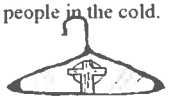
2026 Family Advent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 **November** **First Sunday of Advent** *"Be watchful! Be alert!"* (Mark 13:33). Bless your wreath, light the first violet candle, and name what you will watch for. 	30  Write a short family prayer for each day, or begin the St. Andrew Christmas Novena, prayed fifteen times daily.	1 **December**  Draw names for secret Advent Angels. Pray for your person daily and perform small, hidden kindnesses for them (Matthew 6:4).	2  Set out any jar or cup for spare change, even pennies. At Christmas, bring it to the parish poor box.	3 *"Do everything without grumbling"* (Philippians 2:14). Fast from whining today. Whoever slips names one thing they're thankful for. 	4 **First Friday** First Friday honors the Sacred Heart. Attend Mass, stop by church to visit Jesus, or pray together at home. 	5  *"Now is the hour to awake from sleep" (Romans 13:11).* Pick one put-off family chore and tackle it together.
6 **Second Sunday of Advent** *"Prepare the way of the Lord"* (Mark 1:3). Light the second violet candle. Each person names one way to prepare. 	7 Choose one story from the news and pray for the people involved at dinner or bedtime (CCC 2634). 	8 **The Immaculate Conception** Mary was conceived without sin (CCC 491). Attend Mass together, then pray a Hail Mary as a family at home.	9 **St. Juan Diego's tilma (cloak) became famous.** Gather a coat, hat, or blanket you can spare to donate, or pray together for people in the cold. 	10  Set out your nativity, or draw one together. Leave the manger empty and add one figure each day until Christmas.	11 **FAMILY GAME NIGHT!** Play a game, tell stories, or watch a movie together. The family is a "domestic church" (CCC 1656).	12 **Our Lady of Guadalupe** Place real or paper flowers by Mary's image, as roses filled Juan Diego's cloak. Pray the Hail, Holy Queen. 
13 **Gaudete Sunday** *"Rejoice always"* (1 Thessalonians 5:16). Light two violet candles and the rose one. Share a simple treat and thank God. 	14  Make a card or batch of cookies for an elderly or lonely neighbor or relative. Deliver it, mail it, or call them.	15 *"Do not worry about tomorrow"* (Matthew 6:34). Teach everyone this short prayer for worried moments: "Jesus, I trust in You." 	16  Share favorite family memories over a warm drink, then name times God helped your family. *"I will remember"* (Psalm 77:12).	17  The O Antiphons begin today. Put a lamp or battery candle in a window nightly to welcome Christ.	18 Everyone does one chore they dislike without complaining and offers it to Jesus, like St. Thérèse's "little way." 	19 "God never tires of forgiving us" (Pope Francis). Go to Confession; help children prepare by reviewing the Ten Commandments together. 
20 **Fourth Sunday of Advent** Mary said "yes" to God (Luke 1:38). Light all four candles and sing or read "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." 	21 Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem (Luke 2:4). Pray for everyone traveling this week and for refugees far from home.	22  The King is coming! Tidy up together, then pray for each person who will share Christmas with your family.	23 O Emmanuel, God with us! Talk about your favorite Advent practice and choose one to keep doing after Christmas.	24  Place Baby Jesus in the manger, read Luke 2:1-14 aloud, and sing "Joy to the World!" Celebrate Christmas Mass together.	*"When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger"* (Luke 2:15-16).	

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