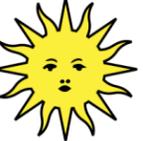
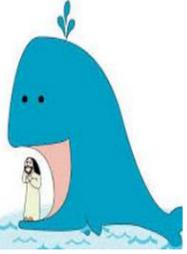


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> <p>Bless the wreath & light 1 candle</p> <p><i>The waiting has begun!</i></p> 	<p>4 St. John Damascene, Priest <i>Patron of Sacred Art</i></p> <p>An apple and a snake recall Adam & Eve's Original Sin; what sins will you confess this Advent?</p> 	<p>5 Advent Weekday</p> <p>A globe represents God's gift of creation;</p>  <p>what do you do to preserve God's gift for the future?</p>	<p>6 Saint Nicholas <i>Patron of Children</i></p> <p>Noah's ark and rainbow recall God's promise to save us; do you use the Sacraments to be saved?</p> 	<p>7 Saint Ambrose, <i>Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i></p> <p>Need a Psalm of comfort? Pray Psalm 139 ... no harp is needed!</p> <p>IC Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm</p> 	<p>8 SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION</p> <p>Wear something BLUE to Mass in honor of our Blessed Mother.</p> <p>7:00 am & 8:30 am 12:00 noon & 7:00 pm</p>	<p>9 Saint Juan Diego</p> <p>Does your home have an image of Bethlehem's crèche?</p> 
<p>10 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> <p>Light 2 candles</p> <p><i>Prepare the way of the Lord; reflect on the deeds of old.</i></p> 	<p>11 Saint Damascus I, Pope</p> <p>A slingshot and rock recall how David slew Goliath; what weapons do you use against evil and temptations?</p> 	<p>12 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE <i>Patroness of the Americas</i></p> <p>There are many symbols for our Blessed Mother: a white lily, a rose from the hymn 'Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming.'</p> 	<p>13 Saint Lucy, Martyr</p> <p>A king's crown recalls those God chose to lead His people.</p>  <p>Do you pray for our leaders?</p>	<p>14 Saint John of the Cross, <i>Priest & Doctor of the Church</i></p> <p>Adam and Eve hid their sin behind a fig leaf; what sins are we trying to hide?</p> 	<p>15 Advent Weekday</p> <p>Joseph and his many colored coat recall his sibling rivalry and family feuds; how can you lessen tensions in your own family?</p> 	<p>16 Advent Weekday</p> <p>In God's Peaceable Kingdom, lion and lamb rest together;</p>  <p>pray for peace in your family and among all people.</p>
<p>17 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Gaudete [Rejoice] Sunday</i></p> <p>Light a rose colored & 2 other candles</p> <p><i>Rejoice! The Lord is near!</i></p> 	<p>18 Parish Penance Service</p> <p><i>God's wonders of old cannot compare to the grace offered us today in the Sacraments! Come to our Penance Service at 7:30 pm.</i></p>	<p>19 O Flower of Jesse's Stem</p> <p>A tree stump recalls God's promise to raise up a Savior from Jesse's offspring; have we lost hope in God's promises?</p> 	<p>20 O Key of David, controlling at your will the gate of heaven</p> <p>A Star of David and menorah remind us to pray for our Jewish brothers and sisters on this last of the eight days of Hanukkah.</p> 	<p>21 O Radiant Dawn, shine on those who dwell in the shadow of death</p> <p>In these days of long nights and darkness, the sun reminds us of the eternal dawn of life.</p> 	<p>22 O King of the Nations, O Keystone of the Mighty Arch of Man</p> <p>A ram's horn recalls Joshua and the fallen walls of Jericho; how have we walled off God or His Church?</p> 	<p>23 O Emmanuel & Savior come and set us free</p> <p>A shell recalls Saint John the Baptist, who prepared the Lord's way; do we prepare the way of the Lord?</p> 
<p>24 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> <p>Light all 4 candles</p> <p><i>Lord Jesus, bring joy and peace to us!</i></p> <p>See Special Mass Schedule!</p> 		<p>26 SAINT STEPHEN, DEACON <i>The First Martyr</i></p> <p>As Abraham was willing to offer up his son Isaac, Saint Stephen freely offered himself; what sacrifices do you make?</p> 	<p>27 SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST</p> <p>A hammer and saw recall Saint Joseph, who gave up his plans for life to live for Jesus; do we do the same?</p> 	<p>28 THE HOLY INNOCENTS</p> <p>A whale recalls Jonah's failed attempt to flee from God and His call; are we as foolish?</p> 	<p>29 Fifth Day within the Octave of Christmas</p> <p>In Jacob's dream he saw a ladder leading up to heaven; do you use all God has revealed to us to get to heaven?</p> 	<p>30 Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas</p> <p>Sometimes God used Angels in salvation history; do you pray to your Guardian Angel and all Angels for help?</p> 
<p>31 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH</p> <p><i>Just like Jesse, the father of King David and all his offspring, we, too, are part of God's holy family! Come to Mass as a family to receive the special Holy Family Blessing.</i></p>	<p>1 The Blessed Virgin Mary <i>Holy Mother of God</i> New Year's Day 2018</p> <p>Start 2018 with holy Mass: 7:30 - 9:00 & 10:30 am 12 noon</p> <p>No Vigil Mass this year as Holy Family Sunday takes precedence!</p>	<p>2 SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST</p> <p>We are the sheep of God's flock; are you among the lost sheep? How close are you to the Good Shepherd?</p> 	<p>3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus</p> <p>A baby recalls the Infant Jesus and all babies, born and unborn, who need our prayers and support.</p> 	<p>4 Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton</p> <p>Just as Moses met God in a burning bush, we must also seek God in the strange and unexpected ways of life!</p> 	<p>5 Saint John Neumann</p> <p>A tablet or scroll and quill recall Zechariah being struck mute; are we mute about our Faith?</p> 	<p>6 Vigil of the Epiphany</p> <p>A camel recalls the Magi's visit; come to this evening's Epiphany pageant.</p> 

To make this Advent/Christmastime more spiritual, reflect on - or even create - that day's Jesse Tree Ornament ... and then color in each day as it passes.