriarch of Russia, Confessor and Ecumenist, 1925]
7	8	g	William Augustus Muhlenberg, Priest, 1877
	9	A	Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1945
15	10	b	William Law, Priest, 1761
4	11	c	George Augustus Selwyn, Bishop of New Zealand, and of Lichfield, 1878
	12	d	
12	13	e	
	14	f	
	15	g	
9	16	A	
17	17	b	
6	18	c	
	19	d	Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, and Martyr, 1012
	20	e	
	21	f	Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1109
	22	g	
	23	A	
	24	b	
	25	c	Saint Mark the Evangelist
	26	d	
	27	e	
	28	f	
	29	g	Catherine of Siena, 1380
	30	A	

May

- 1 b **Saint Philip and Saint James, Apostles**
- 2 c Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, 373
- 3 d
- 4 e Monnica, Mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387
- 5 f
- 6 g
- 7 A
- 8 b Dame Julian of Norwich, c. 1417
- 9 c Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople, 389
- 10 d
- 11 e
- 12 f
- 13 g
- 14 A
- 15 b
- 16 c
- 17 d
- 18 e
- 19 f Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, 988
- 20 g Alcuin, Deacon, and Abbot of Tours, 804
- 21 A
- 22 b
- 23 c
- 24 d Jackson Kemper, First Missionary Bishop in the
United States, 1870
- 25 e Bede, the Venerable, Priest, and Monk of Jarrow, 735
- 26 f Augustine, First Archbishop of Canterbury, 605
- 27 g
- 28 A
- 29 b
- 30 c
- 31 d **The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

The First Book of Common Prayer, 1549, is appropriately observed on a weekday following the Day of Pentecost.

June

- 1 e Justin, Martyr at Rome, c. 167
- 2 f The Martyrs of Lyons, 177
- 3 g The Martyrs of Uganda, 1886
- 4 A
- 5 b Boniface, Archbishop of Mainz, Missionary to Germany,
and Martyr, 754
- 6 c
- 7 d
- 8 e
- 9 f Columba, Abbot of Iona, 597
- 10 g Ephrem of Edessa, Syria, Deacon, 373
- 11 A **Saint Barnabas the Apostle**
- 12 b Enmegahbowh, Priest and Missionary, 1902
- 13 c
- 14 d Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, 379
- 15 e Evelyn Underhill, 1941
- 16 f Joseph Butler, Bishop of Durham, 1752
- 17 g
- 18 A Bernard Mizeki, Catechist and Martyr in Rhodesia, 1896
- 19 b
- 20 c
- 21 d
- 22 e Alban, First Martyr of Britain, c. 304
- 23 f
- 24 g **The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**
- 25 A
- 26 b
- 27 c
- 28 d Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, c. 202
- 29 e **Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Apostles**
- 30 f

July

- 1 g
2 A
3 b
4 c **Independence Day**
5 d
6 e
7 f
8 g
9 A
10 b
11 c Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, c. 540
12 d
13 e
14 f
15 g
16 A
17 b William White, Bishop of Pennsylvania, 1836
18 c
19 d Macrina, Monastic and Teacher, 379
20 e Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Amelia Bloomer, Sojourner
Truth, and Harriet Ross Tubman
21 f
22 g **Saint Mary Magdalene**
23 A
24 b Thomas a Kempis, Priest, 1471
25 c **Saint James the Apostle**
26 d The Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
27 e William Reed Huntington, Priest, 1909
28 f
29 g Mary and Martha of Bethany
30 A William Wilberforce, 1833
31 b Ignatius of Loyola, 1556

August

- 1 c Joseph of Arimathaea
- 2 d
- 3 e
- 4 f
- 5 g
- 6 A **The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ**
- 7 b John Mason Neale, Priest, 1866
- 8 c Dominic, Priest and Friar, 1221
- 9 d
- 10 e Laurence, Deacon, and Martyr at Rome, 258
- 11 f Clare, Abbess at Assisi, 1253
- 12 g Florence Nightingale, Nurse, Social Reformer, 1910
- 13 A Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down, Connor, and
Dromore, 1667
- 14 b Jonathan Myrick Daniels, Seminarian and Witness for
Civil Rights, 1965
- 15 c **Saint Mary the Virgin, Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ**
- 16 d
- 17 e
- 18 f William Porcher DuBose, Priest, 1918
- 19 g
- 20 A Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, 1153
- 21 b
- 22 c
- 23 d
- 24 e **Saint Bartholomew the Apostle**
- 25 f Louis, King of France, 1270
- 26 g
- 27 A Thomas Gallaudet, 1902 with Henry Winter Syle, 1890
- 28 b Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, 430
- 29 c
- 30 d
- 31 e Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, 651

September

- 1 f David Pendleton Oakerhater, Deacon and Missionary, 1931
2 g The Martyrs of New Guinea, 1942
3 A
4 b Paul Jones, 1941
5 c
6 d
7 e
8 f
9 g Constance, Nun, and her Companions, 1878
10 A Alexander Crummell, 1898
11 b
12 c John Henry Hobart, Bishop of New York, 1830
13 d Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr of Carthage, 258
14 e **Holy Cross Day**
15 f
16 g Ninian, Bishop in Galloway, c. 430
17 A Hildegard, 1179
18 b Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, 1882
19 c Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690
20 d John Coleridge Patteson, Bishop of Melanesia, and his
Companions, Martyrs, 1871
21 e **Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**
22 f Philander Chase, Bishop of Ohio, and of Illinois, 1852
23 g
24 A
25 b Sergius, Abbot of Holy Trinity, Moscow, 1392
26 c Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, 1626
27 d
28 e
29 f **Saint Michael and All Angels**
30 g Jerome, Priest, and Monk of Bethlehem, 420

October

- 1 A Remigius, Bishop of Rheims, c. 530
2 b
3 c
4 d Francis of Assisi, Friar, 1226
5 e
6 f William Tyndale, Priest, 1536
7 g
8 A
9 b Robert Grosseteste, Bishop of Lincoln, 1253
10 c [Vida Dutton Scudder, Educator and Witness for Peace, 1954]
11 d Philip, Deacon and Evangelist
12 e
13 f
14 g Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky, Bishop
of Shanghai, 1906
15 A Teresa of Avila, Nun, 1582
16 b Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley, Bishops, 1555
and Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1556
17 c Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, and Martyr, c. 115
18 d **Saint Luke the Evangelist**
19 e Henry Martyn, Priest, and Missionary to India
and Persia, 1812
20 f
21 g
22 A
23 b **Saint James of Jerusalem, Brother of
Our Lord Jesus Christ, and Martyr, c. 62**
24 c
25 d
26 e Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons, 899
27 f
28 g **Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Apostles**
29 A James Hannington, Bishop of Eastern Equatorial
Africa, and his Companions, Martyrs, 1885
30 b
31 c

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November

- 1 d **All Saints**
- 2 e Commemoration of All Faithful Departed
- 3 f Richard Hooker, Priest, 1600
- 4 g
- 5 A
- 6 b William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1944
- 7 c Willibrord, Archbishop of Utrecht, Missionary to Frisia, 739
- 8 d
- 9 e
- 10 f Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome, 461
- 11 g Martin, Bishop of Tours, 397
- 12 A Charles Simeon, Priest, 1836
- 13 b
- 14 c Consecration of Samuel Seabury, First American Bishop, 1784
- 15 d
- 16 e Margaret, Queen of Scotland, 1093
- 17 f Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, 1200
- 18 g Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680
- 19 A Elizabeth, Princess of Hungary, 1231
- 20 b Edmund, King of East Anglia, 870
- 21 c
- 22 d Clive Staples Lewis, Apologist and Spiritual Writer, 1963
- 23 e Clement, Bishop of Rome, c. 100
- 24 f
- 25 g James Otis Sargent Huntington, Priest and Monk, 1935
- 26 A
- 27 b
- 28 c Kamehameha and Emma, King and Queen of Hawaii, 1864, 1885
- 29 d
- 30 e **Saint Andrew the Apostle**

December

- 1 f Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, 1637
- 2 g Channing Moore Williams, Missionary Bishop in
China and Japan, 1910
- 3 A
- 4 b John of Damascus, Priest, c. 760
- 5 c Clement of Alexandria, Priest, c. 210
- 6 d Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c. 342
- 7 e Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, 397
- 8 f
- 9 g
- 10 A
- 11 b
- 12 c
- 13 d
- 14 e
- 15 f
- 16 g
- 17 A
- 18 b
- 19 c
- 20 d
- 21 e **Saint Thomas the Apostle**
- 22 f
- 23 g
- 24 A
- 25 b **The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**
- 26 c **Saint Stephen, Deacon and Martyr**
- 27 d **Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist**
- 28 e **The Holy Innocents**
- 29 f Thomas Becket, 1170
- 30 g [Frances Joseph Gaudet, Educator and Prison Reformer, 1934]
- 31 A

The Titles of the Seasons Sundays and Major Holy Days observed in this Church throughout the Year

Advent Season

The First Sunday of Advent
The Second Sunday of Advent
The Third Sunday of Advent
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Season

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ: Christmas Day, December 25
The First Sunday after Christmas Day
The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, January 1
The Second Sunday after Christmas Day

Epiphany Season

The Epiphany, or the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles, January 6
The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord
Jesus Christ
The Second Sunday through the Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany
The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Lenten Season

The First Day of Lent, or Ash Wednesday
The First Sunday in Lent
The Second Sunday in Lent
The Third Sunday in Lent
The Fourth Sunday in Lent
The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Holy Week

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
Monday in Holy Week

Tuesday in Holy Week
Wednesday in Holy Week
Maundy Thursday
Good Friday
Holy Saturday

Easter Season

Easter Eve
The Sunday of the Resurrection, or Easter Day
Monday in Easter Week
Tuesday in Easter Week
Wednesday in Easter Week
Thursday in Easter Week
Friday in Easter Week
Saturday in Easter Week
The Second Sunday of Easter
The Third Sunday of Easter
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Ascension Day
The Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day
The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday

The Season After Pentecost

The First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday
The Second Sunday through the Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
The Last Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Days

Saint Andrew the Apostle, *November 30*
Saint Thomas the Apostle, *December 21*
Saint Stephen, Deacon and Martyr, *December 26*
Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist, *December 27*
The Holy Innocents, *December 28*
The Confession of Saint Peter the Apostle, *January 18*

The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle, *January 25*
The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple,
also called the Purification of Saint Mary the Virgin, *February 2*
Saint Matthias the Apostle, *February 24*
Saint Joseph, *March 19*
The Annunciation of Our Lord Jesus Christ
to the Blessed Virgin Mary, *March 25*
Saint Mark the Evangelist, *April 25*
Saint Philip and Saint James, Apostles, *May 1*
The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, *May 31*
Saint Barnabas the Apostle, *June 11*
The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist, *June 24*
Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Apostles, *June 29*
Saint Mary Magdalene, *July 22*
Saint James the Apostle, *July 25*
The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ, *August 6*
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ, *August 15*
Saint Bartholomew the Apostle, *August 24*
Holy Cross Day, *September 14*
Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist, *September 21*
Saint Michael and All Angels, *September 29*
Saint Luke the Evangelist, *October 18*
Saint James of Jerusalem, Brother of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
and Martyr, *October 23*
Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Apostles, *October 28*
All Saints' Day, *November 1*

National Days

Independence Day, *July 4*
Thanksgiving Day