Week Two of Advent



Swipe for daily challenges, Bible snippets, and themes

DAY 8

Daily invitation, 12/6

Adults: Prepare the way of the Lord! Practice Christian hospitality: invite a friend over for dinner or meet friends for dinner and bring food or treats — potluck style!

Children: Tell a family member a specific reason why you love them.

> *As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:*
> *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;*
> *he will prepare your way.*
> *A voice of one crying out in the desert:*
> *"Prepare the way of the Lord,*
> *make straight his paths."*
>
> *An excerpt from today's Gospel, Mark 1:2-3*

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DAY 9

Daily invitation, 12/7

Adults: Read the Mass's first reading, Isaiah 35:1-10 and contemplate one word that stood out to you.

Children: Read Isaiah 35:1-10 from the Bible and ask your parents or a teacher at least one question about what you read.

> *Be strong, fear not!*
> *Here is your God,*
> *he comes with vindication;*
> *With divine recompense*
> *he comes to save you.*
>
> *An excerpt from today's reading, Isaiah 35:4*

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DAY 10

Daily invitation, 12/8

Adults: Today is a holy day of obligation! In addition to Mass, pray at least one decade of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary to grow closer to Our Lady and offer it up for someone who doesn't go to Mass.

Children: Pray one decade of the Rosary, and think about how Jesus loved us so much that he sacrificed his life on the cross.

> *Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.*
> *May it be done to me according to your word."*
> *Then the angel departed from her.*
>
> *An excerpt from today's Gospel, Luke 1:38*

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DAY 11

Daily invitation, 12/9

Adults: Message the person you were praying for, giving them words of affirmation or inviting them to Mass this Advent.

Children: Say a prayer for someone today who is hurt or needs healing. Ask God for healing and comfort for the person.

Reflection:
God invites us — fallen mankind — to participate in his redemptive mission to save the world. He did this in a powerful way by giving the Virgin Mary the responsibility of bearing His only begotten son, Jesus Christ. Mary's response was yes. God isn't calling you to mother his Son, but he does have a calling for you to advance His kingdom on this side of heaven. How are you responding?

DAY 12

Daily invitation, 12/10

Adults: Surprise someone in your life with a small gift — this could be as simple as bringing someone coffee or making someone lunch.

Children: Give a classmate a compliment. Spread love!

Reflection:
In our modern world full of noise and busyness, we can get sucked into our own world and forget to love those around us. Take a minute today to think about someone in your life who you could be more intentional with. Pray for them. Then go and do something nice for them. Put your faith in action!

DAY 13

Daily invitation, 12/11

Adults: Give up social media or television for the evening and spend at least 10 minutes in silent prayer.

Children: Pray for five minutes today.

Reflection:
God stirs in our hearts in the silence. If we're always distracted by notifications, shows, music, or technology, how will we hear God speaking to us?

DAY 14

Daily invitation, 12/12

Adults: Pick one, some, or all! Go to Mass to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray a Rosary, attend the procession from Our Lady of the Americas to St. Ambrose Cathedral, or watch educational videos about the apparitions.

Children: Ask your parents or teacher if they can tell you about Our Lady of Guadalupe. Pray three Hail Marys.

> *Am I Not Here,*
> *I Who Am Your Mother?*
>
> *A quote from Our Lady of Guadalupe*