Advent 2026: Mission to the Manger

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 Read Sunday's Gospel, Mark 13:33-37, and reflect on one word that stood out to you.	**30** Pray the first decade of the Joyful Mysteries, the Annunciation, and offer it up for someone in your life who doesn't practice the faith.	**1** Donate toys. An option could be to donate toys to a St. Vincent de Paul thrift store.	**2** Research volunteer opportunities where you can serve the hungry this Advent, or donate food or finances to a food pantry.	**3** Pray the first decade of the luminous mystery of the Rosary.	**4** Give something up this Friday, whether it's meat, social media, TV, sweets, or another delight you typically enjoy daily, and offer it up for someone who needs healing.	**5** Get involved in the community: volunteer, donate clothes or old items, or make a charitable donation to an organization with a focus on serving the poor.
6 Practice Christian hospitality: invite a friend over for dinner or meet friends for dinner and bring food or treats.	**7** Read the Mass's first reading, Isaiah 35:1-10 and contemplate one word that stood out to you.	**8** In addition to Mass for the Holy Day of Obligation, pray a decade of the Rosary and offer it up for someone who doesn't go to Mass.	**9** Message the person you prayed for yesterday, giving them words of affirmation or inviting them to Mass.	**10** Surprise someone in your life with a small gift — this could be as simple as bringing someone coffee or making someone lunch.	**11** Give up social media or television for the evening and spend at least 10 minutes of it in silent prayer.	**12** Go to Mass to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray the Rosary, attend a local celebration, or watch educational videos about the apparitions.
13 Pray a full rosary. Bonus if you do it with family members or friends!	**14** Spend 10 minutes in silent prayer.	**15** Go work in the Lord's vineyard: volunteer, donate old items, or make a charitable donation to an organization that serves the poor.	**16** Read today's Mass reading, Isaiah 45:6-8, 18, 21-25, and think about a word or phrase that stood out to you.	**17** *Reflection*: In the busyness of Advent, it's easy to forget that Christ is our ruler. Where have you made yourself your own ruler of your life?	**18** Based on what you contemplated yesterday, find one way to act out that obedience to the Lord by giving something up this Friday.	**19** Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation, or prepare to bring it before God in tomorrow's Mass.
20 Journal for 10 minutes on what God said to you during today's Mass.	**21** Pray the second Joyful Mystery of the Rosary	**22** Message someone you've been praying for, giving them words of affirmation or inviting them to Mass.	**23** As we anticipate Christ, what have we held back from the manger? Find one task that you did not perform and perform it	**24** Christmas Eve can be hectic. Contemplate how your feet can follow the way of peace?	**25** Today, reflect on the journey of Advent	dmdiocese.org/LivingAdvent