









Advent Calendar 2023

"For a Child will be born to us, a Son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace."
(Isaiah 9:6)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3</p> <p>First Sunday of Advent</p> <p>Go to Mass with your family! Light the first candle on your wreath.</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>John the Baptist said, "Get ready for the coming of the Lord." - John 1:23</p> <p>How can you prepare yourself?</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>Set up a Nativity scene in your home. Place everyone except Jesus in the manger, he will come a little bit later!</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>Feast of St. Nicholas</p> <p>Choose an act of kindness that you can do for someone else without telling them it was you!</p>	<p>7</p> <p>"You shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David" (Luke 1: 31-32)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</p> <p>Say a prayer of thanks to Mary for saying yes to God's call.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Feast of St. Juan Diego</p> <p>Do some research on Juan Diego. Then, pick or buy a flower that you can share with someone else.</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Second Sunday of Advent</p> <p>Go to Mass with your family! Light the second candle on your wreath.</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>Take a look through your home to see if there are any clothes or toys that you no longer use. If you find things that you can give away, consider taking them to St. Vincent de Paul or Salvation Army!</p>	<p>12</p> <p>The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe</p> <p>Listen to or sing a favorite hymn to Mary!</p> 	<p>13</p> <p>Choose a Christmas carol that helps you feel closer to Jesus. Learn some of the lyrics and play it during the rest of Advent.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Do you pray each day? Pick one new time during the day that you are going to check in with Jesus. Tell him about your day. Talk with him about things you are thankful for and things you need help with.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Walk or drive with your family to look at Christmas lights. Thank Jesus for being the Light of the World!</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Have you gone to Reconciliation yet? Fr. John offers Reconciliation on Saturdays from 3:45-4:15!</p>

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<p>17</p> <p>Third Sunday of Advent</p> <p>Go to Mass with your family! Light the third candle on your wreath.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Our words have a lot of power. Today, find 5 people that you can offer a kind word or compliment to.</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined" (Isaiah 9:2)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Write a letter to Jesus. Use words or pictures to tell him how you feel about him coming into your heart.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>What are your gifts and talents? How can you use them to bring Christ to someone else this Christmas?</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Do you have a favorite Bible story? Read it with or to someone else in your family. Then, ask them to share their favorite Bible story with you!</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Bake Christmas cookies! Share some with a friend who could use a smile.</p> 
<p>24</p> <p>Fourth Sunday of Advent</p> <p>Go to Mass with your family! Light the fourth candle on your wreath.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Merry Christmas! Rejoice, the Lord has come. Celebrate by attending Mass with your family. Then, place Jesus in the manger in your Nativity scene at home!</p>  <p>Today marks the beginning of the Christmas season. However, we continue to celebrate Christmas until January 6, the Feast of the Epiphany!</p>					

Write a letter to a friend or relative that you haven't seen in a while. Wish them a Merry Christmas, and talk to them about some of the ways you are preparing for Christmas!

Is there someone at home who still needs help getting ready for Christmas? Ask your family members how you can help them today.

Take 3-5 minutes today to be alone with Jesus. You can sit quietly with him, you can talk with him, or you can spend that time creating a birthday gift for him!

Go outside and look up at the stars. Can you imagine the star that the Wise Men followed? Read Matthew 2: 1-12

Come, Lord Jesus! Read the Nativity story together as a family.

