

# Resource Guide for December

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## ADVENT GUIDE OF RESOURCES- RECURSOS PARA EL ADVIENTO

### What it is, Advent Calendar with Activities, Lesson Plans, Prayer Suggestions

<http://usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-resources/advent/index.cfm> (2013 interactive calendar)

<http://www.thereligionteacher.com/advent-activities/>

<http://catholicmom.com/faith/advent/>

[http://www.catholicmom.com/advent\\_kids.htm](http://www.catholicmom.com/advent_kids.htm)

<http://www.loyolapress.com/liturgical-year-about-advent.htm>

<http://www.osv.com/OSV4MeNav/ChurchSeasons/AdventResources/DefinitiveGuidetoAdvent/tabid/7301/Default.aspx>

<https://www.osvparish.com/ResourceLibrary/LiturgicalYear/Advent/tabid/281/itemId/36/Advent.aspx>

<http://www.catholic.org/advent/>

[www.catholicmothersonline.com](http://www.catholicmothersonline.com) Search for Advent

[www.bustedhalo.com/advent](http://www.bustedhalo.com/advent)

- Video of Advent in 2 minutes: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S02K0lw7dIA>

[Ignatian Advent Resources](#)

<http://www.smp.com/Advent/Advent.php> Excellent Online Advent Calendar

<http://www.cptron.org/prayer/child/adv.html> Simple Children's prayer for Advent

Crafts in English and in **Spanish**. Advent Calendars, PowerPoints, videos, and more

<http://familiacatolica-org.blogspot.com/2011/11/fiesta-de-enlaces-para-adviento.html>

Advent Lesson plan [http://info.sadlier.com/religion-blog/bid/98377/advent-lesson-and-prayer-celebration?source=Blog\\_Email](http://info.sadlier.com/religion-blog/bid/98377/advent-lesson-and-prayer-celebration?source=Blog_Email) [Advent%20Lesson%20and%20Pr]

Advent Calendar sample daily resolutions: <http://www.raisingarrows.net/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/Advent-Blessings.pdf>

Advent through the lens of art! Weekly videos that comment on a work of art related to the Sunday liturgy <http://loyolapress.com/arts-and-faith-advent.htm>

Coloring pages <http://ministry-to-children.com/advent-coloring-book/>

### Spanish-

<http://www.aciprensa.com/fiestas/Adviento/index.html>

[http://www.reflejosdeluz.net/doc\\_adv/advientoynavidad.htm](http://www.reflejosdeluz.net/doc_adv/advientoynavidad.htm)

[http://mercaba.org/DIESDOMINI/ADVIENTO/para\\_vivir\\_adviento.htm](http://mercaba.org/DIESDOMINI/ADVIENTO/para_vivir_adviento.htm)

## Liturgical Notes for Advent

<http://usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-resources/advent/liturgical-notes-for-advent.cfm>

Year A liturgical planning for Advent [http://www.canticanova.com/planning/year-a/p\\_advt\\_a.htm](http://www.canticanova.com/planning/year-a/p_advt_a.htm)

## Scripture Passages

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent: Stay Awake! (Mt 24:37-44) Cycle A begins. Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>

- Lectio Method 1: Text Meditation
  - 1. What word or phrase first touched you? 2. What word or phrase comforts or affirms you? 3. What word or phrase challenges you or calls you to change?
- Advent means coming and it's about Jesus coming as a newborn (*past*), about his promised coming (*future*, Second Coming) and his coming into our lives every day through the Holy Spirit in others and in the Eucharist (*present*).

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent: John the Baptist (Mt 3:1-12). Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>

- Lectio Method 2: Retell the Story
  - Using images provided, tell the story in your own words
  - For older kids, you could ask them to make a commercial, skit, make their own cartoon, or ask who would John the Baptist be today?
- John the Baptist's message of repentance is as important today. Examine your conscience and go to confession. Pray for His grace.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent: Jesus is the One (Mt 11:2-11) Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>

- Lectio Method 3: Word Meditation
  - Drawing on the Gospel, create a phrase using the seven letters of MESSIAH
    - Ex: "Jesus saves and heals mankind from sins amidst incredulity". Or "My every step says I am He."
      - Mankind
      - JEsus
      - Saves
      - Sins
      - Incredulity

- Amidst
- Heals
- Draft the wording for a help-wanted ad with the title: “Wanted: Prophet for the Kingdom of Heaven”

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent: God is with Us (Mt 1:18-24) Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>

- Visual Divina. (Ex: Dream of St. Joseph by Luca Giordano)
  - What touches you in this painting? What figures and objects do you see? Why did the artist include them? What is God saying to you as you meditate on this painting?
- [www.textweek.com](http://www.textweek.com) has an index of images by book of the bible. Also use Google querying the Bible passage.
- Joseph chose to not be afraid, but to have faith in God, and lived that faith by taking Mary “into his home”. Research St. Joseph. When are his feast days and what is he a patron of?



### Hymns / Cantos

- O Come, O Come Emmanuel. Coloring page!



<http://www.pinterest.com/pin/564920346979691714/>

- Come Thou Long Expected Jesus
- The King of Glory
- Rorate Caeli
- Hark the Herald's Voice Resounding
- On Jordan's Bank
- The Coming of Our God
- The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came
- Wake, Awake for Night is Flying
- Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending
- Conditor Alme Siderum
- **Spanish:** music plus liturgical notes
  - <http://musikliturgik.blogspot.com/search/label/Tiempo%20de%20Adviento>
    - Includes this downloadable music plus more:
      - <http://musikliturgik.blogspot.com/2010/06/24-cantos-de-adviento-y-navidad-carmelo.html>

- <http://musikliturgik.blogspot.com/2011/10/en-misa-y-cantando-adviento-y-navidad.html#more>
- <http://www.obispadogchu.org.ar/cancionero/05adviento/>
- <http://www.angelfire.com/music/maranattha/adviento.html>

## PowerPoints

<http://www.slideshare.net/anjelasolis/the-seasonofadvent11963931691443834-15614861>

<http://www.slideshare.net/1annie/the-season-of-advent>

**Spanish** <https://www.cathdal.org/files/Adviento.ppt>

## Advent Wreaths and Blessing of the Advent Wreath

<http://usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-resources/advent/about-advent-wreaths.cfm>

<http://usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/blessings/objects/blessing-of-an-advent-wreath.cfm>

**Spanish** (un video *excelente* que explica la Corona. Hacer clic en un botón que aparecerá *después* del link “Haz clic en la vela para encenderla”) <http://www.missionkits.org/tarjetas/adviento10/>

**Spanish. Oraciones** para rezar con la corona de Adviento.

- <http://catequesissagradafamilia.blogspot.com/2010/11/oracion-corona-de-adviento-version-para.html>

## Jesse Tree / Árbol de Jesé

<http://www.loyolapress.com/the-jesse-tree.htm>

**Spanish**

<http://tiempoparalafamilia.blogspot.com/search/label/%C3%81RBOL%20DE%20JES%3%89%20%28ADVIENTO%29>

## Books

*Advent Arts and Christmas Crafts* by Jeanne Heiberg. Paulist Press. 1995

*A Catholic Family Advent: Prayers and Activities* by Susan Hines-Brigger. Franciscan Media. 2012.

*Meeting Jesus Through the Jesse Tree: Stories and Activities for Advent* by Anne Neuberger. 23<sup>rd</sup> Publications. 2013

**Spanish** *El Año Litúrgico en Familia* by Xhonané and Miguel Olivas. [http://www.amazon.com/El-A%C3%B1o-Lit%C3%BArgico-en-Familia/dp/0985085819/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1383167111&sr=8-1&keywords=el+ano+liturgico+en+familia](http://www.amazon.com/El-A%C3%B1o-Lit%C3%BArgico-en-Familia/dp/0985085819/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1383167111&sr=8-1&keywords=el+ano+liturgico+en+familia)

## Meditations for Advent

Advent Day by Day <http://www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/CU/preview.aspx?id=257>

For each week of Advent <http://www.cptryon.org/prayer/adx/admedit.html>

Weekly video reflections <http://www.ignatianspirituality.com/advent/>

47 min reflection <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent/clifton-advent-12.html>

**Spanish**

- Muy buenas meditaciones de 2 minutos: <http://missionkits.org/tarjetas/adviento12/index.html>
- [http://mercaba.org/LITURGIA/Adv/retiro de adviento 01.htm](http://mercaba.org/LITURGIA/Adv/retiro_de_adviento_01.htm)

**Spanish** (Va con otro año litúrgico pero tres se pueden aplicar a este año litúrgico. Hacer click en cada vela, comenzando con la vela morada.) <http://www.missionkits.org/tarjetas/adviento10/>

## More Creative Activities / Manualidades

<http://www.evangelizacioncatolica.org/2/post/2011/11/rbol-de-adviento.html>  
<http://familiacatolica-org.blogspot.com/p/galeria-de-ideas-de-familia-catolica.html> (see n. 116-121)

## Whole Community Catechesis

- An Advent Event [http://gospelforallages.com/fall\\_event\\_13.pdf](http://gospelforallages.com/fall_event_13.pdf)

## Mobile Apps for Christmas and Advent

For iPhone, iPad and Android <http://www.familyrosary.org/en/TheRosary/MobileXmas.aspx>  
 Children's Advent Calendar, iPhone and iPad app <http://www.childrenbible.org/> described in <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WhhWK2Er10k>

## THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

<http://www.catholic.com/tracts/immaculate-conception-and-assumption>

### Spanish

<http://www.es.catholic.net/mariologiatodoacercademaria/570/1421/articulo.php?id=4481>  
<http://www.mariologia.org/dogmas/dogmasmarianosinmaculada.htm>  
[http://www.corazones.org/maria/ensenanza/inmaculada\\_conc.htm](http://www.corazones.org/maria/ensenanza/inmaculada_conc.htm)  
<http://familiacatolica-org.blogspot.com/2011/12/folders-liturgicos-para-el-mes-de.html>

Cantos Marianos <http://catholic-church.org/iglesia/maria/cantos.htm>

## OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

### Spanish

<http://www.aciprensa.com/Maria/amlat/advmexic.htm>  
<http://es.catholic.net/escritoresactuales/251/846/articulo.php?id=8895>  
<http://familiacatolica-org.blogspot.com/2011/12/folders-liturgicos-para-el-mes-de.html>

Cantos Marianos <http://catholic-church.org/iglesia/maria/cantos.htm>

## LAS POSADAS- A RELIGIOUS EVENT

English description and video with the Spanish songs and lyrics  
<http://www.catholic.org/clife/advent/story.php?id=48757>

Articles with Description

<http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/activities/view.cfm?id=962> and  
<http://www.americancatholic.org/news/report.aspx?id=3711>

Video Description in English [Las Posadas YouTube](#)

**Spanish** [Las Posadas: Historia; Guion para pedir posadas; Primera- Novena Posada](#)

Música Navideña

[Vamos, Vamos Pastorcitos; Villancicos](#)

[Las Posadas y más](#)

Artesanía

[Como hacer Piñatas YouTube](#)

[Luminarias y mucho más](#)