

White



Light, innocence, purity, joy, triumph, glory

Season of Christmas

Season of Easter

Feasts of the Lord, other than of His passion

Feasts of Mary, the angels, and saints who were not martyrs

All Saints (1 November)

Feasts of the Apostles

Nuptial Masses

Masses for the dead (Requiem Masses) when the deceased is a baptized child who died before the age of reason

Note: White is the color of Popes' non-liturgical dress. White can be replaced by Silver.

Red



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

Feasts of the Lord's passion, Blood, and Cross

Feasts of the martyrs

Palm Sunday

Pentecost

Good Friday

Note: Red is the color of Cardinals' non-liturgical dress

Green



The Holy Ghost, life eternal, hope

Time After Epiphany
Time After Pentecost

Violet



Penance, humility, melancholy

Season of Advent
Season of Lent
Vigils except for Ascension and Pentecost

Note: Violet, literally "amaranth red," is the color of Bishops', Archbishops', and Patriarchs' non-liturgical dress

Liturgical Seasons

1. ADVENT

- The season of **Advent** is a **4-week preparation** for the Coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Know more in **What is Advent?**)
- It comes from *adventus*, a Latin word which means arrival, coming or presence of someone or some event.
- It starts at Sunday **after** the last Sunday of Ordinary Time (**Solemnity of Christ the King**).
- Color of vestments: VIOLET

2. CHRISTMAS

- Christmas season starts from the **eve prior to December 25** (Commemoration of the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ) till **January 12**, the **feast of Our Lord's Baptism**.
- This season commemorates **Our Lord's Birth in Bethlehem** and the other events which occurred immediately after: **the Visit and adoration of the Magi**, the Feast of the **Holy Innocents**, the **Flight to Egypt**, the **feast of the Holy Family** (Sunday after Christmas), and the **feast of Our Lord's Baptism**.
- Basically, we celebrate the mysteries of the Hidden life of Our Lord during Christmas season.
- Color of vestments: WHITE

3. ORDINARY TIME*

- **Ordinary time** is a season which refers to the period when Jesus began His **Public ministry**, evangelizing the peoples of Israel.
- This season consists in 34 weeks, which begins on the day after January 13 and **culminates with the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe** (which celebrates the Second Coming of Our Lord during the Final Judgment).
- This season is **divided into 2 parts**: the weeks **before Lent**, and the **weeks after Easter season** has ended.
- Color of vestments: GREEN

4. LENT

- Lent starts on **Ash Wednesday** and ends on the Saturday of the 4th week of Lent.
- It is a 40-day preparation for the commemoration of the Paschal Mystery during the Holy Week, an interior preparation of personal conversion.
- Color of vestments: VIOLET

5. HOLY WEEK

- Holy Week begins on **Palm Sunday** and ends on the **eve of Easter Sunday**. It commemorates the **Passion and Death of Our Lord** on the Cross for our Salvation, in what is called the ***Sacred Triduum*** (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil)
- Color of vestments:
 - Palm Sunday: RED
 - **Holy Thursday: WHITE OR GOLD**
 - Good Friday: RED

6. EASTER

- Easter begins on **Easter eve** which commemorates the **Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ** and ends on **Pentecost Sunday**.
- It also consists in the 7 weeks which narrate Our Lord's appearance to his disciples after rising from the dead, his **Ascension into Heaven** and the **Descent of the Holy Spirit** on the Apostles.
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