

Advent 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>November 29</p> <p>Buy or make an Advent wreath. Bless it and light the first candle tonight and every night this week. Read Mark 13:33-37.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Advent is about waiting for the Savior to come. Offer a simple prayer of praise anytime you have to wait during Advent.</p>	<p>December 1</p> <p>The presence of Jesus reminds us to hope in God's mercy. Make a list of reasons for your hope today.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Pick one habit that is keeping you from holiness. Identify your "go-to sin" and resolve to conquer it during Advent.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Add 20 minutes of daily prayer during Advent. Set an alarm to remind you to pray for 10 minutes each morning and night this month.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>In gratitude that God provides for your needs, set aside gently used clothing and give it to the poor. Add a piece you love as a special sacrifice.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Perform an examination of conscience today. Then go to Confession, if your parish offers it, to get ready to greet the Savior.</p>
<p>6</p> <p>At sundown tonight, light two violet candles in the Advent wreath and read Mark 1:1-8.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>St. Nicholas was a generous man and a courageous bishop. Today, make at least one generous act of love in his honor.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>The feast of the Immaculate Conception celebrates Mary's freedom from Original Sin. Attend or stream Mass and pray a Rosary.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Today, let nothing discourage you in honor of St. Juan Diego. He never gave up, placing his trust in Jesus and his Mother.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>In your Christmas cards write a note about the blessings you received this year as a witness to God's love.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Buy Christmas gifts from merchants that carry "fair trade" items to support workers in developing countries.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>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</p> <p>Gaudete Sunday-Joy! Celebrate the halfway point of Advent. Light two violet candles and the rose one. Read John 1:6-8, 19-28.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Spend time in silence today. Say "no" to unnecessary distractions. In silence and peace, you will be open to God's will.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Think of Biblical accounts of God's mercy to sinners. Ask forgiveness from someone you have hurt and forgive those who wronged you.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>In honor of Las Posadas remembering the Holy Family's trek to Bethlehem, pray for all those who have been forced from home.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Send a card to someone who lost a loved one in the last year. Offer your thoughts and prayers for healing and comfort.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Pray for the men and women in the armed services who won't be able to spend Christmas with their families.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Pray the Angelus at 6:00 am, 12:00 pm, and 6:00pm every day until Christmas.</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Light all four candles in the wreath tonight and all week. Read Luke 1:26-38.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>This can be a sad time for those who are alone, especially in a pandemic. Pray for anyone you know who will be alone on Christmas.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>As a gift to the coming Savior, repair a relationship with a friend or family member that needs healing.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Make an effort to share God's love today. Say a kind word or listen with compassion to someone who is suffering.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Even if you live alone, put up and decorate a Christmas tree. Light it as a symbol of Christ, the Light of the World.</p>	<p>Rejoice! 25</p> <p>Read the story of Jesus' birth in Luke 2:1-20 and meditate on each miraculous detail. Think of how joyful it will be to meet Jesus when he comes again.</p> 	