RESURRECTION
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Dedicated to Growth in Christ and to the Challenges of Loving Service

OFFICE HOURS
Monday—Thursday: 8:30 am—12:30 pm; 1:30—3:30 pm
Friday: 8:30 am—12:30 pm

LITURGY SCHEDULE
Monday: Morning Prayer on Demand via YouTube
Tuesday-Friday: Mass 8:30 am
Friday: Holy Hour 9:00—10:00 am
Saturday: Mass 5:00 pm
Sunday: Masses 8:15 am & 10:15 am
(Sunday 10:15 am Mass live-streamed on Zoom & YouTube)

SACRAMENTS
Sacrament of Reconciliation: By Appointment
Sacrament of Baptism: Contact Deacon Patrick Conway to schedule a meeting and preparation classes.
Sacrament of Marriage: Bride & Groom must begin premarital preparation 6 months prior to date. Contact the Parish Office.
Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Parish Office to make an appointment

RESURRECTION PRAYER LINE
prayerline@resaptos.org

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL CEMETERY
Located next to the church
Contact Holy Cross Cemetery • 831-475-3222

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Welcome! Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived. If you are not registered, please fill out this form and place in the collection basket or mail to the parish office.

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ ❑Mobile or ❑Landline

Email: _____ ❑New Parishioner ❑New Address ❑New Phone Number

❑Moving—Remove from List ❑Please send contribution envelopes ❑I would like to sign up for Electronic Giving

Welcome to Resurrection Catholic Community



First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2026

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come."

— Mark 13:33

UPCOMING EVENTS

THE ANGELS ARE HERE!
You can help an Angel bring joy and hope to someone this Christmas. This year we're giving gifts to over 300 women, men and children—the poor, the suffering, the neglected of our county. Please select an angel from the tree, sign it out on the kiosk sign-out sheets (take an instruction sheet from the kiosk). After you purchase the gift, wrap it and securely tape the angel tag to the outside of the gift. You may place the gift under the Angel Tree in the church entrance or bring it to the parish office **no later than Sunday, December 13th at 11:30 AM**. This is a wonderful way to give Jesus his most ardent birthday wish: "Love one another as I have loved you." For more info, contact Deacon Patrick at 831-840-3750 (voice/text) Thank you for your compassionate outreach to our sisters and brothers in need!



SECOND COLLECTION FOR PARISH ASSISTANCE MINISTRY (PAM): This weekend, November 28 & 29. This collection provides money for rent, utilities, bus passes, and various other needs. Over the past 2 months (October, November to date) we have helped the community with 99 bags of food, 13 bus passes ($62.40) and three monetary assistance applications totaling $2,521.00, which covered rent assistance, car repair & utilities) You can also make an online gift by clicking "Donate Now" on our website https://resurrection-aptos.org the choose Outreach, type in PAM. Thank you for your generosity!



WOMEN'S GUILD BAKE SALE: You are invited to the Women's Guild Bake Sale after all the masses December 12 & 13th in Markey Community Center. Enjoy free coffee & hot chocolate while you shop. It's a time to do a little early Christmas shopping or just get a sweet treat for yourself. The Card Crafters & Mantles of Caring Knitting Group will have items available as well. Thank you.



LITURGY & SPIRITUALITY

ADVENT RESOURCE TABLE: Please stop by our Advent Resource table as you exit church today.

ADVENT RECONCILATION OPPORTUNITIES:

- Fridays during Holy Hour from 9:00 AM—10:00 AM
- Wednesday, December 16—7:00 PM Advent Reconciliation Service
- By Appointment



MAKE WAY FOR JESUS THIS ADVENT:
Looking for a simple way to stay connected to your Catholic faith? Sign up for The Bulletin from OSV News, a free weekday email featuring Catholic news and inspirational content delivered right to your inbox. This Advent, make more room for Jesus in your day and stay connected to the life of the Church. Scan the QR Code to sign up.

LIVE STREAM LITURGY SCHEDULE

- **SUNDAY 10:15 AM MASS via Zoom:** https://zoom.us/j/429472279 or open the Zoom app and join Meeting 429 472 279 or via our You Tube Channel.
- **SUNDAY MASS, NIGHT PRAYER, & MONDAY MORNING PRAYER are available On-Demand on our YouTube Channel and can be viewed or prayed at any time.**
- **You Tube:** Resurrection Church, Aptos

THE MASS NEVER ENDS—IT MUST BE LIVED!
We are invited to continue to reflect upon the Gospel reading (Mark 13:33-37) and homily as we live out our Eucharist this week. Reflect upon it in your heart and mind, and discuss it with your family, friends and faith community members.

- Have you ever had a "wake up call" in your life? How did you respond to that call?
- What are some things that you do (or might do) to be spiritually alert and watchful?
- "Jesus is the reason for the season." How will your thinking, praying and acting reflect this over the next several weeks?

DAILY READINGS:
https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading
You can listen to or read the readings, and watch a reflection video. You can also sign up to get the readings emailed to you every morning.



Mass Intentions for November 28—December 6

Saturday, 11/28
5:00 PM (RE) The People of the Parish, +Natividad Acosta, +Vincent Cordoni

Sunday, 11/29
8:15 AM (RE) +Alicia Fernandez

10:15 AM (RE) All Souls, +Martha Delfina Greene, +Charles Brown, +JoAnn Croffut

Monday, 11/30
On Demand Morning Prayer (YouTube)

Tuesday, 12/1
8:30 AM (RS) +Rosemary Matzerath, +Bill Warmerdam

Wednesday, 12/2
8:30 AM (RE) +Gregory Ackerson



Thursday, 12/3
9:00 AM (RE) +Michael Laflin

Friday, 12/4
8:30 AM (RE) +Lita Hebert

Saturday, 12/5
5:00 PM (RE) +Jane Salm, +Harry Reichstein, +Members of the Nance & Welling Families

Sunday, 12/6
8:15 AM (RE) The People of the Parish, +Deceased Warmerdam Children, +Francoise Debonnets, +Deceased members of the Moonie Family

10:15 AM (RE) +Jeanne Maurillo Sullivan, +Joyce Anne & Robert Asmussen, +Steve O'Sullivan

Celebrants:
RE=Fr. Romeo Evangelista, RS=Fr. Ron Shirley

FAITH FORMATION



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER FOR FAITH FORMATION FOR GRADES 1-5, FIRST EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION: Registration forms are available on our website, in the church entrance and the parish office.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Grades 1-5)
Classes continue on Thursdays from 3:45 PM—5:00 PM. Next class is December 3.

FIRST EUCHARIST is open to children in Second Grade or older who have had a previous year of religious education. Please contact Deacon Patrick at 831-840-3750 or dcnpatrick@resaptos.org

MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 6-8): Fr. Romeo will continue to lead our Middle School students on their faith journey this year! The next meeting will be held on Sunday, December 13 from 11:30 AM—1:00 PM in Markey Community Center—St. Elizabeth Conference Room.

PLEASE PRAY for ALL THOSE in NEED OF HEALING

Carlos
Emily
Kelly
Jeremy
Joanne
Raheem
Marlene Avona
Lauren B.
Cross/Boettcher/ Burghart families
Carlie Birch
Fran Boczek
Rick Braun
Betty & Jack Brocchini
Wren Buse
Mary Beth C.C. & Family
Tony & Vickie Cadiente
Marion Cernac
The Connair Family
John Conway
Tom Conway
Monica Crowley
Nancy Daves
Daniel DeMonner
Krystyna Derecki
Martha Dolciamore
Mary Donatoni
John Eaton
Alicia Enriquez
Lety Enriquez
Monica Esposito
Karen F.
Bert & Trent Feliss
Greg Finegan
Leticia Flores-McPherson
Jennifer Fries
Josue Garcia
Jackie Gehring
Dan Gibbs
Al Greeninger
Kelly Jo Hebert
Stephen Hedges
Laurel Henderson
Juliet Hoskins
Robert Higgins
Margaret Kain
Geri Karleen
Susan Kitsen
Marion Kusanovich
Clara Lauck
Joan Lawlor
Connie Lindberg
Carol Lopes
Franklyn Lopes, Sr.
Donald Lowery
Stacy Mariani
Dan Marcus
Theresa Martin
John McLeod
Mary McMenamy
Oliver Mendoza
Emilio Escoto Montagna
George Mungai
Carol Oberle
Connor Paulbitski
Fr. Larry Percell
Susan Pinkham
Israel Plascencia
Debi Preece
Ramona Pursley
Heidi R. & Family
Pablo R.
Chris, Kayla & James Randolph
Mary Repetti
Chellie Roberts
Hal Rovick
Jose Rufino
Scotland Settle
Dita Bou Sleiman
Taylor Spitzer
Diane Spoto
Henry Sprenger
Kim Stevens
Greg Stewart
Patrick Sweeney
Jim Van Lanen
Ron Victorino
Beverly Viglecca
Mike Viguerie
Gina & Rita W. & Family
Megan Walsh
Michael G. Walsh
Stephanie Walsh
Cris Warmerdam
Margaret Woolever
Maggie Young

If you'd like to add a name to this prayer list or need to remove a name please contact the office at resurrection@resaptos.org or call 831-688-4300.



PRAYER LINE: If someone you know is in need of prayer, please email prayerline@resaptos.org

What is the Prayer Line?
It is a place for you to let us know your prayer requests and provide more details (if you like) rather than just a name in the bulletin. The list of names in the bulletin is separate from the prayer line.

HIGH SCHOOL: (see Youth Ministry section)

ADULTS: IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BECOME A CATHOLIC? If you'd like to explore this possibility, please contact Deacon Patrick at 831-840-3750 or dcnpatrick@resaptos.org

YOUTH & CHILDREN SUNDAYS (GRADES K-12) Calling all our young people from K-12 to help us celebrate Mass in active roles as Greeters, Readers, Musicians, Acolytes, Ushers, and, if confirmed, Eucharistic Ministers. You are invited to help! Please call or email catechist Kendra Rickwald at 805-296-9560 or krickwald@gmail.com to sign up.

K-12 Sundays in 2026—2027

- **Sunday December 13th at 10:15 AM K-12 Mass**
- **Sunday, January 31st at 10:15 AM K-12 Mass & 11:30 AM-1:30 PM K-12 Lunch & Gathering**
- **Sunday April 18th at 10:15 AM K-12 Mass & 11:30 AM-1:30 PM K-12 Lunch & Gathering**

*Adults interested in helping with luncheon on January 31 and April 18, please contact Kendra Rickwald.

YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION (YEARS 1 & 2)
Confirmation Year 1 & Year 2 (2026-2027) has begun.

- **Confirmation Year 1—Next meeting will be Sunday, December 6** beginning with 10:15 AM mass followed by meeting until 1:00 PM in the Youth Center.
- **Confirmation Year 2—Next meeting will be Sunday, December 13** beginning with 10:15 AM mass followed by meeting until 1:30 PM.

Contact Mrs. Gabe Summers at gabrielle@resaptos.org or 831-345-1545

OUTREACH

THANKSGIVING GIFT CARD REPORT



You generously donated over $11,000 in gift cards and funds for our annual Thanksgiving food drive! Thank you so much! Over 40 families received gift cards to use not only for their Thanksgiving meals, but also for other groceries and gas. May your own Thanksgiving celebrations be blessed!

MEN'S GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: If you have lost a loved one and need support, you are welcome to attend a men's discussion and grief support group. The group meets every other week at the home of Mike Moriarty here in Aptos, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Coffee and refreshments will be served. Those interested please contact Mike at 831-713-7636 for directions.



IF YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED OR HOMEBOUND:
If you or a member of your family are hospitalized or homebound, please call to let us know. We want to visit you in the hospital or home, but are often unaware of your situation. Due to HIPAA regulations, hospitals will not contact us unless you specifically request it. In addition, if you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick please contact our office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR BULLETIN ADVERTISERS!



This week we are giving a shout out to: Hanover Guest Home. See the attached advertising page for all our advertisers. We are grateful for our advertisers continued support! Please support them and let them know you saw their ad in our bulletin!

SEEKING NEW BULLETIN ADVERTISERS



If you are looking for a product or service, please consider our bulletin advertisers first. We appreciate their support and want to support their businesses in return. And let them know you saw them in the bulletin. Advertising income contributes vital funds to our parish. Have you considered advertising your business? The advertiser page is printed quarterly and ad spaces are available for the next quarter (January/February/March). For as little as $43 per month your ad can reach over 2000 people every weekend. We highlight several of our advertisers in our weekly email, and in the bulletin each week. In addition, our bulletin is posted on our website. We are happy to work with you to design an attractive and effective ad (no additional cost for this). Information on ad rates and sizes is available at https://resurrection-aptos.org/. If you have any questions about advertising or know of a business that might be interested in advertising contact Karen Victorino, 831-688-4300, karen@resaptos.org by **December 1**. THANK YOU!

BOOK CLUB: We will be meeting on December 17 at 2:00 PM at the Pacific Roasting Company in Aptos to discuss Theo of Golden by Allen Levi. Feel free to contact Maria at 831-588-7934 if you have questions.



Stewardship of Treasure **PLATE COLLECTION November 21 & 22, 2026**	
Weekly Plate Collection: • **All Masses/Mailed In** • **Electronic (not available this week)** • **Total**	**$24,146.00** **$2,461.00** **$26,607.00**
Weekly Plate Collection Need (Budget)	**$12,370.00**
Plate Collection Average Fiscal YTD	**$14,246.00**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL SUPPORT!

Your donation can be mailed to the parish office at P.O. Box 87, Aptos, CA 95001-0087 or securely via our website https://resurrection-aptos.org, click on "Donate Now or click on the QR Code to the left. Thank you!!!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY
Refugee Foster Care Information Session - We are seeking nurturing families to welcome a refugee youth into their home. Join us virtually to find out more! December 3, 2026 at 6:30 PM or January 14, 2027 at 6:30 PM. RSVP at www.ccscc.org/refugee-foster-care or call 408-325-5107.



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:



Sunday, 11/29
- Advent Begins
- 11:30 AM—12:00 PM Gaffney Baptism (church)

Tuesday, 12/1
- 5:00 PM Faith Community Shelter (hall)
- 6:30 PM—7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Officer's Meeting (St. Francis Conference Room)
- 7:00 PM—8:30 PM Knights of Columbus General Meeting (St. Francis Conference Room)
- 7:00 PM—8:30 PM Pastoral Planning Team (via zoom)

Wednesday, 12/2
- 7:00 PM—8:30 PM First Eucharist Parent Meeting (via zoom)

Thursday, 12/3
- 9:30 AM—10:30 AM Staff Meeting (St. Elizabeth Conference Room)
- 11:30 AM—12:15 PM Seated Tai Chi (hall)
- 1:00 PM—1:45 PM Standing Tai Chi (hall)
- 3:45 PM—5:00 PM Grades 1-5 Faith Formation (MCC)

Friday, 12/4
- 9:00 AM—10:00 AM Holy Hour (church)
- 9:00 AM—10:00 AM Individual Confession (cry room)

Saturday, 12/5
- 8:30-AM—9:00 AM Meditation Group (WMC)
- (church & hall)

CCR=Church Conference Room;
WMC=Weekday Mass Chapel; YC=Youth Center
St. Elizabeth CR = Conference Room in the hall

Senior Resource Ministry

WHAT IS SENIOR RESOURCE MINISTRY?

Our Resurrection Parish supports a Senior Resource Ministry with a new volunteer coordinator, Cleta Keller who brings a vast amount of experience to this ministry. Rita Marseille, our previous volunteer, has had to step back due to work commitments. We thank Rita for her many years supporting our seniors. Cleta can be reached at cleta@resaptos.org or 831-688-4300. This Ministry exists to provide information about Senior assistance that may be available; referrals to agencies for transportation needs, or to hire someone for small repairs or caregiver services. Another resource for referrals is The Senior Network Services which is a local community nonprofit agency providing assistance to Seniors. They can be reached at 831-462-1433, or via their website which is: seniornetworkservices.org.

TAI CHI CLASSES—SEATED & STANDING
Markey Community Center



SEATED Tai Chi Thursdays
11:30 AM— 12:15 PM



STANDING Tai Chi Thursdays
1:00 PM— 1:45 PM

Tai Chi Participants: Please bring a water bottle to stay hydrated during and after the class. We will provide a pitcher of water/ cups and a light snack after classes. Donations are welcome.

- The class is free to all members of Resurrection. Participants are asked to wear loose, comfortable clothing and well-fitted shoes. **Please contact your physician FIRST, if you are unsure if you are medically able to take this class.**

Contact certified instructor, Pam Mensah at: pamluvschi@gmail.com or for more information about Tai Chi for Arthritis Program: https://taichiforhealthinstitute.org/

TAI CHI DAYS OFF

December 24-31

Find us on Instagram

Our handle is: resaptos

Or search for Resurrection Church

SENIOR SERVICES: From the March 1 Aptos Times: Damians Ladder is a local nonprofit that provides small home repairs for seniors and people with disabilities. Residents seeking services or interested in volunteering can call 831-200-1376.

Annual $10,000 Opportunity Drawing



Our annual $10,000 Opportunity Drawing will be held on **Sunday, December 6 after the 10:15 AM Mass**. This fundraiser is our largest one of the year and supports the parish and our ministries.

Seeking Prizes for our $10,000 Drawing

Suggested items: cash prizes in memory or honor of a loved one, gift cards to your favorite restaurant, retail store, grocery store, or experience (movie tickets, round of golf, museum gift cards, wine tasting, etc.)



If you have a specific material item such as a work of art, a basket of things, sporting goods, wine, etc., those are best saved for our annual auction in February, when people who want the items engage in lively bidding!

Please contact Karen Victorino at karen@resaptos.org or call 831-688-4300 if you have a prize to donate.

As of November 23, we have sold 333 tickets.
We are 22 tickets away from our goal of 355.

Some of our Prizes to Date:

Cash Raffle Prizes: $150 in memory of Tim Freitas, $150 in memory of Todd Scouten, $100 in memory of Dee Feci
Gift Cards: $50 Bookshop Santa Cruz; Four $25 Aldo's, Two $100 Trader Joe's, $25 Safeway, $50 Paradise Beach Grill, Two $25 Cinelux Movie Theatre, $100 Safeway, Four $250 Deluxe Foods of Aptos, $100 Brilliant Stones Boutique, $100 Hideout, $50 Trailside Books
Other Prizes: Bamboo Cooking Utensils, Spa Basket, Basket of Homemade Jams, Washing Dishes with the Saints Basket, Poetry Books by parishioner, Dr. Martina Nicholson, Custom Made Wooden Advent Candle Set with candles

How Can you Help?

1. **Purchase a drawing ticket** (or several). Tickets can be paid via cash, check, or credit card. You will need to call the office if you'd like to purchase tickets with your credit card. Tickets are $100.00 each
2. **Donate a new prize.** See above for suggested items.
3. **Pray for the success of this endeavor.** This is our major fundraiser for the year which supports the parish and all of our ministries.
4. Tickets are available after all the masses & in the parish office during office hours.

Thank you for your support!

RESURRECTION CHURCH—FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON

TO BENEFIT THE PARISH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 AT 11:30 AM

***FEATURING* OUR $10,000 ANNUAL DRAWING**



MENU INCLUDES:

A Variety of Sandwiches

- Ham & Swiss Sandwiches on Hawaiian Rolls
- Roast Beef & Cheddar on Hawaiian Rolls
- Chicken Salad on Croissants
- Caprese (tomato, mozzarella, basil, oil & vinegar) on Ciabatta Roll
- Vegan/Gluten Free Option (tomato, tofu, basil, oil & vinegar) on Gluten Free Bread
- Pasta Salad
- Green Salad
- Brownies
- Water, Coffee & Lemonade

$15.00 per adult & $5.00 per child (ages 5-12)

Tickets will be on sale after mass beginning Sunday, November 22. Tickets will be on sale in the parish office during office hours or anytime via our website: **https://resurrection-aptos.org, click on Donate Now,**

Choose Luncheon Ticket Adult and/or Luncheon Ticket Child

No physical ticket will be provided

ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES

Advent Reconciliation Opportunities:



- Wednesday, December 16—7:00 pm Advent Reconciliation Service
- During Holy Hour—Fridays from 9:00 am—10:00 am
- By appointment— please call the office to schedule.

Advent Retreats

https://praymoreretreat.org/

Savoring the Sacred (a one hour Advent Retreat)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nw-nQohcirM&t=3172s

Spirituality of Waiting by Henri Nouwen:

https://storage.snappages.site/QJBN6C/assets/files/Nouwen-A-Spirituality-of-waiting-1.pdf

Daily Readings: (read, print out, or listen)

https://bible.usccb.org/

Advent Gospel Reflections/Resources:

https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/advent/

https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/advent/

https://livingspace.sacredspace.ie/ac011/

https://www.wordonfire.org/

https://daily.formed.org/advent (Rooted—Rediscover the Jesse Tree)

https://www.ncronline.org/news/simple-advent-abundant-life-simplicity-time

Five Ways to Make Advent Less Stressful

https://notstrictlyspiritual.com/advent/5-ways-to-make-advent-more-serene-and-less-stressful/

Advent with St. Oscar Romero

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-GNhCS2VEJaZ7cDhmwUusvY6oKnUMzxy/view

The Season of Waiting—A Four Week Advent Devotional

https://katebowler.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Advent-2022-printable.pdf

An Advent Playlist

https://music.apple.com/us/playlist/marys-advent-2026-playlist/pl.u-oZyl4oaspXGbx4

Finding Hope & Joy in a World That Feels Dark
https://www.buzzsprout.com/1240406/episodes/18366779

Daily Video Reflections:

https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever

http://www.usccb.org/bible/reflections/

Prayer:

https://www.crs.org/advent-wreath

https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent/

https://hallow.com/

Guided Meditation
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9pWDC3iOYNU

Advent Saints:

https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/advent/inspiration/dont-forget-the-advent-saints

Celebrate St. Nicholas Day—December 6
https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent/about-st-nicholas.html?srsltid=AfmBOorxTAWeW2XaGFGQUCnU5MogPhc2kIzTL0QBdSIBRXKP8WzUG2aC

Free Advent, Christmas & Epiphany Resources

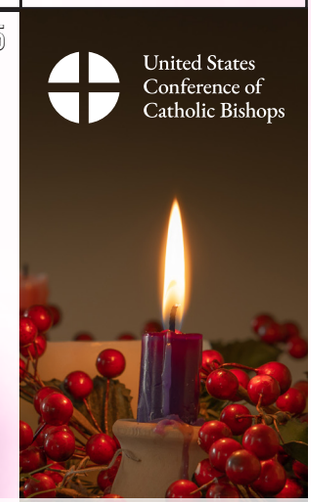
https://pages.smp.org/post/liturgical-calendar/advent-christmas-and-epiphany-resources



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.

ADVENT CALENDAR 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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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