

CATHOLIC CHURCH LITURGICAL CALENDAR

2016-2017

Have you ever wondered when Ordinary Time or Lent or Advent starts or ends? Listed below is the entire 2016- 2017 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.'"

The Season of Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas (November 27, 2016) and ends after the mid-afternoon prayer on Christmas Eve (December 24, 2016).

The Christmas Season begins with Evening Prayer on Christmas Eve (December 24, 2016) and ends with Evening Prayer on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 9, 2017).

Ordinary Time begins after Evening Prayer on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 9, 2017) until Ash Wednesday (March 1, 2017).

The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (March 1, 2017) and ends with the Celebration of the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (April 13, 2017).

The Paschal Triduum begins on Holy Thursday with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (April 13, 2017) and ends with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday (April 16, 2017).

The Easter Season begins on Easter Sunday (April 16, 2017) and ends with Evening Prayer on the Solemnity of Pentecost (June 4, 2017).

Ordinary Time begins after Evening Prayer on the Solemnity of Pentecost (June 4, 2017) and continues until Evening Prayer of the First Sunday of Advent (December 3, 2017).