

# Liturgy Guide for Dec. 23, 2023 - Jan.1, 2024

### **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Saturday, Dec. 23	•	Vigil Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent: Regular Saturday Mass schedule			
Sunday, Dec. 24	•	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent UP UNTIL 4:00 PM Arrange your Mass schedule for the 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent in such a way that your last Mass ends by 1:00 PM			

#### **Christmas**

Sunday, Dec. 24	<ul> <li>As of 4:00 PM - Vigil Masses of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Christmas)</li> <li>Use your regular schedule of Christmas Eve Masses</li> </ul>
Monday, Dec. 25	<ul> <li>Christmas Day Masses   Holy Day of Obligation   The Obligation is Binding</li> <li>Use your regular schedule of Christmas Day Masses</li> </ul>

### **Feast of the Holy Family**

Saturday, Dec. 30	Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family: Regular Saturday Mass schedule			
Sunday, Dec. 31	The regular schedule of Sunday Masses for the Feast of the Holy Family may be celebrated, including Sunday evening Mass. This is true for 2023 since the obligation to attend Mass on Monday, January 1, 2024 is not binding this year.			

## Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

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- Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is always a Holy Day
- THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS IS NOT BINDING THIS YEAR
- The Liturgical Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States of America issued by the USCCB states, "Monday, January 1, is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. This year, the obligation to attend Mass on this date is abrogated, [that is, not in force] in accord with the complementary norm to Canon 1246 §2 confirmed for the dioceses of the United States of America" (because it falls on a Monday).