December

"The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him…" – John 1:9-10

		1 Select a date to go to Reconciliation as a family. (Call the parish office for an appointment or join the regularly schedule time spot-10a on SAT)	**2** Learn the Angelus Prayer & make a commitment to praying it until Christmas	**3** **Learn about the Liturgical Colors of the Catholic church.**	**4** **Share with another person who Jesus is to you.**	**5** **Download the Laudate App on all your mobile devices** *Make a brief phone call to someone special*
6 **Light your 2nd Advent Candle & reflect on this week's theme.** *Read the gospel Matthew 2:3-6 at dinner time*	**7** Give Jesus a birthday gift by doing an act of Mercy **Corporal Works of Mercy** feed the hungry shelter the homeless clothe the naked visit the sick and imprisoned bury the dead give alms to the poor	**8** **Say the St. Michael Prayer for all unborn babies in the world.** 	**9** **Visit CatholicOnline.com & Learn about St. Nicholas** ***Drive around in search of Christmas lights***	**10** Donate this week's spare change to a charity of your choice.	**11** Pick a christmas themed worship song and share it with your family.! 	**12** **If you were to give a gift to Jesus, what would it be and why?** *Pray to St. Jude for someone who is ill or struggling to be healthy*
13 **Light your 3rd advent Candle (PINK) & reflect on this week's theme** *Set up a Nativity scene at your altar or sacred space in your home*	**14** Say a prayer for peace in our community and the world. "Dear God, ...Amen" ***Declutter your favorite room in the house & donate used/good condition items to a charity***	**15** **Smile all day long (especially when it is most difficult to).**	**16** **Grab a family photo & look at it, then,** Name a holy trait that your family holds. 	**17** **Drop off a Poinsettia plant to your church.**	**18** **Put on Christmas Music & dance with someone** 	**19** Write a christmas card to a parent, sibling, grandparent or family member and tell them why you LOVE them. (and of course deliver it).
20 **Light your 4th Advent Candle & reflect on this week's theme** **Say 3 Hail Marys for all pregnant women** 	**21** Give Jesus a birthday gift by doing an act of Mercy **Spiritual Works of Mercy** Instruct the ignorant Advise the doubtful Console the Sinner Comfort the Afflicted Forgive willingly bear wrongs patiently	**22** Pray for all the missionaries around the world, 1" St. Michael Prayer"	**23** **Make Jesus a handmade gift for Christmas & place it under the tree** 	**24** Retell an advent scripture to your friends or your family.	**25** *Read one of the Gospel Accounts of the Birth of Jesus at your Christmas Meal* *- Luke 2:11 -*	**26** **Replace Screen time with a Christmas themed DIY. Share your end results by emailing aunty Chrislyn.**
27 **Brainstorm with your family the characteristics of the Holy Family & which one new characteristic would your family choose to be more like.**	**28** *Say something nice about yourself outloud in front of a mirror., smile at yourself, this is what God made so be proud of His Creation!*	**29** **Take a moment to rest and reflect on past experiences, lessons & decisions. Write them down and evaluate (through prayer) what you would like to do differently in the New Year.**	**30** *Be kind to your parents by NOT answering back or giving attitude for 48 hours*	**31** **Tidy up your bedroom (or a room in the house) without being told** 		