CALENDAR OF FAITH EVENTS

The liturgical year of the church is comprised of Advent, Christmas time, Lent, Easter time and ordinary time. The following annual calendar is a resource to assist members and councils in planning spiritual programs and faith focused events. It is based on a Canadian calendar of celebrations.

The calendar was compiled using the *Ordo*, a liturgical calendar prepared by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. Dates that celebrate a moveable solemnity/feast (e.g., Easter) will result in a solemnity/ feast also being moved.

Chairpersons of faith, service and social justice are encouraged to work collaboratively in planning activities and events for their council and its membership. When planning prayer programs, activities and events, this calendar as well as the *Calendar of Social Justice/Catholic Social Teaching in the Church* should be referenced.

Other information:

Solemnity (S) – A solemnity in the liturgical year is a feast day of the highest rank celebrating a mystery of faith such as the Trinity, an event in the life of Jesus, the Blessed Virgin Mary, or important saints. The observance begins with the vigil on the evening before the actual date of the feast.

Feast (F) – Feast days in the liturgical year are of secondary importance and assigned one date out of the year for each and every canonized saint. The saints are remembered on their individual feast days with special mention, prayers and possibly a scripture reading.

Memorial (M) – Next are memorials, which are classified as either obligatory or optional. Memorials commemorate a saint or saints. Obligatory memorials must be observed whereas optional memorials do not have to be observed. Only the memorials of those saints who are of universal significance are observed by the whole church and marked in the general liturgical calendar.

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JANUARY	
January 1	The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation in Canada)
January 1	World Day of Peace
January 7	St. Andre Bessette (M)
January	The Epiphany of the Lord (S)
January	Baptism of the Lord (F)
January 12	St. Marguerite Bourgeoys (M)
January 18-25	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
January	Sunday of the Word of God (third Sunday in Ordinary Time)
January 22	Day of Sanctity and Protection of Human Life (USCCB)
FEBRUARY	
February 2	World Day of Consecrated Life
February 2	The Presentation of the Lord (F)
February 3	St. Blaise (OM)
February 8	International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking
February 11	World Day of the Sick
February 11	Our Lady of Lourdes (OM)
February-March	Lent begins (Ash Wednesday)
MARCH	
March	World Day of Prayer (first Friday in March)
March 17	St. Patrick (OM)
March 19	Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (S)
March 25	The Annunciation of the Lord (S)
March-April	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
March-April	The Sacred Paschal Triduum ▪ Mass of the Lord's Supper (Thursday of Holy Week) ▪ Friday of the Passion of the Lord ▪ Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil in the Holy Night) ▪ The Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Sunday) (S)
March-April	Easter Octave (S) (week after Easter)
March-April	Divine Mercy (second Sunday of Easter or Octave Day of Easter) (S)
APRIL	
April 17	St. Kateri Tekakwitha (M)
April	World Day of Prayer for Vocations (fourth Sunday of Easter)
April 26	Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel (OM) - TV Mass that day for CWL intentions
April 30	St. Marie of the Incarnation (M)
MAY	
May	Month dedicated to Mary
May 1	International Worker's Day
May 1	St. Joseph the Worker (OM)
May	The Ascension of the Lord (S)
May	World Communications Day
May	Week of prayer for Palliative Care (CWL - 12 hours of prayer for palliative care)
May 12	Canada Health Day

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MAY	
May 13	Our Lady of Fatima (OM)
May 13	WUCWO annual day of prayer
May	National Week for Life and the Family (CCCB)
May	Pentecost Sunday (S)
May	Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (M) (Monday after Pentecost)
May 24	World Day of Prayer for the Church in China
May 31	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (F)
May-June	The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (S)
May-June	The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) (S)
May-June	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (S) (second Friday following Trinity Sunday)
May-June	World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests (same date as Feast Most Sacred Heart of Jesus)
JUNE	
June	The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary (M) (Saturday after 2nd Sunday after Pentencost)
June 24	The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist (S)
JULY	
July 1	Canada Day
July 16	Our Lady of Mount Carmel (OM)
July	World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly (fourth Sunday of July)
AUGUST	
August 15	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (S)
August 22	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (M)
SEPTEMBER	
September	CWL National Faith Day; 3rd Saturday in September or 1st council meeting in September
September 1	World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
September 8	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (F)
September 12	The Most Holy Name of Mary (OM)
September 15	Our Lady of Sorrows (M)
September 21	CWL National Day of Prayer for Christians in the Holy Land
September 26	St. Jean de Brebeuf and St. Isaac Jogues, priests and Companion Martyrs (F)
September 27	World Tourism Day
September 29	World Day of Migrants and Refugees
OCTOBER	
October	Month of the holy rosary
October	CWL National Day of Prayer for Canadian Home Missions
October 1	St. Therese of the Child Jesus (M)
October 4	St. Francis of Assisi (M)
October 7	Our Lady of the Rosary (M)
October	Thanksgiving Day
October 16	St. Marie-Marguerite D'Youville (M)
October 16	World Food Day
October	World Mission Sunday (second last Sunday of October)
October 27	Day of Prayer for Peace (Province of Quebec)

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NOVEMBER	
November 1	All Saints (S)
November 2	The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
November 11	Remembrance Day
November	World Day of the Poor (on 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
November 21	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (M)
November	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (S) (last Sunday of Liturgical Year)
November	World Day of Youth (same date as Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe)
November-December	Advent Season
DECEMBER	
December 8	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (S)
December 12	National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples (CCCB)
December 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe (F)
December 25	Christmas, The Nativity of the Lord (S) (Holy Day of Obligation in Canada)
December	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (F)
December-January	Octave of the Nativity