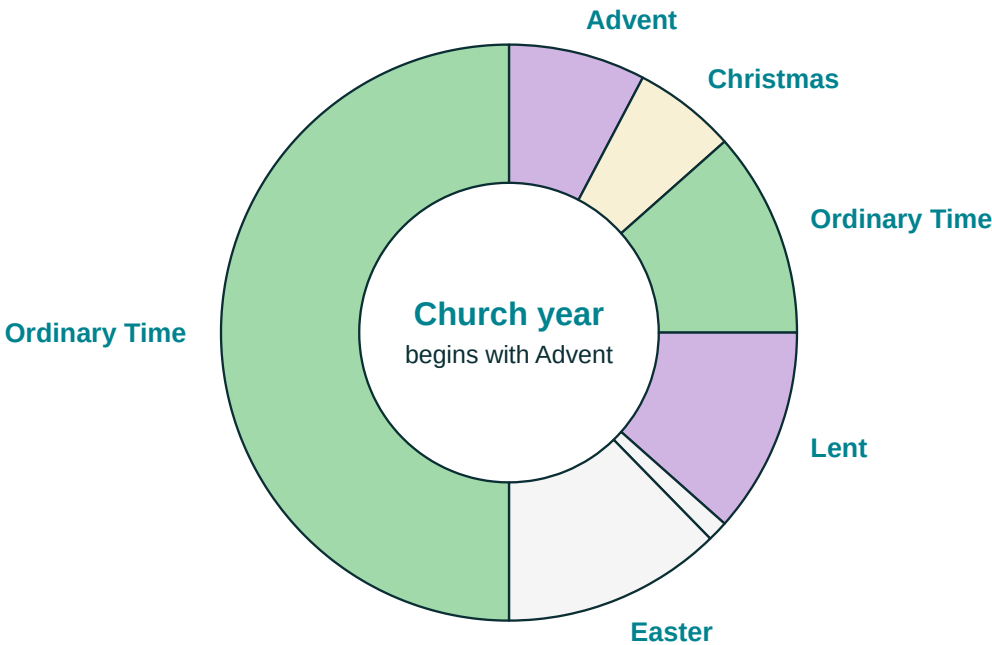


The Liturgical Year

Seasons and colors of the Church year



The ring is not to scale: the length of each season changes from year to year.

Season	Color	Begins	Length / ends
Advent	 Violet	Fourth Sunday before Christmas	Four Sundays and the weeks between
Christmas	 White (or gold)	Christmas Eve evening	Until the Baptism of the Lord
Ordinary Time (first part)	 Green	After the Baptism of the Lord	Until Ash Wednesday
Lent	 Violet	Ash Wednesday	40 days, until Holy Thursday evening
Easter Triduum	 White; red on Good Friday	Holy Thursday evening	Three days, to Easter Sunday evening
Easter	 White	Easter Sunday	50 days, ending with Pentecost (red)
Ordinary Time (second part)	 Green	Monday after Pentecost	Until the First Sunday of Advent

Rose may replace violet on the Third Sunday of Advent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Pentecost Sunday is red. This chart follows the Roman Catholic calendar; other churches vary.

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