








<p>Dec. 3. First Sunday of Advent. Light one purple candle on Advent wreath to enter Advent.</p> 	<p>Dec. 4. Advent is a time of faith renewal. Reflect on how to participate in Advent: charity, penitence, and prayer.</p>	<p>Dec. 5. There are many ways to be charitable during Advent!</p>	<p>Dec. 6. If you will buy gifts for people through a charity (giving trees, etc.), there is usually a deadline so gifts can be distributed - plan to participate.</p>	<p>Dec. 7. Visiting people who are homebound, hospitalized, or otherwise limited is a meaningful way to be caring.</p>	<p>Dec. 8. Christmas-related volunteerism is great! Churches and community organizations announce holiday-related activities for which volunteers are needed.</p>	<p>Dec. 9</p> 
<p>Dec. 10. Second Sunday of Advent. Light two purple candles of Advent wreath.</p> 	<p>Dec. 11. We are called to participate in Penance at least twice per year - during Advent and Lent. Attending more often is, of course, a good practice.</p>	<p>Dec. 12. Some people engage in a daily Ignatian Examen, a look at one's behavior, at day's end. Cleaning up our behavior regularly is a good practice.</p>	<p>Dec. 13. Are there challenging aspects of your life that you've been putting on the back burner? Reflect, find renewal-focused ways to address these challenges.</p>	<p>Dec. 14. God loves us. Advent is a time of hope, love, and healing!</p>	<p>Dec. 15. What can you do for someone else this week to help them feel loved?</p>	<p>Dec. 16</p> 
<p>Dec. 17. Third Sunday of Advent. Light two purple candles&one pink candle on Advent wreath.</p> 	<p>Dec. 18. How can you deepen your prayerful encounter with God during Advent? More time in prayer? A new approach to prayer?</p>	<p>Dec. 19. If regular prayer is not currently on a part of your day...take up praying twice per day, five minutes each time.</p>	<p>Dec. 20. There are many way to pray! Rote prayer, lectio divina, "talking to God," intercessory prayer, contemplative prayer, singing, attending church.</p>	<p>Dec. 21. Starting today, try a type of prayer that isn't a regular part of your prayer life.</p>	<p>Dec. 22. Which church events are you attending over Christmas?</p>	<p>Dec. 23.</p> 
<p>Dec. 24. Fourth Sunday of Advent. Light all four candles on Advent wreath.</p> 	<p>Dec. 25. Christmas Day. Celebrate the birth of Christ.</p>	<p>This Advent Calendar includes photos taken by the calendar's blogger. The photos on Dec. 9 and Dec. 23 are each "three" of something - homemade candles and Christmas cactuses - as reminders of The Trinity. What can you do at home to incorporate Advent into your daily life (Advent-themed photography, artwork, holiday musical events, etc.)?</p>				