## December 2024 Catholic Calendar

Encourage your child to follow this calendar each day of December



Sunday‴ "	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 First Sunday of Advent As a family come up with one thing you can do to get ready for Christ this Christmas.	The Jesse Tree is Jesus' family tree. Ask your parents and grandparents about your ancestors.	3 Feast of St. Francis Xavier St. Francis is the patron of missions. Pay extra attention to how you can bring Jesus into your conversations today.	4 Make cards for your grandparents and other family members.	5 Celebrate the season by getting your house ready for Christmas. Sing together as a family while you work.	6 Feast of St. Nicholas Nicholas helped the poor. Do something today to help someone in need.	7 Feast of St Ambrose He was a great speaker. How can you use your words to bring peace?
8 Second Sunday of Advent  John the Baptist spread the message of Jesus. How do you spread the message of Jesus?	9 Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary Pray the Rosary as a family.	Grandparents are special family members. Write a note to a grandparent.	Look at the ornaments on your tree. Ask your parents to share stories about each ornament.	12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe This apparition of Mary to St. Juan Diego in Mexico has an amazing story. Pray for her intercession for all unborn children.	13 Feast of Saint Lucy Lucy is the patron saint of the blind. Use your eyes to look for God's blessings around you	14 Feast of St John of the Cross St. John of the Cross worked closely with Saint Teresa of Avila. Make cards for your friends.
15 Third Sunday of Advent  How can you prepare your heart for Jesus this Advent?	How does the colder weather lead you closer to God?	Advent is a time of waiting. Sometimes it is hard to wait. When you feel impatient, take deep breaths, and pray.	Christmas Trees are evergreen trees. Why do evergreen trees represent Jesus?	Ask your parents about your first Christmas as a baby.	20 Bake cookies as a special surprise for someone today.	Jesus is known as the Light of the World. Take a drive around your neighborhood and look at the lights & decorations.
22 Fourth Sunday of Advent  We hear part of the Hail Mary in the Gospel today. Listen to those words, what do they mean?	Spend some quiet time in prayer asking God what gifts He would like from you and to give to you.	24 Christmas Eve  Celebrate the Mass with your family today or tomorrow! Thank God for his Christmas gift of Jesus!	25 Christmas Day  Today is Jesus' Birthday! As you celebrate today sing Happy Birthday to Jesus. ♪	26 Feast of St. Stephen  Stephen was a deacon and the first martyr for Jesus.  Martyr means "witness" in Greek—how can you witness to your faith at school?	27 Feast of St. John the Apostle St. John loved Jesus. How can you show Jesus you love Him?	28 Feast of the Holy Innocents Spread God's love, do a random act of kindness today.
29 Feast of the Holy Family Spend time together as a family, doing something special.	30 Write thank you notes for the Christmas gifts that you received.	Remember all that happened this year and share your favorite memories of the year.				.10/27/24 lm 5/2/24 bj