













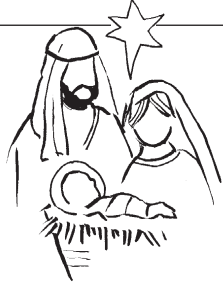




# Family Advent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>3</b>  <b>M</b>ake and bless an Advent wreath. Light the first purple candle each night this week.</p> 	<p><b>4</b>  <b>S</b>et up the Nativity Scene together, but leave out the Holy Family.</p> 	<p><b>5</b>  <b>R</b>esolve to pray as a family for at least 15 minutes every night during Advent.</p>	<p><b>6</b>  <b>T</b>o honor St. Nicholas, fill an old shoe with treats and leave it outside someone's door.</p> 	<p><b>7</b>  <b>D</b>ecorate a "Jesus Candle" with symbols of Jesus. Light it at Christmas dinner.</p> 	<p><b>8</b>  <b>I</b>n honor of <b>Mary's Immaculate Conception</b>, attend Mass and pray a family Rosary tonight.</p> 	<p><b>9</b>  <b>C</b>lean out your closets of unwanted clothes or toys in good condition. Donate them to a shelter or other charity.</p>
<p><b>10</b>  <b>L</b>ight two purple candles in the Advent wreath each night this week. Sing "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."</p> 	<p><b>11</b>  <b>S</b>end a thank-you note to the priests or other parish ministers who enriched your seasonal celebration.</p>	<p><b>12</b>  <b>S</b>et out a rose tonight in honor of the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.</p> 	<p><b>13</b>  <b>T</b>oday, try to go the whole day without complaining or arguing.</p> 	<p><b>14</b>  <b>H</b>elp children make a good examination of conscience and go to Confession together. Then go out for a treat afterwards to celebrate forgiveness.</p>	<p><b>15</b>  <b>F</b>amily Movie Night! Make some popcorn and watch a Christmas movie together.</p>	<p><b>16</b>  <b>P</b>ut up and decorate your family Christmas tree.</p> 
<p><b>17</b>  <b>L</b>ight two purple candles and the pink one for joy. See which of you can sing loudest at Mass today.</p> 	<p><b>18</b>  <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><b>19</b>  <b>S</b>et the Mary and Joseph figures of your Nativity set across the room from the rest of the scene.</p>	<p><b>20</b>  <b>T</b>ake a drive or walk together around your home to look at the Christmas decorations or displays.</p> 	<p><b>21</b>  <b>G</b>ive each family member a chance to say "thank you" for a blessing God has given this year.</p>	<p><b>22</b>  <b>W</b>rite letters to Jesus telling him that you look forward to his coming.</p> 	<p><b>23</b>  <b>P</b>lace Mary and Joseph in the Nativity scene. Add grass or straw to the manger to get it ready.</p>
<p><b>24</b>  <b>L</b>ight all four candles in the wreath tonight. Reread today's Gospel Reading, <b>Luke 1:26-38</b>.</p> 	<p><b>25</b>  <b>R</b>ejoice! Place the Baby in the manger and read the story of Jesus' birth in <b>Luke 2:1-20</b>.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"> <span style="display: inline-block; width: 100px; text-align: center;">☆ ☆</span> <span style="display: inline-block; width: 100px; text-align: center;">☆ ☆</span> <span style="display: inline-block; width: 100px; text-align: center;">☆ ☆</span> <span style="display: inline-block; width: 100px; text-align: center;">☆ ☆</span> <span style="display: inline-block; width: 100px; text-align: center;">☆ ☆</span> </p>				
<p style="text-align: center;"> <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> <p style="text-align: center;"> <span style="display: inline-block; width: 100px; text-align: center;">☆ ☆</span> <span style="display: inline-block; width: 100px; text-align: center;">☆ ☆</span> <span style="display: inline-block; width: 100px; text-align: center;">☆ ☆</span> <span style="display: inline-block; width: 100px; text-align: center;">☆ ☆</span> </p>						