

Liturgical Colors



*light
innocence
purity
joy
triumph
glory*

White

- Season of Christmas
- Season of Easter
- Feasts of the Lord, other than of His passion
- Feasts of Mary, the angels, and saints who were not martyrs
- All Saints (1 November)
- Feasts of the Apostles
- Nuptial Masses
- Masses for the dead (Requiem Masses) when the deceased is a baptized child who died before the age of reason

Note: White is the color of Popes' non-liturgical dress. White can be replaced by Silver.



*the Passion
blood
fire
God's Love
martyrdom*

Red

- Feasts of the Lord's passion, Blood, and Cross
- Feasts of the martyrs
- Palm Sunday
- Pentecost

Note: Red is the color of Cardinals' non-liturgical dress



*the Holy
Ghost
life eternal
hope*

Green

- Time After Epiphany
- Time After Pentecost



*penance
humility
melancholy*

Violet

- Season of Advent
- Season of Septuagesima
- Season of Lent
- Rogation Days
- Ember Days (except for Pentecost Ember Days)

- Vigils except for Ascension and Pentecost
- Good Friday

Note: Violet, literally "amaranth red," is the color of Bishops', Archbishops', and Patriarchs' non-liturgical dress



*mourning
sorrow*

Black

- All Souls Day
- Masses for the dead (Requiem Masses), except for baptized children who've died before the age of reason



joy

Rose

- Gaudete Sunday (Third Sunday of Advent)
- Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent)



joy

Gold

- Gold can replace white, red, or green (but not violet or black)