

## Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) – December 2023 Home Kit Overview

### Home Kit Resources and Activities for the month:

Each month's home kit includes resources and activities for continuing to grow in faith at home throughout the month!

### Scripture Memory Verse Card

Swap out this month's verse in your Magnetic Holder (received in the October Home Kit).

- December's Bible Verse: John 1:14

"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."

- As a family, discuss: What can you do this Advent and Christmas to make Jesus more present in your lives? What signs or symbols can you display at home to help remind you Jesus with us?



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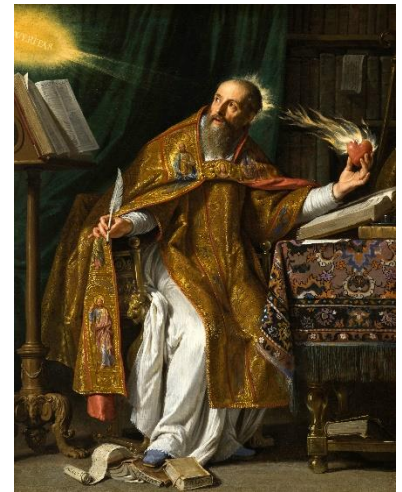
### Saint of the Month Card

Add this saint to your family's prayer card ring.

- Saint Augustine** (8/11/13/354—8/28/430)
  - We included a quote from one of his homilies on the Eucharist:  
*"When you hear 'The body of Christ', you reply 'Amen.' Be a member of Christ's body, then, so that your 'Amen' may ring true! ... Be what you see; receive what you are."*

Read the full homily here:

[https://earlychurchtexts.com/public/augustine\\_sermon\\_272\\_eucharist.htm](https://earlychurchtexts.com/public/augustine_sermon_272_eucharist.htm)



- Learn more about this saint: <https://www.augustinian.org/saint-augustine>
- Discuss: How does it make you to feel to know you are a member of Christ's body? How do your words or actions as a family let other people know you are a member of Christ's body?
- Family Challenge: The next time you go to Mass, remind each other that your Amen to the minister's "The Body of Christ" means both that you believe the Eucharist is the Real Presence of Christ and that you are called to be his living presence in the world.



## Partners in Faith Monthly Newsletter and Advent Activity Calendar

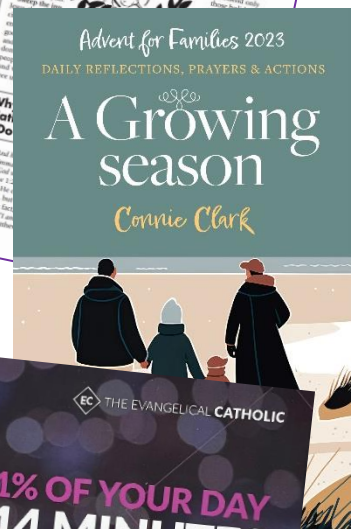
Read through the monthly newsletter from *Partners in Faith* to get timely and/or seasonal ideas on living the Catholic faith at home. Each month features parenting tips, a “why do Catholics do that” question, saints of the month, and a scripture reflection.

Also included this month is an Advent Activity calendar with a simple activity for each day of Advent. Use the Advent calendar for suggestions on how to do something small each day to prepare for Christmas.



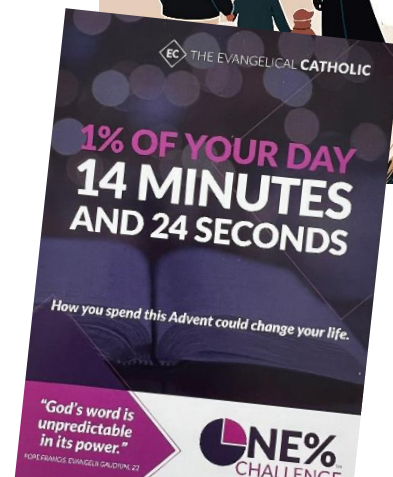
## Daily Advent Reflections Booklet

This booklet has a daily scripture verse, short reflection, family prayer, and “Advent Action”. Consider keeping this booklet on the kitchen table and reading the reflections for the day when the most family is gathered (be it breakfast, dinner, or snack time).



## Evangelical Catholic Advent One Percent Challenge

Looking to dive deeper into what the Bible says about preparing our hearts for Jesus during the Advent and Christmas seasons? Take the 1% challenge from Evangelical Catholic and spend about 15 minutes each day reflecting on a scripture passage.



## Liturgical Year Calendar

The new liturgical year (church year) always starts the First Sunday of Advent - this year on Sunday, December 3. Follow along with the church year using this liturgical calendar and read the descriptions about each season on the back. Mark special days in your family (birthdays, anniversaries, etc.) and see where they fall and what is happening in the liturgical year and/or which saint is honored on those days.

