

# ADVENT OFFERING CHALLENGE

The Advent season prepares us for Christmas, the birth of Jesus. **Beginning Sunday, December 1st**, the parishioners are asked to make a prayer or sacrifice each day until Christmas Eve. Please check the list below. Each of your sacrifice and/or prayers will gain you a straw to place on the crib where our baby Jesus will rest. Turn in your challenge list as your Christmas Offering for a Blessing.

Straws will be available on the back tables behind the pews and we invite you to come up to the altar before or after mass to place on the crèche.

By Christmas, the baby Jesus will rest on all the straws we have offered!

- 12-01-24 Read and reflect on the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12). Find ways to apply the Beatitudes in your daily life.
- 12-02-24 Participate in First Saturday Adoration or visit a Church today. Spend time with God even for a short time.
- 12-03-24 Reach out to someone (family or friend) you haven't spoken to in a long time. Inquire about their well-being. Pray for that person.
- 12-04-24 Offer a sacrifice and pray for all the members of your family today.
- 12-05-24 Read a religious book. Share your insights from the book with your family during Advent and Christmas.
- 12-06-24 Celebrate St. Nicholas' feast day by giving small gifts (candy or cards) to your family and neighbors.
- 12-07-24 Do something to make someone else's holiday season better this year by volunteering at a local shelter, soup kitchen, food bank or the Parish's St. Vincent de Paul ministry.
- 12-08-24 Go to Mass in gratitude for Mary's intercession or pray the rosary.
- 12-09-24 Make snack bags or collect warm coats or blankets to give to a shelter of your choice.
- 12-10-24 Visit the sick or elderly in a local nursing home.
- 12-11-24 Pray the prayer of St. Francis for peace in your family, community, and the world.
- 12-12-24 Pray for an increase in religious vocations in the world and especially for our Diocese (Oakland) through the intercession of our Lady of Guadalupe.
- 12-13-24 Attend the holy rosary at 6:30pm in honor of Our Lady of Fatima or pray the rosary at home.
- 12-14-24 Go to Confession and ask for God's forgiveness.
- 12-15-24 Advent Novena 12/16 - 12/24
- 12-16-24 Donate part of your weekly allowance or weekly pay to help Catholic Relief Services or Catholic Charities.
- 12-17-24 Attend a weekday Mass.
- 12-18-24 Read and meditate on the Gospel of Luke chapter 2.
- 12-19-24 Reach out and thank someone who has been a good influence in your life.
- 12-20-24 Listen to Christmas music and meditate on the joy and hope that Jesus' birth brings.
- 12-21-24 Learn and recite a prayer that you do not know by heart.
- 12-22-24 Clean up a mess that somebody else made without complaining. Offer it up!
- 12-23-24 Share family memories of past Christmases. How had Jesus touched your hearts? How have you felt God's love through others?
- 12-24-24 Attend St. Callistus Church's Children's Liturgy at 5:30 pm or pray for the children in our Parish.
- 12-25-24 Happy Christmas and enjoy time with your loved ones!

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