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the weekly family faith formation planner

by peanutbutter&grace

Nov. 25–Dec. 1 • 34th Week in Ordinary Time

Bible verse

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth.

Revelation 1:5

Saint quote

“I really only love God as much as I love the person I love the least.”

Servant of God
Dorothy Day

Family challenge

Prepare for Advent (Dec. 2).

Learn more about one of this week’s saints.

Talk about, then practice, the Works of Mercy.

Check out the articles about these ideas at pbgrace.com.

★ SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Listen for: How is the kingship of Jesus different from other kings?

★ MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Bl. James Alberione (1884-1971)

This priest founded two orders to spread the Gospel through modern media.

★ TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

St. Leonard of Port Maurice

(1676-1751) A great Franciscan preacher who set up 500+ Stations of the Cross.

★ WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

St. Catherine Labouré (1806-1876)

The simple French nun to whom the Virgin Mary gave the Miraculous Medal.

★ THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Dorothy Day (1897-1980)

The laywoman who spent her life turning Catholic social teaching into reality.

★ FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

St. Andrew (apostle)

Originally a disciple of John the Baptist, he followed Jesus at John’s urging.

★ SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

St. Edmund Campion (1540-1581)

The Jesuit priest martyred for defying laws banning priests in England.

In December...

...we celebrate the Divine Infancy.

...the pope asks us to pray that we find the best way to proclaim the Gospel to every culture.

We’re praying for...

Our mission this week:

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St. Nicholas

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December 2–8 • First Week of Advent

★ Get Advent ideas

Bible verse

“Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.”

Luke 21:28

Saint quote

“If you have two shirts, one belongs to you and the other to the man with no shirt.”

St. Ambrose

Family challenge

Celebrate St. Nicholas Day. Celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Pray with your Advent wreath.

Check out the articles about these ideas at pbgrace.com.

★ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

First Sunday of Advent

“The days are coming...” Listen for what Jeremiah and Jesus say about the future.

★ MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

St. Francis Xavier (1506-1552)

One of the first Jesuits, he went all over Asia, including India, Japan, and Malaysia.

★ TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

St. John Damascene (657-749)

This composer of hymns and Doctor of the Church defended the veneration of icons.

★ WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

St. Sabas (b. 439)

Sabas became a monk when he was a boy; he is the founder of eastern monasticism.

★ THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

St. Nicholas of Myra (270–343)

The bishop of Myra whose legend inspired the story of Santa Claus.

★ FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

St. Ambrose (340-397)

The bishop who defied the emperor, composed new hymns, developed Christian doctrine, and converted St. Augustine.

★ SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

The Immaculate Conception

The solemnity celebrating that Mary was born free of original sin.

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Our mission this week:

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December 9–15 • Second Week of Advent

Bible verse

“Prepare the way of the Lord.”

Luke 3:4

Saint quote

“It is best to learn silence so that God may speak.”

St. John of the Cross

Family challenge

Go Christmas caroling.

Light two candles on your Advent wreath.

Celebrate St. Lucy Day with candles.

Make a Jesse Tree.

Pray the rosary for Our Lady of Guadalupe.

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★SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

Second Sunday of Advent

Listen for: Mountains being laid low and valleys being filled, for...what?

★MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

Bernard of Quintavalle (d. 1241)

A wealthy citizen of Assisi, and the first to give away everything to follow St. Francis.

★TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Ven. Fulton Sheen (1895–1979)

As a priest and bishop, he preached to millions of Americans on radio and TV.

★WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

The title given to Mary when she appeared to Juan Diago in 1531.

★THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

St. Lucy of Syracuse (d. 304)

A young Christian martyr whose feast day is celebrated as a festival of light.

★FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

St. John of the Cross (1541-1591)

A friend of St. Theresa of Avila, he is known for his deep spiritual writings.

★SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

Blessed Mary Frances Schervier

(1819-1876) Founder of the Sisters of the Poor of St. Francis, who served prisoners, prostitutes, and wounded soldiers.

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Our mission this week:

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December 16–22 • Third Week of Advent

Bible verse

“Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.”

Luke 3:11

Saint quote

“Make my soul to glow and melt with the love of Christ my Lord.”

Bl. Jacopone da Todi

Family challenge

Pray a Christmas Novena (Dec. 16).

Sing the O Antiphons (Dec. 17).

Shop for a food shelf.

Send the pope a birthday card!

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★ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

Third Sunday of Advent

“Shout for joy!” Today is **Gaudate Sunday**: Listen for the word *joy*.

★ MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

St. Jose Manyet y Vives

(1833-1901) This priest spent his life promoting the spirituality of the Holy Family.

★ TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

Blessed Anthony Grassi (1592-1671)

Getting struck by lightning while praying “charged up” this priest’s devotion to God.

★ WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

Blessed Pope Urban V (1310-1370)

The humble Benedictan monk who became a humble, reforming pope.

★ THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

St. Dominic of Silos (c. 1000-1073)

A Benedictine monk widely known for the gift of healing.

★ FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

St. Peter Canisius (1529-1597)

The great Jesuit theologian, reformer, preacher, and Doctor of the Church who wrote the first Catholic catechism.

★ SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

Blessed Jacopone da Todi (d. 1306)

The rich lawyer who turned to a life of penance after the death of his wife.

We’re praying for...

Our mission this week:

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December 23–24 • Fourth Week of Advent

Bible verse

“He has raised up for us a mighty Savior, born of the house of his servant David.”

Luke 1:69

Family challenge

Write letters to the baby Jesus.

Light your Advent wreath.

Practice patience.

Look for the Noel Sky.

Sing all the verses of O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

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★SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Listen for the connection between the birth of Jesus and the promise God made to King David.

★MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

St. Adele (d. 730)

A German princess and the mother of St. Gregory of Utrecht; after her husband's death, she founded a convent and became a good friend of St. Boniface.

Christmas Eve

Today is also the Vigil of the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, better known as Christmas Eve.

Here are some things you can do:

- Light the Advent wreath one last time.
- Read aloud the ★**readings for the Vigil Mass** (Isaiah 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1:1-25).
- Decorate your Christmas tree, if you haven't already.
- Wrap some presents to leave under the tree for Jesus.
- If you're expecting a visit from Santa, leave out a treat...and go to bed early.

We're praying for...

Our spiritual gifts wish list...

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December 25–January 1 • Octave of Christmas

★ **World Day of Peace**
(January 1)

Bible verse

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:1

Saint quote

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another.

St. John

Family challenge

Talk about what makes your family holy.

Read the pope's World Day of Peace message.

Make spiritual resolutions for the New Year.

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★ **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25**

The Nativity of the Lord

It's Christmas! In today's readings, listen for joyful news.

★ **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26**

St. Stephen (1st century)

A deacon and the first Christian martyr.

★ **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27**

St. John (apostle)

One of Jesus' most beloved apostles.

★ **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28**

The Holy Innocents (first century)

The children killed by King Herod.

★ **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29**

St. Thomas Beckett (1118-1170)

The Archbishop of Canterbury, killed in his church by King Henry's knights.

★ **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30**

Feast of the Holy Family

Today we look to the Holy Family as a model for making our own families holy. Listen for: A story about Jesus as a boy.

★ **MONDAY, DECEMBER 31**

St. Columba (257-273)

A young Christian martyr.

★ **TUESDAY, JANUARY 1**

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

It's also the Octave (eighth) Day of Christmas and the World Day of Peace.

We're praying for...

Our spiritual goals this year:

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