

# PANTONE COLORS OF THE YEAR<sup>®</sup>

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“Over the course of the year, the Church unfolds the entire Mystery of Christ and commemorates the feasts of the saints.” In this way, we travel through different episodes of the Lord's life and the history of salvation. As the Church journeys, the colors and forms of liturgical vestments express these mysteries that become present in the diversity of liturgical seasons.

In each Mass, the Church presents us with colors that evoke the salvific actions of Jesus Christ and his sacramental efficacy throughout the liturgical year. Every part of the Holy Mass (words, gestures, actions, and objects) forms a harmonious unity.

</> SYMBOLIZES  AWAKENS IN US

## PURPLE

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Purple vestments are used in Masses during [Advent](#) and [Lent](#), as well as Masses for the dead. This is because it is a “discreet and serious” color.



AUSTERITY

PENANCE

SPIRITUAL DEPTH

PREPARATION



SUPERNATURAL VISION

CLOSENESS WITH GOD

A SPIRIT OF PENANCE

## GREEN

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Green is used in Masses of [Ordinary Time](#), in which we celebrate the whole mystery of Christ (his preaching, humility, lordship, humanity, divinity, and mission) rather than one particular mystery. It takes place between the end of Christmas and the beginning of Lent and the end of Easter and the beginning of Advent.



NATURE AND VEGETATION

FRUITFULNESS

ABUNDANCE

VIGOR

RENEWAL



LIVING WITH HOPE  
IN THE MESSIAH'S COMING  
AND IN THE RESURRECTION  
WHICH BRINGS SALVATION

## WHITE

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The Church sees this color as a symbol of God's holiness, so it is used in the liturgy of the Mass during [Easter](#) and [Christmas](#).

And also on the following feasts:

- all celebrations of Jesus (other than those of the Passion)
- feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- of the Holy Angels
- of saints who are not martyrs
- on the Solemnity of All Saints (1 November)
- St. John the Baptist (24 June)
- St. John the Evangelist (27 December)
- Chair of St. Peter (22 February)
- Conversion of St. Paul (25 January)



PEACE

SERENITY

PURITY

DIVINITY



WANTING TO BE BETTER  
CLEANSING OUR SOULS  
SEEKING GOD'S LIGHT

## RED

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The liturgy uses the color red in Masses of the Holy Spirit, symbolizing the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles as tongues of fire, and for Masses of the Passion and of the martyrs. Red vestments are used "on Passion Sunday and Good Friday, on Pentecost Sunday, in the celebrations of the Lord's Passion, in the feast days of Apostles and Evangelists, and in the celebrations of the Holy Martyrs."



FIRE

THE BLOOD OF CHRIST



GOD'S LOVE FOR US

SUFFERING

SACRIFICE

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