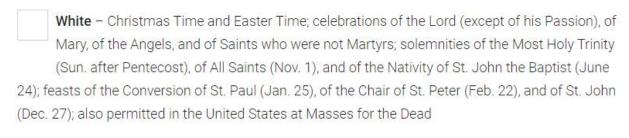
Understanding the Liturgical Colors

In the liturgical calendar, the color for each day corresponds to that day's main liturgical celebration, even though Optional Memorials (perhaps with a different color) might be chosen instead. The four main colors shown are:





- Green Ordinary Time
 - Violet Advent and Lent; Masses for the Dead

Other liturgical colors not represented on this calendar include **rose** (Third Sun. of Advent and Fourth Sun. of Lent), **black** (Masses for the Dead), and **gold or silver** (permitted in the United States for more solemn occasions).