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## **Liturgical Considerations for November and December 2021**

### **Liturgical Considerations for All Saints Day 2021**

This year, the Solemnity of All Saints on November 1 falls on a Monday. Therefore, it is not observed as a day of obligation although it remains a Solemnity.

On Sunday evening, October 31, all regularly scheduled Masses are to use the readings and Mass formula of for the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time.

### **Liturgical Considerations for the Christmas and the Feast of the Holy Family 2021**

This year, the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) falls on a Saturday. Masses celebrated on the evening of December 25 are to use the readings and Mass formula of Christmas.

The obligation to attend Mass for Christmas may be fulfilled by attending Mass in the evening of December 24 or at any Mass celebrated on December 25. Masses celebrated on Sunday, December 26 are to be that of the Feast of the Holy Family. The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday may be fulfilled by attending Mass on Sunday, December 26 or by attending Mass in the evening of December 25 (if one has already attended Mass for Christmas).

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has stated that pastors should not feel obliged to celebrate an evening Mass on December 25.

### **Liturgical Considerations for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day) and the Solemnity of the Epiphany 2022**

Because January 1, 2022 falls on a Saturday, the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God is not observed as a day of obligation although it remains a Solemnity. Because Sunday is always a day of obligation, precedence is given to the celebration of Sunday Mass. Therefore, evening Masses, celebrated on January 1, 2022 are to be that of the Feast of the Epiphany.

If you have any questions regarding these considerations, please call the Office of Worship at 504-861-6300 or email [worship@arch-no.org](mailto:worship@arch-no.org).

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