The liturgical year of the church is comprised of Advent, Christmas time, Lent, Easter time and ordinary time. The following annual calendar is a resource to assist members and councils in planning spiritual programs and faith focused events. It is based on a Canadian calendar of celebrations.

The calendar was compiled using the *Ordo*, a liturgical calendar prepared by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. Dates that celebrate a moveable solemnity/feast (e.g., Easter) will result in a solemnity/feast also being moved.

Chairpersons of faith, service and social justice are encouraged to work collaboratively in planning activities and events for their council and its membership. When planning prayer programs, activities and events, this calendar as well as the <u>Calendar of Social</u> <u>Justice/Catholic Social Teaching in the Church</u> should be referenced.

Other information:

Solemnity (S) – A solemnity in the liturgical year is a <u>feast day of the highest rank celebrating a mystery</u> <u>of faith</u> such as the Trinity, an event in the life of Jesus, the Blessed Virgin Mary, or important saints. The observance begins with the vigil on the evening before the actual date of the feast.

Feast (F) – Feast days in the liturgical year are of <u>secondary importance and assigned one date out of the</u> <u>year for each and every canonized saint</u>. The saints are remembered on their individual feast days with special mention, prayers and possibly a scripture reading.

Memorial (M) – Next are memorials, which are classified as either obligatory or optional. <u>Memorials</u> <u>commemorate a saint or saints</u>. Obligatory memorials must be observed whereas optional memorials do not have to be observed. Only the memorials of those saints who are of universal significance are observed by the whole church and marked in the general liturgical calendar.

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JANUARY	
January 1	The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation in Canada)
January 1	World Day of Peace
January 7	St. Andre Bessette (M)
January	The Epiphany of the Lord (S)
January	Baptism of the Lord (F)
, January 12	St. Marguerite Bourgeoys (M)
January 18-25	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
January	Sunday of the Word of God (third Sunday in Ordinary Time)
January 22	Day of Sanctity and Protection of Human Life (USCCB)
FEBRUARY	
February 2	World Day of Consecrated Life
February 2	The Presentation of the Lord (F)
February 3	St. Blaise (OM)
February 8	International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking
February 11	World Day of the Sick
February 11	Our Lady of Lourdes (OM)
February-March	Lent begins (Ash Wednesday)
MARCH	
March	World Day of Prayer (first Friday in March)
March 17	St. Patrick (OM)
March 19	Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (S)
March 25	The Annunciation of the Lord (S)
March-April	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
March-April	The Sacred Paschal Triduum
	 Mass of the Lord's Supper (Thursday of Holy Week)
	 Friday of the Passion of the Lord
	 Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil in the Holy Night)
	 The Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Sunday) (S)
March-April	Easter Octave (S) (week after Easter)
March-April	Divine Mercy (second Sunday of Easter or Octave Day of Easter) (S)
APRIL	
April 17	St. Kateri Tekakwitha (M)
April	World Day of Prayer for Vocations (fourth Sunday of Easter)
April 26	Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel (OM) - TV Mass that day for CWL
	intentions
April 30	St. Marie of the Incarnation (M)
MAY	
May	Month dedicated to Mary
May 1	International Worker's Day
, May 1	St. Joseph the Worker (OM)
May	The Ascension of the Lord (S)
, May	World Communications Day
, May	Week of prayer for Palliative Care (CWL - 12 hours of prayer for palliative
	care)
May 12	Canada Health Day
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MAY	
May 13 Our Lady of Fatima (OM)	
May 13 WUCWO annual day of prayer	
May National Week for Life and the Family (CCCB)	
May Pentecost Sunday (S)	
May Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (M) (Monday after Penteco	st)
May 24 World Day of Prayer for the Church in China	
May 31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (F)	
May-June The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (S)	
May-June The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Chris	ti) (S)
May-June The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (S) (second Friday following Trinity Sun	day)
May-June World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests (same date as Feas	st Most
Sacred Heart of Jesus)	
JUNE	
June The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary (M) (Saturday after 2	nd
Sunday after Pentecost)	
June 24 The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist (S)	
JULY	
July 1 Canada Day	
July 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel (OM)	
July World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly (fourth Sunday of July)	
AUGUST	
August 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (S)	
August 22 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (M)	
SEPTEMBER	
September CWL National Faith Day; 3 rd Saturday in September or 1 st council meetin September	ng in
September 1 World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation	
September 8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (F)	
September 12 The Most Holy Name of Mary (OM)	
September 15 Our Lady of Sorrows (M)	
September 21 CWL National Day of Prayer for Christians in the Holy Land	
September 26 St. Jean de Brébeuf and St. Isaac Jogues, priests and Companion Marty	rs (F)
September 27 World Tourism Day	. ,
September 29 World Day of Migrants and Refugees	
OCTOBER	
October Month of the holy rosary	
October CWL National Day of Prayer for Canadian Home Missions	
October 1 St. Therese of the Child Jesus (M)	
October 4 St. Francis of Assisi (M)	
October 7 Our Lady of the Rosary (M)	
October Thanksgiving Day	
October 16 St. Marie-Marguerite D'Youville (M)	
October 16 World Food Day	
October World Mission Sunday (second last Sunday of October)	
October 27 Day of Prayer for Peace (Province of Quebec)	

NOVEMBER		
November 1	All Saints (S)	
November 2	The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)	
November 11	Remembrance Day	
November	World Day of the Poor (on 33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)	
November 21	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (M)	
November	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (S) (last Sunday of Liturgical Year)	
November	World Day of Youth (same date as Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe)	
November-December	Advent Season	
DECEMBER		
December 8	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (S)	
December 12	National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples (CCCB)	
December 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe (F)	
December 25	Christmas, The Nativity of the Lord (S) (Holy Day of Obligation in Canada)	
December	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (F)	
December-January	Octave of the Nativity	