



## Some Advent Resources to help prepare us to celebrate the birth of Jesus:

### U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

An Advent calendar to fully enter into the season of Advent with daily activity and prayer suggestions to help prepare us spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ. [https://www.usccb.org/resources/Final\\_Advent\\_Calendar\\_2020\\_1.pdf](https://www.usccb.org/resources/Final_Advent_Calendar_2020_1.pdf)

### Franciscan Theology Transfer Project, Secular Franciscan Fraternities, and Franciscan Federation Region 6

Join us for an Advent anticipation of Christmas at Greccio! The year is 1223. It is Christmas Eve in Greccio. St. Francis of Assisi has obtained permission from Pope Honorius III to create a living Nativity scene for the first time. That first Nativity scene is still celebrated at the cave in Greccio to this day.

On Sunday, December 13th, 2020, at 4:30 PM Pacific Standard Time

RSVP: Please reserve your spot on Eventbrite at this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-at-greccio-christmas-eve-1223-tickets-130312029789>

Space is limited. Please RSVP by Noon (PST) on Saturday, December 12th. If you have questions or need help with reservations, please contact Debbie Clingingsmith at [debbie@clingingsmith.org](mailto:debbie@clingingsmith.org) or by cell at 805.574.0441. Once you make a reservation on Eventbrite, a zoom invitation and a handout for the small sharing groups will be emailed to you.

### Ignatian Spirituality Network: Virtual Posadas December 16-24

*A virtual experience of music, art, prayer, reflection, and action as we journey with the Holy Family and migrants around the world in search of shelter and protection.*

Each day via text or email, receive a short video with an opening Posadas song, prayer, and a learning or reflection activity. Hear from parishes and organizations welcoming asylum seekers, learn about the reality on the U.S.-Mexico border and root causes of migration, engage in interactive activities, and more!

<https://ignatiansolidarity.wufoo.com/forms/virtual-posadas/>

### Notre Dame McGrath Institute for Church Life:

*For the past six years, the McGrath Institute for Church Life has partnered with the Marian Library of Dayton, Ohio, bringing to Notre Dame's campus an exhibit of crèches, or Nativity scenes, from around the world, and gathering members of the community to pray in procession and prepare hearts for the coming of Christ.*

This year, the coronavirus pandemic prevents us from hosting our annual exhibit and pilgrimage. Instead, we invite you to reflect on the Incarnation in our digital Advent and Christmas Crèche Calendar—a beautiful retrospective selection of crèches from our previous six exhibits.

Once you sign up, you will receive a daily email through January 10, 2021, with an image and description of a crèche from a different part of the world, along with a brief prayer that you can offer for yourself and your loved ones.

<https://mcgrath.nd.edu/events/creche-exhibit/>

### Catholic Relief Services

*Take time to pray and prepare for the coming of Christ.* Sign up now and return each day during Advent to receive Scripture, quotes and images filled with hope as we reflect on the needs of our displaced global family.

<https://www.crs.org/advent-calendar>

### Good Ground Press A variety of Advent resources for families:

An Advent Wreath Prayer

<https://goodgroundpress.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Advent-Wreath-Prayer-2Revised.pdf>

A Manger Scene to put together

<https://goodgroundpress.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Mangerscene2018.pdf>

Some Advent Saints

<https://goodgroundpress.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Celebrate-Advent-Saints.pdf>

A Retreat on the holy women of Advent

<https://goodgroundpress.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Holy-Women-Retreat.pdf>