



DECEMBER

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**1st Sunday of Advent;
Hanukkah Begins at Sunset**
A night of candlelight across traditions. As advent begins, we light one purple candle. It's also the beginning of Hanukkah, the 8-night Festival of Lights.

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St. Nicholas' Eve
Here begins a long line of winter gift bearers.

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2nd Sunday of Advent
Light two purple candles.

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St. Nicholas' Day
Sacred to Greece, Russia, Apulia, Sicily, and others.

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Our Lady of Guadalupe
Sacred to Mexico.

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Santa Lucia's Day
Sacred to Italy & Sweden.

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Winter Solstice
5:23 PM in Lake Worth
Northern Hemisphere Midwinter:
It's the longest night of the year.

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3rd Sunday of Advent
Light two purple candles and one rose candle.

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Christmas Eve
With the setting sun,
we follow that star into Christmas.

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4th Sunday of Advent
Light three purple candles and one rose candle.

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**1st Day of Christmas;
Kwanzaa Begins**
St. Stephen's Day, Boxing Day

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Christmas Day
Today is a beginning, with 12 days of festivity to come. Celebrate with us all the way to Twelfth Night!

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2nd Day of Christmas
St. John's Day:
Bless your wine.

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3rd Day of Christmas
Holy Innocents' Day, Childrelass

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4th Day of Christmas
The Feast of Fools

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5th Day of Christmas
Sing the Boar's Head Carol!

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6th Day of Christmas
New Year's Eve,
Hogmanay, First Footing



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Christmas ornaments on the family tree from the time I was a boy. Mom bought the satin balls at A&S in the 1960s; the Santa ornament from Japan is from the 1970s, as is the German wooden angel seated on the moon, which my sister introduced to the tree from her days working for a kind old German couple, the Beisners. Read more about all these days at the Convivio Book of Days Blog. Convivio Book of Days December 2018 © Convivio Bookworks