



Christmas Calendar 2015-16

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					December 25 Christmas is finally here! Celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts, and enjoy the gift of your family today.	26 On this Feast of St. Stephen the Martyr, pray for Christians throughout the world, who suffer hardship and persecution because of their faith.
27 Celebrate today's Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph with a special family dinner.	28 As you put away your Christmas gifts, think about giving away things that you do not use anymore and adopting a " simple living " mindset for the new year!	29 Consider year-end charitable gifts to organizations that promote the life and dignity of the human person. Discuss steps you can take that will allow greater giving in the coming year.	30 Reflect on the past year and express your gratitude for shared moments with your loved ones.	31 Resolve to do at least one of the Corporal or Spiritual Works of Mercy each month during the Jubilee Year!	January 1 Today, honor the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God and patroness of our nation by attending Mass and praying the Rosary for world peace.	2 January is Poverty Awareness Month . Help the poor in your area by giving some time, goods, or basic necessities to your local St. Vincent de Paul group.
3 Today, on the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, National Migration Week begins. Pray for the protection of refugee families fleeing persecution—that they may find refuge and comfort.	4 Share the story of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton , one of the first US saints, on this her feast day!	5 Today is the Memorial of St. John Neumann , an immigrant to the United States known for his ministry to other immigrants. Discuss your family's cultural roots and pray for new immigrants.	6 As National Migration Week continues, discuss how new immigrants enrich the life of the Church in the United States through their traditions of popular piety.	7 Improve your poverty awareness by using the interactive map at povertyusa.org to learn how many people in your state and county live below the poverty line.	8 Pray today that immigrants, refugees, migrants, and people on the move are treated with dignity, respect, welcome, and belonging.	9 Pray today for all families living in poverty and facing hunger. Read the snapshots of poverty at povertyusa.org and discuss ways your family can help.
10 On this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, retell the stories of your children's baptisms and renew your baptismal promises by reciting together the Nicene Creed .	<p>“Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”</p> <p>—Lk 2:14</p>					