







Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>1 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b></p> <p>Bless the wreath &amp; light <b>1</b> candle</p> <p>My own personal <u>Patron Saint</u> is <b>Saint N.</b> [A 'freebie' question.]</p> 	<p><b>2 Advent Weekday</b></p> <p>The <u>Patron Saint of Priests</u>, whose Feast Day is August 4, and who spent hours hearing confessions each day, is <b>Saint N.</b></p> <p>[In his honor, go to <u>Confession</u> this Advent.]</p>	<p><b>3 Saint Francis Xavier, Priest</b> <i>Patron of Missionaries</i></p> <p>The first American citizen to be canonized feared the sea - yet crossed the Atlantic nearly 30 times; her Feast Day is November 13, and she is the <u>Patron Saint of Immigrants: Saint N.</u></p>	<p><b>4 St. John Damascene, Priest</b> <i>Patron of Sacred Art</i></p> <p>The <u>Patron Saint of Finding Lost Items</u> was born in Portugal on 08-15-1195; he died on 06-13-1231 in the town by which he is known; he is <b>Saint N.</b> Extra credit if you know his 'finding prayer.'</p>	<p><b>5 Advent Weekday</b></p> <p>This poor man was almost forgotten since his name is so close to a biblical villain's name; he is the <u>Patron Saint of Impossible Causes</u> and his Feast Day is October 28, and he is <b>Saint N.</b></p>	<p><b>6 Saint Nicholas, Bishop</b> <i>Patron of Children</i></p> <p>Based on pious legends that he died a peaceful death, this <u>Patron Saint of the Dying</u>, who is also <u>Patron Saint of Workers</u> and of <u>The Universal Church</u>, is <b>Saint N.</b></p> <p>Extra credit if you know both of his <u>two</u> Feast Days.</p>	<p><b>7 Saint Ambrose, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b></p> <p>I hope none of our parents need/needed her, but the <u>Patron Saint of Wayward Children</u> is also the mother of an eventual Saint; her name is <b>Saint N.</b>, and her son's name is <b>Saint N.</b></p>
<p><b>8 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b></p> <p>Light <b>2</b> candles</p> <p>The <u>Patron Saint of the United States of America</u> is our greatest 'Saint: N.</p> 	<p><b>9 SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BVM - transferred</b></p> <p>The <u>Patron Saint of Those with any Illnesses</u> - who also had visions in which the BVM declared herself to be 'The Immaculate Conception' - is <b>Saint N.</b></p>	<p><b>10 Advent Weekday</b></p> <p>One of the <u>Patron Saints of Catholic Schools</u>, and of <u>Seafarers, Troublesome In-Laws</u> and <u>Widows</u>, and who once danced with our first President at his Second Inaugural Ball, is <b>Saint N.</b></p>	<p><b>11 Saint Damasus I, Pope</b></p> <p>In our prayers for an increase in Priestly Vocations from our Parish, ask the <u>Patron Saint of Seminarians, Bishops &amp; Cardinals</u>, whose Feast Day is November 4, to help; his name is <b>Saint N.</b></p>	<p><b>12 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE</b> <i>Patroness of the Americas</i></p> <p>The <u>Patron Saint of Indigenous Peoples</u> had his first vision of <u>Our Lady of Guadalupe</u> on 12/9/1531; he is <b>Saint N.</b></p> 	<p><b>13 Saint Lucy, Martyr</b></p> <p>On October 18 we honor the <u>Patron Saint of Physicians</u>, whom Saint Paul called "the beloved physician" [Colossians 4:14] and who is also the <u>Patron Saint of Bachelors, Surgeons, Artists, Students</u> and <u>Butchers</u>; it is <b>Saint N.</b></p>	<p><b>14 Saint John of the Cross, Priest &amp; Doctor of the Church</b></p> <p>Don't 'choke' on this one, but the <u>Patron Saint of Those with Diseases of the Throat and Every Other Illness</u>, whose Feast Day is February 3, is <b>Saint N.</b></p>
<p><b>15 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <i>Gaudete [Rejoice] Sunday</i></p> <p>Light a <b>rose-colored</b> &amp; <b>2</b> other candles</p> <p>The <u>Patron Saint of Joy, Humor, Hope &amp; Comedy</u> is <b>Saint N.</b></p> 	<p><b>16 Advent Weekday</b></p> <p>You may have to 'dig a little deeper' to recall that the name of the <u>Patron Saint of Funeral Directors</u> is <b>Saint N.</b> [Did you know this generous grave-giver' is also a Saint?]</p>	<p><b>17 O Wisdom, O holy Word of God</b></p> <p>Although he is not on our calendar as his Feast Day is May 1, the <u>Patron Saint of Those Combating Cancer, AIDS and Other Illnesses</u> is extremely busy these days; he is <b>Saint N.</b></p>	<p><b>18 O Sacred Law of Israel, who gave the Law to Moses</b></p> <p>The <u>Patron Saint of Expectant Mothers, Those with Conception or Childbirth Challenges</u>, and the <u>Unborn</u>, whose Feast Day is October 16, is <b>Saint N.</b></p>	<p><b>19 O Flower of Jesse's Stem</b></p> <p>The <u>Patron Saint of Florists</u> should be easy to guess if you recall her 'nickname.' The name of this Doctor of the Church, whose Feast Day is October 1, is <b>Saint N.</b></p>	<p><b>20 Parish Penance Service</b></p> <p>Two of the best known <u>Patron Saints of Sinners</u> are: <b>Saint N.</b>, from whom Jesus drove out 7 demons - and <b>Saint N.</b>, who made the ultimate, last-minute, deathbed confession.</p>	<p><b>21 O Radiant Dawn Splendor of Eternal Light</b></p> <p>Pray for safe journeys to the <u>Patron Saint of Travelers</u> who lost his Feast Day on our calendar [it was July 25] but is still considered a valid intercessor: <b>Saint N.</b></p>
<p><b>22 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b></p> <p>Light all <b>4</b> candles</p> <p>The <u>Patron Saint of Children</u> is about to make his annual appearance: jolly old <b>Saint N.</b> [When was his feast day?]</p> 	<p><b>23 O Emmanuel &amp; Savior come and set us free</b></p> <p>To help get our voices in tune to sing out all those beautiful Christmas Carols, we implore the intercession of the <u>Patron Saint of Musicians: Saint N.</u></p>	<p><b>24 Christmas Eve</b></p> <p>On this night a donkey bore our Blessed Mother to the first creche; the <u>Patron Saint of Animals</u> is <b>Saint N.</b></p> <p>[When is this very popular <u>Patron Saint of the Environment's</u> Feast Day?]</p>		<p><b>26 SAINT STEPHEN, DEACON</b> <i>The First Martyr</i></p> <p>Another martyred Deacon, purportedly grilled to death, is the <u>Patron Saint of Cooks</u>; his Feast Day is August 10 and his name is <b>Saint N.</b></p>	<p><b>27 SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE &amp; EVANGELIST</b></p> <p>Her breasts were severed during her martyrdom in 251; but in recent decades, this <u>Patron Saint of Those with Breast Cancer</u>, Feast Day: February 5, is quite busy; she is <b>Saint N.</b></p>	<p><b>28 THE HOLY INNOCENTS</b></p> <p>Don't 'lose your head' over unbaptized or unconverted loved ones; pray to the <u>Patron Saint of Baptism &amp; Conversion: Saint N.</u> who has 2 Feast Days. Extra credit if you know them both!</p>
<p><b>29 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH</b></p> <p>Our Blessed Mother's parents are also - logically - the <u>Patron Saints of Grandparents</u>; their Feast Day is July 26, and their names, according to tradition, are: <b>Saints N. &amp; N.</b></p>	<p><b>30 Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas</b></p> <p>The <u>Patron Saint of Dentists, Dental Work and Toothaches</u> had her teeth wrenched out during her martyrdom; honored on February 9, she is <b>Saint N.</b></p>	<p><b>31 New Year's Eve</b></p> <p>Tonight, pray to the <u>Patron Saint of Brewers, Bartenders and Wine Makers</u>; I doubt anyone knows this man, who lived from 584-675; may <b>Saint Amand</b> keep imbibers safe!</p>	<p><b>1 The Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Mother of God</b> <i>New Year's Day 2020</i></p> <p>Start the New Year with holy Mass: <b>5 pm New Year's Eve</b> <b>10:00 am &amp; 12:00 noon</b></p>	<p><b>2 Sts Basil/Gregory Nazianzen Bishops/Doctors of the Church</b></p> <p>If you're hurting today, the <u>Patron Saint of Hangovers</u> and of <u>Preventing Them</u> is <b>Saint Bibiana</b> whose name in Latin 'bibulus' means 'to be fond of drinking.' [Sober up &amp; check her out on the Web!]</p>	<p><b>3 Holy Name of Jesus</b></p> <p>Every sports fan and sports player should know that the <u>Patron Saint of Athletes</u> is <b>Saint N.</b></p> <p>[01/20/2019 bulletin article - his Feast Day - was about this wounded martyr.]</p>	<p><b>4 Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton</b></p> <p>The <u>Patron Saint of Philosophers</u> also wrote the oldest, <i>non</i>-biblical account we have the holy Mass; he was martyred in 165 and his Feast Day is June 1; he is <b>Saint N.</b></p>