

The Announcement of Easter on the Epiphany of Our Lord

In Cathedral and other principal Churches, after the Gospel has been sung, the approaching Feast of Easter Sunday is solemnly announced to the people. This custom, which dates from the earliest ages of the Church, shows both the mysterious connection which unites the great Solemnities of the year one with another, and the importance the Faithful ought to attach to the celebration of that which is the greatest of all, and the center of all Religion. After having honored the King of the universe on the Epiphany, we shall have to celebrate him on the day which is now announced to us, as the conqueror of death.

Above is the formula used for this solemn announcement.

Commentary from The Liturgical Year by Dom Prosper Guéranger (1805-1875)



Proper Prayers of the Mass in the Extraordinary Form

Addendum:

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Tuesday, January 6, 2026

The Announcement of Easter, A.D. 2026

Novéritis, fratres caríssimi, quod annuénte Dei misericórdia, sicut de Nativitáte Dómini nostri Jesu Christi gravísi sumus, ita et de Resurrectióne ejúsdem Salvatóris nostri gáudium vobis annuntiámus.

Die prima Februárii erit Domínica in Septuagésima.

Décima octáva Februárii dies Cínerum, et initium jejúnii sacratíssimæ Quadragésimæ.

Quinta Aprílis sanctum Pascha Dómini nostri Jesu Christi cum gáudio celebrábimus.

Die décima quarta Máii erit Ascénsio Dómini nostri Jesu Christi.

Vigésima quarta eiúsdem Festum Pentecóstes.

Die quarta Júnii Festum sacratíssimi Córporis Christi.

Vigésima nona Novémbris Domínica prima Advéntus Dómini nostri Jesu Christi, cui est honor et glória, in sæcula sæculórum.

Amen.

KNOW, dearly beloved brethren, that by the mercy of God, as we have been rejoicing in the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so also do we announce unto you the joy of the Resurrection of the same our Savior.

Septuagesima Sunday will be on the first day of February.

Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the fast of most holy Lent is the eighteenth day of February.

On the fifth of April we shall celebrate with joy the holy Pasch of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The fourteenth day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Feast of Pentecost is on the twenty-fourth day of the same.

The Feast of Corpus Christi is on the fourth day of June.

The twenty-ninth day of November is the first Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom are honor and glory for ever and ever.

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