

# ADVENT CALENDAR—2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>–DECEMBER 3–</p> <p><b>BE WATCHFUL; BE ALERT</b> Mk 13.33-37</p> <p>—</p> <p>Light the first candle of Advent, and express your hopes this coming Christmas.</p>	<p>–DECEMBER 4–</p> <p><b>LORD, I AM NOT WORTHY TO HAVE YOU ENTER UNDER MY ROOF.</b> Mt 8.5-11</p> <p>—</p> <p>Reflect on how God has been strongly present in your life this year.</p>	<p>–DECEMBER 5–</p> <p><b>BLESSED ARE THE EYES THAT SEE WHAT YOU SEE.</b> Lk 10.21-24</p> <p>—</p> <p>Look around you, especially those who are burdened with life. What is your wish for them this Advent?</p>	<p>–DECEMBER 6–</p> <p><b>BEHOLD THE LORD COMES TO SAVE HIS PEOPLE.</b> Mt 15.29-37</p> <p>—</p> <p>Reflect on the following quote: “God is too busy loving you to have any time left over to be disappointed.” Fr. Greg Boyle, SJ</p>	<p>–DECEMBER 7–</p> <p><b>EVERYONE WHO LISTENS TO MY WORDS AND ACTS ON THEM WILL BE LIKE A WISE ONE.</b> Mt 7.21,24-27</p> <p>—</p> <p>Today, pray for the gift of understanding.</p>	<p>–DECEMBER 8–</p> <p><b>THE CHILD TO BE BORN WILL BE CALLED HOLY, THE SON OF GOD</b> Lk 1.26-38</p> <p>—</p> <p>Say a “Hail Mary” with the intention of praying for the SM Community.</p>	<p>–DECEMBER 9–</p> <p><b>THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND.</b> Mt 9.6-8</p> <p>—</p> <p>Who are 5 people you know who need your help this Advent &amp; Christmas season?</p>
<p>–DECEMBER 10–</p> <p><b>PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE STRAIGHT HIS PATHS</b> Mk 1.1-8</p> <p>—</p> <p>Light the second candle of Advent, and take a moment of silence praying for peace in the world.</p>	<p>–DECEMBER 11–</p> <p><b>WE HAVE SEEN INCREDIBLE THINGS TODAY</b> Lk 5.17-26</p> <p>—</p> <p>Today, express your gratitude to God for his fidelity and love.</p>	<p>–DECEMBER 12–</p> <p><b>MOST BLESSED ARE YOU AMONG WOMEN, AND BLESSED IS THE FRUIT OF YOUR WOMB.</b> Lk 1.39-47</p> <p>—</p> <p>Say a “Hail Mary” on this feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe for an end to racism and hate.</p>	<p>–DECEMBER 13–</p> <p><b>COME TO ME, ALL YOU WHO LABOR AND ARE BURDENED, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST.</b> Mt 11.28-30</p> <p>—</p> <p>Give a hug to a friend who is burdened and make him or her feel God’s love through you.</p>	<p>–DECEMBER 14–</p> <p><b>I AM THE LORD, YOUR GOD, WHO GRASP YOUR RIGHT HAND; IT IS I WHO SAY TO YOU, “FEAR NOT. I WILL HELP YOU”.</b> Is 41.13-20</p> <p>—</p> <p>Today, pray to God to increase your faith.</p>	<p>–DECEMBER 15–</p> <p><b>THE LORD WILL COME; GO OUT TO MEET HIM! HE IS THE PRINCE OF PEACE.</b> Mt 11.16-19</p> <p>—</p> <p>Spend a moment of silence to pray for peace among people you know who are fighting.</p>	<p>–DECEMBER 16–</p> <p><b>ALL SHALL SEE THE SALVATION OF OUR GOD</b> Lk 3.4,6</p> <p>—</p> <p>How have you been a presence of God’s blessing in your communities?</p>
<p>–DECEMBER 17–</p> <p><b>THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, FOR HE HAS ANOINTED ME TO BRING GLAD TIDINGS TO THE POOR.</b> Is 61.1</p> <p>—</p> <p>Light the third candle of Advent, and pray for the children who live in challenging situations.</p>	<p>–DECEMBER 18–</p> <p><b>THIS IS THE NAME THEY GIVE HIM: “THE LORD OUR JUSTICE</b> Jer 23.5-8</p> <p>—</p> <p>Pray that justice and peace will flourish in the world.</p>	<p>–DECEMBER 19–</p> <p><b>SO HAS THE LORD DONE FOR ME; HE HAS SEEN FIT TO TAKE AWAY MY DISGRACE BEFORE OTHERS</b> Lk 1.5-29</p> <p>—</p> <p>Spend your day saying good things about others.</p>	<p>–DECEMBER 20–</p> <p><b>THE VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE AND BEAR A SON, AND SHALL NAME HIM EMMANUEL.</b> Is 7.10-14</p> <p>—</p> <p>“Let us remember that we are in the holy presence of God.” Say this 5 times today, while you’re not at school.</p>	<p>–DECEMBER 21–</p> <p><b>BLESSED ARE YOU WHO BELIEVED THAT WHAT THE LORD PROMISED YOU WOULD BE FULFILLED.</b> Lk 1.39-45</p> <p>—</p> <p>Spend a moment of silent prayer and remember how God has been generous to you this past year.</p>	<p>–DECEMBER 22–</p> <p><b>HE HAS COME TO THE HELP OF HIS SERVANT ISRAEL, FOR HE REMEMBERED HIS PROMISE OF MERCY</b> Lk 1.46-56</p> <p>—</p> <p>Today in an intentional way, show mercy and compassion to everyone you encounter.</p>	<p>–DECEMBER 23–</p> <p><b>YOUR WAYS, O LORD, MAKE KNOWN TO ME; GUIDE ME IN YOUR TRUTH AND TEACH ME, FOR YOU ARE GOD, MY SAVIOR.</b> Ps 25</p> <p>—</p> <p>How can I be like Jesus to my family and loved ones this Christmas?</p>
<p>–DECEMBER 24–</p> <p><b>FOREVER I WILL SING OF THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD.</b> Ps 89</p> <p>—</p> <p>Light the fourth candle of Advent and do an act of kindness for someone you meet today.</p>	<p>–DECEMBER 25–</p> <p><b>I PROCLAIM TO YOU GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY; TODAY A SAVIOR IS BORN FOR US, CHRIST THE LORD.</b> Lk 2.10-11</p> <p>—</p> <p>Reflect on how God must love us in order to become human, one of us.</p>					

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