



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** All Priests, Administrators and Staff  
**From:** Todd Cooper, Interim Director  
**Re:** 2016 – 2017 Holy Days of Obligation  
**Date:** November 28, 2016

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In addition to Sundays, Catholics in the United States are obliged to attend Holy Mass on the following holy days of obligation in (the remainder of) 2016 and 2017:

### 2016

Thursday	December 8	2016	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Sunday	December 25	2016	The Solemnity of The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) falls on a Sunday and is celebrated that day.

### 2017

Sunday	January 1	2017	The Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God falls on a Sunday and is celebrated that day.
Tuesday	August 15	2017	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday	November 1	2017	Solemnity of All Saints
Friday	December 8	2017	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Monday	December 25	2017	Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord*

*Observance of the Solemnity of the **Ascension** is transferred from Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter to the Seventh Sunday of Easter (from Thursday, May 25, 2017 to Sunday, May 28, 2017).*

\* The Monday-Saturday rule does not apply to the Solemnities of Christmas (Dec. 25) and the Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8). Catholics are obliged to attend Holy Mass on these days, even when they fall on a Monday or Saturday. For the other holy days of obligation (Jan. 1, Aug. 15, Nov. 1), the obligation is removed when they fall on a Monday or Saturday (Decree of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, December 13, 1991 <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/canon-law/complementary-norms/canon-1246.cfm> ).