



# ADVENT CALENDAR 2024

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<p>1</p> <p><b>The First Sunday of Advent</b></p> <p>Begin your Advent journey by <a href="#">blessing</a> your Advent wreath. Light the first violet candle and sing “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.”</p>	<p>2</p> <p>What can you do this Advent to prepare your heart and life for the coming of Christ?</p>	<p>3</p> <p>In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure; this is what they shall call her: “The LORD our justice.” Jeremiah 33:16</p>	<p>4</p> <p>“By his perennial presence in the life of the pilgrim Church, the Holy Spirit illumines all believers with the light of hope. He keeps that light burning, like an ever-burning lamp, to sustain and invigorate our lives.” Pope Francis, <i>Jubilee Bull of Indiction</i>, no. 3</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Make plans to receive the gift of God’s mercy in the Sacrament of Penance during this Advent season.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>In honor of Saint Nicholas, known for his generosity to those in need, in this season of giving, make a gift of your time or treasure to an agency that works with those who lack the necessities of life.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Consider joining the Walk with One Initiative (<a href="#">Walk With One   Eucharistic Revival Initiative for the Year of Mission</a>) to invite someone into a deeper relationship with Christ and to accompany them on their spiritual journey.</p>
<p>8</p> <p><b>The Second Sunday of Advent</b></p> <p>On this Second Sunday of Advent, light two violet candles on your Advent wreath and ask God for the strength to be like John the Baptist, preparing the way of the Lord.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>This year, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is observed today. Attend Mass and pray the Rosary, if possible.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:6</p>	<p>11</p> <p>In the bustle of the holiday season, spend some time this week in silence and prayer, possibly before the Blessed Sacrament, to prepare your heart to receive the Lord at Christmas.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Today is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Our Lady of Guadalupe reminds us that God’s unfailing love encompasses all of us, regardless of immigration status, race, nationality, and all other differences. Learn more at <a href="#">Our Lady of Guadalupe – Justice for Immigrants</a>.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>On this Memorial of Saint Lucy, patron saint of persons who are blind, consider ways that your parish, community, and other groups can become more welcoming to persons with disabilities.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>“We need to recognize the immense goodness present in our world, lest we be tempted to think ourselves overwhelmed by evil and violence. The signs of the times, which include the yearning of human hearts in need of God’s saving presence, ought to become signs of hope.” Pope Francis, <i>Jubilee Bull of Indiction</i>, no. 7</p>



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<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p><b>The Third Sunday of Advent</b></p> <p>Today is the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday. At this halfway point in the season of Advent, light two violet candles and the rose candle on your Advent wreath and Rejoice! For the Lord is near!</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p>According to custom, the Christmas tree is set up before Christmas and remains in place until the Solemnity of Epiphany. Share this <a href="#">blessing</a> with your family and friends.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>Today marks the beginning of the "O Antiphons." This tradition, which comes from Evening Prayer, has been around since at least the eighth century.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love.</p> <p>Zephaniah 3:17</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>"All of us, however, need to recover the joy of living, since men and women, created in the image and likeness of God (cf. Gen 1:26), cannot rest content with getting along one day at a time, settling for the here and now and seeking fulfilment in material realities alone."</p> <p>Pope Francis, <i>Jubilee Bull of Indiction</i>, no. 9</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>Use this blessing to bless the nativity scene in your home:</p> <p><a href="#">Blessing of a Christmas Manger or Nativity Scene   USCCB</a></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p>As winter begins in the Northern hemisphere, consider how you can share the light and warmth of Christ with others, especially those on the margins, in the new year.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p><b>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</b></p> <p>On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, light all three violet candles and the rose candle on your Advent wreath and pray that the light of Christ will enter your heart so that you may share the warmth of God's love with those you meet.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p> <p>Spend a family evening eating cookies and drinking hot chocolate while you read the Christmas cards you have received. Before bed, pray an Our Father and a Hail Mary for all your beloved family and friends.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p>"Through our witness, may hope spread to all those who anxiously seek it. May the way we live our lives say to them in so many words: 'Hope in the Lord! Hold firm, take heart and hope in the Lord!' (Ps 27:14). May the power of hope fill our days, as we await with confidence the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and glory, now and forever."</p> <p>Pope Francis, <i>Jubilee Bull of Indiction</i>, no. 25</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>Before opening presents, gather at your Nativity Scene and read the Christmas story (Luke 2:1-20) from your family Bible.</p>			



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