

To: Priests/Administrators
From: Msgr. Gerard O'Connor
Re: Christmas 2017 – Holydays of Obligation 2018
Date: 6th September 2017

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) 2017

Christmas Day 2017 is on Monday 25th December which follows the 4th Sunday of Advent 24th December. There have been some questions with regard to the obligations of these Holydays. The Archdiocese has determined that each obligation must be met by attendance at one of the Masses of the Sunday and one of the Holyday. That is, a Christmas Mass on the evening of Sunday 24th December (Vigil or Night) will not satisfy the obligation for 4th Sunday of Advent. There are two distinct obligations: that of 4th Sunday of Advent which can be met by attendance at anticipatory Masses on Saturday 23rd December or the morning Masses of Sunday 24th December; and that of Christmas which can be met by attendance at Masses on Christmas Eve (Vigil or Night) and those on Christmas Day.

2018 Holydays of Obligation for the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon.

- The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Wednesday 15th August 2018
- All Saints – Thursday 1st November 2018
- The Immaculate Conception of the BVM* – Saturday 8th December 2018
- The Nativity of the Lord – Tuesday 25th December

Notes:

Mary Mother of God – 1st January 2018 is not a Holyday of Obligation

The Ascension of the Lord is transferred to Sunday 13th May

*Immaculate Conception is always a Holyday of Obligation in USA.