



Liturgy Guide for Dec. 23, 2023 - Jan.1, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent

- Saturday, Dec. 23**
- Vigil Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent: Regular Saturday Mass schedule
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- Sunday, Dec. 24**
- You can celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent UP UNTIL 4:00 PM
 - However, it is suggested that you arrange your Mass schedule for the 4th Sunday of Advent in such a way that your last Mass ends by 1:00 PM
 - If you normally have a youth Mass on Sunday afternoons, consider transferring that Mass to Saturday, suspend it for this weekend, or convert it to one of the Christmas Eve Masses after 4:00 PM

Christmas

- Sunday, Dec. 24**
- As of 4:00 PM - Vigil Masses of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Christmas)
 - Use your regular schedule of Christmas Eve Masses
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- Monday, Dec. 25**
- Christmas Day Masses | Holy Day of Obligation | The Obligation is Binding
 - Use your regular schedule of Christmas Day Masses

Feast of the Holy Family

- Saturday, Dec. 30**
- Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family: Regular Saturday Mass schedule
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- Sunday, Dec. 31**
- The regular schedule of Sunday Masses for the Feast of the Holy Family may be celebrated, including Sunday evening Mass. This is true for 2023 since the obligation to attend Mass on Monday, January 1, 2024 is not binding this year.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

- Monday, Jan. 1**
- Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is always a Holy Day
 - THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS IS NOT BINDING THIS YEAR
 - The Liturgical Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States of America issued by the USCCB states, "Monday, January 1, is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. This year, the obligation to attend Mass on this date is abrogated, [that is, not in force] in accord with the complementary norm to Canon 1246 §2 confirmed for the dioceses of the United States of America" (because it falls on a Monday).