

Holy Days of Obligation

Archdiocese of Boston 2010-2012

In addition to every Sunday, the days to be observed as holy days of obligation in the Latin rite arch/dioceses of the United States of America include the following solemnities: Mary, Mother of God (January 1); the Ascension of the Lord (Forty Days after Easter); the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15); All Saints (November 1); Nativity of the Lord [Christmas] (December 25).

Whenever January 1, the solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God; or August 15, the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin; or November 1, the solemnity of All Saints falls on a Saturday or on a Monday, the obligation to attend Mass is lifted. The faithful, however, are encouraged to attend Mass on those days.

2010	2011	2012
Friday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God IS a holy day of obligation.	Saturday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God IS NOT a holy day of obligation.	Sunday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God IS a holy day of obligation.
Thursday, May 13 Ascension Thursday IS a holy day of obligation.	Thursday, June 2 Ascension Thursday IS a holy day of obligation.	Thursday, May 17 Ascension Thursday IS a holy day of obligation.
Sunday, August 15 Solemnity of the Assumption IS a holy day of obligation.	Monday, August 15 Solemnity of the Assumption IS NOT a holy day of obligation	Wednesday, August 15 Solemnity of the Assumption IS a holy day of obligation.
Monday, November 1 Solemnity of All Saints IS NOT a holy day of obligation.	Tuesday, November 1 the solemnity of all Saints IS a holy day of obligation.	Thursday, November 1 Solemnity of All Saints IS a holy day of obligation.
Wednesday, December 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception IS ALWAYS a holy day of obligation.	Thursday, December 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception IS ALWAYS a holy day of obligation.	Saturday, December 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception IS ALWAYS a holy day of obligation.
Saturday, December 25 Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord [Christmas] IS ALWAYS a holy day of obligation.	Sunday, December 25 Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord [Christmas] IS ALWAYS a holy day of obligation.	Tuesday, December 25 Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord [Christmas] IS ALWAYS a holy day of obligation.