



THE DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD-CAPE GIRARDEAU

Office
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Worship

HOLY DAYS
From November 1, 2009
Through the end of
The Year of Grace 2010
(November 25, 2010)

The following is to help priests, deacons and others who plan liturgical celebrations in determining when weddings during Mass, funeral Masses and other ritual Masses or Masses for Various Needs and Circumstances may or may not be celebrated. Following is a list of Holy Days and other Solemnities as well as other days of the Liturgical Year on which ritual Masses and Masses for Various Need and Circumstances may not be celebrated. This list begins with November 1, 2009 and goes through the end November, 2010.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal 2002 states the following:

372. Ritual Masses are connected to the celebration of certain Sacraments or Sacramentals. They are prohibited on Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter, on solemnities, on the days within the Octave of Easter, on the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day), on Ash Wednesday, and during Holy Week, taking due account of the norms given in the ritual books or in the Masses themselves.

374. In cases of serious need or pastoral advantage, at the direction of the diocesan Bishop or with his permission, an appropriate Mass may be celebrated on any day except solemnities, the Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter, days within the Octave of Easter, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day), Ash Wednesday, and Holy Week.

Therefore **wedding Masses**, or other **ritual Masses** or **Masses for various needs and circumstances** may not be celebrated on any of the following days for the rest of 2009 or during the Year of Grace 2010. Weddings may be celebrated outside of Mass on these days except where indicated to the contrary

As stated in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal 2002, Funeral Masses may not be celebrated on Solemnities of precept or several other days but may be celebrated on Solemnities that are not days of precept. Please check the particular day for more information.

380. Among the Masses for the Dead, the Funeral Mass holds first place. It may be celebrated on any day except Solemnities that are days of obligation, Holy Thursday, the Easter Triduum, and the Sundays of Advent, Lent and Easter with due regard also for all the other requirements of the norm of the law

2009

All Saints Day, November 1, 2009

- Solemnity of precept
- Sunday
- Day of Obligation (Sunday)
 - No wedding Masses
 - No funeral Masses
 - No other ritual Masses.
 - Weddings outside of Mass may be celebrated in the normal fashion.

All Souls Day, November 2, 2009

- Commemoration
- Monday
 - No wedding Masses
 - Funeral Masses are permitted.
 - No other ritual Masses.
 - Due to the nature of this day, and the fact that at least two of the three readings need to be taken from the Lectionary for the Commemoration of All Souls, **all weddings at Mass should be avoided. Weddings outside of Mass may be celebrated in the normal fashion.**

Christ the King, November 22, 2009

- Solemnity
- Sunday
- Day of Obligation (Sunday)
 - No wedding Masses
 - No funeral Masses
 - No other ritual Masses.
 - Weddings outside of Mass may be celebrated in the normal fashion.

Sundays of Advent November 29, December 6, December 13, December 20, 2009

- Sundays of precept
 - No wedding Masses
 - No funeral Masses
 - No other ritual Masses.
 - Weddings outside of Mass may be celebrated in the normal fashion.

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, December 8, 2009

- Solemnity of precept
- Tuesday
- Day of Obligation

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is always a day of precept even when it falls on a Monday or Saturday.

- No funeral Masses
- No wedding Masses
- No other ritual Masses.
- Weddings outside of Mass may be celebrated in the normal fashion.

Nativity of the Lord, December 25, 2009

- Solemnity of precept.
- Friday
- Day of Obligation.

The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord is always a day of precept even when it falls on a Monday or Saturday.

- No funeral Masses
- No wedding Masses
- No other ritual Masses.
- Weddings outside of Mass may be celebrated in the normal fashion.

2010

Mary the Mother of God, January 1, 2010

- Solemnity of precept
- Friday
- Day of Obligation

- No funeral Masses
- No wedding Masses
- No other ritual Masses.
- Weddings outside of Mass may be celebrated in the normal fashion.

Epiphany of the Lord, January 3, 2010

- Solemnity
- Sunday
- Day of Obligation (Sunday)

- No funeral Masses
- No wedding Masses
- No other ritual Masses.
- Weddings outside of Mass may be celebrated in the normal fashion.

Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2010

- Wednesday
- Day without precept
 - No wedding Masses
 - A Funeral Mass **may** be said on this day.
 - No other ritual Masses.
 - Weddings on this day would seem inappropriate although weddings outside of Mass may be celebrated in the normal fashion.

Sundays of Lent February 21, February 28, March 7, March 14, March 21, February 28, 2010.

- Sundays of precept
 - No wedding Masses
 - No funeral Masses
 - No other ritual Masses.
 - Weddings outside of Mass may be celebrated in the normal fashion although see following note

Note concerning Lent: The Church does not forbid the celebration of weddings during the season of Lent but does discourage them. If a wedding is to be celebrated during Lent it should be celebrated with less solemnity according to the penitential nature of the season.

Joseph the Spouse of Mary, March 19, 2010

- Solemnity
- Friday
- Day without precept
 - No wedding Masses
 - A Funeral Mass **may** be said on this day
 - No other ritual Masses.
 - Weddings outside of Mass may be celebrated in the normal fashion.

Annunciation of the Lord, March 25, 2010

- Solemnity
- Thursday
- Day without precept
 - A funeral Mass **may** be said on this day.
 - No wedding Masses
 - No other ritual Masses.
 - Weddings outside of Mass may be celebrated in the normal fashion.

Holy Thursday, April 1, 2010

- Thursday
- Day without precept
 - No wedding Masses
 - A Funeral Mass may **not** be said on this day.
 - While the liturgical law does not forbid weddings outside of Mass today such celebrations are inappropriate to the Sacred Triduum.
 - No other ritual Masses.

Good Friday, April 2, 2010

- Friday
- Day without precept
- “According to the Church’s ancient tradition, the sacraments are not celebrated today or tomorrow” (Sacramentary: Good Friday no.1.) Therefore, weddings may **not** be celebrated on this day.
 - A Funeral Mass may **not** be said on this day.
 - No wedding Masses

Holy Saturday, April 3, 2010

- Saturday
- Day without precept
- There is no Mass for Holy Saturday. The first Mass of Easter is the Easter Vigil which begins after nightfall.
 - As above, for Good Friday, wedding Masses may **not** be celebrated on this day.
 - A Funeral Mass may **not** be said on this day.
 - No wedding Masses

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010

- Solemnity
- Sunday
- Day of Obligation (Sunday)
 - No wedding Masses
- A Funeral Mass **may not** be said on this day
 - No other ritual Masses.
 - Weddings outside of Mass may be celebrated in the normal fashion.
 - While the liturgical law does not forbid weddings outside of Mass today such celebrations are inappropriate to the Sacred Triduum.

PLEASE NOTE: The weekdays within the Octave of Easter are Solemnities without precept and Ritual Masses may not be celebrated on these days. Therefore, on the Saturday after Easter, while weddings may be celebrated during the Mass, the Mass of the Saturday within the Octave of Easter must be used and not the Ritual Mass for a wedding.

Weekdays within the Octave of Easter

- Solemnities
- Monday through Saturday
- Solemnities without precept.
 - A Funeral Mass may be said on these days
 - No wedding Masses
 - No other ritual Masses.
 - Weddings outside of Mass may be celebrated in the normal fashion.

Sundays of Easter April 11, April 18, April 25, May 2, May 9, 2010.

- Sundays
- Day of Obligation (Sunday)
 - No wedding Masses
 - No funeral Masses
 - No other ritual Masses.
 - Weddings outside of Mass may be celebrated in the normal fashion although see following note

Ascension of the Lord, May 16, 2010

- Seventh Sunday of Easter in the Dioceses of Missouri
- Solemnity during the Easter Season
- Day of Obligation (Sunday)
- A Funeral Mass may **not** be said on this day.
- No wedding Masses
 - No other ritual Masses.
 - Weddings outside of Mass may be celebrated in the normal fashion.

Pentecost, May 23, 2010

- Solemnity
- Sunday
- Day of Obligation (Sunday)
 - A Funeral Mass may **not** be said on this day.
 - No wedding Masses
 - No other ritual Masses.
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The Most Trinity Sunday, May 30, 2010

- Solemnity
- Sunday
- Day of Obligation (Sunday)
 - No wedding Masses
 - No funeral Masses
 - No other ritual Masses.
 - Weddings outside of Mass may be celebrated in the normal fashion.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, June 6, 2010

- Solemnity
- Sunday
- Day of Obligation (Sunday)
 - No wedding Masses
 - No funeral Masses
 - No other ritual Masses.
 - Weddings outside of Mass may be celebrated in the normal fashion.

The Birth of John the Baptist, June 24, 2010

- Solemnity
- Thursday
- Day without precept
 - A Funeral Mass **may** be said on this day.
- No wedding Masses
 - Weddings outside of Mass may be celebrated in the normal fashion.
 - No other ritual Masses.

Peter & Paul, June 29, 2010

- Solemnity
- Tuesday
 - A Funeral Mass **may** be said on this day.
- No wedding Masses
 - Weddings outside of Mass may be celebrated in the normal fashion.
 - No other ritual Masses.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15, 2010

- Solemnity
- Sunday
- Day of Obligation (Sunday)
 - A Funeral Mass **may** be said on this day.
- No wedding Masses
 - Weddings outside of Mass may be celebrated in the normal fashion.
 - No other ritual Masses.

All Saints Day, November 1, 2010

- Solemnity not of precept
- Monday
- Not a Holy Day of Obligation in USA this year in accord with the decision by United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
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 - No funeral Masses
 - No other ritual Masses.
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