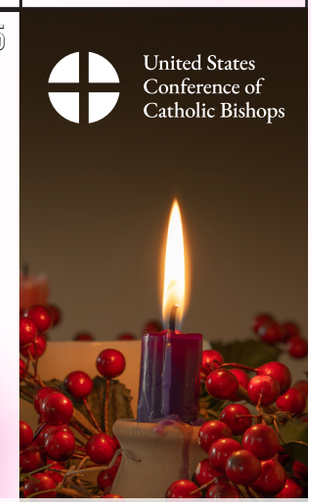
ADVENT CALENDAR 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 **The First Sunday of Advent** Begin your Advent journey by blessing your Advent wreath. Light the first violet candle and sing "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."	30 Today is the Feast of Saint Andrew, the first-called apostle and brother of Peter. Pray today for all those who help bring others to Christ.	1 What can you do this Advent to prepare your heart and life for the coming of Christ?	2 God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 1 Corinthians 1:9	3 Make plans to receive the gift of God's mercy in the Sacrament of Penance during this Advent season.	4 "We journey as if on a bridge that connects earth to Heaven, a bridge that the Lord has built for us. Let us always keep our eyes fixed on both shores, so that we may love God and our brothers and sisters with all our hearts in order to journey together and find ourselves one day united in the house of the Father." Pope Leo XIV, Homily November 29, 2025	5 Spend some time writing Christmas cards or sending Christmas greetings. Before bed, say a prayer of thanksgiving for all of the people who have enriched your life and strengthened your faith.
6 **The Second Sunday of Advent** On this Second Sunday of Advent, light two violet candles on your Advent wreath and ask God for the strength to be like John the Baptist, preparing the way of the Lord.	7 The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9	8 Today is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the patroness of the United States of America. It is a holy day of obligation. Offer your Mass intention today that the nation will live up to its founding principles, established 250 years ago.	9 Juan Diego carried the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe to his community. How can you share your faith by word or in action?	10 In the bustle of the holiday season, spend some time this week in silence and prayer, possibly before the Blessed Sacrament, to prepare your heart to receive the Lord at Christmas.	11 "Nothing is impossible to God. Let us prepare ourselves for his Kingdom, let us welcome it. The little child, Jesus of Nazareth, will lead us! He who placed himself in our hands, from the night of his birth to the dark hour of his death on the cross, shines upon our history as the rising Sun. A new day has begun: let us arise and walk in his light!" Pope Leo XIV, Angelus Address, December 7, 2025	12 Today is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe who appeared to Juan Diego as a pregnant indigenous woman. Pray for those who are experiencing difficult pregnancies and for those who are experiencing child loss or infertility.

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13 **The Third Sunday of Advent** Today is the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday. At this halfway point in the season of Advent, light two violet candles and the rose candle on your Advent wreath and Rejoice! For the Lord is near!	14 "Let us rejoice, since Jesus is our hope, especially in times of trial, when life seems to lose meaning and everything appears darker, words fail us, and we struggle to understand others." Pope Leo XIV, Angelus Address, December 14, 2025	15 According to custom, the Christmas tree is set up before Christmas and remains in place until the Solemnity of Epiphany. Share this blessing with your family and friends.	16 Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-19	17 Today marks the beginning of the "O Antiphons." This tradition, which comes from Evening Prayer, has been around since at least the eighth century. Make each day's antiphon part of blessing your evening meal or your bedtime prayers.	18 Use this blessing to bless the Nativity Scene in your home: Blessing of a Christmas Manger or Nativity Scene | USCCB	19 Invite someone who may be alone during the holidays to join you for Mass or another event at your church.
20 **The Fourth Sunday of Advent** On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, light all three violet candles and the rose candle on your Advent wreath and pray that the light of Christ will enter your heart so that you may share the warmth of God's love with those you meet.	21 "Piety and charity, mercy and abandonment… accompany us in these last days of Advent, towards Christmas. These are important attitudes that educate the heart to encounter Christ and our brothers and sisters. They can also help us to be, for one another, a welcoming manger, a hospitable home, a sign of God's presence." Pope Leo XIV, Angelus Address, December 21, 2025	22 The promises of the LORD I will sing forever; through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness. For you have said, "My kindness is established forever"; in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness. Psalm 89:2-3	23 In the bustle of Christmas celebrations, take a moment of silence to reflect on the gift of Jesus' Incarnation and to prepare to receive his Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist at Christmas Mass.	24 "To find the Savior, one must not gaze upward, but look below: the omnipotence of God shines forth in the powerlessness of a newborn; the eloquence of the eternal Word resounds in an infant's first cry; the holiness of the Spirit gleams in that small body, freshly washed and wrapped in swaddling clothes." Pope Leo XIV, Homily, December 24, 2025	25 "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:14	

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