



CELEBRATING THE SEASONS OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS



Looking for ideas to help your family enter more deeply into the Seasons of Advent & Christmas? Check out this calendar for daily ideas, including clickable links to help you pray, prepare, and celebrate these seasons of hope and wonder!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>3 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT—HOPE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up your family Advent Wreath on the dining room table or other central location Here is a Printable Wreath for kids to color and instructions Advent Wreath prayer booklet and video 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It's not too late to start the St. Andrew Novena Advent introduction videos for younger kids and older kids Advent Symbols coloring page 	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen to some Advent hymns: Advent Music Playlist on YouTube or on Spotify Check out Advent books from the library Choose some saints of December to celebrate 	<p>6 ST. NICHOLAS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leave gold chocolate coins or candy canes in your family's shoes Play St. Nicholas' Many Gifts bingo game Make a plan with your children about gifts that they would like to give or make this year 	<p>7 ST. AMBROSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eat a treat made with honey today! St. Ambrose was said to have a "honeyed tongue" since he was such a good speaker Ambrose coloring page Advent word search 	<p>8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To symbolize Mary's Immaculate Conception and sinless life, plan a meal with all white food (pasta, chicken, Alfredo, juice) Coloring page Go to Mass—it's a holy day of obligation! 	<p>9 ST. JUAN DIEGO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enjoy traditional Mexican food Listen to a recording of a Catholic prayer in Spanish like the Our Father or Hail Mary St. Juan Diego coloring page
<p>10 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT—PEACE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> View this Advent Visio Divina artwork to help you pray and discuss the events of Advent and Christmas as a family Display these Advent week-by-week prints 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check out this list of short Advent videos and pick a few to watch as a family Play Advent Bingo 	<p>12 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decorate your home with roses (you can use real flowers or draw your own pictures of roses) Display this Our Lady of Guadalupe print OLG coloring page 	<p>13 ST. LUCY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make sweet rolls for breakfast and eat by candlelight Drop off canned goods to your local food pantry St. Lucia's Candles St. Lucy activity pack 	<p>14 ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Try this straw for Baby Jesus activity to promote good deeds and acts of service St. John of the Cross quote coloring page St. John of the Cross coloring page 	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. John the Baptist calls us to prepare the way of the Lord and make ready our hearts for his coming Make a plan to go to Confession before the end of Advent 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The O Antiphons start tomorrow Consider making a kid-friendly Nativity together as a family. Here are some ideas for making one with wooden peg dolls
<p>17 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT—JOY O SAPIENTIA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gaudete Sunday—Pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary this week Bambinelli Sunday—ask your pastor to bless the Baby Jesus statue from your nativity 	<p>18 O ADONAI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> O Antiphons coloring book and ornaments Full-color O Antiphon ornaments Listen to the O Antiphons in English and Latin 	<p>19 O RADIX JESSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn about the people in Jesus' genealogy using the Jesse Tree Jesse Tree coloring page ornaments Jesse Tree full-color ornaments 	<p>20 O CLAVIS DAVID</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring the joy of Advent to others this week by sending cards, making a phone call, drawing a picture, etc. to share Jesus with your friends, family, and neighbors! 	<p>21 O ORIENS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Today is the shortest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. Remember that Jesus, the Light of the World, is coming soon Drive around and look at the Christmas lights in your neighborhood 	<p>22 O REX GENTIUM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play Advent Jeopardy Advent coloring page Watch The First Nativity video (for younger kids) or One Solitary Life video (for older kids) 	<p>23 O EMMANUEL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finish decorating your Christmas tree To help your family pray as you wait, read the Bible stories included in this Seeking Our Savior activity
<p>24 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT—LOVE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare your Nativity Scene with lights and decorations. Add Baby Jesus after you get home from Mass! Display this Infant Jesus print 	<p>25 CHRISTMAS DAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Merry Christmas! The Twelve Days of Christmas begins today and lasts until Epiphany on Jan. 6th Symbols of Christmas Season coloring page Nativity coloring page 	<p>26 ST. STEPHEN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move the Wise Men from your Nativity Scene around your home, having them travel closer and closer until Epiphany St. Stephen coloring page 	<p>27 ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Try Lectio Divina with a story from the Gospel of John St. John coloring page 	<p>28 HOLY INNOCENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn about how St. Joseph's obedience to God kept the Holy Family safe by reading Matthew 2:13-23 Make a donation to local pregnancy center Pray the Memorare to St. Joseph 	<p>29 ST. THOMAS BECKET</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take time today to sort gently used toys and clothes to donate to a local charity St. Thomas Becket coloring page 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does your parish have a set of Nativity costumes? Consider setting up a Nativity photo booth for families to use after Mass this weekend!
<p>31 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make plans to do something together as a family, like a special outing or movie night Holy Family coloring page and Holy Family Hearts prayer cards 	<p>1 MARY, MOTHER OF GOD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make a mini Marian Shrine Pray the Magnificat Read a book about Mary End of Octave of Christmas 	<p>2 ST. BASIL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What's the difference between Advent, Christmas, and Ordinary Time? Check out this booklet to talk about the Liturgical Year together St. Basil coloring page 	<p>3 MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decorate an IHS coloring page or make a Names of Jesus poster and ask for the blessing of Jesus on the new year Holy Name of Jesus printable cards 	<p>4 ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mother Seton helped establish Catholic schools in America. Say a prayer for all schools and teachers St. Elizabeth Ann Seton coloring page 	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use this Readers Theater to retell the story of Epiphany as a family Display this Wise Men art print 	<p>6 EPIPHANY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use this Epiphany Home Blessing Kit to bless your home today Tomorrow is the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord and the end of the Christmas Season