










SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>1 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> Happy New Year! Celebrate the first day of the Church year by planning your calendar. Put out your Advent wreath if you haven't yet. <b>Please go through the bulletin and add all Masses, services, and events to your calendar.</b></p>	<p><b>2</b> Advent is a season of waiting in hope. How do you hope to grow closer to Jesus during the next 4 weeks?</p> 	<p><b>3 Memorial of St. Francis Xavier</b> Is there a chore in your household that you dislike and always hope someone else will do? Do that chore without anyone asking you.</p>	<p><b>4</b> What is something you are hoping to receive for Christmas? <b>Cross one thing off your Christmas list.</b> Ask your family to buy you one less thing for Christmas so they can do more for those in need this season.</p>	<p><b>5</b> Put out a shoe before bed. St. Nicholas comes tonight! Traditional gifts from St. Nicholas include oranges, coins (regular or chocolate!), and nuts.</p> 	<p><b>6 Memorial of St. Nicholas</b> St. Nicholas was known to secretly give things to people in need. Do something nice for someone today but do not tell them it was you!</p>	<p><b>7 Memorial of St. Ambrose</b> St. Ambrose was known for building a Basilica. We don't have a Basilica in Toledo, but we do have a Cathedral. Make time to visit the Cathedral of the Most Holy Rosary today. Say a prayer of thanks for Ambrose and the gift of the Basilica he had built.</p>
<p><b>8 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> Bake some cookies and deliver them to the neighbors.</p> 	<p><b>9 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception</b> This is not a holy day of obligation this year. Say a prayer for pregnant mothers and their unborn children. Collect diapers, baby food, clothes, or toys to donate to a crisis pregnancy center.</p>	<p><b>10</b> Pray for anyone who is struggling with their faith life. Are you struggling? Ask God to increase your faith. <b>Advent Penance Service: 7-8 pm, St. Ignatius</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> Celebrate gratitude for your priests! Buy or make them a card to bring to the Open House tomorrow night.</p> 	<p><b>12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> Attend the Rectory Open House from 4:30 to 7:30 pm!</p>	<p><b>13 Memorial of St. Lucy</b> Spend some time tonight in darkness: no TV, electronics, or artificial lights. Sit by candlelight and talk or play games with your family or read quietly.</p>	<p><b>14 Christmas Basket Delivery (am) &amp; Family Game Night (pm)</b></p>  <p>Join us! (details for both events in bulletin)</p>
<p><b>15 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass &amp; Celebration</b> Join us! (details in bulletin)</p>	<p><b>16</b> Do something to bring joy to someone who doesn't have enough joy in their life.</p> 	<p><b>17</b> Today marks the beginning of the 'O Antiphons'. Look them up if you do not know them. Then, read and reflect on Isaiah 11:2-3.</p>	<p><b>18</b> Spend your day smiling. When someone asks why, tell them you are full of joy since Jesus will be born soon! <b>Advent Reconciliation opportunity: 5-6 pm, St. Stephen Church</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> Read and reflect on Isaiah 11:1, 10.</p> 	<p><b>20</b> Read and reflect on Isaiah 22:22.</p> 	<p><b>21</b> Read Matthew 1:1-17. Start researching or writing out your family tree or go through old photos.</p>
<p><b>22 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> Pray for the strength to be more peaceful, especially when you are around those in your life you struggle to get along with. <b>Advent Reconciliation opportunity: 1:30-3 pm, Sacred Heart Church</b></p>	<p><b>23</b> Enjoy a homecooked family meal. Commit to discussion and time together instead of having the TV on. Live alone? Plan with a friend or neighbor.</p>	<p><b>24 Christmas Eve</b> Mass times: 4 pm, Sacred Heart 6 pm, St. Thomas Midnight, St. Stephen</p>	<p><b>25 Christmas Day</b> Mass times: 9 am, St. Thomas</p> 	<p><b>Wishing You a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!</b></p>		

Please see the bulletin for details on Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany Masses and services as well as other special events.