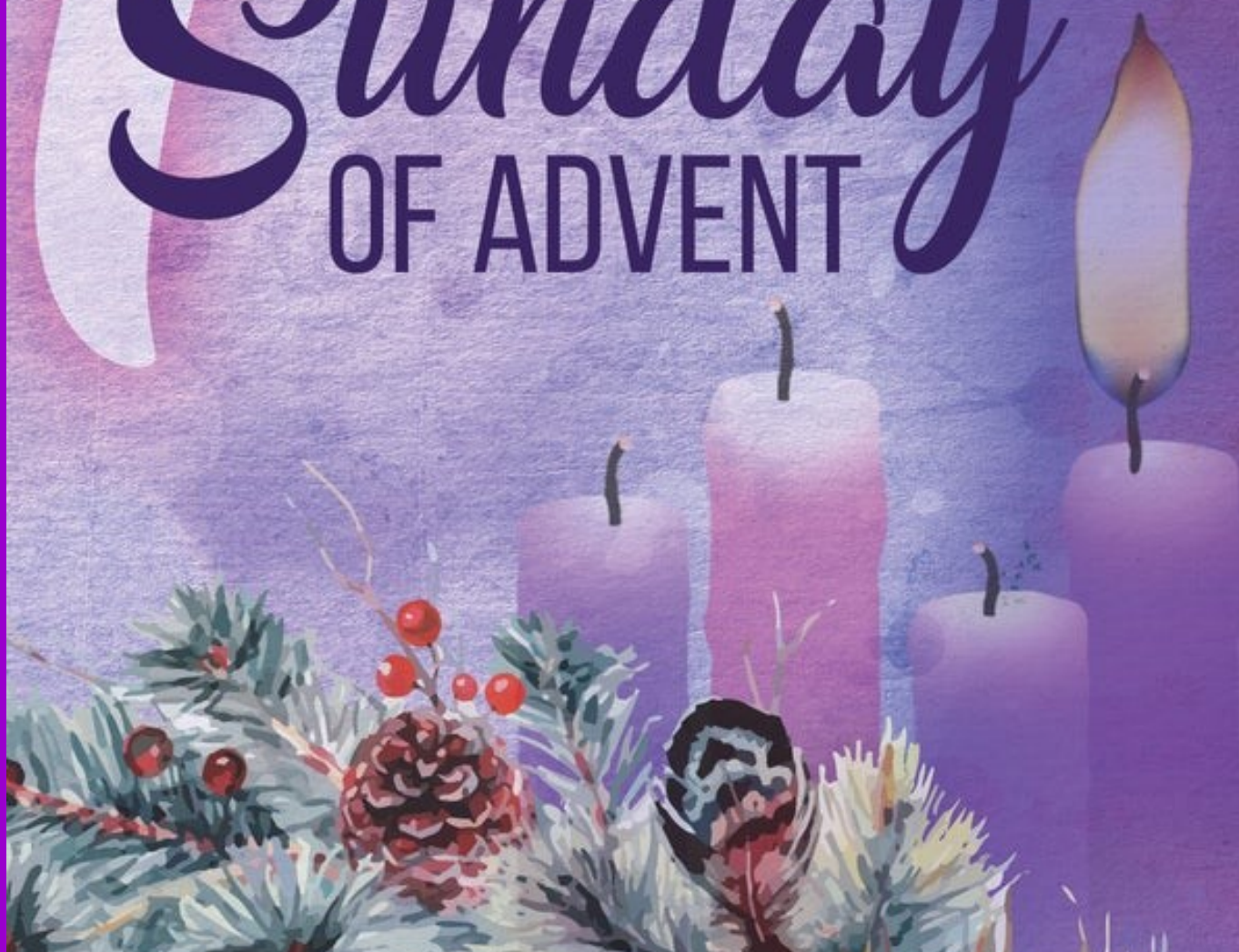


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St. Elizabeth of Hungary/St. Mark

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12Noon (E)

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Saturday 4:00PM (M)

Saturday 6:00PM (E)

Sunday 8:30AM (M)

Sunday 10:30AM (E)

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Saturday, Nov 29, 2025 — Sunday, December 7, 2025

Sat, NOV 29

4:00pm (M) Tom Silvi
Liz & John Strasberger

6:00pm (E) Joseph S. Humanik Sr.
Steve & Mer Rish

Sun, NOV 30

8:30am (M) Francis Michael
Chrissy & Kevin Nordmark

10:30am (E) Dorothy Trotta
Joseph & Marcia Bortis

Mon, DEC 1

9:00am (E) Sabina Vojtek

Tues, DEC 2

9:00am (E) John “Jack” Kelly
5 o’clock Mass Friends

Wed, DEC 3

9:00am (E) John “Jack” Kelly
Butch & Jeannie Bidwell

Thurs, DEC 4

9:00am (E) NO MASS

Fri, DEC 5 **First Friday**

9:00am (E) James Kiname
Jerome & Patricia Connolly
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament after Mass—12 Noon

Sat, DEC 6

4:00pm (M) Arlene Starr
Nancy Bielski

6:00pm (E) Laurie Rostock & Josephine Rudick
Family

Sun, DEC 7

8:30am (M) Ralph Nordmark
Chrissy & Kevin Nordmark

10:30am (E) Madolyn MyKulyn
Tom & Sue Kozerski

This week we pray for our sick, elderly and homebound parishioners and friends, especially...

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The Little Blue Books for your Advent and Christmas season reflections are available in the sacristy.



The **Advent Wreath** is one of the most symbolic traditions for the season of Advent. With its colorful candles lit on each of the four weeks of Advent, the wreath is a reminder of the hope and joy coming.

Circular Shape: The circular shape of the wreath represents the eternal nature of God—His never-ending love, mercy, and faithfulness. It also symbolizes the unending cycle of seasons and the continuous nature of time.

Evergreen Branches: Evergreen branches, which do not lose their leaves in winter, represent the everlasting life found in Christ. They are a symbol of hope and renewal, pointing to the promise of eternal life through Jesus.

Lighting of Candles: The lighting of the candles is an important tradition during Advent. Each week, an additional candle is lit to symbolize the increasing anticipation and preparation for the arrival of Jesus. The light from the candles represents the light of Christ coming into the world.

First Week of Advent: Theme: Hope (Hope Candle or Prophet’s Candle)

Second Week of Advent: Theme: Peace (Peace Candle or Love Candle or Bethlehem Candle)

Third Week of Advent: Theme: Joy (Joy Candle or Shepherd’s Candle) **Special Name:** Gaudete Sunday, emphasizing joy.

Fourth Week of Advent: Theme: Peace (Peace Candle)

Christmas Day: Theme: Marks the culmination of the Advent season. Sometimes a Fifth Candle that is larger and white is typically lit on this day to symbolize the birth of Jesus, the Light of the World.



*The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week
in loving memory of Joseph S. Humanik Sr.
by Steve and Mer Rish.*

Father Rawel's



WALK IN THE LIGHT OF THE LORD

The word of God in all the three readings of today invites us to be prepared and watchful. In the first reading, prophet Isaiah foretells the events that will take place when the Lord comes. Similarly, in the second reading, St. Paul urges the faithful in his letter to the Romans to put aside all evil ways and put on the armor of Christ in everything they do and live.

Jesus in the Gospel today, also calls us to be ready and prepared, for no one knows the hour of the Lord's coming.

All the readings of today place important questions before us for reflection and application in our lives. Are we walking in God's light? Are we, as Christians, living the life Jesus envisioned for us?

We live in a world filled with so many paths that can lead us astray from the ways of the Lord. It is also an invitation for us to ask for grace and strength in humility to walk in these ways. Therefore, we as Christians, must look within ourselves with humility and see where we truly stand. Jesus emphasizes the need to be prepared not just for the preparedness' sake but as a call to walk, to walk each moment in the way of the Lord.

May the good Lord give us the grace and strength to walk with courage on the path you have shown. Give us the grace that may not compromise your ways.

HAVE A BLESSED ADVENT SEASON!

Holiday Mass Schedule

Immaculate Conception of the BVM
(Holy Day of Obligation)

December 8th—9:00am St. Elizabeth

Christmas Eve

December 24th—4:00pm St. Mark

10:00pm St. Elizabeth

Christmas Day

December 25th—8:30am St. Mark

10:30am St. Elizabeth

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
(Holy Day of Obligation)

January 1, 2026

9:00am St. Elizabeth

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Father Rick Frechette spent his early years as a Catholic priest in Baltimore, Mexico and Honduras. His life changed when he was sent to Haiti, where he and another priest opened an orphanage. Early in his time in Haiti, he decided he couldn't do enough for the people there as a priest. Enrolling at a college in New York City and studying during intermittent visits to Haiti, he became a medical doctor. He's been caring for Haitians' medical and spiritual needs ever since; remaining even when crime and economic political chaos were so rampant that his superiors suggested he leave. As he put it, "What kind of shepherd would leave when the wolf comes?" He's been in Haiti for 38 years now, working to help the poor and suffering. Suffering which has seldom if ever been as bad as it is now.

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Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of November 30, 2025

Sunday:

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Monday:

Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday:

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday:

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
Mt 15:29-37

Thursday:

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday:

Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday:

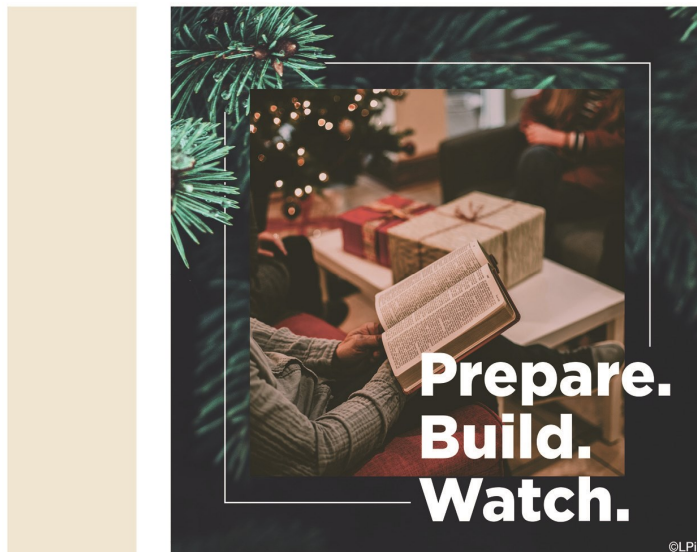
Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday:

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/
Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A few years ago, my house was broken into on Super Bowl Sunday. Turns out, it's a great day for burglars. If the TV isn't on, people are probably watching the game somewhere else, so ... easy pickins'. I'll never forget walking into my bedroom and realizing someone had been there. My stuff was thrown all over the floor. The closet was torn apart. It was disorienting and disturbing — someone had invaded the space I thought was secure. After that, I bought an alarm system. And every Super Bowl Sunday since, I'm extra careful to lock the doors and keep the lights on. That experience made me more alert. Not scared. Just attentive.

That's much like the spiritual place Jesus wants us to be on this first Sunday of Advent. He doesn't start the season with soft candlelight and cozy manger scenes. He starts with two brutal images: a flood and a thief. In other words, chaos and violation.

Why? Because life will flood us. Chaos *will* come. And in the midst of it, Christ will come like a thief — not to steal from us, but to steal us back. He is the intruder we should want. The one who breaks in, not to ransack, but to rescue.

Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And he invites us to join him. How? By participating fully in our parishes. By making our homes places of prayer. By guarding our hearts with truth. By refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance.

This Advent, don't just stay vaguely "awake." Prepare. Build. Watch. The flood will come. But so will he.

— Father John Muir

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

O house of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isa 2:5)

Psalm:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. (Ps 122)

Second Reading:

You know the time;
it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep.
For our salvation is nearer now than when
we first believed. (Rom 13:11)

Gospel:

"So too, you also must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come." (Mt 24:44)

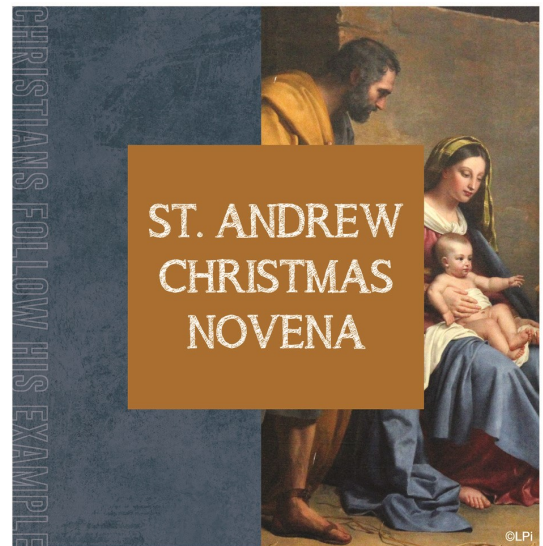
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"You do not know on which day your Lord will come," Jesus says. He is reminding us that we do not know the mind of God. But we do know the heart of God, and we know that it is filled with mercy for those who heed the warning: Stay awake!

Observances for the week of November 30, 2025

- Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Advent; Respect Life Sunday
Wednesday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Thursday: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: St. Nicholas, Bishop
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent



Devotions, *Explained!*

The St. Andrew Christmas novena is a prayer said from Nov. 30 through Christmas Eve. St. Andrew was the first disciple of Christ, and in saying this prayer Christians follow his example of prescient faithfulness throughout the days of Advent.

Prayer for Advent - Arise

Bless God's Holy Name!
Prepare our hearts for Your coming, Lord.
Awaken them from any places that have become sleepy or despondent.
Inspire us with new visions.
Be with us as we climb closer to You.
Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Of course the world is ending. It has been ending forever. And the Son of Man is coming — but don't forget, he was already here, too. And His Spirit, even now, is renewing the face of the earth. "But how?" we ask. "And when? And where?"

Watershed Moments

In every life there are watershed moments.

I think of our time on this earth as resembling, in the beginning, a fine, firm sheet of metal, suspended with perfect balance in time and space. If a drop of water falls upon the sheet, it remains precisely where it lands.

But life goes on. We see things, we feel things, and in the seeing and the feeling, the flat, smooth metal sheet is nicked. The impacts created by those experiences are like BB pellets riddling armor; before long, the surface is pockmarked. A falling drop of water will drain or pool either in one way or the other, its action determined by the closest indentation.

A watershed has been created, a summit or valley that disrupts the smooth flatness of life. In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks about the end of the world. I'm no Biblical scholar, but I suspect the topic at hand is the Apocalypse (capital A). The big one. The explosion that upends the sheet itself and sends every drop of water crashing down. But I think, in a smaller way, it's also about all the indentations on the plane: those little apocalypses (lowercase a), the things that felt like the end of the world (or the beginning of a new one).

The loss of a job. The breakup of a relationship. The suffering of a loved one.

Of course the world is ending. It has been ending forever. And the Son of Man is coming — but don't forget, he was already here, too. And his Spirit, even now, is renewing the face of the earth.

"But how?" we ask. "And when? And where?"

Without the chinks in the armor — without the watershed moments — there is tremendous smoothness, certainly. But there is also no movement.

So look to the watershed moments, these little (and big) apocalypses. In these moments that change us, for better or worse, God is there, working, waiting.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

When we say the Penitential Act at Mass, why do we strike our chest three times?

Answer:

Our rituals and liturgical celebrations are filled with a variety of symbols, some of which also relate to our gestures and physical postures (e.g. kneeling, sitting, processing, making the Sign of the Cross). The custom of striking our breast three times during the "I Confess" of the Penitential Act of the Mass is one of those gestures that is loaded with symbolism.

The tradition of Christian's striking the breast (above the heart) is rooted in the image of Sacred Scripture, especially texts like Psalm 51 which speak of a "humbled contrite heart" or how God heals broken hearts, binding up our wounds (see Psalm 147:3). Early Christian writers like Saint Augustine of Hippo and Saint Jerome also refer to this custom in their writings.

Ultimately, this practice is an expression of our sorrow for those times when we have been guilty of faults and a sign that we are willing to take responsibility for our sins and failings. That we all perform this gesture together is also an act of solidarity, recognizing that none of us, regardless of where we are on our journey of faith, is without fault and the need for grace and forgiveness.

“Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” - Mt 24:40-42

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

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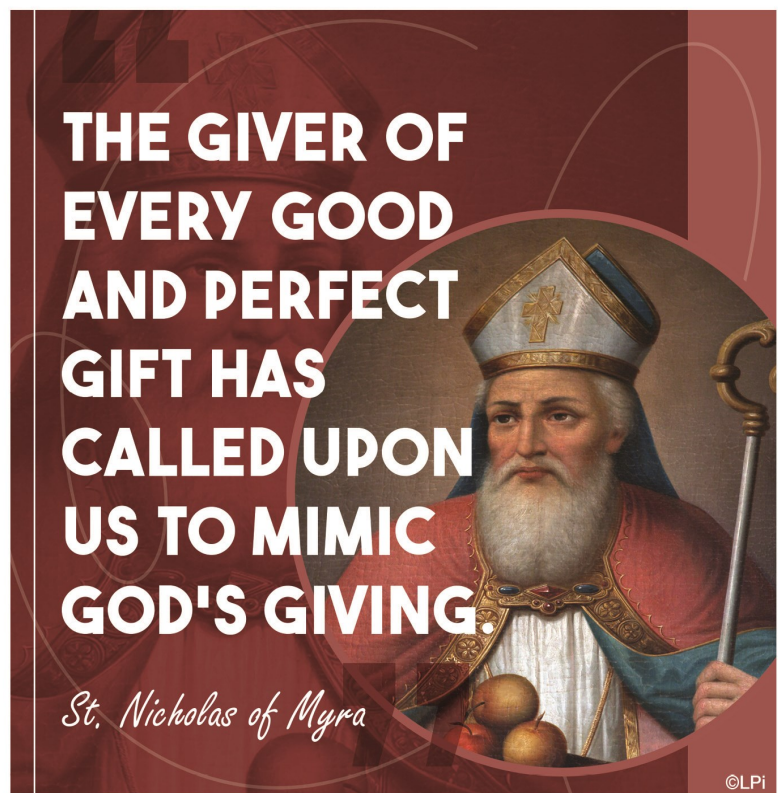
The prophet Isaiah envisioned a future with no more wars and nations united in belief and worship of Israel's God. What does a world totally at peace look like?

Second Reading:

Paul encouraged the Romans to live with a sense of urgency in anticipation of their own salvation. What motivates you to live a moral life?

Gospel:

Jesus taught his disciples that no one knows when the Son of Man will return, so you must always be prepared. How do you plan to use the season of Advent this year to welcome Jesus into your life?






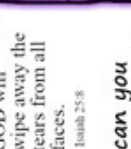


ADVENT CALENDAR 2025

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
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 hearts. 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	 <div>United States Conference of Catholic Bishops</div>	

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Advent 2025

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; for he has come to his people and set them free. Luke 1:67

<p>November 30</p> <p>...the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light... <i>Romans 13:12</i></p> <p>Pick a good habit to work on for Advent!</p> 	<p>December 1</p> <p>I rejoiced when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." <i>Psalms 122:1</i></p> <p>What can you do to make your house ready for Jesus?</p> 	<p>December 2</p> <p>A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse... <i>Isaiah 11:1</i></p> <p>Thank God for your parents!</p> 	<p>December 3</p> <p>The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces. <i>Isaiah 25:8</i></p> <p>Who can you cheer up today?</p> 	<p>December 4</p> <p>Trust in the LORD forever! For the LORD is an eternal Rock. <i>Isaiah 26:4</i></p> <p>Pray: Jesus, I trust in You!</p> 	<p>December 5</p> <p>Out of gloom and darkness, the eyes of the blind shall see. <i>Isaiah 29:18</i></p> <p>Draw a Christmas picture for someone!</p> 	<p>December 6</p> <p>Feast of Saint Nicholas</p> <p>"The giver of every good and perfect gift has called upon us to mimic God's giving..." St. Nicholas of Myra</p> 
<p>November 7</p> <p>A voice of one crying out in the desert, "Prepare the way of the Lord" <i>Matt 3:3</i></p> <p>Tell the Christmas story to a friend!</p> 	<p>December 8</p> <p>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception</p> <p>Say a Hail Mary to Our Blessed Mother!</p> 	<p>December 9</p> <p>Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. <i>Isaiah 40:1</i></p> <p>Remind someone who is sad that God loves them!</p> 	<p>December 10</p> <p>Lift up your eyes on high and see who has created these things... <i>Isaiah 40:26</i></p> <p>Look at the sky and thank God for the sun, moon and stars!</p> 	<p>December 11</p> <p>Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD <i>Psalms 145:10</i></p> <p>Go outside and thank God for nature!</p> 	<p>December 12</p> <p>Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe</p> <p>Thank Mary for being our mother!</p> 	<p>December 13</p> <p>Feast of Saint Lucy</p> <p>Thank God for the Christmas decorations you see!</p> 
<p>November 14</p> <p>Be strong, fear not! Here is your God... <i>Isaiah 35:4</i></p> <p>What are you afraid of? Trust in God to protect you!</p> 	<p>December 15</p> <p>A star shall advance from Jacob, and a scepter shall rise from Israel... <i>Numbers 24:17</i></p> <p>Pray for the leaders of your country!</p> 	<p>December 16</p> <p>I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall be ever in my mouth. <i>Psalms 34:2</i></p> <p>Sing an Advent hymn!</p> 	<p>December 17</p> <p>O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!</p> <p>Consider the order of the universe God has created!</p> 	<p>December 18</p> <p>O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!</p> <p>Read or recite God's Ten Commandments.</p> 	<p>December 19</p> <p>O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!</p> <p>Thank Jesus for coming to save us!</p> 	<p>December 20</p> <p>O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!</p> <p>Read the story of David and Goliath!</p> 
<p>November 21</p> <p>O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. Jesus' coming is like the dawn after a dark cold night.</p> 	<p>December 22</p> <p>O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!</p> <p>Jesus is the kindest king. Serve Him with joy!</p> 	<p>December 23</p> <p>O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!</p> <p>Emmanuel means God is with us. His birthday is in two more days!</p> 	<p>December 24</p> <p>The dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness... <i>Luke 1:78-79</i></p> <p>One more day to prepare your heart and home for Jesus!</p> 	<p>December 25</p> <p>Christmas Day!</p> <p>Glory to God in the highest!</p> 		

Color in one flame for each week of Advent, starting on the first Sunday. The rose-colored candle is for the third Sunday. It is a sign of joy that the wait is half over!

