

Advent/Christmas 2023 Resources

ADVENT - A New Liturgical Year!

- [What is the Catholic Liturgical Calendar?](#)
- [Catholic Calendar](#) (USCCB)
- [Liturgical Seasons](#) of the Catholic Church
- [December Saints and Feasts](#)
- [Archdiocese of Newark Advent Resource Page](#)
- [Catholic Apostolate Center Advent Resource Page](#)
- [Advent: The Lord Is Near Year B by Renew International](#)
- [Small Group Resources by The Pastoral Center](#)
- [The Schedule of Advent 2023](#) - Hallow
- [Preparing To Prepare: Everything You Need to Get Ready for Advent](#)
- [A busy Catholic's guide to Advent: 10 tips for observing the season](#)
- [All About Advent](#) – Dynamic Catholic
- [Catholic.Bible](#) – Lectio Divina (English and Spanish)
- [Amen App](#)- free Catholic Prayer app
- [Hallow App](#) – Catholic Prayer and Meditation App
- [The Word Became Flesh](#) – Word on Fire Advent Reflections
- [Joy Is on the Way: Advent & Christmas Day-by-Day with Pope Francis](#)
- [Celebrate Advent Joy](#) - Maryknoll

December 3 - First Sunday of [Advent](#)

- [What is Advent All About?](#)
- [What is Advent?](#) Learn more about Advent, find resources, prayers, and more (USCCB)
- [10 Meaningful Advent Traditions for Catholic Families](#)
- [Advent Wreath at Home](#)
- [Advent activities](#) for the whole family
- [ADVENT EVENT](#) – December 3rd - a fun and meaningful *hour-long virtual event* for the *whole family* that will get you ready and excited for ADVENT!
- [Free downloadable and printable resources for the season of Advent](#) – RCL Benziger
- [3D Nativity Coloring Kit](#)
- [Prepare the Way of the Lord](#) – Free Weekly Advent tips, simple prayers and Catholic family traditions
- [Blessing of the Advent Wreath](#)
- [Advent Prayer Service](#)
- [ADVENT ANGEL](#) - A Catholic Alternative to Elf on a Shelf
- Decorate a Christmas tree, and pray a [Christmas Tree Blessing](#).
- Create a [Journey to Bethlehem](#) - Using the family Nativity figures, set up the stable in a special prayer space. Each day of the Advent season, move the figures closer to their final destination on Christmas Day.
- Have a [Blessing of the Christmas Manger](#) or Nativity Scene.

December 6 - [St. Nicholas](#)

- [Activities and resources](#) for celebrating St. Nicholas Day

December 8 - Solemnity of the [Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary](#)

- [8 Things You Need to Know About the Immaculate Conception](#)
- [Prayer of Pope Francis](#) for the Immaculate Conception
- Time With Jesus: [The Immaculate Conception of Mary](#) (Video)
- [Advent Adventure](#): Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Video). Learn more [here](#).

December 12 - Feast of [Our Lady of Guadalupe](#)

- The Virgin of Guadalupe appeared to Juan Diego. Learn more about this feast day [here](#).
- [Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe](#)
- Watch [this video](#) of the story of St. Juan Diego and Our Lady for children (35 min)
- [Crafts](#) for Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego
- Our Lady of Guadalupe [Coloring Page](#), [Quick facts](#), [videos](#), [food](#), and [more!](#)

December 17-23 – Celebrate The “O” Antiphons

- The [O Antiphons](#) are a series of [seven verses](#) listing a name of Jesus taken from [scripture](#). They are the basis of the popular Advent hymn, “[O Come, O Come Emmanuel](#).”
- Use the antiphons as [prayers](#), download these [reflection cards](#), and try [these recipes](#) during the week of [O Antiphons!](#)

December 24 - Christmas Eve

- Catholic [Christmas Eve Customs](#)
- Start a New Christmas Eve [Family Tradition](#)

December 25 - [The Nativity of the Lord](#) – Christmas Day

- Learn about [Catholic Christmas traditions](#)
- Download these printable Christmas [prayers](#) to celebrate the joyous season with your family!
- Share the symbolism and meaning of the season with [The Origin of the 12 Days of Christmas](#).

December 28 - The [Feast of the Holy Innocents](#)

- To learn more about the Holy Innocents, click [here](#).

December 31 - The [Feast of the Holy Family](#) of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

- [Consecrate your family](#) to the Holy Family
- The Holy Family [Activity](#) from Sadlier Religion Resources. Learn more about his feast day [here](#).

December 31 - New Year's Eve

- Each year we [thank God](#) for the blessings of the past year and look forward to the [new year](#).
- Check out these New Year’s [Prayers and Blessings](#). Create a [fun and holy](#) New Year’s Eve with your family!

Grandparents and Holiday Family Traditions

- Check out [this article](#) to learn more about grandparents and holiday family traditions!

January 1 – [Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God](#)

- Why is Mary called the [Mother of God](#)? Why do we honor Mary and call her Blessed? Mary is the Mother of God because of who JESUS is! And all generations will call Mary blessed.
- [Celebrate the New Year](#) with Mary, Mother of God.
- [Learn more](#) about the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.
- [Coloring Page](#)

January 3 - [The Most Holy Name of Jesus](#)

- [Why Do We Celebrate](#) the Holy Name of Jesus? Learn more about this devotion [here](#).
- St. Paul wrote that God the Father gave Christ Jesus "that [name which is above every other name](#)" (Phil 2:9).
- [Litany of the Most Holy Name of Jesus](#)

January 6 - [The Epiphany of the Lord](#)

[Epiphany](#) commemorates the visit of the Magi, the three kings bearing gifts for the newborn Christ Child.

- Printable Epiphany [Journaling Novena Booklet](#)
- [Leading others to Epiphany](#)
- Keep the [Festivities](#) of the Christmas season going with a [Prayer Service](#), [Epiphany crafts](#) and [activities](#).

January 7 - [Baptism of the Lord](#)

- Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Jeff Cavins [video](#))
- [The Baptism of Jesus](#) (from Saddleback Kids)
- [Why is Baptism Important?](#)