

# Advent 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>November 27</p> <p><b>B</b>uy or make an Advent wreath. Bless it and light the first violet candle each night this week.</p>	<p>28</p> <p><b>P</b>ray anytime you have to wait today. Keep your prayer simple and begin with praise.</p>	<p>29</p> <p><b>L</b>et your Bible fall open and contemplate the reading the Holy Spirit puts before you.</p>	<p>30</p> <p><b>I</b>nclude in your Christmas cards a note about the blessings you have received this year. It will be a witness to God's love.</p>	<p>December 1</p> <p><b>M</b>ake up a new prayer to say every day this month. Write it down and bring it out every year for Advent.</p>	<p>2</p> <p><b>P</b>ick one habit that is keeping you from holiness. Resolve to conquer it during Advent.</p>	<p>3</p> <p><b>O</b>ffer your parish a Christmas gift of your time, talent, or treasure. Describe it in a Christmas card that you send to your pastor.</p>
<p>4</p> <p><b>L</b>ight two violet candles in the Advent wreath each night this week. Sit in silence and enjoy the quiet.</p>	<p>5</p> <p><b>S</b>et a timer or other reminder to help you pray every morning and every evening this month. Try to make it a permanent habit.</p>	<p>6</p> <p><b>S</b>how love on St. Nicholas Day by filling an old shoe with treats and leaving it outside someone's door.</p>	<p>7</p> <p><b>T</b>he presence of Jesus in our lives speaks of our hope in God's mercy and love. Today, list your reasons for hope in the future.</p>	<p>8</p> <p><b>I</b>n honor of Mary's Immaculate Conception, attend Mass and pray a Rosary.</p>	<p>9</p> <p><b>T</b>oday, 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><b>A</b>ttend Confession today to ready your soul for the grace of Christ's birth.</p>
<p>11</p> <p><b>L</b>ight two violet candles and the rose one for joy. Look for one new thing at Mass today that you haven't noticed before.</p>	<p>12</p> <p><b>B</b>uy a rose today in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. She used this simple flower to bring hope to millions.</p>	<p>13</p> <p><b>L</b>ight a candle and sit in silence for 15 minutes. Remember for whom you are waiting.</p>	<p>14</p> <p><b>I</b>n honor of St. John of the Cross, offer any suffering you experience today to Jesus.</p>	<p>15</p> <p><b>P</b>ut a lamp or electric candle in a window to welcome the Christ child. Light it each night until Christmas Day.</p>	<p>16</p> <p><b>P</b>ray for the men and women in the armed services who won't be able to spend Christmas with their families.</p>	<p>17</p> <p><b>M</b>ake a list of all the good things God has brought into your life this year. Take some time to offer prayers of gratitude.</p>
<p>18</p> <p><b>L</b>ight all four candles in the wreath tonight and all week. Reread today's Gospel reading, Matthew 1:18-24.</p>	<p>19</p> <p><b>M</b>ake time today to feed the hungry. Make cookies for a nursing home, serve at a soup kitchen, or just take a friend to lunch.</p>	<p>20</p> <p><b>D</b>esignate or decorate a special candle as your "Jesus Candle." Light it every day until Christmas to remind you of the light Jesus brings.</p>	<p>21</p> <p><b>P</b>ray for persecuted Christians around the world. Ask Our Lord to offer them peace at this special time.</p>	<p>22</p> <p><b>S</b>et up your Nativity scene or crèche. Picture yourself in the scene and think about how you would act if you were there.</p>	<p>23</p> <p><b>M</b>ake an honest examination of conscience and ask for God's forgiveness and healing.</p>	<p>24</p> <p><b>G</b>ather loved ones and go Christmas caroling.</p>
<p>Rejoice! 25</p> <p><b>R</b>ead 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. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn." (Luke 2:1-7)</i></p>					