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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

- [What is the Catholic Liturgical Calendar?](#)
- [2024 Advent Calendar \(USCCB\)](#)
- [Liturgical Seasons of the Catholic Church](#)
- [The Complete Guide to the Season of Advent 2024](#)
- [December Saints and Feasts](#)
- [Archdiocese of Newark Advent Resource Page](#)
- [Catholic Apostolate Center Advent Resource Page](#)
- [Advent: Year C - Renew International](#)
- [Small Group Resources by The Pastoral Center](#)
- [The Schedule of Advent 2024 – Hallow](#)
- [Becoming Pilgrims of Hope – Sr. Janet Schaeffler](#)
- [Face to Face: Advent with Fr. Mike Schmitz](#)
- [Sacred Advent – Loyola Press](#)
- [Twenty-Third Publications](#)
- [Waiting with Joy by Sr. Donna Ciangio](#)
- [Little Blue Book - Advent](#)
- [Arts and Faith - Advent](#)
- [Ave Maria Press](#)
- [Dynamic Catholic – Best Advent Ever](#)
- [God is in the Manger: Reflections on Advent and Christmas](#)
- [The Infancy Narratives of Jesus – Little Rock Scripture Study](#)
- [The Chosen TV Series – Bible Study Guides](#)
- [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](#)
- [Word on Fire Advent Gospel Reflections 2024](#)

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

December 1 - 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](#)
- [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 ANGEL - A Catholic Alternative to Elf on a Shelf](#)
- [The Catholic Kids' Cookbook: Holy Days and Heavenly Food](#) – Word On Fire
- [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 29 - **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 5 - 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 12 - Baptism of the Lord

- [Why Do We Celebrate the 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?](#)