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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 December</p> <p>Buy or make an Advent wreath and bless it. Light the violet candle every night this week.</p> 	<p>2</p>  <p>Display the empty Nativity scene. Gradually add figures during Advent but leave out the Holy Family.</p>	<p>3 St. Francis Xavier</p> <p>St. Francis was a Jesuit priest who spread the Good News to distant lands. At dinner, pray especially for Christian missionaries overseas.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Assign "Advent Angels." Draw names at random and encourage good works in secret.</p> 	<p>5</p>  <p>At dinner, ask God to bring your family closer together and closer to Him this Advent.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Attend First Friday Mass together or make time to visit the Blessed Sacrament in honor of Jesus' Sacred Heart.</p>	<p>7</p>  <p>Decorate a Jesse Tree and discuss its meaning. Learn more at www.usccb.org.</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Light two violet candles nightly this week. Sing "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."</p> 	<p>9 The Immaculate Conception</p> <p>Attend Mass together and offer a family Rosary for our country.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Pick a person or situation in the news and pray for them.</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>Call or email your parish office and ask how your family can help with upcoming preparations for Christmas.</p>	<p>12 Our Lady of Guadalupe</p> <p>Put a vase of flowers before a statue of Mary and pray, "Hail, Holy Queen" to celebrate.</p>	<p>13 Family Game Night!</p> <p>Take a break from the holiday preparations tonight. Relax, eat pizza, and play games.</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>Get your souls ready for Christmas. Attend Confession as a family and celebrate God's mercy.</p>
<p>15 Gaudete Sunday</p> <p>Light two violet candles and the rose one for joy. Have an after-dinner treat to celebrate.</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>Before bed, gather around a Crucifix and pray an Our Father, a Hail Mary, and a Glory Be for any family intentions.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Christmas is in nine days! Place a candle or light in the window for the Christ Child. Light it every night until Christmas.</p>	<p>18</p>  <p>"Love is patient, love is kind" (1 Corinthians 13:4). Encourage everyone to practice patience today.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Offer a Chaplet of Divine Mercy for those who have lost loved ones this year. Find the prayers here: https://www.usccb.org/prayers/chaplet-divine-mercy.</p>	<p>20</p>  <p>Share favorite Christmas family memories over hot chocolate and cookies.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>The King is almost here! Declutter the house so it's nice for Christmas.</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Light all the candles in the wreath. Thank God for all the graces you've received this Advent.</p> 	<p>23</p>  <p>Reveal Advent Angels! Read the Good News the Angel shared in <i>Luke 1:26-38</i>.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Place Mary and Joseph in the Nativity scene. Add grass or straw to the manger to get it ready for the Baby.</p>	<p>25</p>  <p>First thing in the morning, place Jesus in the manger and sing, "Joy to the World!"</p>	<p><i>"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn" (Luke 2:1-7).</i></p>		