
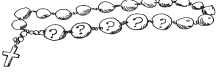

























# 2019 ADVENT CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>1</b> <b>DECEMBER</b> Buy or make an Advent wreath. Bless it and light the first violet candle each night this week.</p> 	<p><b>2</b> Advent is about waiting for the Savior to come. Offer a prayer anytime you have to wait during Advent.</p> 	<p><b>3</b> Call Catholic Relief Services (877-HELP-CRS or www.catholicrelief.org) to see how you can help.</p> 	<p><b>4</b> Set up your Nativity scene. Picture yourself in the scene and think about how you would act if you were there.</p> 	<p><b>5</b> Pick one habit that is keeping you from holiness. Resolve to conquer it during Advent.</p> 	<p><b>6</b> Show love on St. Nicholas Day by making at least one generous act today.</p> 	<p><b>7</b> Put up a Christmas tree. Put just a few ornaments on each day and finish up on Christmas Eve.</p> 
<p><b>8</b> Light two violet candles in the Advent wreath each night this week. Sit in silence and enjoy the quiet. Read Matthew 3:1-12.</p> 	<p><b>9</b> To honor Mary's Immaculate Conception, go to Mass and pray a Rosary.</p> 	<p><b>10</b> Perform some act of service for your parish. Ask at the rectory for suggestions.</p> 	<p><b>11</b> Ask Jesus to heal whatever keeps you from feeling God's bountiful love.</p> 	<p><b>12</b> To honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, place a rose in a vase in your home and pray a "Hail Mary."</p> 	<p><b>13</b> Today, pray for someone you don't like.</p> 	<p><b>14</b> Perform a thorough examination of conscience today. Then attend Confession to ready your soul to greet the Savior.</p> 
<p><b>15</b> Today is Gaudete Sunday. Light two violet candles and the rose one for joy. Read Matthew 11:2-11.</p> 	<p><b>16</b> Set a timer or other reminder to help you pray every morning and every evening this month. Continue after Advent.</p> 	<p><b>17</b> Make a conscious effort to see everyone with loving eyes today.</p> 	<p><b>18</b> Put a lamp or candle in a window to welcome the Christ Child. Light it each night until Christmas.</p> 	<p><b>19</b> Go to a private room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret.</p> 	<p><b>20</b> Make time today to feed the hungry. Look for someone who is physically hungry or one who is hungry for kindness, too.</p> 	<p><b>21</b> Gather some friends and neighbors and go Christmas caroling at a nursing home or homeless shelter.</p> 
<p><b>22</b> Light all four candles in the Advent Wreath tonight and all week. Read Matthew 1:18-24.</p> 	<p><b>23</b> Pray for the men and women in the armed services who won't be able to spend Christmas with their families.</p> 	<p><b>24</b> Pick one way you can simplify your lifestyle to make more room for God.</p> 	<p><b>25</b> Rejoice! Read the story of Jesus' birth in Luke 2:1-20.</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 Judea, 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>		