

All Souls Day and Immaculate Conception in 2014

There are 2 Holy Days coming up that have some out-of-the-ordinary details: All Souls Day and Immaculate Conception

- a. All Souls Day (November 2) is celebrated this year on a Sunday. It takes the place of the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time. It also takes the place of the Mass of Anticipation on Saturday, November 1. All Saints is only celebrated on November 1 for weekday Masses occurring before 4:00 p.m. It is still a Solemnity, so that should be given consideration if you have a wedding, etc. At the All Souls liturgies, the Gloria is omitted. Also, while the Ordo has suggested readings, any readings from the Mass of the Dead (Lectionary Vol. IV, #1011-1016) may be used. This includes the choice of the Responsorial Psalm. In short, this is treated like a funeral liturgy, except the Creed is said and there are no rites with the body. For more information, including information about the Liturgy of the Hours on this day, see here:
<http://www.madisondiocese.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=MMMc1VnFWwE=&tabid=149&mid=4633>
- b. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, though it falls on a Monday this year, is always a day of obligation since it is the patronal feast of the United States. The Office of Worship has received questions regarding the use of a Vigil Mass on the evening of Sunday, December 7. Generally, the answer to this question is “no,” but as a pastoral response to the needs of some parishes, especially those in cluster parishes, the Church does allow a Vigil Mass of the Immaculate Conception to take place on Sunday evening to fulfill the obligation to attend Mass on the Immaculate Conception, provided that **all** of the following are kept:
 - i. The Mass must be after 4:00 p.m. on December 7.
 - ii. The Mass (texts, prayers, and propers) of the 2nd *Sunday of Advent* are used. Because the 2nd Sunday of Advent “outranks” a Solemnity, these choices must be used.
 - iii. The Sunday obligation was fulfilled at an earlier Mass. One may not “double dip” his or her obligation to attend Mass.

If you have any other questions about either of these days, please contact Christina Tuley at the Office of Worship (ctuley@archindy.org).