






Advent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2 Buy or make an Advent wreath. Bless it and light the first violet candle each night this week.</p> 	<p>3 Advent is about waiting for the Savior to come. Offer a prayer anytime you have to wait during Advent.</p>	<p>4 Let your Bible fall open and contemplate the reading the Holy Spirit puts before you.</p>	<p>5 Include in your Christmas cards a note about the blessings you have received this year as a witness to God's love.</p>	<p>6 Show love on St. Nicholas Day by making at least one generous act today.</p>	<p>7 Offer your parish the gift of your time, talent, or treasure. Describe it in a Christmas card and send it to your pastor.</p>	<p>8 To honor Mary's Immaculate Conception, go to Mass and pray a Rosary.</p>
<p>9 Light two violet candles in the Advent wreath each night this week. Sit in silence and enjoy the quiet. Read <i>Luke 3:1-6</i>.</p> 	<p>10 Set a timer or other reminder to help you pray every morning and every evening this month. Continue after Advent.</p>	<p>11 Pick one habit that is keeping you from holiness. Resolve to conquer it during Advent.</p>	<p>12 To honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, place a rose in a vase in your home and pray a "Hail Mary" whenever you pass it.</p>	<p>13 Even if you live alone, put up a Christmas tree. Put just a few ornaments on each day and finish up on Christmas Eve.</p>	<p>14 The presence of Jesus in our lives speaks of our hope in God's mercy. Today, list your reasons for hope in the future.</p>	<p>15 Perform a thorough examination of conscience today. Then attend Confession to ready your soul to greet the Savior.</p>
<p>16 Today is Gaudete Sunday. Light two violet candles and the rose one for joy. Read <i>Luke 3:10-18</i>.</p> 	<p>17 Light a candle and sit in silence for 15 minutes. Focus on for whom it is you are waiting.</p>	<p>18 Pray for the men and women in the armed services who won't be able to spend Christmas with their families.</p>	<p>19 Make time today to feed the hungry. Look for someone who is physically hungry or one who is hungry for kindness, too.</p>	<p>20 Put a lamp or candle in a window to welcome the Christ child. Light it each night until Christmas.</p>	<p>21 Set up your Nativity scene. Picture yourself in the scene and think about how you would act if you were there.</p>	<p>22 Today, try to remember stories from the Bible of God's merciful treatment of sinners.</p>
<p>23 Light all four candles in the Advent Wreath tonight and all week. Read <i>Luke 1:39-45</i>.</p> 	<p>24 Gather some friends and neighbors and go Christmas caroling at a nursing home or homeless shelter.</p>	<p>25 Rejoice! Read the story of Jesus' birth in <i>Luke 2:1-20</i>.</p>	 <p><i>"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judaea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn." (Luke 2:1-7)</i></p>	<p>26 Put a lamp or candle in a window to welcome the Christ child. Light it each night until Christmas.</p>	<p>27 Set up your Nativity scene. Picture yourself in the scene and think about how you would act if you were there.</p>	<p>28 Today, try to remember stories from the Bible of God's merciful treatment of sinners.</p>