

A Guide to Major Christian Feast Days and Observances

This is an unofficial list; there are many omissions and various subjective choices. I am not an expert in liturgy, by any means. The list, which is somewhat ecumenical, is intended to be a helpful starting point, and nothing more.

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January 1	Holy Name (eight days after Christmas)
January 6	Epiphany
January 18	Confession of Saint Peter
January 18-25	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
January 25	Conversion of Saint Paul
February 2	Presentation of our Lord (40 days after Christmas); also called Candlemas
March 19	Saint Joseph
March 25	Annunciation (nine months before Christmas)
May 31	Visitation (celebrates Mary's visit to Elizabeth)
June 24	Nativity of Saint John the Baptist
June 29	Saint Peter and Saint Paul
July 22	Saint Mary Magdalene
August 6	Transfiguration
August 15	Saint Mary, Mother of our Lord (Feast of the Assumption)
September 29	Saint Michael and All Angels
October 4	Saint Francis
October 31	Reformation Day
November 1	All Saints Day
November 2	All Souls Day; also called All Faithful Departed
December 6	Saint Nicholas
December 25	Christmas Day (The Nativity)

Notes for feasts which do not fall on a specific date

- The first Sunday after Epiphany is the Baptism of our Lord.
- The date of Easter can be found by referencing a table, such as the one at <http://www.gmarts.org/index.php?go=413>
- Ascension Day is 40 days after Easter and always on a Thursday.
- Pentecost is 50 days after Easter.
- The first Sunday after Pentecost is Trinity Sunday
- The last Sunday of the season after Pentecost is Christ the King Sunday. The following Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent.