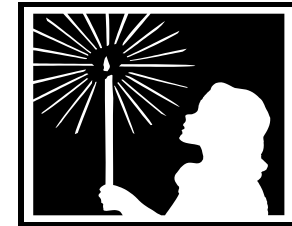


Advent 2013

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First Sunday -Put out your Advent wreath. -Say the blessing for the wreath.. -Light your first candle at your family meal.	-Begin your Jesse tree. (http://www.eriescd.org/jesstree.htm for complete daily devotions and orna-	St. Francis Xavier	Put our your Crèche. Collect pieces of straw to pad and warm Jesus' manger. Tell the story of St. Francis and the first Crèche.	Prepare for St. Nicholas Feast day with a story about him. Watch <i>The Boy Who Would be Santa Claus</i> from CCC. -Put out your shoes	Feast of St. Nicholas -Read the story of <i>The Baker's Dozen</i> . Enjoy some St. Nicholas Cookies.	Feast of St. Ambrose
8 econd Sunday -Light two Advent Candles -Chose your <i>Advent Angels or Secret Santas</i> today	9 Immaculate Conception -Do something nice for a pregnant lady today.	10 -Make a Piñata for the 12th	11	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe -Tell /watch/act out the story. -Have a big Mexican feast complete with Piñata.	13 Feast of St. Lucy -Make cinnamon rolls or St. Lucy buns for breakfast. -Let the youngest girl of the family serve these	14 St. John of the Cross
15 Third Sunday -Light that third candle, the pink one.	16 -Begin a Christmas Novena, like the one to the Infant of Prague -Or better yet, observe a Posada	17 Begin the "O Antiphons"	18 Put up your Christmas Tree (If you can wait that long! Bless it.	19 Tell the Candy Cane legend. -Make a quick gift from a candy cane and attach this story.	20 What is the best gift we can get for the Baby Jesus? -Read Tomie DePaolo's <i>Clown of God</i>	21 Have the family go to confession together. -Stop at your favorite pizza place afterwards.
22 -Light the fourth candle	23 Have a relaxing evening tonight! -Watch a family "Advent" movie like the <i>Nativity</i> or <i>It's a Wonderful Life</i> .	24 A simple but nice tradition before going to bed—even if you've stayed up for a real midnight Mass is to gather around the Christmas tree and say a Rosary.	25 The First Day of Christmas! Start the 12 Cookies of Christmas	26 2nd Day Feast of St. Stephen	27 3rd Day Feast of St. John	28 4th Day The Holy Innocents