




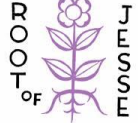




SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						¹ Set up your Advent wreath. If you do not have one, make or buy one!
² 1st Sunday of Advent Happy New Year! Celebrate the first day of the Church year by planning your calendar. Per an official request from Fr. Gilbert, please see the sections of this bulletin with special Masses and events. Add them to your personal calendar.	³ Memorial of St. Francis Xavier 1st Night of Hannukah Jesus would have celebrated Hannukah. Read 2 Maccabees 10:1-9 about the beginning of this annual celebration for the Jewish people. 	⁴ <i>Jesus is the light of the world. Spend some time tonight in darkness: no TV or artificial lights. Sit by candlelight and talk with your family. Live alone? Call a loved one!</i>	⁵ <i>Put out a shoe before bed. St. Nicholas comes tonight! Traditional gifts from St. Nicholas include oranges, coins (regular or chocolate!), and nuts.</i> 	⁶ Memorial of St. Nicholas St. Nicholas was known to secretly give things to people in need. Do something nice for someone today but do not tell them it was you!	⁷ Memorial of St. Ambrose St. Ambrose was known as the "Honey-Tongued Doctor". Eat some honey or cook/bake with it today!	⁸ Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception-Holy Day of Obligation Attend Mass for the Holy Day! Check bulletin for details. Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass & Celebration Join us! Check bulletin for details.
⁹ 2nd Sunday of Advent Spend some time reading Luke 2:1-20 today. Pray to ready your heart for Christmas.	¹⁰ <i>Enjoy a homecooked family meal. Commit to discussion and time together instead of having the TV on. Live alone? Plan with a friend or neighbor!</i>	¹¹ <i>Say a prayer for pregnant mothers and their unborn children. Collect diapers, baby food, clothes, or toys to donate to a crisis pregnancy center.</i>	¹² Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Look up the apparition of Guadalupe at Tepeyac.	¹³ Memorial of St. Lucy Write letters of gratitude to our priests and bring them to the Open House. Children can make cards or draw pictures!	¹⁴ <i>Bake some cookies and deliver them to the neighbors. Don't know them? Great time to introduce yourself!</i> 	¹⁵ <i>Check the parish bulletin for details on how you can help with the today's delivery of the Christmas baskets. If you can't join us, find another way to give to those less fortunate.</i>
¹⁶ 3rd Sunday of Advent Attend the parish Lessons and Carols service. 	¹⁷ <i>Today marks the beginning of the 'O Antiphons'. Look them up if you do not know them. Then, read and reflect on Isaiah 11:2-3.</i>	¹⁸ <i>Read and reflect on Isaiah 11:4-5.</i>	¹⁹ <i>Read and reflect on Isaiah 11:1, 10.</i> 	²⁰ <i>Read and reflect on Isaiah 22:22</i>	²¹ <i>Read and reflect on Isaiah 9:2.</i>	²² <i>Read and reflect on Isaiah 9:6.</i> 
²³ 4th Sunday of Advent Read and reflect on Isaiah 7:14. Read Matthew 1:1-17. Start researching or writing out your family tree or go through old photos.	²⁴ Christmas Eve 	²⁵ Christmas Day	Have a happy, holy Christmas and a joyous, prosperous 2019! With loving prayers, The Staff at Epiphany of the Lord Parish			