

2021 Advent Calendar Trivia Questions **Answers in red**

11/28 Most Sunday Gospels in Cycle C, which starts today, are from which Gospel? **Luke's Gospel**

11/29 What are the first three words in the first Book of the Bible, Genesis 1:1? **"In the beginning"**

11/30 According to only John's Gospel, who was the first man called to be a disciple? [Don't think too hard!]
Saint Andrew; today is his Feast Day!

12/01 What are the first 3 words in John's Gospel: 1:1
"In the beginning"

12/02 According to Matthew, Mark and Luke, [not John - see 11/30] who was the first man called to be a disciple?
Saint Peter

12/03 Which is the only Gospel that records the Parable of the Prodigal Son and our Lord's forgiveness of Dismas, the Good Thief?
Luke's Gospel

12/04 Which is the only Gospel that records the arrival and giving of the Magi's three gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh?
Matthew's Gospel

12/05 'Adventus' is a Latin word meaning: a. Adventure. b. Coming. c. Waiting. **b. Coming**

12/06 The shortest of the four Gospels, which, in its original form, has no account of any appearances of the Risen Lord, is the Gospel according to which Evangelist? **Mark**

12/07 According to John's Gospel, who were the two people to whom Jesus spoke His last words from the Cross before He died? What did He say to them?
Blessed Mary & Saint John; He entrusted them to each other

12/08 Pray one Hail Mary for our Country **[no question]**

12/09 Which Marian apparition did St. Juan Diego see? Which Pope canonized Juan Diego a Saint?
Our Lady of Guadalupe; Pope Saint John Paul II in 2002

12/10 What is the House of Loreto? Where was it originally? Where it is now? Who added this Feast Day to the liturgical calendar? **The Holy Family's home in Nazareth, now in Loreto, Italy; Pope Francis in 2017**

12/11 Which Saint is credited with creating the first Crèche or Nativity Scene? **Saint Francis of Assisi**

12/12 What is the English translation of the Latin word 'Gaudete'? **'Rejoice'**

12/13 The name Lucy/Lucia means 'Light' [Lux/Lucis]. She is depicted with a candle, bringing light into darkness. What was her original Feast Day [from the 500's!] before it became 12/13? **12/21, the shortest day of the year**

12/14 What are the three levels of the Sacrament of Holy Orders? **Deacon, Priest, Bishop**

12/15 Contrary to popular belief, Catholics hold the Bible, God's holy Word, in very high esteem; which Saint famously said "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ!"?
Saint Jerome

12/16 In John's Gospel, the first four words Jesus said on Easter to the Apostles in the Last Supper's Upper Room are the same four words only a Bishop may use to greet us at holy Mass; what are they? **"Peace be with you."**

12/17 Although he was called King Solomon the Wise, what was the grand total of wives and concubines he had according to the Bible? 10? 100? 500? 1,000? **1,000!**

12/18 The last Canon or 'Church Law' states that "the supreme law of the Church" is: a] making everyone a Catholic; b] the salvation of souls; c] establishing justice and world peace. **b] the salvation of souls**

12/19 What does the word 'Christmas' literally mean?
Christ's Mass or the Mass celebrated on His Nativity

12/20 After Adam and Eve committed the Original Sin, who did God place to guard heaven's shuttered gates? And what did he/she/it hold?
Genesis 3:24: The cherubim and a fiery revolving sword

12/21 Which Saint famously stated: "He must increase; I must decrease?" About whom was this Saint speaking?
John the Baptist was speaking about Jesus

12/22 Most Scripture scholars believe Luke got his information from two main people; who are they?
Our Blessed Mother and Saint Mark

12/23 What is the English translation of the word, 'Emmanuel'? **God-is-with-us.**

12/24 When was the beloved Christmas carol 'Silent Night' first sung? The 1500's - 1800's or 1900's? In what Country? On what instrument?
1818; in Germany; a guitar after the organ broke down

12/25 Merry Christmas **[no question]**

12/26 In traditional, orthodox icons, which one of the three members of the Holy Family is NOT usually depicted? Why?
Saint Joseph; because he's not the father

12/27 The Bible's shortest verse is found in John's Gospel, 11:35; it is just 3 words; what are they?
And Jesus wept.

12/28 Who was the king who ordered the massacre of the Holy Innocents? And he ordered all boys up to what age to be massacred? **Herod; all boys up to age 2**

12/29 Which is the SHORTEST of the Church's SIX Liturgical Seasons or Times? Can you name all SIX? **From the longest to the shortest time: Ordinary Time; Eastertime; Lent; Advent; Christmas, Sacred Paschal Triduum**

12/30 To which Country did the Holy Family flee to escape King Herod's murderous plans for the Child? **Egypt**

12/31 What are the non-biblical or traditional names of the Magi or Three Wise Men? **Balthasar, Melchior, Caspar**

01/01 What do the Scottish words, 'Auld Lang Syne' literally mean? **"Old long since" or "Long, long ago"**