

# HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

## Holy Days of Obligation



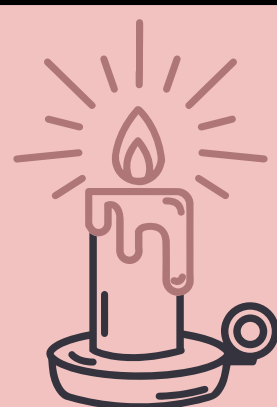
The Code of Canon Law of the Catholic Church states that there are nine holy days of obligation in addition to Sundays, but it also says that the local conference of bishops may suppress some of them or transfer them to a Sunday. Bishops in the United States have suppressed the feast of Saint Joseph and the feast of Saints Peter and Paul as holy days of obligation. In addition, the feast of Epiphany is always celebrated on a Sunday in the United States. The other six Holy Days of Obligation are listed below.



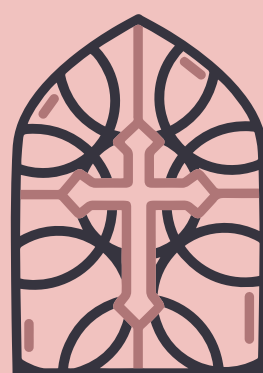
**JANUARY 1:  
THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**



**THURSDAY OF THE SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER:  
THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION**



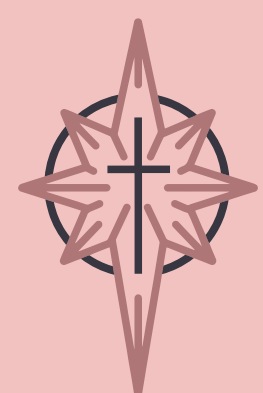
**AUGUST 15: THE SOLEMNITY OF THE  
ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**



**NOVEMBER 1:  
THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS**



**DECEMBER 8: THE SOLEMNITY OF  
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**



**DECEMBER 25: THE SOLEMNITY OF  
THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**