

Living the Liturgical Seasons

Seasons



Creative Ways to Celebrate Faith at Home



December 2024

Our Liturgical Seasons during December

- » Advent | Begins on Dec 1 | Ends on Christmas Eve | Colors: Purple with Rose on third Sunday of Advent
- » Christmas | Begins at sundown on Dec 24 | Ends on Jan 12 - the Baptism of the Lord



A handful of Feast days to note!

- Dec 3 | Saint Francis Xavier
- Dec 6 | Saint Nicholas
- Dec 8 | Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Dec 9 | Saint Juan Diego
- Dec 12 | Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Dec 13 | Saint Lucy
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- Dec 14 | Saint John of the Cross
- Dec 24 | Christmas at Greccio
- Dec 26 | Saint Stephen
- Dec 27 | Saint John the Evangelist
- Dec 28 | Holy Innocents

And so many more! Visit <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/calendar/> to read vignettes about these and other saints.

Saint Nicholas Day | December 6

This is a wonderful feast day to celebrate with children and adults alike! First of all, read the story of the real Saint Nicholas either online or a book! Then try out one of these many ideas!

- Set out shoes the night before or at the beginning of an event and fill them with treats. Some traditional ideas - oranges, chocolate coins, and candy canes. Feel free to get creative!
- Make a dried orange garland!
- Give to someone in need!
- Find more ideas, recipes, and activities from the [Saint Nicholas Center](#)! (Bet you had no idea that even existed!)



Christmas is not one day! It's a whole season!



Don't put away your decorations just yet! Keep them up until Jan 12 this year which is the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. If you can't manage that long, leave out a few items including a Creche to contemplate the entirety of the Christmas season!

Between Christmas and the New Year, you can:

- Dec 26 Boxing Day | Although not a Catholic Feast day, its a good one. Get a box and fill it with donations of new or gently used items. Donate to your favorite charity.
- Get ready for the new year by picking out a random saint to be your "Saint of the Year"!