



# DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO

Solemnities, Feasts, and other events for **2018**

Traditionally each month of the year is dedicated to a mystery of the faith or special saint.

***Every Sunday is a holy day of obligation.***

| JANUARY 2018 – Holy Name of Jesus |  |   |
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| Jan. 1 (Monday)                   | Mary Holy Mother of God  | Solemnity; not a holy day of obligation   |
| Jan. 7                            | Epiphany of the Lord   |   |
| Jan. 14                           | Baptism of the Lord  |   |
| Jan. 21-27                        | Week of Prayer for Christian Unity   | Diocesan observance (Statute 123§3.a)   |
| Jan. 22 (Monday)                  | National Day of Penance<br>Respect Life Mass at the Cathedral<br>Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children | 45 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Roe v. Wade<br><small>Anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision. "In all dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when the 22nd falls on Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of penance for the violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. (2000 GIRM, USCCB Adaptation, #373). The Mass "For Peace and Justice" (no. 21 from "Masses for Various Needs") should be celebrated with violet vestments as an appropriate liturgical observance for this day.) (Statute 123 § 3b).</small> |
| Jan. 24 (7:00 p.m.)               | Ecumenical Prayer Service  | Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church<br>F Street & Alhambra   |

| FEBRUARY 2018 – The Holy Family |                            |                                    |
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| Feb. 2                          | Presentation of The Lord   | Feast                              |
| Feb. 10 (5:00 p.m.)             | World Day of the Sick Mass | Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Feb. 14                         | Ash Wednesday              | Lent begins                        |
| Feb. 17-18                      | Rites of Election          |                                    |
| Feb. 24 (11 a.m.)               | World Marriage Day Mass    | Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament |

| MARCH 2018 – St. Joseph |                              |  |
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| March 11                | Daylight Savings Time begins |  |
| March 14                | Day of Penance               | A day of penance for negative attitudes and discrimination toward people of differing culture, ethnicity and race; and prayer for unity in our diversity, for equality, mutual respect and peace among all peoples. Observed on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed. in March. (Statute 123 § 3c). |
| March 17 (Saturday)     | St. Patrick                  | Solemnity Co-Patron of the Diocese of Sacramento, along with Our Lady of Guadalupe. (Statute 123 § 1b).  |
| March 19 (Monday)       | St. Joseph                   | Solemnity  |
| March 22 (6:00 p.m.)    | Chrism Mass - Cathedral      | Blessings of oils and renewal of priestly promises   |
| March 25                | Palm Sunday                  |  |
| March 29                | Holy Thursday                | Mass of the Lord's Supper  |
| March 30                | Good Friday                  |  |
| March 31                | Holy Saturday                | Easter Vigil (may begin at 8:00 p.m. - 30 min. after sunset)   |

| APRIL 2018 – The Holy Eucharist |   |  |
|---------------------------------|---|--|
| April 1                         | Easter Sunday                           |  |
| April 8                         | Divine Mercy                            |  |
| April 9 (Monday)                | Annunciation (transferred from Mar. 25) | Solemnity, but not a holy day obligation |

| MAY 2018 – The Blessed Virgin Mary |                       |  |
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| May 1                              | St Joseph the Worker  | An appropriate time to bless tools and equipment for work.   |
| May 10                             | Ascension Thursday    | Observed the following Sunday                                |
| May 13                             | Ascension of the Lord |  |
| May 19                             | Vigil of Pentecost    | Adult Confirmations<br>Cathedral; Our Lady of Mercy, Redding |
| May 20                             | Pentecost Sunday      |  |
| May 27                             | Most Holy Trinity     |  |

| JUNE 2018 – Sacred Heart of Jesus |   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| June 2 (10 a.m.)                  | Ordination – Priests  | Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament                                |
| June 3                            | Corpus Christi  |   |
| June 8 (Friday)                   | Sacred Heart of Jesus   | Solemnity - World day of prayer for the sanctification of priests |
| June 29                           | Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles   | Solemnity   |
|                                   | Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament (1889). |   |
| June 30 (10 a.m.)                 | Ordination – Deacons  | Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament                                |

| JULY 2018 – The Most Precious Blood |                      |  |
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| July 6                              | St. Maria Goretti    | Memorial<br>A day of penance for sins and crimes against children and youth, including the sexual abuse of minors by clergy and other members of the Church; and prayer for the needs of children. (Statute 123 § 3d). |
| July 14                             | St Kateri Tekakwitha | Memorial   |
| July 25                             | St. James            | Feast  |

| AUGUST 2018 – The Immaculate Heart of Mary |  |  |
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| Aug. 6 (Mon)                               | Transfiguration of The Lord                  | Feast                                    |
| Aug. 7-15                                  | Novena in honor of the Assumption of Mary    | Devotion                                 |
| Aug. 15 (Wed)                              | <b>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> | <b>Solemnity; Holy Day of Obligation</b> |
| Aug. 22                                    | Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary         | Memorial                                 |

| SEPTEMBER 2018 – Our Lady of Sorrows |   |          |
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| Sept. 3                              | Labor Day                                     |          |
| Sept. 8                              | Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary           | Feast    |
| Sept. 14                             | Exaltation of the Holy Cross                  | Feast    |
| Sept. 15                             | Our Lady of Sorrows                           | Memorial |
| Sept. 29                             | Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels | Feast    |

| OCTOBER 2018 – The Rosary |                       |          |
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| Oct. 2                    | Guardian Angels       | Memorial |
| Oct. 4                    | St. Francis of Assisi | Memorial |
| Oct. 21                   | World Mission Sunday  |          |

| NOVEMBER 2018 – Holy souls in purgatory |   |  |
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| Nov. 1 (Thur)                           | <b>All Saints</b>                       | <b>Solemnity; Holy Day of Obligation</b>   |
| Nov. 2 (Fri)                            | Commemoration of All Faithful Departed  |  |
| Nov. 3                                  | Adult Confirmation                      | St. Mary, Vacaville & St John the Baptist, Chico                                       |
| Nov. 4                                  | Daylight Savings Time ends              |  |
| Nov. 4-10                               | National Vocation Awareness Week        |  |
| Nov. 9                                  | Dedication of Lateran Basilica in Rome  | Feast  |
| Nov. 21                                 | Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Memorial   |
| Nov. 22                                 | Thanksgiving Day                        | Diocesan Day of Thanksgiving for the harvest and all our blessings (Statute 123 § 2d). |
| Nov. 25                                 | Solemnity of Christ the King            |  |

| DECEMBER 2018 – The Immaculate Conception |   |   |
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| Dec. 2                                    | First Sunday of Advent  |   |
| Dec. 8 (Sat)                              | <b>Immaculate Conception</b><br>Patroness of the United States. | <b>Solemnity; Holy Day of Obligation</b>  |
| Dec. 12 (Wed)                             | Our Lady of Guadalupe   | Solemnity Co-Patron of the Diocese of Sacramento, along with St. Patrick. (Statute 123 § 1b). |
| Dec. 25 (Tues)                            | <b>Nativity of The Lord</b>                                     | <b>Solemnity; Holy Day of Obligation</b>  |
| Dec. 30                                   | Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph                           |   |