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In accord with the provisions of canon 1246 §2 of the Code of Canon Law, which states: “..the conference of bishops can abolish certain holy days of obligation or transfer them to a Sunday with prior approval of the Apostolic See. **Whenever January 1, the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, or August 15, the solemnity of the Assumption or November 1, the solemnity of All Saints, falls on a Saturday or a Monday, the obligation to attend mass is lifted.** United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) decree, December 13, 1991

Sunday is the day on which the paschal mystery is celebrated in light of the apostolic tradition and is to be observed as the foremost Holy Day of Obligation in the universal Church.

The National Conference of Catholic Bishops decrees that the **Holy Days of Obligation** to be **observed in the United States for the remainder of 2007-2008** are as follows:

1. Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Saturday, December 8, 2007)
2. Solemnity of Christmas (Tuesday, December 25, 2007)
3. Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Tuesday, January 1, 2008)
4. Solemnity of the Assumption (Friday, August 15, 2008)
5. Solemnity of All Saints (Saturday, November 1, 2008)(Holy Day of Obligation is abrogated)
6. Solemnity of the Immaculate Conceptions (Monday, December 8, 2008)
7. Solemnity of Christmas (Thursday, December 25, 2008)
8. Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Thursday, January 1, 2009)

The Solemnity of the **Epiphany** shall be transferred to the **First Sunday following January 1st**.
The Solemnity of **Corpus Christi** shall be observed on the **Second Sunday following Pentecost**.

This is to inform you the Holy Hope Cemetery in Tucson, holds a Mass for the Repose of the Souls of all interred at this cemetery on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m.

All Souls Day, November 2nd, Masses will be celebrated at both cemeteries. Holy Hope and Our Lady of the Desert {**beginning at 8:30 a.m.**} Our Catholic Cemeteries also holds an annual Christmas Tree-Lighting & Mass. Holy Hope is scheduled for Friday, December 14, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. Our Lady of the Desert is scheduled for Saturday, December 22, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. **Memorial Masses are celebrated at both cemeteries at 8 a.m.** All are invited to participate in these Special Masses observed at our Catholic Cemeteries.

***Please save this advisory as your guide for observed Holy Days of Obligation & for special Mass observances at our cemeteries for the remainder of 2007 and all of 2008. Thank You!**