




Advent 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 30 B uy or make an Advent wreath. Bless it and light the first violet candle each night this week.	December 1 D evelop a new prayer to say before each meal during Advent. Write it down and say it every year during Advent.	2 O ffer your parish the gift of your time, talent, or treasure. Describe it in a Christmas card and send it to your pastor.	3 I nclude in your Christmas cards a note about the blessings you have received this year as a witness to God's love.	4 E ven if you live alone, put up a Christmas tree. Decorate a little each day until it is beautiful for Christmas.	5 P ick one habit that is keeping you from holiness. Resolve to conquer it during Advent.	6 S how love on St. Nicholas Day by making at least one generous act today.
7 L ight two violet candles in the Advent wreath each night this week. Sing "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."	8 I n honor of Mary's Immaculate Conception in St. Anne's womb, attend Mass and pray a Rosary.	9 L et nothing discourage or depress you today in honor of St. Juan Diego who placed his trust in Jesus and his Mother.	10 A sk forgiveness from someone you have hurt in the past year. Offer it to one who has wronged you.	11 P ray anytime you have to wait today. Keep your prayer simple and begin with praise.	12 I n honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, place a rose in a vase and pray a "Hail Mary" whenever you pass it.	13 P erform a thorough examination of conscience today. Then attend Confession to ready your soul to greet the Savior.
<i>Gaudete Sunday - Joy!</i> 14 L ight two violet candles and the rose one for joy. Look for one new thing at Mass today that you haven't noticed before.	15 T 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.	16 S pend some time today examining your life for areas needing repentance.	17 C hoose a candle as your "Jesus Candle." Light it every night until Christmas to remind you of the light Jesus brings.	18 P ut a lamp or candle in a window to welcome the Christ child. Light it each night until Christmas.	19 G ather some friends and neighbors and go Christmas caroling at a nursing home or homeless shelter.	20 T he holidays can be a lonely time for anyone who is alone. Today, offer someone companionship.
21 L ight all four candles in the wreath tonight. Reread today's Gospel reading, Luke 1:26-38.	22 M ake time today to feed the hungry. Look for someone who is physically hungry or one who is hungry for kindness, too.	23 T ake a moment today to listen to Christmas carols as a joyful symbol of the season.	24 T oday, think about all the Biblical accounts of God's merciful treatment of sinners.			25 R ejoice! Read the story of Jesus' Birth in Luke 2:1-20. Think of how joyful it will be to meet Jesus when he comes again.

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called 'Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.' Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this" (Isaiah 9:6-7).