

Advent Checklist

- Start the St. Andrew Novena on the first Day of Advent (Dec. 27) and pray it every day until Christmas Day
- Pray the Jesse Tree devotional with your family (Starts on Dec. 1)
- Celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas on December 6th- get children's shoe goodies ready and talk about the real St. Nicholas!
- Keep a prayer journal during advent and consider an Advent study or devotional
- Go to Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (*Holy Day of Obligation*)
- Celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th- Make rose cookies or Mexican hot chocolate!
- Celebrate the Feast of St. Lucy on December 13th- Make cinnamon buns and read a book about St. Lucy Day
- Watch "The Nativity Story" or a Brother Francis Christmas episode
- Write a love letter to your grandparents
- Go to confession
- Make a meal for one of your parish priests or invite them for dinner!
- Pray a family rosary for those who are lonely or struggling financially this season
- Buy toys for children who are in need- check your local parish to see if they have a toy/gift drive
- Sponsor a child
- Go to adoration together as a family
- Go through your things and donate to those less fortunate
- Find a way to serve the community- make "goody bags" for the homeless in your area or consider volunteering at a nursing home with your family
- Reach out to a friend or family member who you haven't connected with in a while.
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