Church Calendar 2026–27: Key Dates

Western calendar (Revised Common Lectionary / most Protestant churches). Year B of the Sunday lectionary begins at Advent.

DATE	OBSERVANCE	NOTES
CLOSING WEEKS OF THE 2025–26 CHURCH YEAR (YEAR A)		
Sun, Oct 4, 2026	**World Communion Sunday**	First Sunday in October
Sun, Oct 25, 2026	**Reformation Sunday**	Last Sunday in October; Reformation Day is October 31
Sun, Nov 1, 2026	**All Saints' Day**	Falls on a Sunday this year
Sun, Nov 22, 2026	**Christ the King (Reign of Christ)**	Last Sunday of the 2025–26 church year
Thu, Nov 26, 2026	**Thanksgiving Day (US)**	Fourth Thursday in November
CHURCH YEAR 2026–27 (YEAR B)		
Sun, Nov 29, 2026	**First Sunday of Advent**	Year B of the Sunday lectionary begins
Thu, Dec 24, 2026	**Christmas Eve**	Last day of Advent
Fri, Dec 25, 2026	**Christmas Day**	The Christmas season begins
Wed, Jan 6, 2027	**Epiphany**	US Catholic dioceses: Sunday, January 3
Sun, Feb 7, 2027	**Transfiguration Sunday**	Last Sunday before Lent (RCL)
Wed, Feb 10, 2027	**Ash Wednesday**	Lent begins, 46 days before Easter
Sun, Mar 21, 2027	**Palm Sunday**	Holy Week begins
Thu, Mar 25, 2027	**Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday)**	
Fri, Mar 26, 2027	**Good Friday**	
Sun, Mar 28, 2027	**Easter Sunday**	Western churches
Sun, May 2, 2027	**Orthodox Easter (Pascha)**	Eastern Orthodox churches (Julian calculation)
Thu, May 6, 2027	**Ascension Day**	Most US Catholic dioceses: Sunday, May 9
Sun, May 16, 2027	**Pentecost**	Seven weeks after Easter
Sun, May 23, 2027	**Trinity Sunday**	Sunday after Pentecost
Sun, Oct 3, 2027	**World Communion Sunday**	First Sunday in October
Sun, Oct 31, 2027	**Reformation Sunday**	Reformation Day (October 31) falls on this Sunday
Mon, Nov 1, 2027	**All Saints' Day**	Many churches keep it on the first Sunday in November (Nov 7)
Sun, Nov 21, 2027	**Christ the King (Reign of Christ)**	Last Sunday of the 2026–27 church year
Thu, Nov 25, 2027	**Thanksgiving Day (US)**	Fourth Thursday in November
Sun, Nov 28, 2027	**First Sunday of Advent**	The 2027–28 church year (Year C) begins

Catholic parishes. Same Sunday cycle and the same dates for Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, Easter and Pentecost. US dioceses celebrate Epiphany on Sunday, January 3. All provinces except Boston, Hartford, New York, Omaha and Philadelphia move the Ascension from Thursday, May 6, to Sunday, May 9. See the USCCB liturgical calendar for your diocese.

Orthodox churches. Pascha is calculated with the Julian calendar: May 2, 2027, with Orthodox Ascension on June 10 and Pentecost on June 20.

Reformation Sunday. Reformation Day is October 31. The table shows the last Sunday in October (October 31 itself when it is a Sunday); LCMS congregations may also hold services on October 31 or the Sunday after.

Sources. Dates are calculated from the church calendar rules and were checked on October 17, 2026 against the USCCB Liturgical Calendar 2027, the Vanderbilt Divinity Library RCL calendar 2026–27, the ACROD listing of movable feasts, PC(USA), Working Preacher (Luther Seminary), the LCMS church year calendar and OPM federal holidays.