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| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday   |
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| <b>3 December</b><br>Buy or make an Advent wreath and bless it. Light the violet candle every night this week.<br>    | <b>4</b><br><br>Assign "Advent Angels." Draw names at random and encourage good works in secret.                      | <b>5</b><br>Set out the empty Nativity scene. Add characters gradually throughout Advent. Save Baby Jesus for last.  | <b>6 St. Nicholas of Myra</b><br>Encourage everyone to perform an act of kindness in honor of today's generous saint.  | <b>7</b><br><br>Buy gifts for children in need. Consult your parish office for suggestions. | <b>8 The Immaculate Conception of Mary</b><br>On this Holy Day of Obligation, attend Mass together. Pray for the United States of America.  | <b>9</b><br><br>Decorate a Jesse tree and discuss its meaning. Learn more at <a href="http://www.usccb.org">www.usccb.org</a> . |
| <b>10</b><br>Light two violet candles nightly this week. Sing "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."<br>                          | <b>11</b><br>Call or email your parish office and ask how your family can help with upcoming preparations for Christmas.   | <b>12 Our Lady of Guadalupe</b><br>Put a vase of flowers before a statue of Mary and sing "Hail, Holy Queen" to celebrate.<br>  | <b>13</b><br><br>At dinner, ask each person to share one way God blessed him or her that day.                           | <b>14</b><br>Before bedtime, perform an examination of conscience using the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-11).  | <b>15</b><br><br>Contact Catholic Relief Services (877-HELP-CRS or <a href="http://www.catholicrelief.org">www.catholicrelief.org</a> ). Ask how you can help. | <b>16</b><br>Seek God's mercy in Confession as a family to greet the Savior with clean souls.<br>                               |
| <b>17 Gaudete Sunday</b><br>Light two violet candles and one rose one for joy. Have a small treat to celebrate.<br> | <b>18</b><br><br>Place a candle in the window to welcome Baby Jesus. Light it nightly until Christmas.               | <b>19</b><br>Encourage everyone to practice patience today.<br>   | <b>20</b><br><br>Tonight, offer extra prayers for the troops who will spend Christmas overseas and for their families. | <b>21</b><br><br>Share favorite Christmas family memories over hot chocolate and cookies.  | <b>22</b><br>Ask everyone to make a small sacrifice, just for God, just for today.<br>   | <b>23</b><br>The King is coming! Tidy up the house and prepare to welcome Him.<br>  |
| <b>24</b><br>Reveal Advent angels! Read about the good news the angel shared in Luke 1:26-38.<br>                   | <b>25 Rejoice!</b><br>After Mass today, place Baby Jesus in the manger and sing, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing!"<br> | <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> |  |  |   |  |