

**DATES OF INTEREST—Diocese of Las Cruces  
LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Feasts-2009</b>	<b>Status</b>
Tuesday	August 4	St. John Mary Vianney	Special day of prayer for priests
Saturday	August 15	Solemnity: The Assumption of the Virgin Mary	No Obligation
Saturday	September 12	Bishop Ramirez's Birthday	Happy Birthday, Bishop Ordinations at Cathedral
Monday	September 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Feast
Sunday	September 20	Catechetical Sunday Priest Appreciation Sunday	
Fri/Sat	October 9-10	Diocesan Assembly	St. Helena's Parish Center
Sunday	October 11	Respect-Life Celebration	12:00 Mass –St. Johns, Roswell
Fri/Sat	October 23-24	Diocesan Assembly	Holy Cross Parish/School
Sunday	October 25	<b>Mt. Cristo Rey Pilgrimage World Youth Day - USA Day of Prayer for Priests</b>	Sunland Park 12:00 Noon Mass on the summit
Sunday	November 1	<b>Feast of All Saints</b>	Holy day/Sunday Obligation
Monday	November 2	Feast of All Souls	Border Mass (12:00) TBA
Sunday	November 15	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of OT	Annual Mariachi Mass Pan American Center (9:30)
Sunday	November 22	Christ the King	Last Sunday in Cycle B
Thursday	November 26	Thanksgiving Day	Proper Mass for Thanksgiving Day
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 29</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>Begin Cycle C and Year II</b>
Thursday	Dec. 6 and 10	Bishop's Anniversaries	28 <sup>th</sup> as Bishop; 43 <sup>rd</sup> as Priest
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 8</b>	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	<b>Holy day of Obligation</b>
Saturday	December 12	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe	National Patroness of the Americas Primary Patroness of the Diocese
Sunday	December 20	Fourth Sunday of Advent	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 25</b>	<b>Christmas 2009</b>	<b>Holy Day of Obligation</b>
Sunday	December 27	Feast of the Holy Family	

**2010**

<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 1</b>	<b>Mary, Mother of God Octave Day of Christmas</b>	<b>Holy Day of Obligation World Day Of Prayer For Peace</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 3</b>	<b>Feast of the Epiphany</b>	Sunday Obligation
Weekdays	January 4-9	Christmas Weekdays	
Saturday	January 9	<b>Adult Confirmation</b>	IHM 10:30 AM
Sunday	January 10	The Baptism of the Lord	Feast -First Week in Ordinary Time, Weekdays Year II
Sunday	January 17	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>Sunday Cycle C</b> Second Week in Ordinary Time Year II
Friday	January 22	Day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person	Mass "For Peace and Justice" Purple vestments

## 2010 Diocesan Calendar cont.

Saturday	February 13	Annual Wedding Anniversary	IHM Cathedral 10:30 AM
Sunday	February 14	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time	<b>RCIA- Rite of Sending in west side parishes</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 17</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>Day of Fast and Abstinence</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 21</b> <b>February 20</b> <b>February 21</b>	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Rite of Election</b> <b>Rite of Election</b>	<i>(Rite of Sending in East side parishes)</i> IHM Cathedral, Las Cruces 2:00 PM Our Lady of Grace, Artesia 3:00 PM
Friday	March 19	<b>Feast of St. Joseph</b>	solemnity
Mon-Wed	Mar 22-24	Spring Priests' Assembly	Holy Cross Retreat
Tuesday	March 23	<b>Chrism Mass</b>	Cathedral of IHM, Las Cruces 6:00 PM
Thursday	March 25	<b>Feast of the Annunciation</b>	Solemnity
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 28</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	
<b>Thursday</b> <b>Friday</b> <b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 1,2,3</b>	<b>Easter Triduum</b>	<b>Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and the Easter Vigil</b> Darkness @ 8:00 pm MDT
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 4</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>Alleluia!</b>
Sunday	April 11	Second Sunday of Easter	Divine Mercy Sunday
Sunday	April 25	Fourth Sunday of Easter	World Day of Prayer for Vocations
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 16</b>	<b>Feast of the Ascension</b>	<b>Ascension transferred to Sunday</b> <b>Readings for the Feast of Ascension</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 22</b>	<b>Adult Confirmation</b>	IHM -- 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 23</b>	<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b> <b>Adult Confirmation</b>	8th Week in Ordinary Time--Year II <b>Artesia at 3:00 PM</b>
Sunday	May 30	Most Holy Trinity Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time – Year II
Sunday	June 6	Corpus Christi-Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ	Traditional <b>outdoor processions</b> with Blessed Sacrament 10 <sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time –Year I I
Sunday	June 21	12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Cycle C and Weekday Year II
Sunday	August 15, 2010	Feast of the Assumption	Holy Day/Sunday Obligation
Sunday	Sept 26 or October _10_	Pro-life Sunday	___TBA_____
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 31</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> Sunday of OT</b>	<b>Mt. Cristo Rey Pilgrimage</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>November 1</b>	<b>Feast of All Saints</b>	<b>No Obligation</b>
Tuesday	November 2	Feast of All Souls	Border Mass- Sunland Park TBA
Sunday	November 14	33 Sunday in Ordinary Time	Annual Mariachi Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 22</b>	<b>Feast of Christ the King</b>	<b>End of Church Year Cycle C</b>
Thursday	November 25	Thanksgiving Day USA	
Sunday	November 28	First Sunday of Advent 2010	<b>Begin Cycle A and weekday Year I</b>
Sunday	December 12	Third Sunday of Advent-readings and prayers	Processions and other festivities for Our Lady of Guadalupe outside Mass
Saturday	December 25	Christmas 2010	Holy Day of Obligation