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OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

MEMORANDUM

**TO: ALL PRIESTS, PASTORS, PARISH ADMINISTRATORS, & PARISH OFFICE STAFF.**  
**FROM: CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE**  
**DATE: November 20, 2009**  
**SUBJECT: CALENDAR ADVISORY FOR 2009-2010 – PLEASE SAVE**

In accord with the provisions of canon 1246§2 of the Code of Canon Law, which states: “..the Bishop’s conference may, with prior approval of Apostolic See, suppress certain holydays of obligation or transfer them to a Sunday. **The precept to attend Mass is abrogated whenever the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, January 1, the Assumption, or All Saints falls on a Saturday or Monday.**

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 2009-2010** are as follows:

1. Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Tuesday, December 8, 2009)
2. Solemnity of Christmas (Friday, December 25, 2009)
3. Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year’s Day, Friday, January 1, 2010)
4. Solemnity of the Ascension (Transferred to Sunday, May 16, 2010)
5. Solemnity of the Assumption (Sunday, August 15, 2010)
7. Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Wednesday, December 8, 2010)
8. Solemnity of Christmas (Saturday, December 25, 2009)

**NOTE: The Solemnity of All Saints is not a Holy Day of Obligation because it falls on a Monday, Nov. 1, 2010.**

The Solemnity of the **Epiphany** shall be **transferred to the First Sunday following January 1<sup>st</sup>.**

The Solemnity of **Corpus Christi** shall be observed on the **Second Sunday following Pentecost.**

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

**All Souls Day, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 hold an annual Christmas Tree-Lighting & Mass. Please contact them for current dates and times. \* 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 2009 and all of 2010. Thank You!**