



Our Advent Wreath

Happy New Year! The season of Advent spans the first four Sundays of the new church year. During Advent, we wait for Jesus—and Christmas!

Make an Advent wreath with your family. On a heat-resistant surface, surround four tea lights with four flat rocks and four wooden stars. You can add other nonflammable decor from around your home. Each week look for the card that shows new words added to a star and a rock. Use permanent marker to write these words on the rock and star in your family's wreath.



Tuesday, November 30

It is St. Andrew's Day! St. Andrew is a famous saint in many European countries. He is best known for introducing his brother, Peter, to Jesus. As a disciple, Andrew is also credited with telling Jesus about the boy who had five loaves and two fish that Jesus blessed and then used to feed more than 5,000 people. Celebrate St. Andrew's Day by donating bread and canned fish to a local food shelf.



Sunday, December 5

Second Sunday of Advent

Jesus had many family members whose stories are in the Bible. This week's gospel story is about Jesus' cousin, John the Baptist. During Advent, we also hear the stories of Jesus' mother, Mary; father, Joseph; and relatives Elizabeth and Zechariah. Draw your family tree (however you define *family*). Write down your favorite thing about each person you know on your family tree. Then share it with them!



Sunday, December 19

Fourth Sunday of Advent

The color of Advent is blue. In many churches, Advent candles are blue and blue paraments are displayed in the worship space. In honor of the last Sunday of Advent, enjoy blue brunch together today! Have a brunch with blue foods—blueberry pancakes, blueberry jam, cereal with blue milk.



Thursday, January 6

Epiphany of Our Lord

One Epiphany tradition is the chalking of the doors. Use chalk to mark a blessing for 2022 above your front door. The traditional Latin blessing, *Christus mansionem benedicat*, means “May Christ bless our home.”

God with us, bless our home.

Keep our family safe when we are home and away.

We mark our door with your blessing:

20 + C + M + B + 22

May all who enter here be filled with your love. Amen.