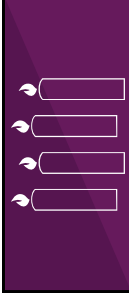




ADVENT CALENDAR 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 The First Sunday of Advent Begin your Advent journey by blessing your Advent wreath. Light the first violet candle and sing "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."	1 What can you do this Advent to prepare your heart and life for the coming of Christ?	2 They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again. Isaiah 2:4	3 "Peace begins with each one of us: in the way we look at others, listen to others and speak about others." Pope Leo XIV, Speech, May 12, 2025	4 Spend some time writing Christmas cards or sending Christmas greetings. Before bed, say a prayer of thanksgiving for all of the people who have enriched your life and strengthened your faith.	5 Make plans to receive the gift of God's mercy in the Sacrament of Penance during this Advent season.	6 Today is the Memorial of Saint Nicholas. Follow his example of generosity by giving the gift of your time, treasure, or talent to those in need.
7 The Second Sunday of Advent On this Second Sunday of Advent, light two violet candles on your Advent wreath and ask God for the strength to be like John the Baptist, preparing the way of the Lord.	8 Today is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the patroness of the United States of America. It is a holy day of obligation. Offer your Mass intention today for the needs of the nation.	9 Juan Diego carried the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe to his community. Share your faith in word or action with someone you encounter today.	10 Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. Isaiah 11:3-4	11 In the bustle of the holiday season, spend some time this week in silence and prayer, possibly before the Blessed Sacrament, to prepare your heart to receive the Lord at Christmas.	12 Today is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe who appeared to Juan Diego as a pregnant indigenous woman. Pray for those who are experiencing difficult pregnancies and for those who are experiencing child loss or infertility.	13 "Just as no one is born a champion, no one is born a saint. It is daily training in love that brings us closer to final victory (cf. Rom 5:3-5) and enables us to contribute to the building of a new world." Pope Leo XIV, Homily, June 15, 2025



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14 The Third Sunday of Advent Today is the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday. At this halfway point in the season of Advent, light two violet candles and the rose candle on your Advent wreath and Rejoice! For the Lord is near!	15 According to custom, the Christmas tree is set up before Christmas and remains in place until the Solemnity of Epiphany. Share this blessing with your family and friends.	16 Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Isaiah 35:4	17 Today marks the beginning of the "O Antiphons." This tradition, which comes from Evening Prayer, has been around since at least the eighth century.	18 Use this blessing to bless the nativity scene in your home: Blessing of a Christmas Manger or Nativity Scene USCCB	19 "In the family, faith is handed on together with life, generation after generation. It is shared like food at the family table and like the love in our hearts. In this way, families become privileged places in which to encounter Jesus, who loves us and desires our good, always." Pope Leo XIV, Homily, June 1, 2025	20 Reach out to those in your community who may be alone this Christmas and invite them to Mass and to share part of your celebration.
21 The Fourth Sunday of Advent On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, light all three violet candles and the rose candle on your Advent wreath and pray that the light of Christ will enter your heart so that you may share the warmth of God's love with those you meet.	22 "Looking without walking by, halting the frantic pace of our lives, allowing the lives of others, whoever they may be, with their needs and troubles, to touch our heart. That is what makes us neighbors to one another, what generates true fraternity and breaks down walls and barriers. In the end, love prevails, and proves more powerful than evil and death." Pope Leo XIV, Homily, July 13, 2025	23 Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel. Isaiah 7:14	24 In the bustle of Christmas celebrations, take a moment of silence to reflect on the gift of Jesus' Incarnation and to prepare to receive his Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist.	25 And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. John 1:14	 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops	

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