

# 2025 Advent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30 November</b> Light the first violet candle on the Advent wreath, symbolizing Hope. Reflect on the source of your hope in Christ and what it means in your life.	<b>1 December</b> Be intentional. As soon as your alarm goes off, rise and kneel before a crucifix. Offer your day—and this entire season—to God with purpose and reverence.	<b>2</b> Decide how you will draw closer to Christ this Advent—through intentional prayer, acts of penance, charitable giving, or participation in the Sacraments.	<b>3</b> Read Luke 1:26–38, where Mary's "Yes" made way for the coming of Christ. Ask for the grace to respond with your own "Yes" to God's will in your life.	<b>4</b> Set out your empty nativity scene as a sign of anticipation of the coming of the King. Gradually add the remaining figures throughout the Advent season.	<b>5</b> Attend First Friday Mass, in honor of Jesus' Sacred Heart. "O Sacred Heart of Jesus, make my heart like yours." And He will.	<b>6</b> <b>St. Nicholas of Myra</b> Call or visit your parish office and ask who needs help this Christmas. Then do something about it — quietly, as St. Nicholas did.
<b>7</b> Light the second violet candle for Peace. Pray for the <i>"peace which surpasses all understanding"</i> (Philippians 4:7) for yourself and whoever needs it most.	<b>8 Immaculate Conception</b> God preserved Mary from sin so that she could be the mother of Jesus. Attend Mass and pray for our country. It is a holy day of obligation.	<b>9</b> Make a small sacrifice today, offered solely to God. It is even more meaningful if it's done in secret, as encouraged in Matthew 6:18.	<b>10</b> Prepare your heart and soul to welcome the King. Participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and encounter the mercy of God.	<b>11</b> Advent is a busy season for parishes. Consider calling or emailing your parish office to ask how you can offer your time and support.	<b>12 Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> Mary's miraculous image reveals a profound mystery of Christmas (John 1:14). Take time today to pray for expectant mothers and the gift of new life.	<b>13</b> <i>"If you have two shirts in your closet, one belongs to you and the other to the man with no shirt"</i> (St. Basil the Great). Donate gently used clothing you don't need.
<b>14</b> <i>Gaudete Sunday</i> Light the rose candle for Joy to mark the halfway point to Christmas.	<b>15</b> Offer the alms of patience when you're irritated, a smile when you're weary, and a kind word in place of judgment. You will touch hearts in ways you'll never fully realize.	<b>16</b> Harboring unforgiveness burdens the heart and disrupts inner peace. Pray for the grace to let go, so you can move forward in freedom and healing.	<b>17</b> Only nine days remain until Christmas. Place a lamp or candle in a window as a sign of welcome for the Christ Child.	<b>18</b> Visit the Blessed Sacrament, where Jesus fulfills His promise to remain with us (Matthew 28:20). Take this time to renew your faith in His unwavering love.	<b>19</b> Today, refrain from recreational screen use between 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Offer this sacrifice for those who struggle with screen-related addictions.	<b>20</b> Share the joy of the Gospel—gather a group of friends and go caroling to bring the Good News to others through song.
<b>21</b> Light the final violet candle, symbolizing Love—awaiting the coming of Christ, the ultimate expression of the Father's love (John 3:16).	<b>22</b> The King is coming—prepare to welcome Him. Take time to ready your home as a reflection of the joy and reverence in your heart.	<b>23</b> Discern which Advent practices you feel called to carry beyond Christmas. Which ones deepened your relationship with God? Which ones strengthened your capacity for charity?	<b>24</b> <i>Rejoice!</i> Tonight, place the Christ Child in the manger and rejoice!	<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>		