



Church Calendar

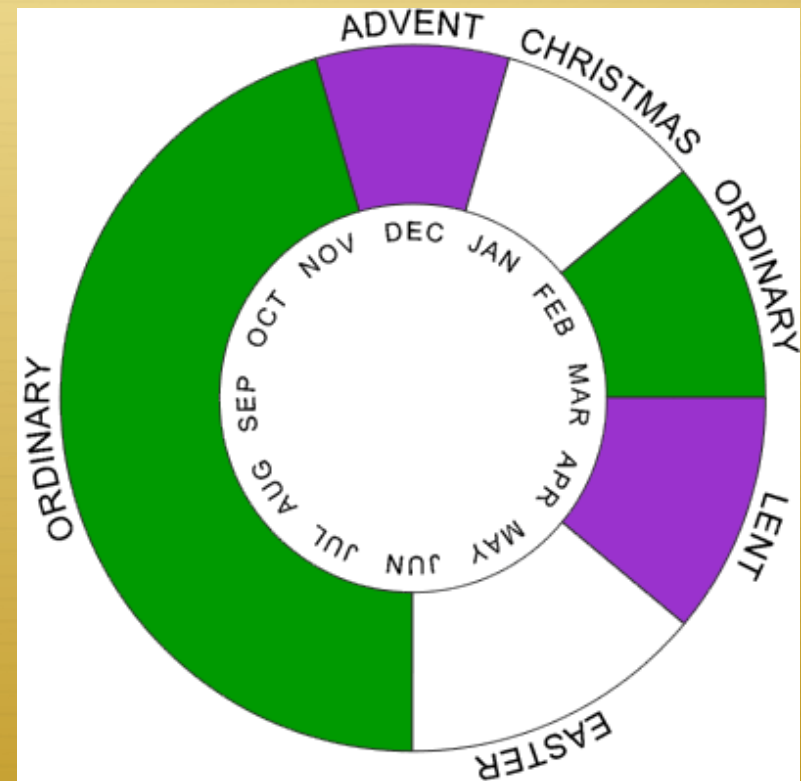
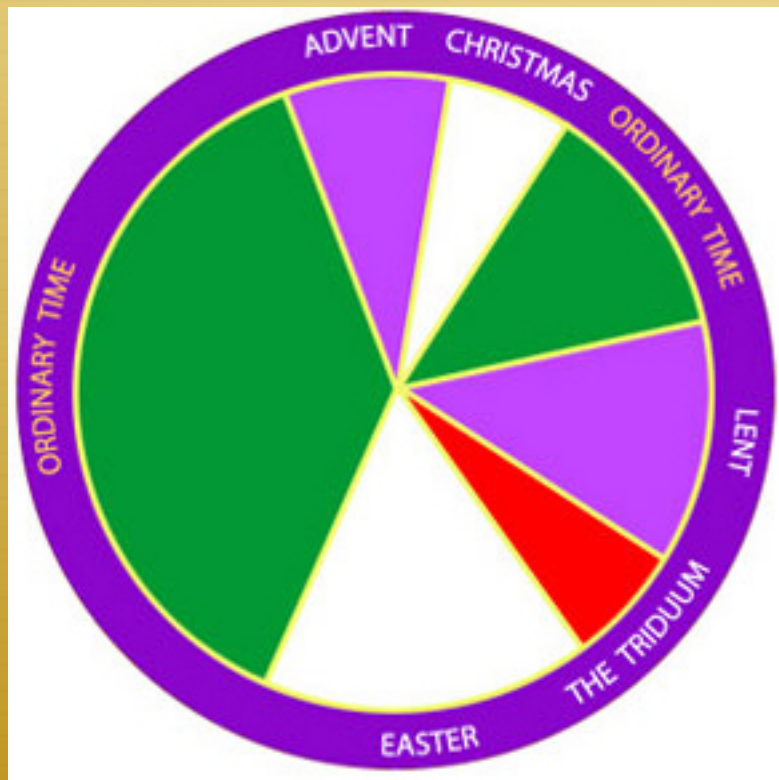
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Our Liturgical Year

Six Seasons



- ✦ Advent
- ✦ Christmas Time
- ✦ Lent
- ✦ Triduum
- ✦ Easter Time
- ✦ Ordinary Time

Liturgical Year



Advent

- ✦ Beginning the Church's liturgical year
- ✦ 4 Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.
- ✦ Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season.
- ✦ Advent, from Latin "ad-venire" or "to come to")
- ✦ The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, focus particularly on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas).
- ✦ Liturgical color is violet

Christmas Time

- ✦ Begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.
- ✦ We celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts, and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him; he was born to die for us.
- ✦ Christmas is one of the most important days of the Church year
 - ✦ Second only to Easter
 - ✦ The feast of the incarnation, the feast of God becoming flesh (the Latin "in carne" means "enfleshment").
 - ✦ Unique to Christian teaching, the Divine choose to become one of us.
 - ✦ God is not only Transcendent, but also wholly Immanent, Emmanuel (God-with-us).
 - ✦ Every Eucharist is like Christmas where the bread and wine are transformed into His flesh, His Body and Blood, and, in a sense, He is born anew on the altar.
 - ✦ Liturgical color is white

Lent

- ✦ Begins on Ash Wednesday
- ✦ Ends with the Mass of the Lord's Supper
- ✦ 40 days long
 - ✦ Sunday's still a celebration
- ✦ Pray, Fast, Give
- ✦ RCIA
- ✦ Liturgical color is *violet*

Triduum

- ✦ Begins the evening of Holy Thursday
- ✦ Ends on evening of Easter Sunday
- ✦ 3 days long
- ✦ Though 3 days long
 - ✦ One Liturgical day
 - ✦ A single celebration
- ✦ Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday)
 - ✦ Liturgical color is violet/white
- ✦ Good Friday of the Lord's Passion (Good Friday)
 - ✦ Liturgical color is red
- ✦ Mass of the Resurrection (Easter Vigil)
 - ✦ Liturgical color is violet/white

Easter Time



- ✦ Begins the evening of Holy Thursday
- ✦ Ends on Pentecost
- ✦ 50 days long
- ✦ Celebration of the Lord's resurrection
- ✦ Ascension of the Lord to the Father (*40th day of Easter*)
- ✦ Sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church
- ✦ Liturgical color is white

Ordinary Time

- ✦ Begins the evening of Holy Thursday
- ✦ Broken into two parts
 - ✦ Post Advent
 - ✦ Post Easter Time
- ✦ Ends on the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
- ✦ Christmas and Easter Time highlight the central mysteries of the Paschal Mystery
 - ✦ Incarnation
 - ✦ Death on cross
 - ✦ Resurrection
 - ✦ Ascension
 - ✦ Descent of the Holy Spirit
- ✦ Ordinary Time take us through the life of Christ
- ✦ A time for grow and maturation
- ✦ Liturgical color is green