



**Diocese of Sacramento  
Office of Worship**

## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Diocesan Staff, Pastors, Parish Clergy and Staff.  
**FROM:** Rev. Oscar Figueroa *Director*  
**SUBJECT:** Liturgical Calendar, 2007 2008.

September 05, 2007

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**ALL SAINTS DAY – Thursday, November 1, 2007 (Holy Day of Obligation)**

**THANKSGIVING DAY – Thursday, November 22, 2007.** Day of Thanksgiving. Statute 123 § 2 D.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Sunday, December 2, 2007**

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – Saturday, December 8, 2007**  
(Patroness of the United States of America). (Holy Day of Obligation)

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE – Wednesday, December 12, 2007** Co-patroness of the Diocese is celebrated as a solemnity.

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD – Tuesday, December 25, 2007 (Holy Day of Obligation)**

**THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD – Tuesday, January 1, 2008 (Holy Day of Obligation)**

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – January 18-25**

**NATIONAL DAY OF PENANCE – Tuesday, January 22, 2008** (For violations of the dignity of human person and prayer for full restoration of the right to life) (Your attention is drawn to the following, from the USCCB adaptation to the 2000 General Instruction of the Roman Missal: #373 *In all dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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. 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.*

**ASH WEDNESDAY – Wednesday, February 6, 2008**

**DIOCESAN DAY OF PENANCE – Wednesday, March 12, 2008** (For negative attitudes and discrimination toward people of different culture, ethnicity and race; and prayer for unity in our diversity, for equality, mutual respect and peace among all peoples) Statute #123 §3 C

**SAINT PATRICK – Friday, March 14, 2008** Co-patron of the Diocese is celebrated as a Solemnity. In 2008 the traditional date of Saint Patrick’s Day (March 17<sup>th</sup>) falls on Monday of Holy Week. Because number 60 of the General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar allows that “a solemnity impeded by a liturgical day that takes precedence over it should be transferred to the closest day not listed in nos. 1-8 in the table of precedence...,” this solemnity was transferred in the diocese of Sacramento to the date above mentioned. *Since it is a solemnity the obligation of Friday abstinence does not apply.*

**HOLY SATURDAY – Saturday, March 22, 2008** (Sunset on Holy Saturday will occur at 7:20PM PDT. Liturgical directives in *Missale Romanum* state that the entire Vigil should take place after nightfall, in darkness. Therefore the Vigil is to be scheduled not earlier than **8:00PM**)

**EASTER SUNDAY: THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD – Sunday, March 23, 2008**

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – Sunday May 4 2008** (This solemnity is permanently transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter. **Holy Day of Obligation**)

**PENTECOST SUNDAY – Sunday, May 11, 2008**

**CORPUS CHRISTI – Sunday, May 25, 2008** Patronal feast of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.

**ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Sunday, June 22, 2008.** To be observed as a Solemnity in the Cathedral and in all parishes of the Diocese. Statute 123 § 2 A.

**DIOCESAN DAY OF PENANCE – Sunday, July 6, 2008** (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.) July 6, the memorial of St. Maria Goretti. Statute 123 § 3 D.

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – Friday, August 15, 2008** (**Holy Day of Obligation**)

**ALL SAINTS DAY – Saturday, November 1, 2008** (**Holy Day of Obligation is Abrogated** [dispensed, ed.] since it falls on a Saturday this year)

**THANKSGIVING DAY – Thursday, November 27, 2008.** Day of Thanksgiving. Statute 123 § 2 D.