


SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>28 <u>1st Sunday of Advent</u> Happy New Year! Celebrate the first day of the Church year by putting out your Advent wreath if you haven't yet. It is also the first night of Hanukkah. Read 2 Maccabees 10:1-8 to learn more.</p>	<p>29 Have you helped with our parish Meal Train yet? Go to mealtrain.com/trains/nk9ovo to commit to helping. Thursdays aren't good? Consider sending Fr. Eric a gift card for Mexican or pizza (two of his favorites!). Put it in a Christmas card and you'll make his day!</p>	<p>30 Memorial of St. Andrew Read Mark 1:16-20 and think about the call of St. Andrew. Ask him to pray for you and help you see how Christ is calling you this Advent.</p>	<p>1 Do you have your FORMED account yet? This is great time to log onto formed.org and find something to watch. If not, set up your account and start browsing! Contact Kathy Fech for assistance.</p>	<p>2 What is something you are hoping to receive for Christmas? Cross one thing off your Christmas list. Ask your family to buy you one less thing for Christmas so they can do more for those in need this season.</p>	<p>3 Memorial of St. Francis Xavier St. Francis Xavier is patron of foreign missions. Who are the people who have brought Christ to you? Say a prayer of thanksgiving for them today and/or call to thank them.</p>	<p>4 Make an Examination of Conscience. You can find them online or in the parish app. If you haven't make a good confession this Advent, check the parish schedule and plan to attend.</p>
<p>5 <u>2nd Sunday of Advent</u> Reconciliation available today at STA from 1-3 pm. 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>6 Memorial of St. Nicholas Celebrate St. Nicholas Day by giving someone a card or gift- homemade is best but it's ok to purchase a gift as well.</p>	<p>7 Memorial of St. Ambrose Cook or serve food with honey today. Look up why St. Ambrose is the patron saint of beekeepers!</p>	<p>8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Make plans to attend Mass for this Holy Day of Obligation- 8:30 am at SS or 6 pm at STA.</p>	<p>9 Memorial of St. Juan Diego Juan Diego (through the miracle of Guadalupe) helped convert thousands of people. Who in your life needs to turn/return to Christ? Ask for Juan Diego's intercession for them.</p>	<p>10 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>11 Plan a family dinner and movie night. Live alone? Invite a friend or neighbor.</p>
<p>12 <u>3rd Sunday of Advent</u> The third Sunday of Advent is a day for joy. Consider attending the 10:30 am Mass at SH which will include the joyful celebration for Our Lady of Guadalupe.</p>	<p>13 Memorial of St. Lucy Look up some of the traditions in honor of St. Lucy. Pick one or two to keep today in her honor. Have a Lucy in your family? Take extra care to celebrate her Patron Feast Day!</p>	<p>14 Memorial of St. John of the Cross St. John spent a lot of time alone and in prayer. Commit to turning off all gadgets and spend some time in quiet prayer as a family today.</p>	<p>15 Do you struggle with patience? Take time to pray for patience and work hard at being patient with all you encounter today.</p>	<p>16 Listen to "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" today. Look up the "O Antiphons". Tomorrow begins these 7 verses which help us begin our countdown to Christmas.</p>	<p>17 The holidays can be lonely times. Make a list of people who have lost a loved one or live alone. Make a plan to contact one of them a day for the rest of Advent to let them know you are thinking of them.</p>	<p>18 What are some of your favorite holiday treats? Take some time to make at least one of them today and share that treat with a friend or neighbor.</p>
<p>19 <u>4th Sunday of Advent</u> Make a friend today-say 'hello' to someone you don't know after Mass and ask about their holiday plans. Get to know a "stranger" from our parish.</p>	<p>20 Pray for the world to be a more peaceful and just place for all.</p>	<p>21 As the nights get longer and colder, think of our Lord who was born into a stable. Say a prayer for those without adequate food and shelter. If you can, donate to help someone in need.</p>	<p>22 Make a fire or dine by candle light today. Turn off other lights and pray for the Light of the World, Jesus, to come into your heart in a special way this year.</p>	<p>23 Let's take time to prepare our homes for the holiday by cleaning. Listen to quiet music as you clean and think about Mary and Joseph preparing a home for Jesus.</p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve Mass times: 4 pm, St. Thomas 6 pm, Sacred Heart 11 pm, St. Stephen</p>	<p>25 Christmas Day Mass time 9 am, St. Thomas</p> 

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