

ADVENT IDEAS FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

ADVENT WREATH: Do not over complicate this project. The simplest Advent wreath will do. A ring of greenery and four candles. If Advent has already started, that's ok. Just put your wreath together, then light the first candle one evening and let it burn down a little. [For ideas.](#)

ST. NICHOLAS DAY: Have the kids put their shoes out, tell them the story of St. Nicholas (see reverse side). Fill the shoes with goodies (a few cookies in a plastic bag or bags of chocolate coins. Or make this your baking Christmas Cookies day. Some great ideas at [Catholic Company](#).

GO TO MASS:

December 8: The Feast of the Immaculate Conception 9:00 am and 7:00 pm at Holy Family Catholic Church. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. [Further reading.](#)

December 13: The Feast Day of St. Lucia (Lucy): This is a Sunday. Attend mass and then drive around at night and look at Christmas Lights. This tradition started because her name means "light". Maybe make some St. Lucy Buns! (The buns were flavored with saffron because their color was reminiscent of sunlight.) [RECIPE.](#)

December 15: The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Make some tacos for dinner! If you have a statue to Our Lady of Guadalupe, set her on the table as a centerpiece. 7:00 pm at Holy Family Catholic Church. [Further reading.](#)

RECONCILIATION: Attend confession as a family. This is a great way to prepare for the coming of our Savior.

NATIVITY SET: Put it front and center in your home. Have the three kings travel around your house every day on their way to the manger. There are many websites that have printable nativity sets for the young ones in your home.

[Free printable nativity set.](#)

CHRISTMAS CAROLS: Sing Christmas Carols when in the car or at home. Embrace the season and don't worry if you are tone deaf. [Carols.](#)