

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Liturgical Colors



White: light, innocence, purity, joy, triumph, glory

White is worn for: Christmas and Easter; celebrations of the Lord (except of his Passion), of Mary, of the Angels, and of Saints (not Martyrs); solemnities of the Most Holy Trinity, of All Saints, and of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist; feasts of the Conversion of St. Paul, of the Chair of St. Peter, and of St. John.



Red: The Passion, blood, fire, God's Love, martyrdom

Red is worn for: Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Pentecost Sunday; celebrations of the Lord's Passion, of Apostles, and of Evangelists; celebrations of Martyrs



Green: The Holy Spirit, life eternal, hope

Green is worn for Ordinary Time. The first period of Ordinary Time begins after the Baptism of the Lord and ends the day before Ash Wednesday. The second period begins the Monday after Pentecost and ends with the First Sunday of Advent.



Violet: penance, humility, melancholy

Violet is worn for: Advent and Lent; Masses for the Dead



Black: mourning, sorrow

Black is worn for: All Souls Day, Masses for the dead



Rose: joy

Rose is worn for: Gaudete Sunday (Third Sunday of Advent) and Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent)