



2018 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CALENDAR for Missionary Children and Families

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<p>2 First Sunday of Advent Create a family Advent wreath. Light the first candle on your wreath. Pray as a family each week.</p>	<p>3 St. Francis Xavier, Patron of the Missions, Feast Day, brought the Word of God to Africa and Asia. Pray for the children and Missionaries of these mission lands today.</p>	<p>4 Spend time as a family determining one way each week you can save some money, perhaps by giving something up, to make a donation to the Missions through MCA.</p>	<p>5 Learn to pray the World Mission Rosary at www.phillymissions.org Pray a decade for families in Asia and color the Beads yellow.</p> 	<p>6 St. Nicholas Follow the example of Saint Nicholas on his Feast Day. Surprise someone with an act of kindness today.</p> 	<p>7 Do a household chore today, without being asked.</p> 	<p>8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Mary was born free of sin. Say 3 Hail Mary's for unborn babies.</p> 	
<p>9 Second Sunday of Advent Go to Mass as a family. Light two candles on your Advent wreath. Read today's Gospel.</p> 	<p>10 St. Juan Diego (feast celebrated December 9th) had the important work of sharing Our Lady's message with his Bishop for the world. How can I share Jesus' message with others?</p>	<p>11 Make a Christmas card for a teacher. Pray for him or her and for catechists who teach about Jesus in the Mission lands.</p> 	<p>12 Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. What is the story of Mary who appeared to Juan Diego?</p> 	<p>13 There are many children who do not have friends. For each friend you see at school today, give a MCA donation for Advent. Thank God for your friends.</p> 	<p>14 Memorial of St. John of the Cross, who grew up in an orphanage. Give up a treat today to help the children in one of the 9,552 orphanages run by the Church in the Missions, over half in Asia.</p> 	<p>15 Pray a decade of the World Mission Rosary for families in Africa. Color the green beads on your World Mission Rosary sheet.</p> 	
<p>16 Third Sunday of Advent Go to Mass! Light the first two candles and the pink candle on your Advent wreath and pray together for families in need.</p>	<p>17 Learn about the Mexican tradition of <i>Las Posadas</i>, reenacting the journey Joseph and Mary took to find shelter before the birth of Jesus.</p> 	<p>18 Forgive someone who has hurt you. Plan time for your family to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas. Pray for peace in places in the Missions where there is conflict.</p> 	<p>19 Make an MCA donation for every classroom you enter today. Pray for children who are not able to go to school because they have to work.</p> 	<p>20 At each meal today, think about those who are hungry and in need of food and shelter, in your area and half a world away. Skip dessert or snack and make a donation to MCA.</p> 	<p>21 Spend time with a loved one instead of watching TV or playing video games.</p> 	<p>22 Pray a decade of the World Mission Rosary for families living in Oceania. Color the blue beads on your World Mission Rosary.</p> 	
<p>23 Fourth Sunday of Advent Read about Jesus' birth Matthew 1:18-25</p> 	<p>24 Make a point to hug everyone in your family today. Pray for a child in the Missions who may not feel loved, and pray that a Missionary reaches him or her with God's love.</p> 	<p>25 Happy Birthday Jesus! Celebrate the <i>Birth of the Christ Child</i> by joyfully thanking God for the great gift He has given you, the gift of His Son.</p> 	 <p>World MISSION SUNDAY, 2018</p>				
<p>EXTRAORDINARY YEAR OF MISSION Beginning October 21, 2018 through October, 2019</p>							