

2021 Advent Sharing Guide

	Nov. 27-28	Dec 4-5	Dec 11-12	Dec 18-19	Dec 25-26	Jan 1-2
	1st Sunday of Advent FOCUS Luke 21:25-28,34-36	2nd Sunday of Advent PREPARE Lk 3:1-6	3rd Sunday of Advent ACT Luke 3:10-18	4th Sunday of Advent ACCOMPANY Luke 1:39-45	Christmas and Feast of the Holy Family REJOICE Lk 2:41-52	Solemnity of Mary and The Epiphany of the Lord BE ENLIGHTENED Matthew 2:1-12
Quotes to Ponder 	<i>"The Christian mission has only one focus: to change individual's lives so they can change the world."</i> Pope Francis	<i>"You hit home runs not by chance but by preparation."</i> Roger Maris 	<i>Accustom yourself continually to make many acts of love, for they enkindle and melt the soul.</i> St. Teresa of Avila	<i>"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."</i> Galatians 6:2	<i>"I will rejoice in Yahweh, I will exult in God my savior. Yahweh my Lord is my strength..."</i> Habakkuk 3:18-19	<i>"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."</i> Matthew 5:16
Local Neighbors 	Help our Hospitality families this holiday season: write a check to St. John's noting "Hospitality Gift Cards"	Help our neighbors prepare for the cold by bringing warm hats, scarves, gloves, and socks to support Fr. Kenna's work with vulnerable clients.	Act now: support our St. Vincent de Paul conference by writing a check to St. John's noting "St. Vincent de Paul" 	Lift the spirit of your neighbors with joyful hellos and small act of kindness. https://catholic-link.org/15-simple-acts-of-charity-frequently-forget/	Rejoice in the work of St. John the Evangelist Parish by sending a check for Christmas to support our parish.	Become enlightened about the effects of poverty in Howard County. Support your neighbors in need of light and heat by donating to the fuel fund. https://fuelfundmaryland.org
Global Neighbors 	Focus on many in our global family through the Alternative Giving Program . See http://altgiving.live-website.com for details. In-person sale on Dec. 4/5 WL.	This Christmas, here are seven things Palestinian Christians need you to know Middle East Eye	Act to help refugees with the US Catholic Conference of Bishops: Visit https://justiceformmi.grants.org/ Take Action tab	Accompany your brothers and sisters to achieve living incomes (buy livestock, start a business) to feed their families by donating to Heifer International. https://www.heifer.org/	 Support the Holy Family Orphanage in Bethlehem. See the bulletin for details	Become enlightened about the rates of corrective medical conditions around the world and what can be done to reduce these. Help a child receive corrective eye surgery and 'see' by donating to SEE. www.seeintl.org
Care for Creation 	Focus on learning about the 7 goals of Laudato Si'. Visit https://laudatosiactonplatform.org/laudato-si-goals/ to learn more.	Instead of buying "filler gifts" that are of limited use, consider buying 1 or 2 gifts that are useful and of good quality. Buy less. Buy smart. Consider giving a plant or food instead of "stuff."	Take 1 action to care for creation. If you don't recycle, please start. If you do, pick up litter every time you see it. Contact our Green Team for more ideas. martimsimpson@gmail.com	Accompany the Friars at Little Portion Farm in Howard Cty to care for the earth and feed those in need in Balto. by volunteering at the farm. https://www.littleportionfarm.org/ 	Find a place away from city lights at night and gaze at the stars and wonder. It is the same sky Jesus, Mary and Joseph lived under.	Become enlightened about renewable energy sources and each person's right to healthy communities. Visit NRDC for more information. www.nrdc.org