

## Advent Resources

### **Advent Reflections (Word on Fire Ministries)**

Word on Fire Catholic Ministries is a nonprofit global media apostolate that supports the work of Bishop Robert Barron and reaches millions of people to draw them into— or back to— the Catholic faith.

<https://www.adventreflections.com/>

### **Advent in Two Minutes (video powered by Busted Halo)**

Busted Halo is a unique media resource that utilizes a relevant and accessible voice to help people understand the Catholic faith, put it into practice in their everyday lives, and share it with others. Busted Halo is a ministry of the Paulist Fathers.

<https://bustedhalo.com/video/watch-advent-two-minutes>

### **Blessing of an Advent Wreath (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)**

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/sacramentals-blessings/objects/blessing-of-an-advent-wreath>

### **Blessing of a Christmas Tree (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)**

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/sacramentals-blessings/objects/blessing-of-a-christmas-tree>

### **Catholic Brain (Videos for Advent and Jesse Tree)**

Launched in 2017, Catholic Brain provides an innovative solution for Pre K – 8th grade faith formation and religious education. Tools enable schools and parishes to deliver an outstanding faith learning experience, engaging students and involving parents in faith formation, equipping catechists and religion teachers and empowering DREs and school administrators.

<https://www.catholicbrain.com/edu/videos/262/advent-and-christmas>

*Catholic Current* is a one-stop-shop for ministry needs that gives parishes/organizations access to an incredible online library filled with relevant, reliable content that supports the liturgical calendar and more. From prayers to social media graphics, this user-friendly site offers everything. *Catholic Current* is a project of the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

<https://catholiccurrent.org/>

### **Catholic Relief Services Advent Calendar**

Catholic Relief Services carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas.

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

### **Holy Heroes (Advent & Christmas)**

Home of Glory Stories, Lenten Adventure & Advent Adventure. *Holy Heroes* is a source for quality Catholic materials for you and your children.

<https://www.holyheroes.com/>

### **Lifelong Faith (Advent)**

This website is developed by John Roberto as a service of LifelongFaith Associates which is committed to helping congregations develop lifelong faith formation for all ages/generations.

<https://www.lifelongfaith.com/church-year-resources.html>

**Look to Him and Be Radiant** is a website by Katherine Bogner, a Catholic religious education practitioner. This website provides printables, resources, lesson plans, and recommendations for Catholic homes and classrooms.

<https://www.looktohimandberadiant.com/2017/11/advent-christmas-and-epiphany.html>

### **National Catholic Education Association**

NCEA is the largest, private professional education association in the world. NCEA works with Catholic educators to support ongoing faith formation and the teaching mission of the Catholic Church.

Resources for teachers, families and everyone are available.

[https://www.ncea.org/NCEA/Learn/Resource/Advent/Advent\\_Resources.aspx](https://www.ncea.org/NCEA/Learn/Resource/Advent/Advent_Resources.aspx)

**The Religion Teacher** blog is created by Jared Dees. He is the author of *31 Days to Becoming a Better Religious Educator* and *Christ in the Classroom*.

<https://www.thereligionteacher.com/advent-activities/>

## **Catholic Publishers**

### **Ascension Press**

Ascension Press' mission is to present the truth and beauty of the Catholic Faith as the path to a fulfilled life and authentic happiness. They share valuable resources, create powerful media, and build communities to answer the longings of the human heart with the transformative power of the Gospel.

<https://media.ascensionpress.com/category/ascension-blog/holy-days-holidays/>

### **Ave Maria Press**

A Ministry of the United States Province of the Holy Cross

<https://www.avemariapress.com/category/advent-resources>

### **Loyola Press**

Loyola Press is a Catholic publisher offering 3-Minute Retreats, books, ministry resources, articles, and catechetical and educational program support.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/advent/>

### **Catechists Journey (powered by Loyola Press)**

<https://catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com/category/liturgical-seasons-feasts/advent/>

### **Our Sunday Visitor**

Our Sunday Visitor is a Catholic publisher serving millions of Catholics globally through its publishing, offertory, and communication services.

<https://www.teachingcatholickids.com/>

**Pflaum**

Pflaum Publishing Group is a division of Bayard, Inc., a Catholic media company owned by the Augustinians of the Assumption (Assumptionists) and serving the K-12 catechetical/educational market.

<https://www.pflaum.com/seasonal-programs-2/absolutely-advent/>

**RCL Benziger (English & Spanish resources)**

RCL Benziger is a team of resourceful and creative people dedicated to providing the Catholic community with the highest quality products, programs, and services which are rooted in the Christian faith.

<https://www.rclbenziger.com/advent>

**Twenty-Third Publications**

Twenty-Third Publications provides resources for faith formation, spirituality and pastoral planning. It is a division of Bayard, Inc.

<http://www.twentythirdpublications.com/advent.html>

**Sadlier Advent Calendar (English & Spanish)**

William H. Sadlier, Inc. have been forming K–12 students in the Catholic faith and preparing them for academic success by offering a variety of educational materials in print and digital formats.

<https://go.sadlier.com/religion/advent-calendar>

**Sophia Institute Press**

Sophia Institute Press is a publisher of Catholic books by Catholic saints and the great enduring figures of the Catholic intellectual tradition.

<https://www.sophiainstitute.com/products/item/advent-reflections>

**St. Mary's Press Advent Resources**

Saint Mary's Press is a contemporary expression of the Catholic Church's mission to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and the Lasallian mission to provide a human and Christian education for young people, including those who are economically deprived.

<https://www.smp.org/advent-calendar-resources>

**The Pastoral Center**

The Pastoral Center is a small (but mighty) family-owned business and ministry which provides pastoral ministers a way to share the resources they have created for parish communities.

<https://pastoral.center/advent-christmas>

On this list you will find links to outside resources, including some non-church organizations. These links do not constitute an endorsement by the Office of Catechetical Formation or all content on these sites and none should be inferred. The Office is not responsible for the content of these outside organization's websites.

For additional suggestions, questions or ways to implement activities, please contact the Diocese of Cleveland's Office of Catechetical Formation at 216-696-6525 ext. 1920.