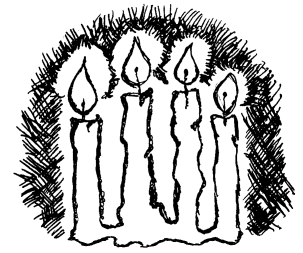

















2007 Advent Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
December 2  Buy or make an Advent wreath. Bless it and light the first purple candle each night this week.	3 Make an honest examination of conscience and ask for God's forgiveness and healing.	4  Let your Bible fall open and contemplate the reading the Holy Spirit puts before you.	5 Include in your Christmas cards a note about the blessings you have received this year. It will be a witness to God's love.	6  Show love on St. Nicholas Day by filling an old shoe with treats and leaving it outside someone's door.	7  Pick one habit that is keeping you from holiness. Resolve to conquer it during Advent.	8 In honor of Mary's Immaculate Conception, attend Mass and pray a Rosary. 	
9  Light two purple candles in the Advent wreath each night this week. Sit in silence and enjoy the quiet.	10 Set a timer or other reminder to help you pray every morning and every evening this month. Try to make it a permanent habit.	11 Make up a new prayer to say every day this month. Write it down and bring it out every year for Advent.	12  Buy a rose today in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. She used this simple flower to bring hope to millions.	13 Offer your parish a Christmas gift of your time, talent, or treasure. Describe it in a Christmas card that you send to your pastor.	14  In honor of St. John of the Cross, offer any suffering you experience today to Jesus.	15 Attend Confession today to ready your soul for the grace of Christ's birth!	
16  Light two purple candles and the pink one for joy. Look for one new thing at Mass today that you haven't noticed.	17 The presence of Jesus in our lives speaks of our hope in God's mercy and love. Today, list your reasons for hope in the future.	18 Light a candle and sit in silence for 15 minutes. Remember for whom you are waiting.	19 Pray anytime you have to wait today. Keep your prayer simple and begin with praise.	20 Put a lamp or electric candle in a window to welcome the Christ child. Light it each night until Christmas Day. 	21 Pray for the men and women in the armed services who won't be able to spend Christmas with their families.	22 Even if you live alone, put up and decorate a Christmas tree. 	
23  Light all four candles in the wreath tonight and all week. Reread today's Gospel reading, Matthew 1:18-24.	24 Set up your Nativity scene or crèche. Picture yourself in the scene and think about how you would act if you were there.	25 REJOICE!  Read the story of Jesus' birth in Luke 2:1-20.	26 Pray for those who are falsely accused of crimes in honor of St. Stephen's feast day today. Resolve to speak up against injustice.	27  Think of the Holy Family's flight to Egypt, and pray for all people forced to flee their homeland.	28  In remembrance of the feast of the Holy Innocents, pray for the victims of abortion.	29 To honor St. Thomas Becket today, pick one theme of the gospel and live it today.	
30 Make a list of all the good things God has brought into your life this year. Take some time to say "thank you."	31 In your New Year's resolutions, include one to pray more, attend to the Sacraments, or increase in holiness.	<p>"... For (un)to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11)</p> <p><i>"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole 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 room for them in the inn" (Luke 2:1-7).</i></p>				