

# CATHOLIC CHURCH LITURGICAL CALENDAR

## 2015-2016

*Have you ever wondered when Ordinary Time or Lent or Advent starts or ends? Listed below is the entire 2015- 2016 Liturgical Calendar of seasons. As defined by the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Liturgical Year is "The celebration throughout the year of the mysteries of the Lord's birth, life, death, and Resurrection in such a way that the entire year becomes a 'year of the Lord's grace.'"*

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The Season of Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas (November 29, 2015) and ends after the mid-afternoon prayer on Christmas Eve (December 24, 2015).

The Christmas Season begins with Evening Prayer on Christmas Eve (December 24, 2015) and ends with Evening Prayer on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 10, 2016).

Ordinary Time begins after Evening Prayer on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 10, 2016) until Ash Wednesday (February 10, 2016).

The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (February 10, 2016) and ends with the Celebration of the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (March 24, 2016).

The Paschal Triduum begins on Holy Thursday with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (March 24, 2016) and ends with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday (March 27, 2016).

The Easter Season begins on Easter Sunday (March 27, 2016) and ends with Evening Prayer on the Solemnity of Pentecost (May 15, 2016).

Ordinary Time begins after Evening Prayer on the Solemnity of Pentecost (May 15, 2016) and continues until Evening Prayer of the First Sunday of Advent (November 27, 2016).