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Pastoral Policy on Holy Days of Obligation

With the permission of the Most Rev. Patrick J. Zurek, STL, DD, Bishop of Amarillo

The Diocese of Amarillo, following the norms of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) approved by the Holy See (Decree of the Congregation for Bishops, July 4, 1992, Prot. N. 296/84), and in conformity with the Code of Canon Law (C. 1246–1248), issues the following pastoral policy on Holy Days of Obligation.

1. Holy Days of Obligation

In addition to Sunday, the following solemnities are observed as Holy Days of Obligation in the Latin Rite dioceses of the United States:

- January 1 – Mary, Mother of God
- Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter – Ascension of the Lord (celebrated in this Diocese on the Seventh Sunday of Easter)
- August 15 – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- November 1 – All Saints
- December 8 – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- December 25 – Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Christmas)

2. Abrogation of Obligation

According to the 1991 USCCB Decree, the precept to attend Mass is lifted when January 1, August 15, or November 1 falls on a Saturday or Monday. The faithful are encouraged to observe these days through prayer and devotion.

3. Solemnities Always Obligatory

The Immaculate Conception (December 8) and Christmas (December 25) are always obligatory, regardless of the day of the week. December 8 honors Mary Immaculate, Patroness of the United States, and December 25 commemorates the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. All Catholics are bound to participate in Mass on these solemnities (C. 1246 §2).

4. Holy Days Falling on a Sunday

When a Holy Day falls on a Sunday, Sunday Mass fulfills the obligation (C. 1248), except December 8 and December 25 which must still be celebrated with Mass.

5. Pastoral Encouragement

When the obligation is lifted, the faithful are encouraged to attend Mass and sanctify the day through prayer, charity, and devotion (C. 1245, 1247).

Given at the Chancery of the Diocese of Amarillo on this 24th day of October 2025.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Lawrence John, JCL,
Vicar General



Holy Days of Obligation (published 10/24/2025)

- January 1st (**Mary, Mother of God**); August 15th (**Assumption of Mary**); and November 1st (**All Saints**) are Holy Days of Obligation unless they fall on Saturday or Monday. In this case, in the Diocese of the United States, the Obligation is dispensed.
- December 8th (**Immaculate Conception**) is *always* a day of obligation.
- December 25th (**Christmas**) is always a day of obligation.
- **Ascension** is now moved permanently to the 7th Sunday of Easter.

Year	January 1 st Mary Mother of God	Ascension (7 th Sunday Easter)	August 15 th Assumption of Blessed Mary	November 1 st All Saints	December 8 th Immaculate Conception	December 25 th Christmas
2025	Wednesday	June 1 st	Friday	Saturday (no)	Monday	Thursday
2026	Thursday	May 17 th	Saturday (no)	Sunday	Tuesday	Friday
2027	Friday	May 9 th	Sunday	Monday (no)	Wednesday	Saturday
2028	Saturday	May 28 th	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday	Monday
2029	Monday (no)	May 13 th	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday	Tuesday
2030	Tuesday	June 2 nd	Thursday	Friday	Sunday*	Wednesday
2031	Wednesday	May 25 th	Friday	Saturday (no)	Monday	Thursday
2032	Thursday	May 9 th	Sunday	Monday	Wednesday	Saturday
2033	Saturday (no)	May 29 th	Monday (no)	Tuesday	Thursday	Sunday
2034	Sunday	May 21 st	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday	Monday
2035	Monday (no)	May 6 th	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday	Tuesday
2036	Tuesday	May 25 th	Friday	Saturday (no)	Monday	Thursday
2037	Thursday	May 17 th	Saturday (no)	Sunday	Tuesday	Friday
2038	Friday	June 6 th	Sunday	Monday (no)	Wednesday	Saturday
2039	Saturday (no)	May 22 nd	Monday (no)	Tuesday	Thursday	Sunday
2040	Sunday	May 13 th	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday	Tuesday
2041	Tuesday	June 2 nd	Thursday	Friday	Sunday*	Wednesday
2042	Wednesday	May 18 th	Friday	Saturday (no)	Monday	Thursday
2043	Thursday	May 10 th	Saturday (no)	Sunday	Tuesday	Friday
2044	Friday	May 29 th	Monday (no)	Tuesday	Thursday	Sunday
2045	Monday (no)	April 22 nd	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday	Tuesday
(no) means no obligation			*means solemnity moves to Monday			

Immaculate Conception 2024, 2030, 2041 ~ Because December 8th falls on a Sunday, the Sundays of Advent are celebrated. The celebration of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is moved to Monday for the benefit of the faithful.

Días Santos de Obligación (publicado 10/24/2025)

- 1 de enero (**María, Madre de Dios**); 15 de agosto (**Asunción de María**); y el 1 de noviembre (**Todos los Santos**) son días santos de precepto a menos que caigan en sábado o lunes. En este caso, en la Diócesis de los Estados Unidos, se dispensa la Obligación.
- El 8 de diciembre (**Inmaculada Concepción**) es siempre un día de obligación.
- El 25 de diciembre (**Navidad**) es siempre un día de obligación.
- **La Ascensión** ahora se traslada permanentemente al séptimo domingo de Pascua.

Ano	enero 1 st Maria, Madre de Dios	Ascensión (7 th Pascua Domingo)	Augusto 15 th Asunción del la virgen Maria	Noviembre 1 st Todos los Santos	Diciembre 8 th Inmaculada Concepción	Diciembre 25 th Navidad
2025	miércoles	junio 1 st	viernes	sábado (no)	lunes	jueves
2026	jueves	mayo 17 th	sábado (no)	Domingo	martes	viernes
2027	viernes	mayo 9 th	Domingo	lunes (no)	miércoles	sábado
2028	sábado	mayo 28 th	martes	miércoles	viernes	lunes
2029	lunes (no)	mayo 13 th	miércoles	jueves	sábado	martes
2030	martes	junio 2 nd	jueves	viernes	Domingo*	miércoles
2031	miércoles	mayo 25 th	viernes	sábado (no)	lunes	jueves
2032	jueves	mayo 9 th	Domingo	lunes	miércoles	sábado
2033	sábado (no)	mayo 29 th	lunes (no)	martes	jueves	Domingo
2034	Domingo	mayo 21 st	martes	miércoles	viernes	lunes
2035	lunes (no)	mayo 6 th	miércoles	jueves	sábado	martes
2036	martes	mayo 25 th	viernes	sábado (no)	lunes	jueves
2037	jueves	mayo 17 th	sábado (no)	Domingo	martes	viernes
2038	viernes	junio 6 th	Domingo	lunes (no)	miércoles	sábado
2039	sábado (no)	mayo 22 nd	lunes (no)	martes	jueves	Domingo
2040	Domingo	mayo 13 th	miércoles	jueves	sábado	martes
2041	martes	junio 2 nd	jueves	viernes	Domingo*	miércoles
2042	miércoles	mayo 18 th	viernes	sábado (no)	lunes	jueves
2043	jueves	mayo 10 th	sábado (no)	Domingo	martes	viernes
2044	viernes	mayo 29 th	lunes (no)	martes	jueves	Domingo
	lunes (no)	Abril 22 nd	miércoles	jueves	sábado	martes
(no) significa no obligación			*significa solemnidad mueve al lunes			

Inmaculada Concepción 2024, 2030, 2041 ~ Dado que el 8 de diciembre cae en domingo, se celebran los domingos de Adviento. La celebración de la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción se traslada al lunes para beneficio de los fieles.